

THE MAYFLY PROJECT

United Kingdom

THE MAYFLY PROJECT UK ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2025

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 2024
End of Financial Year:	31 st March 2025
Trustees at 31st March 2025:	Susan Skrupa 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 2025

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 fourth 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 maintained our 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 successfully delivered our fourth Reading Project by supporting and training 2no. volunteers to serve in new roles as Co-Lead Mentors.
- With our volunteer mentors, we held 1no mentor training session, delivered 5no 1:1 mentoring sessions and delivered 1no conservation sessions - for a total of 77no project participants over 6no outings.
- We continued to develop our network and work with local councils, social services, case workers, schools and fostering families to identify 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.
- To supplement our project manual and training sessions, we engaged in sector relevant professional training for our volunteer Lead Mentors to boost their confidence and skills.

Plans for future periods:

Our primary focus in the year ahead is to maintain consistent delivery of our 2026 Reading Project, ensuring that the quality and integrity of the programme remain central as we continue to support young people in care. Alongside this, we will take a measured and reflective approach to the future shape of the organisation, with a focus on sustainability, resilience, and alignment with our mission. Any development will be carefully paced and informed by organisational capacity and available resources.

The coming year will be an important period of review as we assess our organisational structure and establish a clear, long-term approach that supports stability and resilience. To inform this process, we intend to seek additional skills and perspectives through targeted volunteer roles, where appropriate, to help guide future decision-making and ensure effective governance.

Our programme remains as relevant and necessary as ever. While the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have eased, its long-term effects continue to be felt by children and young people in care across the UK. Many continue to experience heightened anxiety, disrupted relationships, and challenges to their mental health and wellbeing, compounded by sustained pressures on education, health, and care services. These challenges are further intensified by the current economic climate, which has placed additional strain on families, local authorities, and support services, and has disproportionately affected vulnerable young people.

At the same time, the organisation is operating within a challenging funding environment. Rising costs and increased competition for limited charitable funding mean that securing sustainable income remains an ongoing consideration. In response, the Trustees remain focused on careful stewardship of resources and maintaining a delivery model that is proportionate, effective, and resilient. Fly fishing continues to offer a uniquely effective and low-cost means of support. Nature-based activities, including fly fishing, are increasingly recognised and recommended by medical and wellbeing professionals, including within the NHS, as beneficial in managing anxiety, depression, PTSD, and trauma-related conditions.

Through our mentoring sessions, participants benefit from the calming influence of time spent near water, increased confidence through learning new skills, and a strong sense of achievement on the riverbank. The joy and pride young people feel when catching a fish on a fly they have tied themselves reinforces self-belief, resilience, and a positive connection to the world around them. In this context, the Trustees believe that maintaining consistent delivery and safeguarding the organisation's capacity to operate effectively represents a responsible and impactful use of limited resources.

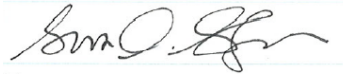
Trustees Responsibilities

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam O. Jones', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Date: 29th January, 2026

Statement of receipts & payments for the year ending March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2024/2025, £
Receipts:				
Voluntary Receipts	2a	573	0	573
Fundraising	2b	500	0	500
Investment Income	2c	0	0	0
Giftaid	2d	0	0	0
Other Receipts	2e	0	0	0
Total Receipts		1073	0	1073
Payments:				
Costs of charitable activities	3a	2165	0	2165
Fundraising costs	3b	302	0	302
Governance Costs	3c	0	0	0
Total Payments		2467	0	2467
Net incoming/outgoing resources		(1394)	0	(1394)
Balance Brought Forward		9758	0	9758
Balances Carried forward		8364	0	8364

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

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending March 2025

Assets as of 31st March 2025:

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2024/2025, £
Cash Funds:			
Bank Account	8364	0	8364
Accounts receivable	0	0	0
Total:	8364	0	8364

Liabilities as of 31st March 2025:

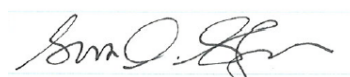
	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2024/2025, £
Liabilities	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	0

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 29th January, 2026

Signed on their behalf by Trustee. Susan Skrupa



Notes on the Accounts for the year ending March 2025

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 2024/2025, £
a) Voluntary receipts			
Private donations	156	0	156
PayPal / Facebook / Amazon Smile donations	350	0	350
Other donations - The Mayfly Pub Chosen Charity	67	0	67
Total voluntary Receipts	573	0	573
b) Fundraising events			
Events	500	0	500
Total Fundraising receipts	500	0	500
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	1073	0	1073

Notes to the accounts (continued) for the Year ending March 2025

3. Payments

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2024/2025, £
a) Cost of charitable activities			
Project expenses - supplies + printing	760	0	760
Project expenses - mentor reimbursable transport/ sustenance	766	0	766
Project expenses - mentor training courses	63	0	63
Operations / Website / Domains / Hosting / Insurance	572	0	572
Postage / Shipping	4	0	4
Total charitable costs	2165	0	2165
b) Fundraising costs			
Marketing / Promotion / Events	302	0	302
Total Fundraising costs	302	0	302
c) Governance costs	0	0	0
Total governance costs	0	0	0
Total	2467	0	2467

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.