

Trustees' Annual Report for the year

From 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024



Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ride Bristol
Registered charity number	1191199
Charity's principal address	12B Flax Bourton Road Failand Bristol BS8 3UW

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The object of the CIO is: the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in Bristol and the surrounding area by providing opportunities and facilities to participate in off road cycling through the construction and maintenance of safe cycle trails which protect the integrity of the physical and natural environment and encourage responsible cycling.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any	Trailwork repair activity has continued in 2024 on the Ashton Court Nova trail with a mix of monthly volunteer only dig days and Ride Bristol funded commercial contractor led projects. We continue to be supported by a pool of about 15 Dig Leaders and roughly 200 public volunteers who have supported the circa 8 dig days that have been arranged this year. We have patch repaired
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<p>wider benefits to society as a whole and summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>about 2km of trail on the quarry climb / descent and fully rebuilt about 1km of trail between rusty door and picnic benches.</p> <p>Our community building activity continues to expand. Our womens only rides have prospered and an open to all monthly ride has been initiated which is growing in numbers.</p> <p>We have established links with a group of key parties to provide ongoing support to the Ashton Court trails. Lobbying Forestry England, in a similar vein, has resulted in a change of policy by FE towards the YerTiz trail to one of support rather than opposition. Ride Bristol have taken on organising the annual Reframing Mtb conference in 2025.</p> <p>We applied for and were awarded our first ever grant funding this year. Other fundraising activity has significantly improved our financial position this year with donations from Mtb related organisations. A significant setback in the spring was the theft and loss of our horsebox tool store and all our tools. This provided the impetus for a fundraising campaign which has enabled us to replace everything with more and better equipment.</p> <p>The trustee group has evolved to a management steering group comprising trustees and supporters. We have formalised some of our processes and divided our work into workstreams consisting of trail works, community, advocacy, coms & fundraising, and governance.</p> <p>As a result of our activity this year the trails in Ashton Court are in better shape than they were a year ago to the benefit of the thousands of riders who use them each year. Many riders have made social connections through our peer led organised rides. Our ongoing activity has created the conditions for us to be able to continue these positive trends next year.</p>
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Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>At the end of the financial period the charity held £20,768 (2023: £14,328) in the bank and made a surplus of £6,440 for the full year</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The trustees aim to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level that will allow sufficient funds to be available to respond to charitable activities as they arise.
Amount of reserves held	The balance held as unrestricted funds at the yearend was £14,328
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Ride Bristol is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation established by a constitution dated 8 September 2020. It was registered as a charity on 8 September 2020, charity number 1191199.
How is the charity constituted?	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Tim Knowles	General	
2	Christopher Leeks	General, Finance & Recruitment	
3	James Adamson	Wild Trails	
4	Hywel Jones	Wild Trails	Resigned 6th Jan 2025
5	Jamie Edwards	Communicati ons	
6	Jeremy Wheatcroft	Existing Trails & Finance	
7	Joe Sullivan	Existing Trails	Resigned 6th Feb 2025
8	Fionna Wilson (Spotswood)	Community	Appointed 12th Feb 2024

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Jeremy Wheatcroft

Date 22nd September 2025



Receipts and Payments

	1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024			1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restrict ed Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations	11,101	5,200	16,301	9,792	-	9,792
Gift Aid	2,217	-	2,217	417	-	417
Other Income	144	-	144	241	-	241
Total Receipts	13,462	5,200	18,662	10,450	-	10,450
<u>Payments</u>						
Trail Maintenance and Development	7,758	3,553	11,311	8,384	-	8,384
Banking and Card Fees	388	-	388	113	-	113
Community development	250	-	250	-	-	-
Other Expenditure	273	-	273	48	-	48
Total Payments	8,669	3,553	12,222	8,545	-	8,545
Net Surplus	4,793	1,647	6,440	1,905	-	1,905
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>						
Cash funds brought forward	14,328	-	14,328	12,423	-	12,423
Cash funds carried forward	19,121	1,647	20,768	14,328	-	14,328



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Receipts and payments accounts for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	31 December 2023			31 December 2023		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Cash funds</u>						
Cash in bank	19,121	1,647	20,768	14,328	-	14,382
Total cash funds	19,121	1,647	20,768	14,328	-	14,328

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Jeremy Wheatcroft
Date 22nd September 2025