



FREEDOM CAMPS

Charity Number 1203746

Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 31 December 2023

# Freedom Camps Annual Report 2023

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### Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: FREEDOM CAMPS

Charity Registration Number: 1203746

Charity Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Office: 14 Salisbury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4PB

Date of Registration: 26 June 2023

Report for Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### Trustees:

Mr K Laidler	Acting Chair
Mrs A Holton	Secretary
Mr M Gurney	
Mr I Holton	
Mr J Booth	(Resigned May 2024)
Mr J Roddy	(Appointed May 2024)
Mr A Frroku	(Appointed May 2024)

#### Management:

Mr E Pascoe	Director
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All our trustees are practicing Christians (under the Equalities Act 2010) and have a passion for seeing young people and families come to believe in Jesus Christ.

## **Aims and Objectives**

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF CAMPS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS STRUCTURED AROUND THE CHRISTIAN ETHOS, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Freedom Camps' purpose, as set out in the Charitable Objects, is to advance the Christian Faith and engage more people, especially young people and families, with Christians and Churches.

## **Chair of Trustees Report**

I am pleased and grateful to present the Trustees' Annual Report for Freedom Camps for the year ending 31 December 2023. This year has been marked by significant progress, both in terms of our outreach and our financial health, and we give thanks to God for His faithful provision.

## **Putting God First**

As we move forward, we remain committed to putting God first in all that we do. Our mission is clear; to advance the Christian Faith and engage more people, especially young people and families, with Christians and Churches. We want to honour Him through our efforts and bring families and young people closer to Christ. Every step we take is grounded in prayer and guided by our desire to extend the love of God through the work of Freedom Camps.

## **Our Strategy**

Our primary strategy is to work in close partnership with Churches and Christian organisations. We believe that strong relationships with these communities are essential for reaching our goal; encouraging families and young people to engage with their local Church and grow in their faith. Through these partnerships, we can provide support, guidance, and opportunities for people to connect with God in meaningful ways.

## Financial Overview

I am pleased to report that our finances remain healthy, particularly as we have no significant outgoings. This has given us a strong foundation to build upon for the future. We have begun receiving regular donations, indicating that supporters believe in our mission and are willing to invest in it. Moving forward, we aim to secure more regular donations, which will allow us to expand our outreach and sustain our work more effectively.

## Spreading the Word

This year, we have made great strides in spreading the word about Freedom Camps. Through fundraisers, Church engagement, and connections made by our dedicated team, particularly Ed, we are steadily increasing awareness of the vital work we are doing. It is encouraging to see more people learning about our mission and joining us in our efforts to make a lasting impact on families and young people.

## Successful Fundraiser

One of the key highlights of the year was our fundraiser the '100 mile challenge', which received an outpouring of support in multiple forms; attendance, financial contributions, and through prayer. We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated and made the event such a success. By God's grace, we were able to surpass our financial target, which not only strengthens our financial position but also demonstrates the depth of support for our cause.

## Gratitude to Ed

We would like to express our thanks to Ed, our Director, for his unwavering dedication and hard work this year. His vision, leadership, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in the successful setup and early growth of Freedom Camps. From building vital connections to spreading our message, Ed's commitment has truly laid the foundation for the progress we are seeing today. We are deeply grateful for his passion and faithfulness to our mission.

## Gratitude to Our Trustees

Finally, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to all our Trustees for their tireless efforts and dedication. Their hard work, commitment, and shared vision have been instrumental in our progress this year. Together, we have laid a strong foundation for future growth, and I

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am confident that, with God's guidance, we will continue to achieve great things for His Kingdom.

We look forward to the coming year with excitement and faith, trusting that God will continue to guide and bless us in all that we do.

Yours in Christ,

*Kyle Laidler*

*Acting Chairman of the Trustees*

*Freedom Camps*

*21 October 2024*

## Director's Report

This was our first 6 months of trading as a Charity, and I was very excited about starting to promote the Christian faith through exciting, engaging activities and events.

Our main objective for the year was to build funds as well as promote our vision. Our plan was to connect with Christians and Christian organisations for support, encouragement and growth.

We secured bookings to run activities at different organisations for their events in 2024, including holiday clubs at Frant Church and UNITE in the Wild events ran by Youth for Christ Tunbridge Wells. Part of our strategy for this year was to develop links with other Christian organisations within the Tunbridge Wells area. As I worked for Frant Church as the Youth and Families Minister, I already had links with Churches and organisations, meaning that trust and professional connections were already in place.

We also ran a fundraising event called '100 mile challenge' in October 2023. Many people came to watch Ed Pascoe (Director) and Kyle Laidler (acting Chair) cycle, on exercise bikes, 100 miles in one day. Whilst attending the event, displays were set up promoting the charity and other trustees were on hand to talk to people. There was cake, coffee and tea available throughout the day as they watched us sweat. We used Facebook and Instagram to share our process, along with why we were doing it and how to donate via Stewardship. We managed to raise £627.08 which surpassed our target of £500. This also helped us kickstart our advertisement on social media.

We have started to talk about officially partnering with Scripture Union, as well as becoming mission partnering with Frant Church. I thank God for all those who have prayed, donated, or given their time to Freedom Camps. There is much excitement from individuals, organisations and Churches about what we can offer in the future in terms of skills, equipment and experience in promoting the Christian faith, and bringing more people into Church and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

*Edward Pascoe*

*Director*

*Freedom Camps*

*20 October 2024*

## Financial Summary

26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The main part of our income was through donations, with our biggest fundraiser being our '100-mile challenge', reaching £627.08 (including gift aid).

The one off £500 donation at the start of our financial year meant that we could afford the insurance we needed to hold fundraisers and therefore build up funds and reputation.

We also received our first monthly donor, give £20 per month.

Our income total was £1,191.33 for the year ending 31 December 2023.

All our donations were given as unrestricted funds.

The main, and only, expenditure for the charity was the cost of insurance which amounted to £459.24.

This gives a net profit total of £732.09 which is great for our first year of trading.



**Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2023</b>
Ticket Sales	
Hire of Activities	
Regular Givers	20
Donations – Private	500
Donations – Churches	
Fundraising	519
Gift Aid	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,191</b>
 <b>Expenditure</b>	
Insurance	459
<b>Total</b>	<b>459</b>
 <b>Net Income</b>	<b>732</b>
 <b>Balance Sheet</b>	
Cash in Bank	692
Cash	40
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>732</b>

Signed off by Trustees of Freedom Camps.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Freedom Camps 1203746

No (if any)  
1203746

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
26-Jun-23

To

Period end date  
31-Dec-23

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - one off	500	-	-	500	-
Donations - regular	20	-	-	20	-
Fundraising	519	-	-	519	-
Gift Aid	152	-	-	152	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Charity Insurance	459	-	-	459	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	First year end of trading	732	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	732	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		M.R. Gurney.	MATTHEW GURNEY	30/10/24