

# THE FRIENDS OF WHITE HALL CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1191557

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-09-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

**Activities:** The charity fundraises and advocates for White Hall Outdoor Education Centre

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£11,785	£6,209	-	-
2024-04-05	£15,804	£12,760	-	-
2023-04-05	£6,297	£5,027	-	-
2022-04-05	£1,068	£1,593	-	-
2021-04-05	£1,025	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Christine Harrop-Griffiths</b>	Chair	2021-11-09
ANDREW JOHN ALLAN		2026-03-25
Dan Riley		2021-03-25
Daniel Holden		2026-03-14
David Belton		2023-03-28
Dr Andrew Collier		2021-03-25
Eddie Liles		2025-01-19
Jason Isherwood		2025-11-05
Peter Johnston		2021-03-25
Sarah Dodgson		2021-03-25

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# **THE FRIENDS OF WHITE HALL CENTRE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND PLAN JANUARY 2025**

The objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation ( The Friends of White Hall Centre) are:

To advance the education of in particular but not exclusively children and young people through the provision of an outdoor education centre, facilities and equipment.

### **From the Memorandum of Association:**

#### **REMIT OF THE CHARITY**

The Charity Will

- 5.1 Promote the Centre and advocate it to others
- 5.2 Raise funds for the public benefit of Young People in Derbyshire as defined by its charitable objects
- 5.3 Manage its own finances to a high standard
- 5.4 Communicate with its members
- 5.5 Seek agreement from the Centre for any project proposals before they commence.
- 5.6 Where projects are of an environmental or conservation nature and involve work within the grounds, seek the agreement of the White Hall Centre
- 5.7 Communicate and consult with the Centre to ensure that the goals of the Charity and the Centre continue to align
- 5.8 Hold regular meetings as per the requirements of its governing document
- 5.9 Keep accurate financial records and have them independently audited
- 5.10 Exercise due diligence to ensure the integrity of the Charity and The Centre

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

Priorities identified in the last Annual Report as cited in AGM minutes were:

- a) Initial Multi-Terrain Race
- b) Jack Longland Display Case
- c) Kite Harness
- d) Sub-committees

Progress against each item is as follows:

- a) The Multi Terrain Race took place on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 alongside the Thomas Theyer Foundation. It was regarded as a successful event and is to be repeated in 2025. However, for insurance purposes the race was badged as a WHC event. The Friends of WHC will still have a role as helpers, perhaps running a stall and using the opportunity for promotion purposes.
- b) Jack Longland Display Case- the application to the Lottery Fund was unfortunately unsuccessful but after a lot of effort from DR and DB, cabinets are now successfully installed and mannequins displayed.
- c) Kite Harness – Thanks again to DB submitting requests to Foundation Derbyshire/ Derbyshire High Sheriff Fund, sufficient money was raised to buy the Kite Harness. Photos and videos of children using this harness have been very well received by funders and has publicity potential.
- d) Sub-Committees- JL fronted the Strategy and Bid Sub-committees and established priorities and a framework for fundraising. Sadly JL has had to stand down from FoWHC and the remaining members are trying to pick up the work load but more help is needed. The Race sub-committee is now renamed Engagement Sub-committee under the leadership of DR.

In addition to these items, DB successfully obtained funds from local councillors which have been used for the rewilding project. Councillors visited WHC and were very inspired by the rewilding and conservation work.

## ANNUAL PLAN 2025

The suggested priorities for the next year, in line with the objectives and remit as highlighted at the head of this document are:

1. Raising money for a hardship fund for children to attend WHC
2. Targeted weekend school holiday programmes
3. Yurt or tepee away from main building for more challenging groups/ children with special needs
4. Items to make WHC more inclusive for those with limited mobility- examples are Mango Lifting Sling, Cosy Toes Foot Support, Pro Traction Pulley, All Terrain Wheelchair, Accessible Trike.



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# Friends of White Hall Centre financial report for the year ending 31 March 2024

## Income and expenditure

Total income £	15804.01	
Total expenditure £	12760.05	
<b>Surplus income £</b>	<b>3043.96</b>	

## Details of income and expenditure (sources and payments)

Details of receipts	£	Fund
Derbyshire County Council	500.00	Wetsuits
Derbyshire Environmental Trust	10285.00	Storage and Crate Stack
Amazon Giving	19.01	General
Co-op Bank	1000.00	Large SUP
Columbus Fellowship	4000.00	General
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15804.01</b>	

Details of expenses	£	
Derbyshire Environmental Trust	1146.45	Storage and Crate Stack
Neil McDonald	500.00	Wetsuits
Portable Space	7382.40	Storage and Crate Stack
Hi-Lo Ropes	2902.80	Storage and Crate Stack
Mc Conks	750.00	Large SUP
Website Fees	78.40	General
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12760.05</b>	

**Details by project**

		General	Large SUP	Storage and Crate Stack	Wetsuits
BF from y/e 31/3/23	1769.53	1269.53	500	0	0
Allocated		-1146.65		1146.65	
Added in year	15804.01	4019.01	1000.00	10285.00	500.00
Used in year	12760.05	78.40	750.00	11431.65	500.00
<b>CF 31/3/24</b>	<b>4813.49</b>	<b>4063.49</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Bank reconciliation**

Balance as at 1 April 2023	1769.53
Add income	15804.01
Less expenditure	12760.05
<b>Bank at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>4813.49</b>


Notes

1. The Charity holds no cash.
2. The Charity holds no other assets of value.
3. A deposit of £750 was made for the Large SUP. The item is scheduled for delivery during Spring 2024, when the second 50% will be paid.

I certify these to be a true statement of the financial position of the Charity for the year to 31st March 2024.

David Belton

Treasurer

  
20 JUNE 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Board of Trustees of The Friends of White Hall Centre

I have examined the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities ("the accounts") of The Friends of White Hall Centre as set out on page 1 relating to the year ended 31 March 2024. My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the General Directions issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination which causes me to believe otherwise than that the accounts accord with the accounting records of the Charity and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Liles', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Liles FCA

20 June 2024

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## Friends of White Hall Centre financial report for the year ending 31 March 2023

### Income and expenditure

Total income £	6296.77
Total expenditure £	5027.17
<b>Balance £</b>	<b>1269.60</b>

### Details of income and expenditure

Details of receipts	£	Fund
Amazon Smile	5.30	general
Personal donations	850	£400 paddleboards £450 general
High Peak Borough (Mayor's fund)	300	paddleboards
Gift aid HMRC charities	351.47	general
Buxton Rotary Club	250	paddleboards
Bingham Trust	4000	paddleboards
Buxton Lions	250	Large paddleboards
Rotary club of Buxton	250	Large paddleboards
Baslow Senior Citizens	40	general
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6296.77</b>	

Details of expenses	£
email hosting	60.00
Domain name	17.17
Paddleboards	4950.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5027.17</b>

### Changes in funds during the year

	General	Paddleboard	Large Paddleboard
BF from y/e 31/3/22	499.93	0	0

Added in year	846.77	4950	500
Used in year	77.17	4950	0
<b>CF 31/3/23</b>	<b>1269.53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>

### Bank reconciliation

Balance as at 1 April 2022	499.93
Add income	6296.77
Less expenditure	5027.17
<b>Bank at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1769.53</b>

### Notes

1. The Charity holds no cash and the only funds are those in the bank account
2. Other assets are leaflets, pens and badges remaining from open day 2021 – negligible value.
3. Cash donations of £68.19 were received in the year to 31 March 2022 (£58.19 banked on 5/10/21 and £10 banked on 23/3/22) all collected at an open day held at the White Hall Centre in 2021. Gift aid small claims donation scheme (GADS) has not yet been used to claim gift aid on this amount. Other conditions for the claim include:
  - gift aid must be claimed in the same year;
  - the maximum is the lower of £2000 (i.e. a claim on £8000 of donations) or 10 times the amount received in gift aid).

Marie-Claire Uhart

Treasurer

24 April 2023

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03 June 2023

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	6	4	2021	To	5	4	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** The Friends of White Hall Centre

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1191557

**Charity's principal address** White Hall Centre

Manchester Raod

Buxton

**Postcode SK17 6SX**

### 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	Andrew Collier			
2	Christine Harrop-Griffiths	Chair		
3	Dan Holden			
4	Peter Johnston			
5	Doug Jones			
6	James Lowther		Appointed 27.1.22	
7	Dan Riley	White Hall representative		
8	Sarah Stringfellow			
9	Marie-Claire Uhart	Treasurer		
10	Jean Wharmby	DCC Council Member		
11	Martin Wood	Secretary		
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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)	Memorandum of Understanding
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

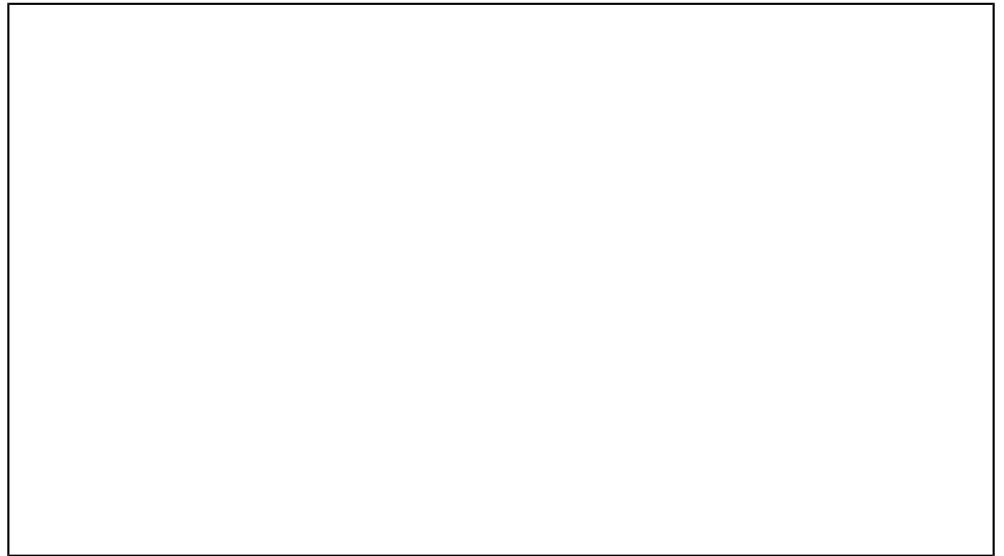
**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

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them.



## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The White Hall Centre is the first local education authority centre in the United Kingdom and opened in 1951. It is owned and operated by Derbyshire County Council as a traded service. It is estimated to have provided outdoor education experiences to over a million Derbyshire residents. It also played a crucial role in the development of outdoor education both nationally and internationally.

The Friends of White Hall Centre was established in 2020. Its trustees and members are comprised of individuals who are passionate about the transformative power of outdoor education and are committed to ensuring that the White Hall Centre continues to fulfil its crucial role for the current generation of young people in Derbyshire and generations to come.

**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)**

The Friends of White Hall Centre is a new charity set up to support White Hall outdoor education centre. The aim of the charity is to ensure the centre can continue to offer every child in Derbyshire the opportunity to learn the skills they need to enjoy outdoor pursuits and feel safe and confident in our countryside.

Since first opening its doors in 1951, more than a million people have taken part in residential, day and outreach courses at Buxton's White Hall outdoor centre. It was the first in the country to be opened by a local authority and is recognised as a leading influence in the development of outdoor education for children and young people in the UK.

White Hall is one of Derbyshire's rich assets. However, pressures on Council budgets have demanded that the Centre explores other avenues to continue to deliver high quality services for individuals and communities.

The volunteer group, the Friends of White Hall Centre, are taking responsibility for supporting this historic centre. We aim to raise funds to help White Hall Centre support children, of all abilities, to love the outdoors and develop important skills from team working, outdoor pursuits and personal challenge. Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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**

After consultation with White Hall staff, The Friends concentrated efforts on raising funds to buy Stand up Paddle Boards. These were felt to be a very useful addition to the existing stock of canoes and kayaks because:

1. It is easy to learn how to paddle a SUP. Usually people can be paddling the within 15 minutes of getting on the water. This makes them more suitable for people with learning difficulties.
2. It is easy to get onto / off a SUP. This removes the fear of capsizing which can be a barrier for those learning to kayak / canoe.
3. They are easy to transport as they are light and can be deflated.
4. They are good for team building skills. 2 or 3 young people can work together to paddle a board, some larger boards will accommodate up to eight adults.
5. A fleet of paddleboards would increase White Hall's potential capacity to operate in the summer. At present our fleet of boats restricts us to 3 groups at any one time. However we may also have to consider additional PPE (helmets, buoyancy aids, wetsuits).
6. With an adaptive seat (£40) can be used in a seated position by those with balance issues and / or those who struggle to stand.
7. With the right buoyancy aids paddle boards may be more easily accessed than a kayak or canoe for those with mobility issues

Given that the children of Derbyshire have been deprived of outdoor activity, team working and confidence building activities during the various lockdowns, it is felt that this will help a great deal to remedy some of these problems. It should be particularly helpful to children from less advantaged backgrounds and those lacking in confidence.

Having established this as the priority, the Friends raised money from Grant Bids and local donations, both from individuals and institutions.

By the end of the year, we had bought a total of nine Stand up Paddle Boards. A number of reports from children and carers showed that these had been incredibly successful with the children, particularly those less able or confident.

We are now progressing to raise funds for one large Stand Up Paddle Board which would be particularly useful for wheelchair users.

We are also raising money to provide safe and secure storage for these Paddle Boards

Furthermore, we are looking to replenish the general fund for

more day -to-day requirements, such as wet suits.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity does not currently have a reserves policy.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

**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

<b>Signature(s)</b>	C.Harrop-Griffiths	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Christine Harrop-Griffiths	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	5.1.22	

## The Friends of White Hall Centre charity registration number 1191557

### Financial statement for the period from registration September 2020 to 31 March 2022

This financial statement covers:

- (1) the 7 month period from registration with the Charity Commission in September 2020 to 31 March 2021; and
- (2) the full year to 31 March 2022.

#### Period 1: 7 months from registration in September 2020 to 31 March 2021

During this period the Charity received income of £1,025, comprising 2 donations of £1,000 and £25. There was no expenditure during this period, and no other financial transactions.

**Bank at 31 March 2021 £1,025.**

This income has been reported to the Charity Commission

#### Period 2: year to 31 March 2022

<b>Income details</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure details</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash donations from open day	68.19	Email hosting	73.75
Grant from Derbyshire County Council	1000.00	Web design	22.51
		Leaflets for open day	78.50
		Pens and badges for open day	128.40
		T shirts for open day	30.00
		Stand up paddle boards and accessories	1260.10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1068.19</b>		<b>1593.26</b>

<b>Totals</b>	<b>£</b>
Income	1068.19
Less expenditure	1593.26
<b>Balance for year</b>	<b>(525.07)</b>

<b>Bank reconciliation</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at 1 April 2021	1025
Add income	1068.19
Less payments	1593.26
<b>Bank at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>499.93</b>

<b>Transactions outstanding at 31 March 2022</b>	Gift aid claim pending £250
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Assets other than bank: leaflets, pens and badges, T-shirts remaining from open day 2021

**Financial statement for the period from registration September 2020 to 31 March 2022 cont.**

Approval by trustees [date]

Audit statement: [to be completed by auditor]

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**The Friends of White Hall Centre charity registration number 1191557**

Income and expenditure for the period from registration September 2020 to 31 March 2021

Income received £1,025

No expenditure during the period

Bank at end of period £1,025.

Income comprised 2 donations banked in March 2021. There were no other financial transactions, including prepayments or accruals, in the period.