

Trustees Annual Report

To year end 31st March 2025



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.

Since October 2022, 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 continues 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 a local venue, the Denningberg Centre, for our bi-monthly Climate Club meetings from Waverley Borough Council; the council also gives us additional use of the venue every Wednesday. We also organise events in the Godalming Museum.

Summary of Activities

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

- **Art Exhibition:** Earth Sprites Emerging exhibition in the Godalming Museum (*four week exhibition, 14th May to 8th June, Project Leader: Shirley Faraday*).
- **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops:** for local schools and colleges (*5 workshops, Project Leader: David Faraday*).
- **Climate Club:** fortnightly sessions open to the public with a shared 'planetarian supper' and a discussion based around a specific environmental theme (*20 meetings, Project Leader: Rieks Drijver*).
- **Eco-theatre Group:** writing original scripts, and creating characters and costumes for themed street theatre and puppet shows (*~10 regular creative sessions, Project Leader: Shirley Faraday*).
- **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 (*~25 surveys between November 2024 and March 2025, Project Leader: David Faraday*).
- **Library of Things:** launched in October 2023 our library now has more than 300 members (an expansion from 160 in 2024) with 105 items to borrow (an expansion from 50 in 2024). We are based in Godalming Library with storage provided by Waverley Borough Council (*on-going, throughout the year, Project Leaders: Jeremy Snell and David Faraday*).
- **Planetarian Food Project:** promoting healthy, sustainable diets, grow your own and waste processing (*20 suppers, Project Leader: Cinzia Fontana*).
- **'Rubbish' Puppet Theatre:** last year's show, **'Nolene and the Rescue Hens'**, was performed in our street theatre puppet stage made entirely from waste materials (*7 performances, Project Leader: Shirley Faraday*).
- **Wardrobe Warriors:** monthly sessions in the library showing members of the public how to use the sewing machines (available from the Library of Things) to mend their clothing (*11 sessions, Project Leader: Jackie Drijver*).
- **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, Project Leader: David Faraday).
- **What Next Lounge / Stall:** public outreach on Godalming High Street and at local events / festivals (*4 events, Project Leader: David Faraday*).



Wardrobe Warriors in the Library



The What Next Lounge & Puppet Theatre

- **What Next for Wildlife in Waverley:** launched in May 2024, we organised a series of Wildlife Walks of the Lammas Lands¹ which were attended by 70+ members of the public (4 public walks, Project Leaders: Neil Willis and David Faraday).
- **Partner Projects:** we actively support Repair Café Godalming and Joyfull Greens.

Achievements & Public Benefit

Notable achievements over the last year include the following:

Our **Climate Club**, which has been meeting fortnightly since December 2021², 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 'planetary' 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:

- Getting Ready for an Ethical, Planet-friendly Festive Season
- Doughnut Economics
- Creating an Eco-home
- Swap-it and share-it!
- Inspiration on Running a Successful Environmental Campaign
- Ethical Consumption
- Plot to Plate
- Living Walls
- Community Energy
- A Wildlife Tour of Lammas Lands
- What next from What Next in 2024?
- What Next AGM (April) and GM (October)
- 'Earth Sprites Emerging' Art Project
- Sustainable Travel
- An Audience with a Waverley Borough Councillor
- Climate Grief
- Climate Songs for Eco-busking
- Climate Choir
- A Wildlife Tour of the Lammas Lands

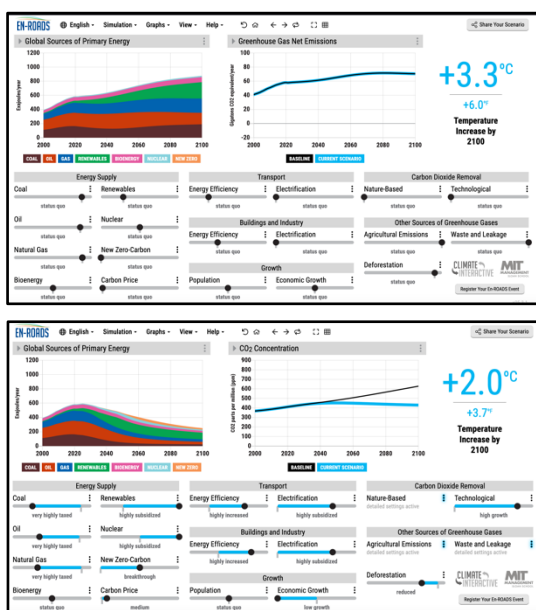


Planetarian Suppers at Climate Club Session: Autumn 2024 (below) and December 2024 (above)



¹ A flood-water meadow in the heart of Godalming.

² With some breaks for holidays and changes in circumstance.



En-ROADS: Baseline Scenario (Upper Image) and the Final Outcome for a Student Group (Lower Image)

We have continued to run our **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops**, using the EnROADS³ global climate simulator from Climate Interactive⁴. We run these 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 160 students have participated in these workshops and we were delighted to have local councillors join us at these events.

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 2025, we have 105 items in our library, 85% of which have been donated by local residents. We now have 300+ members who have engaged in 214⁵ loans over the last 12 months with 52% of our items being borrowed at least once. We have engaged in a partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust to make eight wildlife recording kits available through our Library of Things; the kits provided are: a Bat Detector, a Mini-beasts Recording Kit, a Moth Trap, a Plant Recording Kit, a Pond Life Recording Kit, a Small Mammals Recording Kit, a Soil Testing Kit and a Trail Camera. On a similar basis, we have also engaged in a partnership with Active Surrey to make sports equipment available. We now have twelve sports items: a Bocce Set, a Boccia Set, a Bean Boccia Set, a Badminton Set, two Basket Balls (different sizes), two Cricket sets (different sizes), a Rounders Set, Swingball, a Table Tennis set and four pairs of Walking Poles.



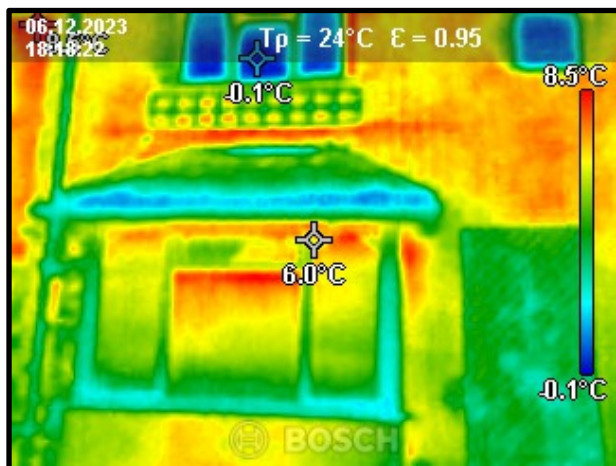
The arrival of Surrey Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Recording Kits at our Library of Things, immediately prior to one of our Wildlife Walks of the Lamas Lands

³ <https://en-roads.climateinteractive.org/scenario.html?v=25.3.1>

⁴ <https://www.climateinteractive.org/>

⁵ 257 loans since launch

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 eighteen months of operation 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**. Three additional What Next volunteers were trained as home energy surveyors, with some of last year's volunteers stepping down, the training included the use of thermal imaging cameras for helping to assess energy loss. Over the two years we have been involved in this project, our volunteers have conducted almost 100 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.

Our newest project, What Next for Wildlife in Waverley was launched on Friday 10th May at one of our Climate Club sessions. For our first wildlife walk we had more than 35 people join us for a 'safari' in Catteshall Meadow, part of the Lammas Lands in Godalming. The Lammas Lands have been the initial focus of this project, a goldmine of biodiversity in the heart of Godalming, they are also – as a flood meadow - an important carbon sink. We organised three further wildlife walks in the Spring and Summer of 2024, on each occasion attracting around a dozen eager explores of all ages.



Our first Wildlife Walk on Catteshall Meadow

Finally, as in previous years, 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 '**Nolene and the Rescue Hens**' was written specifically to highlight issues around sustainable transport. The group gave public performances at the Rotary Spring Fair in May, at the Godalming Museum in June and in Godalming Library 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 reported at the AGM and added subsequently)

Over the last 12 months we have had a turnover of £2,972.00. We have received £671.00 in donations and £825.00 in revenue, but no grant income; outgoings have totalled £2,972.00. We have £5,353.10 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)
Ms. Cinzia Fontana

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

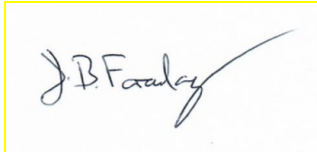
charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- 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 black ink, appearing to read 'D. Faraday', is enclosed within a thin yellow rectangular border.

David Faraday, Chair, 6 October 2025

Trustees Annual General Meeting – 11th April 2025

What Next? Annual Financial Report

Summary

What Next? balance is currently £5,353.10, with £355.12 allocated to the Library of Things.

Balance Sheet

Income and expenditure from the previously held AGM on 10/04/2024 is included below.

What Next? Balance Sheet:

Total Income: £1,496.00

Total Expenditure: -£2,972.00

Profit: -£1,467.00

Income Statement – General

Income £1,496.80

Donation: £671.00

Activities: £825.00

Outgoing -£2,972.00

Equipment: -£557.00

Venue Hire: -£1,320.00

Insurance -£471.00

Activity: -£445.00

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Library of Things: £179.00

Mark Bray-Parry

What Next? Treasurer

9th April 2025

Previous Balance	£6,831.53						
Current Balance	£5,353.10						
Library of Things Balance:	£355.12						
General				Library of Things		Prev Balance	£534.12
Description	Type	Date	Amount	Description	Type	Date	Amount
Givey	Donation	7/5/2024	£25.00	B&Q Gazebo (LoT)	Equipment	23/1/2025	-£125.00
Heat surveys	Revenue	01/05/2024	£675.00	Storage boxes (LoT)	Equipment		-£11.00
Cheque	Payment	20/06/2024	-£325.00	Storage boxes (LoT)	Equipment		-£24.00
Givey	Donation	22/7/2024	£100.00	Screwdriver set (LoT)	Equipment		-£19.00
Givey	Donation	12/8/2024	£10.00			Current Balance	£355.12
Givey	Donation	14/10/2024	£50.00				
Givey	Donation	4/11/2024	£10.00	Cheque Payments	£2,972.00		
Givey	Donation	18/11/2024	£5.00	Description	Type	Date	Amount
Givey	Donation	25/11/2024	£15.00	Energy surveys	Activity	Cheque issued 20/06/2024	£325.00
Cheque	Payment	23/1/2025	-£2,649.43	B&Q Gazebo (LoT)	LoT	Cheque issued 23/01/2025	£125.00
Cash donation	Donation	10/1/2025	£416.00	Storage boxes (LoT)	LoT		£11.00
Givey	Donation	3/3/2025	£10.00	Storage boxes (LoT)	LoT		£24.00
Givey	Donation	17/03/2025	£20.00	Insurance	Insurance		£471.00
Heat surveys	Revenue	03/04/2025	£150.00	Denningberg Q2 2024	Venue Hire		£480.00
Givey	Donation	7/4/2025	£10.00	Denningberg Q4 2024	Venue Hire		£420.00
				Denningberg Q1 2025	Venue Hire		£420.00
Income	£1,496.00	-		Noticeboards & A Frame	Equipment		£557.00
Donation	£671.00	45%		Godalming Museum Exhibition	Activity		£120.00
Revenue	£825.00	55%		Screwdriver set (LoT)	LoT		£19.00
Grant	£0.00	0%					
Outgoing	-£2,972.00						
Utility	£0.00	0%					
Equipment	-£557.00	19%					
Activity	-£445.00	15%					
Venue Hire	-£1,320.00	44%					
Insurance	-£471.00	16%					
LoT	-£179.00	6%					