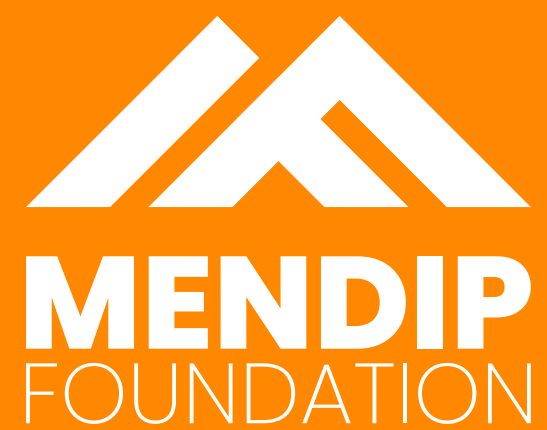


# **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

## **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





**MENDIP**  
FOUNDATION

# 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)*





# 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 Reservces		12,689.62

MENDIP ADVENTURE FAMILY

