



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

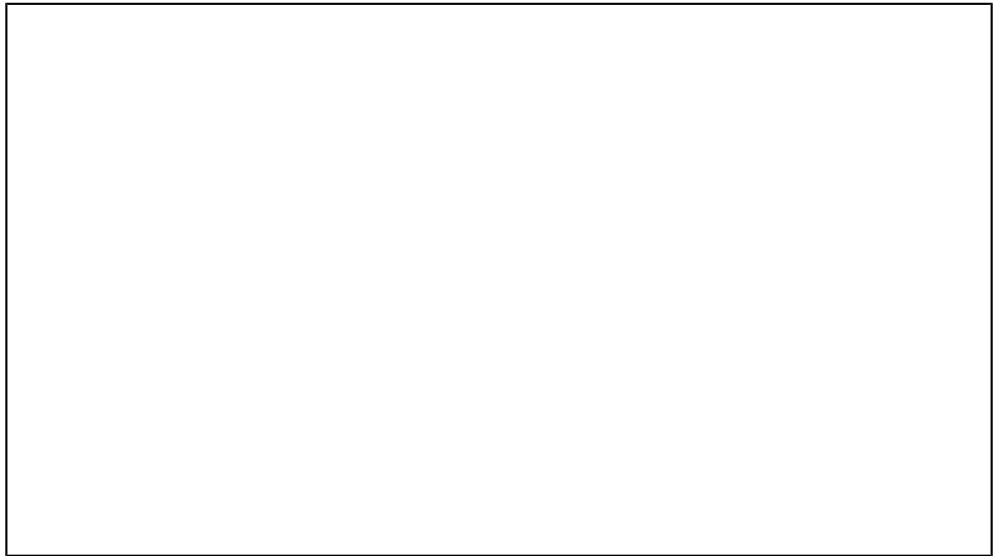
Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

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

Income details	£	Expenditure details	£
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
Totals	1068.19		1593.26

Totals	£
Income	1068.19
Less expenditure	1593.26
Balance for year	(525.07)

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

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

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Approval by trustees [date]

Audit statement: [to be completed by auditor]