



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Allies Mid Devon
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1191381
Charity's principal address	61 Pinnex Moor Road
	Tiverton
	Devon
Postcode	EX16 6JZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Luis Gordon	Trustee, Vice Chair		Trustees and Committee
2	Jane Mulholland	Trustee,		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Selected by Trustees and Committee, Appointed by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Allies Mid Devon's objectives are -
FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN TIVERTON, DEVON; AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS
(1) to promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the built and natural environment
(2) to promote the conservation, preservation, protection, development and enhancement of features of historic, archaeological, cultural or public interest.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>(3) to advance the education of the public in the architecture, archaeology, natural history, history, culture and geography of Mid Devon.</p>
<p>A 4 seat bench, the first element of a large project, has been purchased and will be installed in a local Park in the near future. A further bench has been installed to replace one that had been well used but was no longer in a usable state.</p> <p>The coffee mornings have continued to be popular, as a meeting point for local people who might otherwise be isolated, and also serves to introduce people to the Allies Mid Devon activities and aims.</p> <p>We have been able to support a nearby village with some warning signs for motorists to be aware of ducks on the road. This was a small project financially, but very important to the village.</p> <p>Allies Mid Devon volunteer base continues to grow slowly and sustainably, alongside a small increase in committee members.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Statutory Declaration</p> <p>The Trustees of Allies Mid Devon confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.</p>

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Allies began the year with fortnightly sessions at the market with the bric a brac stall, alongside placing our collection pots strategically around town.

A new large project was identified, to be given high publicity and encourage local support. Allies aims to make targeted improvements in a popular local Park that have been requested by people in the area, but are outside the remit of the local council.

The number of market appearances was greatly reduced, in part forced by some extreme weather. A founding member who was key to the running of the market stall was hospitalised and died towards the end of the year, with the result that the last market session was in October 2023. Consideration will be given by the new committee and trustees about reviving the market events, or identifying and actioning alternative funding streams.

Allies Mid Devon have continued their monthly coffee mornings, and despite increases in venue hire cost, these showed a small profit. The coffee mornings are gradually introducing more people to Allies, and felt to be worthwhile.

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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Allies Mid Devon aims to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income;

to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees and volunteers in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Luis Richard Alun James Gordon	Jane Alison Mulholland
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee, Vice Chair	Trustee
Date	23.04.2024	

