

MENDIP ACCESS ADVENTURE FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1196874

Details

Other names ACTIVE MENDIP CIC, MAAF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: To act as a resource for children and young people up to the age of 25 living within South Wales and the South West of England by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals; advancing education; and providing recreational and leisure-time activities in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving their conditions of life.

Activities: To act as a resource for people from marginalised groups living within South Wales and the South West of England by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities to support positive outcomes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£17,623	£16,260	-	-
2024-04-01	£14,304	£12,963	-	-
2023-04-01	£12,776	£7,188	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID EDDINS		2021-12-01
Jim Hardcastle		2021-12-01
PHILIP TURNER		2021-12-01

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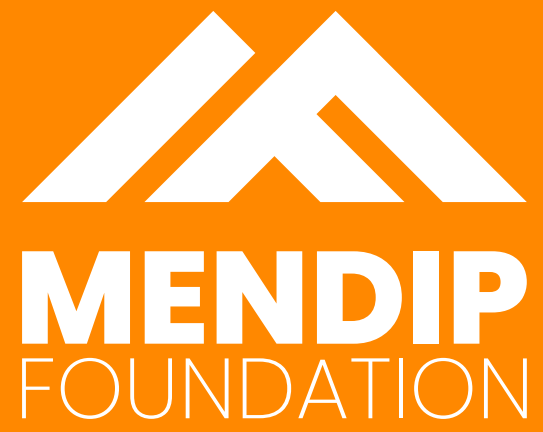
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025





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For the year ended 31 March 2025
Mendip Access Adventure Foundation
Charity number: 1196874
Registered address: Mendip Activity Centre,
Lyncombe Drive, Churchill, BS25 5PQ





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ABOUT US

Structure, Governance & Management

The Mendip Access Adventure Foundation was set up by staff at Mendip Activity Centre in 2021 after they identified that many young people were facing barriers to accessing adventure training for a variety of reasons, despite living near the centre.

The foundation had undertaken incredible work in the short period since its inception including planting over 2000 trees with local volunteers, running a learn to ski programme for young people facing barriers to accessing the outdoors, and several outdoor education residentials aimed at broadening access to the outdoors.

Trustees

- David Eddins (Chair)
- Jim Hardcastle
- Philip Turner

Objectives

The charity exists to provide access to outdoor adventure for underserved communities.

Access to Adventure

Access to the outdoors for groups or individuals from under-represented or under-privileged backgrounds.

Access to Training

Supporting access to a career in the outdoors for groups or individuals from under-represented or under-privileged backgrounds.

Access to Nature

Enhancing and caring for the Lyncombe hill landscape, and beyond.





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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- **Two** local schools worked with
- **38** young people engaged
- **10** different activities
- Improved confidence and teamwork
- Contribution to local conservation



OUR PROGRAMMES

During the year the charity provided subsidised outdoor experiences. These activities further the charity's public benefit by increasing access, confidence, wellbeing and social inclusion.

ACCESS ECOLOGY PROGRAMME

Our Access Ecology programme ran from October 2024 to June 2025 and provided students with direct, hands-on experiences in environmental education and outdoor learning.

We gave 26 young people from Churchill School and Sedgewood Manor School the chance to engage in two hours of outdoor activities every other week, some of whom wouldn't otherwise get the chance to take part in outdoor learning.

Sessions were designed to develop practical skills, teamwork, and increase awareness of local wildlife, conservation, and climate change.

Young people told us that the programme improved their confidence, and teachers noted an improved interest in learning.

Learn to Ski Programme

A subsidised regular programme of dry ski slope skiing for 12 young people with SEND.

What's Next?

We plan to continue our Access to Ecology programme for 2026 and beyond. We also plan to review the charity's aims and objectives, recruit additional trustees and publish a 5-year plan.

"You have allowed students to experience the outdoors and discover new interests, which unfortunately some do not get at home."

Teacher



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FINANCIAL REVIEW

“Thank you so much for a fantastic opportunity this year. We have really enjoyed the sessions and learnt lots which we have implemented onto our school pond, herb garden and boundaries.”

Deputy Head



Total receipts for the year were £17,623.
Total payments were £16,260.
The year-end cash balance was £12,350.
The charity remains financially stable.

Reserves Policy: The trustees aim to hold unrestricted reserves of £2,000.

Risks: Key risks include reliance on grant funding and maintaining the safe delivery of outdoor activities. Safe delivery is managed through partnerships with qualified activity providers. Core operations (management, finance, and marketing) are covered by Mendip Activity Centre, mitigating the risk of reliance on funding.

Future Plans: Plans for 2025–26 include a review of the charity’s aims and objectives, trustee recruitment, and publication of a 5-year strategy.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities:

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding assets, and preparing a Trustees’ Annual Report and Accounts compliant with the Charities Act 2011.

Approval

Approved by the trustees on 24 January 2026
and signed on their behalf:

David Eddins
Trustee (Chair)



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Income			
	Grants	£2,359.00	
	Donations	£15,072.18	
	Sales	£192.00	
	Total Income		£17,623.18
Expenditure			
	Bank Charges	£21.70	
	Wages	£5,313.75	
	Residential Costs	£9,890.79	
	Bees Project	£904.19	
	SEND Training	£63.00	
	Insuarance	£67.20	
			£16,260.63
Total			£1,362.55



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BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Notes to the Accounts

Related Party Transactions:

No trustees received remuneration or expenses.

Fund Analysis: Unrestricted £12,350.62. Restricted £0.

Grants Received:

The following grants were received:

- Quartet Community QCFA: £3000.00
- D'Oyly Carte: £4000.00
- Bristol Airport Co: £2359.00

Fixed Assets		
Wheel Chair	339	
Total Fixed Assets		339
Current Assets		
Bank Account	12,350.62	
Current Liabilities		
	0	
Net Current Assets		12,350.62
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		12,689.62
Capital and Reserves		
Balance Bfwd (Assets + Bank balance)		5,268.31
Profit for the year		1,362.55
Income included in last year's accounts		6,058.76
Total Capital and Reserves		12,689.62

MENDIP ADVENTURE FAMILY



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Trustees Annual Report – cover letter

To whom it may concern,

Our formal Annual Report is still in draft waiting to be approved by trustees. We can supply it on request in January.

Please note that during the period of the annual return we:

- Planted 400 trees
- Engaged 16 students who are at risk of dropping out of school in our regular Access Ecology programme
- Cared for three bee hives as part of the above project
- Ran a Duke of Edinburgh volunteering programme focussing on rewilding
- Secured funding and started planning for a learn to ski programme
- Sent volunteers on essential training courses
- Made key contacts with the local authority and other voluntary sector orgs
- Supported Urban Uprising with their annual programme in schools.

We are hugely proud of our achievements and our ongoing success in engaging marginalised groups and facilitating their access to the outdoors.

Many thanks

Jai Breitnauer
Manager

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation
Period to 31st March 2024

CIO 1196874

Income and Expenditure Account

Income

Donations	£1,100.00	
Grants	£13,080.35	
Ticket Sales	£123.95	
Total Income		£14,304.30

Expenditure

Bank Charges	£8.40	
Wages	£5,590.59	
Residential Costs	£5,520.00	
Uniform	£206.88	
Bees Project	£1,301.45	
SEND Training	£243.39	
Wine Tasting event	92.36	
		£12,963.07

Total **£1,341.23**

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation
As At 31st March 2023

CIO 1196874

Balance Sheet

Fixed Assets

Wheel Chair 339.00

Total Fixed Assets 339.00

Current Assets

Bank Account 4,929.31

Current Liabilities

0.00

Net Current Assets 4,929.31

Total Assets Less Current Liabilities 5,268.31

Capital and Reserves

Balance Bfwd (bank balance) 9,646.84

Profit for the year 1,341.23

Total Capital and Reserves 10,988.07

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation
Period to 31st March 2024

Bank Reconciliation

	£	£
Opening Balance	9646.84	
Receipts	8713.71	
Payments		7372.48
Closing Balance 28.03.24		4929.31
Owing from Mendip Activity for 2023		6058.76
	18360.55	18360.55
		Paid 19.08.

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation
Period to 31st March 2024

Income

Date	Details	MAAF Bank	Direct from MAC	Total	Grants
14.04.23	Chq	100.00		100.00	
28.04.23	Paid from Mendip		438.75	438.75	
02.06.23	Local Giving Ltd	500.00		500.00	500
02.06.23	Paid from Mendip		568.67	568.67	
26.06.23	Clark Foundation	600.00		600.00	600
29.06.23	Misc Cash	30.00		30.00	
03.07.23	Paid from Mendip		438.76	438.76	
31.07.23	Paid from Mendip		480.01	480.01	
08.08.23	Howard Garages	700.00		700.00	
31.08.23	Town and Country	277.00		277.00	
04.09.23	Paid from Mendip		365.64	365.64	
27.09.23	Paid from Mendip		487.5	487.50	
10.10.23	Cash Donation	124.00		124.00	
26.10.23	Paid from Mendip		487.5	487.50	
20.11.23	Howard Garages	200.00		200.00	
30.11.23	Paid from Mendip		609.38	609.38	
27.12.23	Paid from Mendip		471.25	471.25	
26.01.24	Eventbrite Operation	31.99		31.99	
30.01.24	Paid from Mendip		349.37	349.37	
29.02.24	Eventbrite Operation	91.96		91.96	
05.03.24	Paid from Mendip		576.88	576.88	
24.03.24	Paid from Mendip		316.88	316.88	
19.08.24	Paid from Mendip for 2023	6058.76		6058.76	
				0.00	
	Totals	8713.71	5590.59	14304.30	1100.00

Donations	Event Tickets	
100		0.00
438.75		0.00
		0.00
568.67		0.00
		0.00
30		0.00
438.76		0.00
480.01		0.00
700		0.00
277		0.00
365.64		0.00
487.5		0.00
124		0.00
487.5		0.00
200		0.00
609.38		0.00
471.25		0.00
	31.99	0.00
349.37		0.00
	91.96	0.00
576.88		0.00
316.88		0.00
6058.76		0.00
		0.00
13080.35	123.95	0.00

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation

Period to 31st March 2024

Expenditure

Date	Ref	Details	MAAF Bank	Paid from MAC	Total
12.04.23		1 Mendip F0864	2760.00		2760.00
12.04.23		2 Mendip F0863	2760.00		2760.00
23.04.23	W1	Wages Paid by Mendip		438.75	438.75
25.04.23		3 ConceptWear	116.88		116.88
28.04.23		Bank Charges	1.40		1.40
26.05.23		Honey Bees	600.00		600.00
31.05.23		Bank Charges	1.75		1.75
02.06.23	W2	Wages Paid by Mendip		568.67	568.67
22.06.23		Tortworth - Nettle Cordage Workshop	60.00		60.00
29.06.23		EH Thorn	333.55		333.55
30.06.23		Bank Charges	0.70		0.70
03.07.23	W3	Wages Paid by Mendip		438.76	438.76
20.07.23		4 Expenses	90.00		90.00
31.07.23		Bank Charges	1.40		1.40
31.07.23	W4	Wages Paid by Mendip		480.01	480.01
31.08.23		Bank Charges	0.35		0.35
04.09.23	W5	Wages Paid by Mendip		365.64	365.64
27.09.23	W6	Wages Paid by Mendip		487.50	487.50
29.09.23		Bank Charges	0.70		0.70
10.10.23		5 Expenses	146.59		146.59
26.10.23	W7	Wages Paid by Mendip		487.50	487.50
11.10.23		6 Expenses	36.80		36.80
30.11.23		Bank Charges	1.05		1.05
30.11.23	W8	Wages Paid by Mendip		609.38	609.38
27.12.23	W9	Wages Paid by Mendip		471.25	471.25
30.01.23	W10	Wages Paid by Mendip		349.37	349.37
13.02.24		Bee Keeping Exps	367.90		367.90
29.02.24		Bank Charges	0.35		0.35
05.03.24	W11	Wages Paid by Mendip		576.88	576.88
24.03.24	W12	Wages Paid by Mendip		316.88	316.88
26.03.24		7 Wine Tasting Exps	92.36		92.36
28.03.24		Bank Charges	0.70		0.70
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
					0.00
		Totals	7372.48	5590.59	12963.07

Bank Charges	Wages	Residential Costs	Uniform	Bees Project
		2760.00		
		2760.00		
	438.75			
1.40			116.88	
1.75				600.00
	568.67			
0.70				333.55
	438.76			
1.40			90.00	
0.35	480.01			
	365.64			
0.70	487.50			
	487.50			
1.05	609.38			
	471.25			
	349.37			
0.35				367.90
	576.88			
	316.88			
0.70				
8.40	5590.59	5520.00	206.88	1301.45

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IMPACT REPORT



2023 - 2024



**ADVENTURE
FOR ALL**

Charity#1196874



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WELCOME TO



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THIS IS OUR SECOND IMPACT REPORT, AND
OUR THIRD YEAR OF SUPPORTING OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ACCESS THE MENDIP
HILLS AND ADVENTURE SPORTS.
IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR OF REWILDING
AND VOLUNTEERING ALONGSIDE STRATEGY
AND STRUCTURE, AND WE BELIEVE WE ARE
NOW IN A STRONGER POSITION TO RESPOND
APPROPRIATE TO OUR COMMUNITIES NEEDS.



Foundation Manager
Jai Breitnauer

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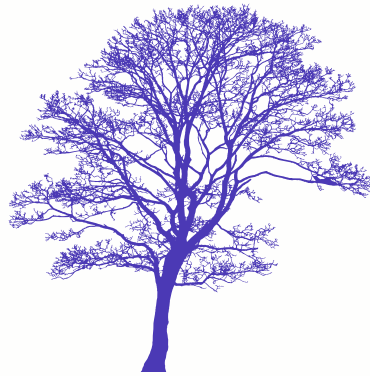


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OUR STORY SO FAR



OUR MISSION

**“MAKING ADVENTURE ACCESSIBLE
FOR EVERYONE”.**

Mendip Access Adventure Foundation was created in December 2021 with five objectives:

1. Prevention or relief of poverty
2. Advancement of education
3. Advancement of amateur sport
4. The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
5. The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.



OUR AIMS

ACCESS: provide opportunities for people from disadvantaged/marginalised backgrounds and/or additional needs.

TRAINING: support people with additional needs, from less privileged and/or more diverse backgrounds to secure skills and qualifications needed for a career in the outdoors.

ECOLOGY: increase local biodiversity and knowledge

**OVER 300
LOCAL
YOUNG PEOPLE
SUPPORTED
SO FAR ...**

THE BIG FOUR



1

Access Ecology programme

After a successful pilot of our Access Ecology programme last year, we opened it up to local schools. We supported 16 young people from two schools over 20 weeks. The young people have SEND and/or were disengaged with academics and struggling with school life. Our programme allows them to connect with the outdoors for wellbeing, and to see alternative careers available in landcare and conservation. This has become our flagship offering.

3

Access Adventure

We worked with Urban Uprising to provide climbing opportunities outdoors as part of their 10-week confidence building programme with young people. We also worked with our delivery partner on their HAF project over the summer, and took the mobile climbing tower to local events. We were funded by Snowsport England to train instructors to run learn to ski programmes for people with neurodivergence and/or learning disabilities, which will launch in autumn 2024.

2

Rewilding the site

We planted a further 400 trees creating wildlife corridors between two large tracts of woodland to allow safe movement to ground animals and insects. We engaged volunteers through the Duke of Edinburgh programme and the local community for this work. We also did some outreach work on the local campsite through making pollinator seed bombs with children. We explained our mission, and how people can support it. We also maintain three beehives on site.

4

Strategic planning

The trustees and manager have undertaken significant work around our five year plan, re-imagining the focus of our activities to make sure they fit with our purpose and available funding. We are dedicated to three programmes of activity going forward: Access Ecology, for which we have an established work stream, Access Adventure, for which the groundwork has been done ready for launch, and Access Training, earmarked for 2025.



THE NEXT FOUR



1

Access Ecology scaling-up

We have expanded the programme to accommodate 32 students from four different schools, and to be more in line with the curriculum. We want to build on this success by onboarding more schools partners, and working with the Local Authority.

2

Access Adventure

We have a Snowsport club due to launch in Autumn 2024, plus we continue to build relationships with schools, colleges and external activity providers to support their work through free or discounted residential and day activities with our dedicated delivery partner.

3

Focus on training

We will be expanding training opportunities for young adults who want to work in the outdoors industry and come from disadvantaged backgrounds. We will focus on supporting women, non-white young people and those from lower socio-economic demographics - all under-represented in the industry. We have established a funding model and will launch in 2025.

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Diversifying funding

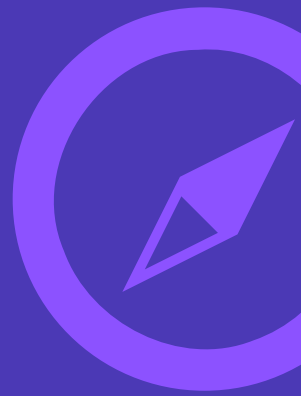
We've had a successful year with fundraising through grants and trusts, but we would like to seek commercial partnerships and expand our own outreach through fundraising events to secure a solid unrestricted income stream. We also work closely with our delivery partner on a donations programme through their shop, which will help fund our training stream.

FINANCE

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STAKEHOLDER feedback



ACCESS ECOLOGY STUDENTS TOLD US:

- THEY FELT 80% MORE CONFIDENT THAN AT THE START OF THE PROGRAMME
 - THEY FELT FRIENDSHIPS HAD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED
 - THEY FELT RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHING STAFF IMPROVED
- 100% OF THE STUDENTS FELT PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE COURSE AND ONE PUPIL TOLD US HE WOULD LIKE A CAREER IN THE OUTDOORS AS A RESULT.
- STAFF TOLD US THEY FELT STRONGLY THE PROGRAMME WAS A GOOD USE OF STUDENT TIME THAT COMPLEMENTED THE EXISTING CURRICULUM
 - EXPOSED STUDENTS TO WIDER LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND NEW IDEAS
 - WAS ACCESSIBLE AND ENJOYABLE.

"This programme has made a real difference to our students' lives." - Teacher, Churchill Academy



"The Access Ecology programme has made a powerful difference to our young people, it's a great opportunity for them"
- Churchill School, North Somerset



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THANKS FOR READING!