

Trustees Annual Report

To year end 31st March 2024



The Purpose of What Next

To raise public awareness and provide opportunities for public engagement in issues relating to the climate and ecological emergency through a diverse range of events, activities and projects.

The Objects of What Next

To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the Borough of Waverley for the public benefit of its residents and the wider community by raising awareness and providing information on climate and ecological issues, working collaboratively with other environmental groups, and educating the public, local business and other local bodies on the impact and mitigation of, as well as adaptation to, climate and ecological changes.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. What Next seeks to raise awareness in residents of Godalming and, where feasible, throughout Waverley of the urgent challenges we are facing with respect to the climate and ecological emergency. Our intention is to engage and educate residents, encouraging them to take action in mitigating and adapting to the climate and ecological emergency. We also work with local groups and public sector organisations, including the Godalming Climate Forum, Godalming Library, Godalming Town Council, Waverley Borough Council, local schools and colleges.

Structure and Operation

As a micro-charity, we have no formal operational structure. The Chair of Trustees, Dr. David Faraday, has undertaken the administration of the charity and, with the assistance of other trustees and members, co-ordinates / manages the charity's volunteers as required. Specific events and activities are initiated, organised and managed by individual volunteers, in consultation with the trustees; they draw upon the charity's volunteer and support base to run these activities.

For the last twelve months the charity has been operating on a 'pop-up' using facilities and hiring venues from other community groups / public bodies as the need arises. This has proven to be a successful and sustainable model, and has been a catalyst for developing strong links with other community groups and service providers. What Next volunteers meet on a weekly basis in Godalming Library and work with Surrey County Council librarians to organise our Library of Things; storage for our items is provided by Waverley Brough Council and Godalming Town Council provided our display cabinet. We hire facilities for our regular Climate Club from the Godalming Old People's Welfare Association and we have organised events in the Godalming Museum.

Summary of Activities

In the last 12 months, What Next has undertaken the following activities:

- **Art Exhibition:** Our Other Mother exhibition in the Godalming Museum (five week exhibition).
- **Climate Action Workshops:** face-to-face and on-line for the general public (6 workshops).
- **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops:** for local schools and colleges (5 workshops).
- **Climate Club:** fortnightly sessions open to the public with a shared 'planetarian supper' and a discussion based around a specific environmental theme (21 meetings).
- **Eco-theatre Group:** writing original scripts, and creating characters and costumes for themed street theatre and puppet shows (~12 regular creative sessions).
- **HEAT Project:** as part of the **Home Energy Advice Taskforce**, co-ordinated by Zero Carbon Guildford, our volunteers conduct home energy advice surveys for residents of Waverley Borough (76 surveys between December 2023 and March 2024).
- **Library of Things:** launched in October 2023 our library now has more than 160 members with 50 items to borrow. We are based in Godalming Library with storage provided by Waverley Borough Council (on-going, throughout the year).
- **Planetarian Food Project:** promoting healthy, sustainable diets, grow your own and waste processing (21 suppers).
- **'Rubbish' Puppet Theatre:** last year's show, 'If I Had A Hammer', promoting our Library of Things, was performed in our street theatre puppet stage made entirely from waste materials (7 performances).
- **What Next Wednesdays:** weekly eco-support sessions, open to the public and now hosted in Godalming Library (weekly sessions throughout the year, with some breaks).
- **What Next Lounge / Stall:** public outreach on Godalming High Street and at local events / festivals (5 events).



The What Next Lounge & Puppet Theatre

Achievements & Public Benefit

Notable achievements over the last year include the following:

Our **Climate Club**, which has been meeting fortnightly since December 2021¹, has continued to be an enduring and inspiring activity. These public events act as support, advice and educational forums and cover a wide range of topics. There is also a strong community element to these meetings, participants bring and share food which is prepared on the principles of a 'planetarian' diet (see above) and the discussions are facilitated to ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute. Here are the topics we have addressed over the last year:

¹ With some breaks for COVID, holidays and changes in circumstance

- What crisis? How to approach the doubters or those who are simply confused
- Sharing and Swapping Ideas and Resources for a Better World
- Creating Icons for our Climate Action Interactive Game
- Water Health and Climate Challenges
- Toxic Turf
- Fund Raising
- Energy Survey Project
- Bread: a sustainable staple in a Planetary Diet
- An audience with a town Councillor
- Climate Comedy
- Climate Games
- What next from What Next in 2024?
- 'Earth Sprites Emerging' Art Project
- Sustainable Travel
- An Audience with a Waverley Borough Councillor
- Climate Grief
- Climate Songs for Eco-busking



An Audience with a Waverley Borough Councillor at Climate Club

Rieks Drijver from What Next interviewing Cllr Steve Williams, Environment Portfolio Holder for Waverley

We have continued running our **Climate Action Workshops** for the general public and we collaborated with **Climate Articulate**² to run workshops at the **Schools Climate Assembly**³ in October 2023. The public workshops have attracted a wide-range of individuals from the climate curious to climate activists, many of whom would have left the workshops with an enhanced understanding of what is most impactful in mitigating climate change. At the climate assembly we jointly ran six workshops for more than 300 school children, these workshops focussed achieving net-zero by 2050.



Climate Action Negotiation Workshops in Waverley Borough

We have also continued to run our **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops** for local school and college students in collaboration with Waverley Borough Council who provide the council chambers as the venue for these negotiations. In the last year, more than 120 students have participated, and we were delighted to have local councillors join us at these events.

² <https://www.climatearticulate.com/>

³ <https://schoolsclimateassembly.org/2023>

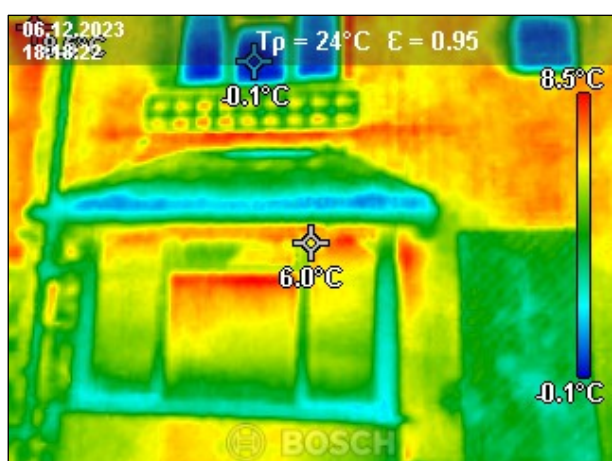
We believe that there has been significant public benefit from running these workshops, specific examples of individuals changing their behaviour or being inspired to influence others have been shared with us anecdotally. We have also been asked to run additional workshops for other groups both within Waverley and beyond.

In October 2023, we launched our **Library of Things**. This is a collaborative project with Godalming Library providing 'front-of-house' service, issuing and collecting items, Waverley Borough Council providing storage for our items and What Next volunteers organising the actual library, including on-line booking and stock management, transfers of items and maintenance / PAT testing. As of March 2024, we have 50 items in our library, 90% of which have



The Mayor of Godalming, the Chair of Surrey County Council and the Mayor of Waverley Borough Council at the launch of our Library of Things

been donated by local residents. We now have 160+ members who have engaged in 43 loans with 44% of our items being borrowed at least once. We are also grateful to Godalming Town Council for providing funds for our display cabinet, Surrey County Council for providing funding to purchase new 'high-use'⁴ items and our friends in Mayen⁵ who donated funds for our Food Dehydrator which is now available to borrow. There are no fees or deposits required to join our library of things and members can borrow items at no charge. We have seen a steady and sustained level of engagement from the local community over the first six months and have received many positive comments from members of the public concerning this project. There is a clear public benefit in the provision of this service and it aligns strongly with our stated objectives (see above).



A Thermal Image of a Waverley Property

As part of a project originated and co-ordinated by our friends at Zero Carbon Guildford, volunteers from What Next took part in the **HEAT (Home Energy Advice Taskforce) Project**. Eleven of our volunteers were trained as home energy surveyors, the training included the use of thermal imaging cameras for helping to assess energy loss. Between December 2023 and the end of March 2024, these volunteers conducted 76 surveys for residents across Waverley. After each survey, residents received a detailed report with recommendations for reducing their energy consumption, a cross-cutting public benefit helping with cost of living and carbon reduction.

⁴ Carpet Cleaner, Pressure Washer, Steam Mop

⁵ Godalming's Twin Town in Germany

Finally, as last year, the activities of the **Eco-theatre Group** cannot go unmentioned. The group created their '**Rubbish**' Puppet Theatre in 2022, a puppet theatre made (almost) entirely of discarded objects and materials, and last year's production of '**If I Had A Hammer**' was written specifically to promote the launch of the Library of Things. The group gave public performances at the Rotary Spring Fair in May, at the Godalming Museum in June and at the Godalming Green Gala in August, attracting audiences of children, parents and grand-parents, as well as the curious and concerned. This group provides a unique platform for entertaining, informing and influencing the residents of Godalming.



Financial Summary (to be updated post the AGM)

Over the last 12 months we have had a turnover of £7,531.96. We have received £4,209.23 in donations, £1,190.82 in revenue and £1,728 in grant income; outgoings have totalled £4,440.21. We have £6831.53 in our bank account.

Our **Reserves Policy** is based on covering insurance costs maintaining our core activity, the Climate Club, for a three-six month period; our reserve level is set at £1,500. The trustees are confident that the charity is in a good financial position for the next financial year.

Governance

Reference and Administrative Information

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1196404. The Trustees of the charity are listed below. The registered office and address of the charity and the particulars of the charity's bankers are also listed below.

Governing Document

What Next is controlled by its governing document, which is its Constitution dated 25th November, 2021. The constitution has remained unchanged since it was approved. The Constitution is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity Trustees.

Governing Body

As the charity has no share capital, no Trustee or Director has any interest in any shares in the charity. The business of the charity is managed by the Trustees, including the Chair and the Treasurer.

Two trustees, David Faraday and Robert Oulton, stepped down and were duly re-elected as trustees in accordance with our constitution. A new trustee, Cinzia Fontana, was identified and provisionally appointed subject to the relevant information being submitted to and approved by the charity commission.

Membership of What Next is open to everyone; there is a one-time membership fee of £1. Membership was extended free of charge to members of the What Next founding group, those individuals involved in the establishment of the charity, but not serving as trustees. Members can resign at any point. All members attending the AGM or other General Meetings have a vote on the appointment of Trustees, the approval of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and any other matters arising at the AGM / GM that require a vote.

Charity Information

Charity Name: What Next?

Charity Number: 1196404

Registered Address: 7 Wood Road
Godalming
Surrey
GU7 3NN

Bankers: Metrobank plc,
35 - 37 North Street
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 4TE

Trustees: Dr. David Brian Foster Faraday (Chair)
Dr. Robert Anthony Oulton
Ms. Claire Matthes
Mr. Theodoricus (Rieks) Drijver
Ms. Jacqueline Drijver-Ludlam
Mr. Mark Bray-Parry (Treasurer)

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

Trustees are competent persons who through residence, occupation or employment or otherwise have specialist knowledge of the area of benefit. Members can nominate themselves for a Trustee role, Trustees are then voted in by members at the AGM.

Future Trustees will, upon appointment, be provided with an Induction pack which will cover:

- The obligations of Trustees and the sub-committee structure and terms of reference;
- The Constitution and any subsequent amendments made to it;
- The current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts and management accounts;
- Charity Commission Trustee literature; and,
- Future plans and objectives (as applicable).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is; and,
- inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of its constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Faraday', is written over a yellow rectangular box.

David Faraday, Chair, 30 April 2024

Trustees Annual General Meeting – 10th April 2024

What Next? Annual Financial Report

Summary

What Next? balance is currently £6,831.53 with £534.12 allocated to the Library of Things.

Balance Sheet

Income and expenditure from the previously held AGM on 21/02/2023 to the 10th April is included below.

What Next? Balance Sheet:

Total Income: £7,531.96

Total Expenditure: -£4,440.21

Profit: £3,091.75

Income Statement – General

Income £7,531.96

Donation: £4,209.23

Gift Aid: £403.91

Revenue £1,190.82

Grant £1,728.00

Outgoing -£4,440.21

Equipment: -£1,927.93

Venue Hire: -£1,620.00

Insurance -£892.28

Mark Bray-Parry

What Next? Treasurer

12th April 2024

Previous Balance £3,739.78

Current Balance £6,831.53

*Italics indicate payment due but not included in current balance

Allocated Future Balance (LoT) £534.12

General

Description	Type	Date	Amount	Notes
Givey	Donation	13/3/2023	£10.00	
Cheque '800012	Venue Hire	15/03/2023	-£300.00	Denningberg Centre
Lindsay Parkin	Revenue	03/04/2023	£14.28	
Stripe	Revenue	17/4/2023	£1.54	
Surrey Climate Commission	Grant	19/4/2023	£878.00	Library of Things
Givey	Donation	9/5/2023	£250.00	
Cash	Donation	9/5/2023	£370.00	Climate Club
Mayor's Charity	Donation	31/5/2023	£2,043.18	
Cheque '800012	Venue Hire	1/6/2023	-£300.00	Denningberg Centre
GTC Grant	Grant	5/6/2023	£850.00	Library of Things
Givey	Donation	5/6/2023	£10.00	
Rob Oulton	Donation	20/6/2023	£500.00	Library of Things
Cheque '800014	Insurance	6/9/2023	-£425.95	Owed to David (LoT)
	Equipment		-£899.00	-£1,724.95
	Equipment		-£100.00	
	Equipment		-£300.00	
Cash deposit	Donation	15/10/2023	£345.00	
Cash deposit	Donation	15/10/2023	£234.05	Library of Things (Mayen)
Cheque '800015	Venue Hire	19/10/2023	-£660.00	Denningberg Centre
Givey	Donation	30/10/2023	£26.00	
Thomas Lashbrooke, Membership	Donation	3/11/2023	£10.00	
Cook H PLB, Membership	Donation	22/11/2023	£50.00	
Givey	Donation	27/11/2023	£20.00	
Givey	Donation	11/12/2023	£5.00	
HMRC (Gift Aid)	Gift Aid	21/12/2023	£403.91	
Cash Deposit	Donation	16/1/2024	£155.00	
Zero Carbon Guildford	Revenue	26/1/2024	£175.00	Home Energy Surveys
Zero Carbon Guildford	Revenue	7/2/2024	£275.00	Home Energy Surveys
Zero Carbon Guildford	Revenue	16/2/2024	£325.00	Home Energy Surveys
Cheque '800017	Venue Hire	1/3/2024	-£360.00	Denningberg Centre
Cheque '800016	Insurance	7/3/2024	-£466.33	Owed to David (LoT)
	Equipment		-£249.99	-£1,095.26
	Equipment		-£254.94	
	Equipment		-£124.00	
Zero Carbon Guildford	Revenue	13/3/2024	£400.00	Home Energy Surveys
David Faraday - Transfer of Cash Do	Donation	15/3/2024	£155.00	
Givey	Donation	25/3/2024	£25.00	
Givey	Donation	2/4/2024	£1.00	

Income	£7,531.96	-
Donation	£4,209.23	56%
Revenue	£1,190.82	16%

Grant	£1,728.00	23%
Gift Aid	£403.91	5%
Membership	£0.00	0%

Outgoing	£4,440.21	
Utility	£0.00	0%
Equipment	£1,927.93	43%
Website	£0.00	0%
Venue Hire	£1,620.00	36%
Insurance	£892.28	20%

Library of Things

Description	Type	Date	Amount	Notes
GTC Grant	Grant	5/6/2023	£850.00	Grant
Rob Oulton	Donation	19/04/2023	£500.00	Donation
Surrey Climate Commission	Grant	20/06/2023	£878.00	Grant
Reading the Signs	Equipment		-£300.00	Cheque issued 6/9/2023
Amo Food Design Gazebo	Equipment		-£100.00	
Display Sense - Cabinet	Equipment		-£899.00	
Mayen	Donation	20/06/2023	£234.05	Donation
Pressure Washer & Steam Mop	Equipment	TBC	-£249.99	Cheque issued 7/3/2024
Carpet Cleaner	Equipment	TBC	-£254.94	
Food Dehydrator	Equipment	TBC	-£124.00	
TOTAL REMAINING			£534.12	

Income	£2,462.05	-
Donation	£734.05	30%
Grant	£1,728.00	70%

Outgoing	-£1,927.93	
Equipment	-£1,927.93	100%

Regular Expenditures

Monthly: -£42.50

Description	Type	Frequency	Amount
Hosting Renewal	Payment	Annual	-£54.00
Domain Renewal	Payment	Annual	-£29.99
Insurance	Payment	Annual	-£425.95

David Faraday Payments

-£2,820.21

Description	Type	Date	Amount
Insurance	Payment	Cheque issued 6/09/2023	-£425.95
Display cabinet	Payment		-£899.00
Gazebo	Payment		-£100.00
Reading the Signs	Payment		-£300.00
Insurance (for 2024)	Payment	Cheque issued 7/03/2024	-£466.33
LoT Carpet Cleaner / Steam Mop	Payment		-£249.99
LoT Pressure Washer	Payment		-£254.94
LoT Food Dehydrator	Payment		-£124.00