



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 24

Annual Update



**At Nature Warriors we encourage people to become more active. We have a particular interest in areas relating to the environment, nature, outdoor learning as well as physical wellbeing.**

We work with everyone in the community giving as many people as possible the opportunity to stay active in a post-covid world which is dominated by device-driven entertainment.

Nature Warriors aims to provide a real alternative with its strong focus on the outdoors and natural spaces.



# ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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During the financial year ending May 2024, we continued our weekly physical wellbeing sessions with freestyle wrestling delivery. We see those sessions as more than simply a wrestling club and this has allowed us to take the members on various trips throughout the year including climbing etc. Our fitness classes extended beyond young people with delivery for adults and the elderly. We were able to run an inspiring programme aimed at Refugees and Asylum Seekers using the medium of the martial arts and education as the delivery method.

We also ran a very successful public speaking course as part of our youth development initiative to develop leaders for our wrestling club. Working in partnership with Young Leaders Academy we delivered an 8 week programme which included a final performance in front of the public and with three local councillors on the judges panel.

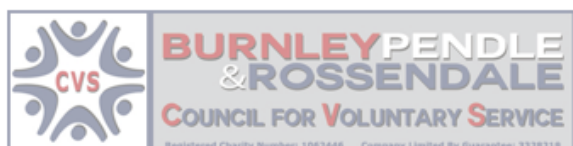
We continued to deliver our 'Custodians of the Earth' carbon footprint reduction programme aimed at educating young people about the climate emergency in a fun and engaging manner. The programme ended with a residential at Whitehough Education Centre. We also ran a year long of bushcraft activities and were able to upskill two volunteers into qualified outdoor leaders. This will help the charity to deliver services in house in the future.

Our community horse riding sessions continued with sessions for women in this financial year following a successful project with older BAME males the previous year.

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# OUR FUNDERS

The charity has been reliant on grant funding to allow it to reach its goals. We are keen to explore trading and other models of income to help us to diversify and to continue working on our objectives. Below are a list of funders who supported us in this period and we are very grateful to them all.



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**Charity Registration No. 1202803**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024  
FOR  
NATURE WARRIORS**

## **NATURE WARRIORS**

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**NATURE WARRIORS**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 MAY 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

|                             |                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Charity number</b>       | <b>1202803</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>Trustees:</b>            | Naveela Rashid (Chair)<br>Zaheer Abbas<br>Nosheen Bhatti                                               |
| <b>Principal address</b>    | Suit 1 & 2<br>5 Kenyon Road<br>Kenyon Business Centre<br>Nelson<br>BB9 5SP                             |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b> | AWS<br>Chartered Certified Accountants<br>The Mosses Community Centre<br>Cecil Street, Bury<br>BL9 0SB |

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

NATURE WARRIORS is constituted & registered trust with the Charity Commission in 21 April 2023 under charity No. 1202803 and it is governed by our constitution adopted in August 2016.

**Organisational structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet together as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to activities provided by the charity. To assist in the smooth running of the charity the trustees have set up a number of sub-committees that help them oversee certain aspects of the charity's work.

Sub-committees are currently set up for finance, education, distribution, day-to-day management of the building and report back with their updates and recommendations to the full meeting of the trustees.

The sub-committees each meet six times a year, on alternate months to each other. The chair of trustees or another trustee in his absence will chair sub-committees whose membership reflects the particular skills that trustees can bring to the work of the sub-committees. The day-to-day management of the community hub, educational site, hostel facilities, all resources and projects are assigned and delegated to the appropriate team. A separate committee deals with the collection and distribution of donations that meets monthly to review targets, milestones and future direction.

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**Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees but in so doing the trustees seek the views and recommendations of both elders, professionals and community leaders. The trustees believe this approach ensures that new trustees are respected members of the local communities and ensures that good relations are fostered between different people building social cohesion in the local community that we serve.

When selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who are vetted, skilled, committed and regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help in our broader community work. Potential trustees are invited to attend trustees' meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they may be proposed as future trustees at the subsequent trustees' meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, personal competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

**Induction and training of trustees**

Following appointment, new trustees are introduced to their new role and given copies of the trust deed and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity. A number of publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including the Essential Trustee, guidance on charities and public benefit, on the advancement of religion and education for the public benefit. This ensures that new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act. Initially, new trustees work with an existing trustee assisting on particular activities and projects run by the charity. After satisfactory feedback from existing trustees, they are then given the task of leading a particular activity or project, reporting progress at trustees' meetings.

**Risk management**

The trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risks by area of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risks happening and the measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this risk matrix regularly at their meetings and at meetings of the two sub-committees on finance and buildings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. Appropriate Criminal Records Bureau (CRB), vetting and verification checks are supported by regularly reviewed policies, are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the projects, school, hostel, or community spaces.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Aims and objectives**

The objects of the organisation as set out in the constitution are as follows:

NATURE WARRIORS was established with the intention of:

To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially disadvantaged community of Pendle in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

To advance in life and help young people through:

- (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

To the Advancement of Amateur Sport.

**Use of volunteers**

Volunteers are an important resource in our work and are involved in most of our community activities. We encourage all members of our community to be involved in voluntary activities to share their skills with others. All volunteers working with projects involving children or elderly people are CRB checked or vetted with verified professional references provided for each.

**NATURE WARRIORS  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The charity's trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the 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 trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, 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 these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Naveela Rashid

Dated: 15 February 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
NATURE WARRIORS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

I report on the accounts FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025 set out on page five.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The appointed independent examiner of the trust:

AWS  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
The Mosses Community Services  
Cecil Street, Bury  
BL9 0SB

Dated: 15 February 2025

# NATURE WARRIORS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

|                                                | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | 2014<br>£      | 2023<br>£     |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                      |                       |                     |                |               |
| <b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b> |                       |                     |                |               |
| Voluntary income                               | 16,026                | 125,842             | 141,868        | 58,051        |
| Interest                                       | 23                    |                     |                |               |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b>                | <b>16,049</b>         | <b>125,842</b>      | <b>141,868</b> | <b>58,051</b> |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                      |                       |                     |                |               |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                         |                       |                     |                |               |
| Bank Charges                                   | 246                   |                     | 246            |               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                   | <b>21,375</b>         | <b>46,870</b>       | <b>68,245</b>  | <b>47,067</b> |
| Total resources expended                       | 21,621                | 46,870              | 68,491         | 47,067        |
| <b>NET INCOMING/(EXPENDED) RESOURCES</b>       | <b>(5,572)</b>        | <b>78,972</b>       | <b>73,377</b>  | <b>10,984</b> |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>                 |                       |                     |                |               |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>             | <b>27,245</b>         | <b>-</b>            | <b>27,245</b>  | <b>16,261</b> |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>             | <b>21,673</b>         | <b>78,972</b>       | <b>100,645</b> | <b>27,245</b> |

**NATURE WARRIORS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 May 2024**

|                                              | Notes | 2024<br>£             | 2023<br>£            |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                       |                      |
| Cash at bank                                 |       | 100,645               | 27,245               |
|                                              |       | <u>100,645</u>        | <u>27,245</u>        |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                       |                      |
| Amount falling due with in one year          |       | -                     | -                    |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <u>100,645</u>        | <u>27,245</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | 100,645               | 27,245               |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <u><u>100,645</u></u> | <u><u>27,245</u></u> |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 |       |                       |                      |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       | 21,673                | 13,682               |
| Restricted funds                             |       | 78,972                | 13,563               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       | <u><u>100,645</u></u> | <u><u>27,245</u></u> |

Approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

Naveela Rashid

Dated: 15 February 2025

## NATURE WARRIORS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

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#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

##### Turnover

Income from charitable activities and voluntary donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis.

##### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

#### 2 INCOMING RESOURCES

|                       | 2024           | 2023          |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                       | £              | £             |
| Unrestricted Donation | 16,026         | 12,091        |
| Restricted Donation   | 125,842        | 45,960        |
| Interest              | 23             | -             |
|                       | <u>141,891</u> | <u>58,051</u> |

#### 3 RESOURCES EXPENDED

|                           | 2024          | 2023          |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | £             | £             |
| Unrestricted Expenditures | 21,375        | 14,670        |
| Restricted Expenditures   | 46,870        | 32,397        |
| Bank Charges              | 246           | -             |
|                           | <u>68,491</u> | <u>47,067</u> |

## NATURE WARRIORS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

#### 4 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                    | Net Movement  |               |                |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                    | 01/06/23      | in funds      | 2024           |
|                    | £             | £             | £              |
| Unrestricted funds | 12,091        | - 5,572       | 6,519          |
| Restricted funds   | 45,960        | 78,972        | 124,932        |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b> | <b>58,051</b> | <b>73,400</b> | <b>131,451</b> |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                           | Incoming<br>Resources | Resources<br>expended | Movement<br>In Funds |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                       |                       |                      |
| Unrestricted funds        | 16,049                | 21,621                | - 5,572              |
| Restricted funds          | 125,842               | 46,870                | 78,972               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <b>141,891</b>        | <b>68,491</b>         | <b>73,400</b>        |