

OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1211256

Details

Other names	OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2024-12-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE OUTDOORS FOR ALL PEOPLES OF ALL AGES IN THE DEE VALLEY BY:(A) THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TOIMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;(B) PROVIDING MEANINGFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUALCAPABILITIES, COMPETENCIES, CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IN SUBJECTS OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE;(C) SUPPORT THROUGH TRAINING FOR OTHER EDUCATORS TO PROVIDE (A) & (B) IN THEIR CONTEXTS AND LOCATIONS.

Activities: To advance the education of the public in the outdoors by offering high-quality outdoor education for young people, using outdoor education as a vehicle for health, wellbeing, and education for adults, and supporting outdoor professionals through training and research.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£205,890	£211,546	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Loel Collins		2025-03-10
Kirsty Henderson		2026-03-27
Owen Senior		2025-03-10
Samantha Rex-Edwards		2025-03-10
Sian Dunne		2026-07-03

Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025
FOR
OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN CIO**

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FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 5 December 2024 to 31 July 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

We have three charitable aims:

1. Quality outdoor education for young people
2. Developmental training for adults
3. Shaping and sharing best practice in the outdoors

Our core operations are residential and day outdoor education programmes for young people. Typically, these are school groups from England visiting Wales for the first time, staying away from home and undertaking challenging activities for personal and social development through metaphor-based learning. We aren't trying to create a new generation of outdoor instructors; instead, we use the outdoors to help people learn about themselves.

Furthermore, most of our adult programmes are for residents of North East Wales. These are developmental programmes that again use the outdoors as a metaphor for change. For example, we host cohorts of under-25s at Bryntý undertaking a residential programme funded by the Job Centre to build their confidence to be economically active.

We are also a publishing centre looking to improve the wider understanding of what outdoor education is and how it works.

Public benefit

The main activities of the organisation are running residential educational programmes for young people and adults, complemented by day programmes where residential programmes might not be suitable.

The goals of such programmes include, but are not limited to:

- Better mental health and wellbeing
- More confidence and self belief
- Greater resilience (coping with challenge)
- Stronger teamwork and communication
- Higher motivation and engagement
- Improved problem solving skills
- More independence and responsibility
- Stronger connection to nature
- Greater sense of belonging and inclusion
- Positive character and values development

We have a particular focus on developing confidence, given the unique expertise of the current workforce.

The Trustees agree that the objectives and activities, along with the day-to-day operation of Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO, is of public benefit under the Charities Act 2011.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Participants

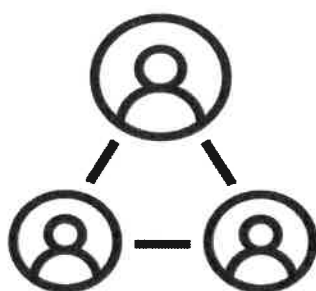
We are delighted to have welcomed 14 more groups, both schools (9) and groups (5), to Bryntysilio compared to the 2023-2024 academic year, with a 5% increase in total participants. The concerning trend is that schools are bringing fewer people per week. The average school group size has reduced from 39 to 32. The average length of stay is the same (3.8).

We believe the reduction in young people is due to the cost-of-living crisis. This is expected to continue into the 2025-26 year.

20% of participants come from a global majority background, and 34% are from pupil premium incomes.

Impact

When asked to what extent our participants have gained in social bonds, having tried new skills and been to new places and the impact on confidence, the following percentages agree:



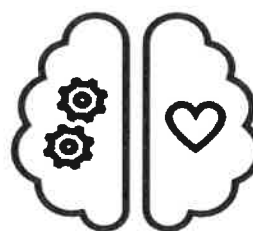
Better relationships:

93%



New skills / places

96%



Confidence

87%

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

There were no restricted funds received during the year.

Negative unrestricted reserves stood at £5,656 as at 31 July 2025.

Going concern / Funds in deficit

The current financial situation doesn't capture grant-funded projects that have been successfully gained but not yet received.

Equally, looking for the next year is stronger than this year.

Furthermore, we anticipated a start-up, partial-year accounts to show a deficit. The cash flow forecast shows a surplus, but there are no agreed financial boundaries for all future years.

However, the situation is monitored weekly by the CEO and is on the agenda of every trustee meeting.

FUTURE PLANS

We have three future goals:

1. Increase the number of schools and organised groups we work with, i.e., increase the number of beneficiaries to match our current capacity
2. Develop our residential programmes for adults, in particular but not limited to working with the Department of Work and Pensions
3. Seek planning permission to invest in our listed buildings

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Charity constitution

Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO is governed by a foundation constitution dated 5th December 2024.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New Trustees are recruited from the current Trustees and the Chief Officers' professional network.

Potential new trustees are interviewed by the current Trustees or a subcommittee of current Trustees, and undertake a 1:1 with the Chief Officer to ensure suitability and understanding of the organisation. If both the subcommittee and Chief Officer agree on suitability, the matter is brought to the next meeting, where a resolution is passed.

Details from the constitution.

Appointment of charity trustees

(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

(a) a copy of the current version of this constitution;

and

(b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1211256

Principal address

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Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre

Llantysilio

LL20 8BS

Trustees

Dr C W Eastabrook (appointed 5.12.24) (resigned 1.4.25)

P Williams (appointed 5.12.24) (resigned 1.4.25)

N Jackson (appointed 5.12.24) (resigned 1.4.25)

O T Senior (appointed 10.3.25)

Ms S L Rex-Edwards (appointed 10.3.25)

Dr L Collins (appointed 10.3.25)

Independent Examiner

Williams Denton Cyf

Chartered Certified Accountants

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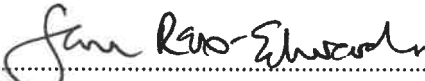
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15.5.26 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
G-T Senior - Trustee
S L Rex-Edwards

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN CIO

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO (the Trust) for the period 5 December 2024 to 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 21/05/2026

OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN CIO**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities				
To advance the education of the public in the outdoors				
		205,876	-	205,876
Investment income	2	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>
Total		<u>205,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205,890</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
To advance the education of the public in the outdoors				
		<u>211,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,546</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(5,656)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,656)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>(5,656)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(5,656)</u></u>

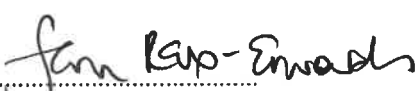
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OUTDOOR LEARNING LLANGOLLEN CIO

BALANCE SHEET 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	6	152,815	-	152,815
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	7	44,054	-	44,054
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>23,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,023</u>
		67,077	-	67,077
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(225,548)	-	(225,548)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(158,471)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(158,471)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(5,656)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,656)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(5,656)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,656)</u>
FUNDS	10			
Unrestricted funds				<u>(5,656)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>(5,656)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15.5.26 and were signed on its behalf by:


 O T Senior - Trustee
 SL Rex-Edwards

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 15% on reducing balance
Plant and machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

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.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	£
Interest receivable	<u>14</u>

3. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

	31.07.25
	£
Independent examination fees	<u>1,800</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 July 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 July 2025.

5. STAFF COSTS

	£
Wages and salaries	115,561
Social security costs	2,104
Other pension costs	<u>4,051</u>
	<u>121,716</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

Chief Officer	1
Chief Instructor	1
Centre Manager	1
Instructors	7
Marketing	1
Chefs	3
Maintenance	<u>2</u>
	<u>16</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Chief Officer/ Head of Centre, Chief Instructor and Centre Manager. Total emoluments, including employer pension contributions, of the key management personnel were £43,526.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
Additions	<u>89,137</u>	<u>18,902</u>	<u>29,260</u>
DEPRECIATION			
Charge for year	<u>212</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>1,951</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2025	<u>88,925</u>	<u>17,957</u>	<u>27,309</u>

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
Additions	<u>17,304</u>	<u>3,106</u>	<u>157,709</u>
DEPRECIATION			
Charge for year	<u>1,442</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>4,894</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2025	<u>15,862</u>	<u>2,762</u>	<u>152,815</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Trade debtors	38,539
Other debtors	1,248
Prepayments	<u>4,267</u>
	<u>44,054</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE PERIOD 5 DECEMBER 2024 TO 31 JULY 2025

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Trade creditors	21,030
Taxation and social security	36,042
Other creditors	<u>168,476</u>
	<u>225,548</u>

9. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	£
Within one year	15,463
Between one and five years	<u>27,726</u>
	<u>43,189</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.25 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	(5,656)	(5,656)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(5,656)</u>	<u>(5,656)</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,890	(211,546)	(5,656)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>205,890</u>	<u>(211,546)</u>	<u>(5,656)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO previously operated as Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre CIC. During the period Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre CIC made payments on behalf of Outdoor Learning Llangollen CIO. The balance owing to Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre CIC at 31 July 2025 was £29,831.