



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	12	01	2024		13	01	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Wild Garsdale Pike

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1201507

Charity's principal address

Room B8 Low Nook University of Cumbria

Rydal Road

Ambleside

Postcode

LA22 9BB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Brady			
2	Rosey Grandage	Operations Lead		
3	Martin Green	Chair		
4	Samantha Haddock			
5	Austin Sedgley			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Foundation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Board

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- Conflicting interests
- Risk management
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries
- Health and Safety
- Volunteer management

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC: (A) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; AND (B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Understanding and enriching the environment of Garsdale Pike and the wider landscape in Cumbria; empowering and expanding the horizons of young people through their inclusion in this process; building intergenerational connections across the local community; conducting and disseminating research to propel knowledge and understanding. We are led by nature, young people and research.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Organising and building a Youth Steering Group of up to 20 young people aged 13 – 25 years
- Organising, hosting and leading site visits for the Youth Steering Group.
- Expanding our connections with local organisations and schools working with young people and running site visits for them to meet their needs and learning outcomes.
- Setting up research projects with local universities on our land.
- Organising and leading meetings of young people with local farmers and conservation experts.
- Promoting our existence and work to young people and relevant organisations to give more young people the opportunity of accessing Wild Garsdale Pike and our project.
- Leading and enabling discussion and debate around relevant topics, including conservation and environmental issues and strategies, climate change, carbon capture and sequestration, funding for conservation and farming.
- Carrying out environmental survey and monitoring work
- Initiating research on the land to inform our conservation strategies
- Involving young people in our planning and decision-making processes.
- Fundraising through grant applications and donations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers

Our work was supported by one volunteer for site visits, volunteer species/survey experts and our trustees.

The volunteer was very helpful in collecting and transporting YSG members to and from site for visits and in supporting us by helping to source tents and equipment for our campouts. He was a cheerful and enthusiastic person to have as part of the team. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances he had to pull out of volunteering for us in October. His role in helping with transport for our youth steering group site visits was filled by two older members of the YSG.

We have also been very lucky to have the support of species experts who have contributed their time to the project and our YSG. These included an amphibian reptile expert and a peat bog expert.

The trustees make the site visits possible, by leading groups, sharing their expertise and supporting the work of the charity.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Youth Steering Group and Activities with Young People

During 2024 – 2025 we carried out eight site visits with our Youth Steering Group and one extra optional visit exploring peat restoration with an expert from Cumbria Peat Partnership. The group was maintained at around 17 members with a good turn out for most of the site visits. Three of the site visits, June, August and December were residential.

The site visits included a wide range of activities: practical hands-on work, knowledge building, discussions and planning.

Activities during site visits included:

February YSG visit: assessing the effect two Tamworth pigs were having on their 1 acre plot and particularly the rush cover. Checking the effect the Galloway cow had had in their 1 acre plot and how they were doing in their newer location the 7 acre upper western pasture. We built two owl nesting boxes and added a couple of ponds/scrapes to the upper eastern pasture to hold water for livestock and slow run off from the hill.

March we ran 3 events for local people and our YSG during Science Week, these focused on the difference between recording birds using audio moths and traditional walked bird surveys. We learnt a lot about using audio moths on our land in the most effective way. These events brought us more interest in the project and we gained two new members of our YSG. We also assessed locations for the owl boxes and visited a local farm to hear about lambing and calving.

April we held a long one day site visit with our YSG during which we assess how the Galloway cattle were doing on the western pastures, dug some more ponds, walked our boundaries to repair walls and survey vegetation, insects and mammals. We also put up bird nest boxes and pouches in the lower eastern pasture near the stream and checked the audio moths and camera traps. One camera trap was found damaged having been knocked down by the cows.

In early June we hosted a workshop with Land Based Studies students from Kirkbie Kendal School, exploring the importance of peat and measuring peat depth on our bog area. In later June we ran a two day camping residential for our YSG during which we checked and repaired walls, carried out moth, vegetation and peat surveys, checked the bird boxes and explored the wider landscape of the fell.

July we carried out more moth surveys and hosted two more workshops for Kirkbie Kendal School, this time exploring native trees and types of woodland and comparing carbon stored with trees and peat.

In August we ran a three day wild camping residential with our YSG during which we did more surveying of moths, insects, peat and vegetation, dug more ponds, visited a neighbouring wilding site at Kingsdale Head to learn about what they are doing with conservation grazing, peat restoration and sphagnum moss regeneration and had a workshop with a local farmer about how sheep are managed and medicated.

In September we met with a member of the Cumbria Peat Partnership team to discuss how we can restore our peat bog, primarily through blocking the grips. Some of our YSG were able to join for this session and to assess how the pond we dug at earlier sessions were doing.

October we ran a combined site visit for our YSG and students from Lancaster University, the focus was on adding to our peat data. This also introduced the students to our YSG and we gained several new members.

November site visit with our YSG looked at the effects our livestock had on soil biodiversity and rooting depth and also compared biodiversity in dung from the non-medicated cattle with that from the medicated sheep. The aim is to build this into a bigger study.

December two day residential with our YSG included a meeting with a thermal drone expert to support our understanding of water run off and the functioning of our peat bog, a walked bird flush survey and a visit to the Fell Pony Heritage Trust to explore how we could use ponies at WGP. We also ran our Christmas quiz and meal at The Old School B&B in Tebay.

Our WhatsApp group for YSG members has developed into a good support and communication method, enabling everyone to keep in touch, share ideas and news, keep up to date with planned events, ask questions and share photos and findings.

We continue to explore and develop ways to work with other community groups and schools and are constantly making new contacts, either by directly contacting organisations or through the stalls that we held at two Eco Markets in Sedbergh.

We were pleased to be able to host three site visits for students at Kirkbie Kendal School and we are developing ideas for workshops with other local schools to support their learning and also health and wellbeing. We have developed a closer relationship with Lancaster University and developed two options for the Masters students, one of which focussing on our peat bog was taken up and from January 2025 we will have a Masters student undertaking his project on our land. He made his first visit to the land as part of our December site visit.

Surveys, Recording and Conservation Work:

We carried out some regular survey and monitoring work including: moth surveys, peat depth surveys, vegetation surveys, tree surveys, a small mammal survey, amphibian and reptile surveys and bird surveys.

We have a growing amount of data which needs to be collated and shared to the appropriate sites. Learning about QGIS and QField is the next stage that we want to focus on, as a way of recording our data and we will be able to do this next year with the funding we have received through the FiPL Scheme.

We are continuing to record new species mostly up on the bog/allotments where we have taken sheep off the land. These include bog asphodel, bog violets, cranberries, cow berries, more sphagnum moss and heather; butterwort and scabious on the areas of lime flush. Birds recorded included red grouse, short eared owls, kestrel hunting over the land, redwing feeding in the scrub trees, song thrush, stonechat, meadow pipits, skylark and lesser redpoll.

Our audio moths are contributing both to our data and also to the skills of our YSG and volunteers.

In our moth surveys on the pastures we found a variety of moths as we surveyed through the year, including small and large elephant hawk moths, poplar hawk moths, drinker moths, footman moths, beautiful golden y, buff ermine, white ermine, green carpet.

Our small mammal surveys found common shrew, water shrew, field mice and a weasel.

As part of our research led approach this year we continues our focus on two main conservation strategies: building small ponds on the pastures to increase biodiversity and experimenting with two different conservation grazing breed – pigs and cattle. Both were borrowed from neighbours, the pigs from the Black Bull pub in Sedbergh and the cows from a neighbouring farm in Cautley. This also supports our aim to work with our neighbours and effect communication and change through the project. Having had the livestock on the land for the full year we were able to assess their effect they were having and to plan larger scale projects

form this. This year we also added to our bird survey work with the use of audio moths and putting up nest boxes. It will take a few years before we can assess the effects of these strategies.

Our aim is to recruit a trustee with specific ecology and survey skills in 2025. This will help us develop both our survey work and data recording and dissemination.

Summary: There is more work to be done on getting a better system for what we want to record and when and who is going to carry out this work. We are still exploring the best way to record our data and how to include our YSG in this. If we find a new trustee with these skills this will help and we can also explore using volunteers and members of our Youth Steering Group.

Our research led approach to change is fairly unique when compared to other similar projects. It offers young people the chance to see real changes happen as a result of the strategies we have decided to try. Consistent monitoring and recording over the next years will contribute to our understanding of the site and how our conservation strategies are impacting biodiversity.

We are pleased to have developed a good relationship with Lancaster University and will look to build on this in 2025.

Funding and Fundraising:

Our main sources of funding came from donations which came through a wider range of sources this year and we were successful in applying for a grant through the FiPL scheme administered by YDNPA/DEFRA. The bulk of this will be spent and reclaimed next reporting year in 2025 on a range of items including a meeting shed on the land, equipment to support our site visits and research activities and training for some trustees and members of our Youth Steering Group in the use of QGIS for recording data.

We also successfully obtained a grant of £3200 from Cumbria Community Foundation to match fund the FiPL grant for our meeting shed. This was paid to us in December 2024 and will be spent by May 2025.

Summary:

We were able to keep all our costs to a minimum by using trustees and volunteers to support our activities.

Building consistent fundraising remains important as our YSG and the project grow.

Website:

Our website has been kept updated with what we have planned, what we have done, new images and a regular news blog after each event. We aimed and explored ways of getting our YSG more involved in contributing to this but have found that they really like to work as a group rather than individual contributors. We do engage them in ways that contribute to the project outside the practical and research work on site.

New Trustees:

From October 2024 the board started to advertise for two new trustees. This was partly to add to our existing skill set and partly to prepare for one of our founding trustees, Martin Green, stepping down in mid-January 2025.

We are particularly looking to recruit a young trustee and someone with survey and ecology skills.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F Other optional information

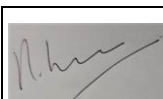
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rosemary Grandage	Martin Green
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Operations Lead	
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Date

12.11.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wild Garsdale Pike

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
13.01.24

To

Period end date
12.01.2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	5,728	3,200	-	8,928	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,728	3,200	-	8,928	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,728	3,200	-	8,928	-
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	2,713	-	-	2,713	-
Governance	2,157	-	-	2,157	-
Insurance	351	-	-	351	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,221	-	-	5,221	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,221	-	-	5,221	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	507	3,200	-	3,707	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	507	3,200	-	3,707	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	307	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	397	3,200	-
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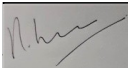
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	BSA Grant	-	193	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	3 x peat probes		-	-
	8 x heslinga traps		-	-
	7 x spades		-	-
	2 x garden forks		-	-
	2 x portable moth traps with batteries		-	-
	8 x sleeping bag liners		-	-
	3 x water bottles		-	-
	8 x pairs of waterproof trousers, socks hats and gloves		-	-
	ID guides and books 5 x audio moths, cards etc 2 x waterproof tablets		-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R Grandage	05.11.2025