

THE MAYFLY PROJECT

United Kingdom

THE MAYFLY PROJECT UK ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2024

Charity Commission Number: 1195296



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The Mayfly Project UK Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name:	The Mayfly Project UK
Other name the charity may use:	The Mayfly Project United Kingdom
Charity number:	1195296
Start of Financial Year:	1 st April 2023
End of Financial Year:	31 st March 2024
Trustees at 31st March 2024:	Susan Skrupa Susan Haug Jess Westbrook Kaitlin Barnhart
Governing Instrument:	Constitution adopted 7 th July 2021
Objects:	The object of the CIO, for the public benefit, is to advance in life, relieve the needs of and help children and young people in care; in particular by the provision of mentoring and education through an outdoor programme of activities including fly fishing, and by providing other support which is calculated to further the object as the trustees decide from time to time.
Corresponding Address:	Meadow View High Street Stoney Middleton Hope Valley S32 4TL
Primary Bankers:	Lloyds Bank Business Banking London EC2V 7HN

Trustees report for the year ending March 2024

Objectives and activities:

The mission of The Mayfly Project UK is to connect, protect and empower children and young people in care through the sport of fly fishing. Using trained volunteer mentors (all enhanced DBS certified), we providing opportunities for children in care to have fun, build self-esteem, learn new skills and develop a meaningful connection with the natural world.

Through our project based programme and structured curriculum, we teach fly fishing, conservation, character building and provide opportunities for the children and young people in care to experience the outdoors with a safe mentor. Our mentors understand that they can't change what children in care have been through, but they can offer an opportunity for them to escape from the pressures of the care system, find solace in nature and develop skills and a love for fly fishing. For some, this can be live changing.

Our aim is to harness the healing power of nature and education in fly fishing to improve the lives of children and young people in care.

Achievements:

- In our third season, we continued a campaign to raise awareness of The Mayfly Project UK with both the fly fishing and children's social care communities.
- We designed and launched a new website to further our mission, reach and national development.
- We introduce our organisation to the wider angling community to gain volunteers, mentors, supporters, donors and partners. We continued to gain supporters through use of social media and traditional press and media coverage.
- We organised and planned for our third project season (May-July 2024) with 1no. proposed project at Reading (Theale).
- We registered 2 new mentors for a total of 25 volunteer mentors, held 1 mentor training session, delivered 5 1:1 mentoring sessions and delivered 1 conservation sessions.
- We continued to develop our network and work with local councils, social services, case workers, schools and fostering families to identify 8 young people in care for enrolment in our Reading (Theale) project.
- We continued our relationship with three significant fishing and industry sponsors who pledged in-kind support with access to venues and supply of fly fishing equipment.
- We continue to be an approved partner for the Get Fishing for Wellbeing programme - a social proscripting project sponsored by the Angling Trust that recognises the beneficial aspects of angling to boost mental health and wellbeing. The Angling Trust is a not for profit organisation that is recognised by the Government as the National Governing Body for angling in England and Wales, which lends further credibility to our mission and helps with participation development. The programme is supported by NHS Health Services Professionals and Social Prescribing Link Workers.

- We hosted one fundraising event and attended two events to raise awareness and build support of our mission, the Orvis Flag Day and the British Fly Fair International. We benefitted from cash donations generated by two raffles.
- We engaged regularly with our team of volunteer mentors, providing knowledge and skills training sessions over Zoom calls and in-person meet ups.

Plans for future periods:

Our main focus in the year ahead is to successfully launch our projects and connect with more kids. We will build on our foundations to raise further awareness of our mission, grow our network and gather support organically. We will actively fundraising to support the national development of The Mayfly Project UK so that we can support more children in care in 2024. We plan to recruit two trustees to further enhance our team; a treasurer and an individual experienced with the children's social services / fostering sector.

Our programme is needed now more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on children and young people in care. With many already suffering the effects of trauma, many more have become further isolated during the pandemic which has impacted their mental health and wellbeing. Fly fishing is the ideal tool for supporting this population because it is currently prescribed by medical professionals (including the NHS) as a tool to help manage PTSD, anxiety, depression and trauma-related disorders. Children that participate in our mentoring sessions experience the calming effects of time spent near water, improved self-esteem from fly fishing success and learning new skills, and they find so much joy when they finally trick a fish with a fly they've tied themselves.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Date: 9th April, 2025

Statement of receipts & payments for the year ending March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2023/2024, £
Receipts:				
Voluntary Receipts	2a	5719	0	5719
Fundraising	2b	2577	0	2577
Investment Income	2c	0	0	0
Giftaid	2d	0	0	0
Other Receipts	2e	0	0	0
Total Receipts		8296	0	8295
Payments:				
Costs of charitable activities	3a	1230	0	1230
Fundraising costs	3b	518	0	518
Governance Costs	3c	0	0	0
Total Payments		1748	0	1748
Net incoming/outgoing resources			0	
Balance Brought Forward		9759	0	9759
Balances Carried forward		9759	0	9759

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending March 2024

Assets as of 31st March 2024:

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2023/2024, £
Cash Funds:			
Bank Account	9759	0	9759
Accounts receivable	0	0	0
Total:	9759	0	9759

Liabilities as of 31st March 2024:

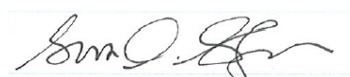
	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2023/2024, £
Liabilities	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	0

Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Approved by the Trustees on the 9th April, 2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee. Susan Skrupa



Notes on the Accounts for the year ending March 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

2. Receipts

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2023/2024, £
a) Voluntary receipts			
Private donations	5165	0	5165
PayPal / Facebook / Amazon Smile donations	387	0	387
Other donations - The Mayfly Pub Chosen Charity	167	0	167
Total voluntary Receipts	5719	0	5719
b) Fundraising events			
Events - Orvis Flag Day and BFFI	2577	0	2577
Total Fundraising receipts	2577	0	2577
c) Investment Income	0	0	0
Total Investment income	0	0	0
d) Giftaid			
General	0	0	0
Total Giftaid	0	0	0
e) Other receipts	0	0	0
Other receipts	0	0	0
Total Other receipts	0	0	0
Total	8296	0	8296

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the Year ending March 2024

3. Payments

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2023/2024, £
a) Cost of charitable activities			
Project expenses - mentoring supplies + printing	322	0	322
Project expenses - mentor reimbursable transport/ sustenance	264	0	264
Operations / Website / Domains / Hosting / Insurance	591	0	591
Postage / Shipping	53	0	53
Total charitable costs	1230	0	1230
b) Fundraising costs			
Marketing / Promotion / Events	518	0	582
Total Fundraising costs	518	0	518
c) Governance costs	0	0	0
Total governance costs	0	0	0
Total	1748	0	1748

4. Restricted Funds

The Mayfly Project UK has no Restricted funds in this Financial Year.

5. Payments to Trustees

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

6. Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.