Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 14	Month 02	Year 2025		Day 31	Month 3	Year 2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Penrith Swift Group
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1212155
Charity's principal address	Stone House, Skelton Wood End, Penrith Cumbria **Postcode CA11 9UB**

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	Susan Rowlands	Chair		
2	Veronica Schofield	Treasurer		
3	Terence Palmer	Secretary		
4	Anne-Marie Williams			
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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)

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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by current Trustees

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	**The objects of the CIO are to promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation of the Common Swift (Apus apus) in North Cumbria by raising general awareness of the declining status of the species. We will identify, and strive to protect, existing nest sites and encourage the provision of additional nest sites across the county.**

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)

From the 14th of February 2025 when we were awarded Charitable status the Trustees have considered and complied with the Charity Commissions guidance at our meetings when planning our work.

Our main activities during the year were as follows:

- Giving talks and attending shows
- Visiting schools
- Distributing and installing swift nest boxes and callers
- Putting up swift themed displays and running swift themed activity sessions for children
- Publicising swifts' decline by writing newspaper articles and posting articles and videos on Facebook.
- Monitoring and reporting swift nest sites
- Organising visits to swift colonies
- Commenting on planning applications recommending swift brick installation
- Fundraising for the group's activities
- Rescuing and rehabilitating grounded swifts

These activities benefit the public by aiming to conserve swifts, a species on the red list of conservation concern.

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.

We are grateful for the many hours of help from volunteers, including Trustees, associate members and others with whom we collaborate. Without their help our group would not have been able to achieve so much.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Raising awareness of the decline of the common swift.

During this year we arranged eight swift talks to a variety of adult audiences.

We've visited schools to talk to children about swifts' decline and have given swift nest boxes to three of them. The children enjoyed swift themed craft sessions and a short video presentation.

We ran stalls at the Stainton farmers' market, Cold Springs Nature Reserve, the Country Festival in Kendal and Cumbria Wildlife Trust's members meeting.

As well as these events we organised a "Celebrating Swifts" event in the Swifts Nature Reserve, Carlisle. The RSPB local group, Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Carlisle Natural History Society were invited to take part. Volunteers helping to run the event included students from Cumbria University and Carlisle Youth Zone. This event was supported by the Cumberland Council.

The chair of our group volunteered to help run a swift stall at the Global Bird Fair in July.

In December 2025 benches and interpretation boards describing swifts' lifestyle and differences between swifts and hirundines were installed in the Swifts Nature Reserve. This was made possible with funding from Cumberland Council, Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust, Cumbria Community Foundation and the Cumberland Building Society.

During the year we organised visits to the animal rescue centre in Kendal College to learn more about animal rehabilitation and to Tanya Hoare's swift colony.

Our most successful fundraising effort was to arrange a talk by local farmer and celebrated author James Rebanks with 160 attendees.

Encouraging the provision of additional nest sites across the county.

Two nest boxes, one with a nest box camera and a caller, along with a television were installed in Penrith Library with support from Westmorland and Furness Council.

In total we've distributed, and in some case installed over four hundred swift nest boxes. Some of these were purchased with funds following a successful Crowdfunding project in the previous year. Other boxes were made by members of Denton Woodcraft which is a Council run facility for adults with learning difficulties. Members of a Men's Shed at Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Gosling Sike made more boxes as did two local residents and school children.

The raw materials for these boxes were funded partly by grants, partly by donations and partly from our own funds.

We ran a nest box project in Stainton in spring 2025. This was supported by grants from Penrith Action for Community Transition and Dacre Parish Council. A Stainton resident made 30 nest boxes, and these were installed with swift callers on 15 houses in the village.

A swift walk was arranged to check the nest boxes in July 2025 and to view natural nest sites and previously occupied boxes.

We commented on local planning applications, urging developers to incorporate swift nest bricks in their new houses. We were successful in encouraging one developer to include 194 swift nest bricks in their plans.

Identifying existing nest sites
Following our surveys during the breeding season we identified 56 swift nest sites and have submitted reports to RSPB's Swiftmapper as well as to Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre.

Swift Rehabilitation
During the swift breeding season, we collected grounded swifts, swallows and house martins and transferred them to carers for rehabilitation. Two members of our group undertook to rehabilitate birds under the mentorship of Louise Bentley.

Swift conference
The chair of our group along with members of Sedbergh Community swifts and Kendal Swifts organised a national swift conference for the Swift Local Network which took place in November 2025 with 120 delegates attending.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We have not yet written our reserves policy
Details of any funds materially in deficit	n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

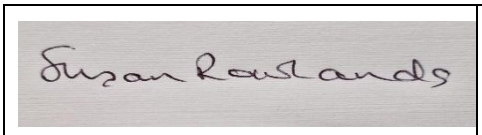
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Susan Rowlands	Veronica Schofield
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	30/06/2026	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	1212155
Penrith Swift Group	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	14.2.25		31.3.26

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising from charitable activities	2,260	-	-	2,260	
Income from trading activities	3,795			3,795	
Grants	-	6,765	-	6,765	
Donations	922	-	-	922	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	6,977	6,765	-	13,742	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,977	6,765	-	13,742	-
A3 Payments					
Venue Hire	910	-	-	910	
Merchandise/raw materials	3,941	-	-	3,941	
Stationery/printing	365	-	-	365	
Insurance	100	-	-	100	-
Rehab costs	233	-	-	233	
Bank Charges	58	-	-	58	
Postage	40	-	-	40	-
Grant funded projects		6,192	-	6,192	-
Donation to Kendal College ARC	500			500	
Equipment purchase	403	-	-	403	-
Sub total	6,550	6,192	-	12,742	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,550	6,192	-	12,742	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	427	573	-	1,000	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,897		-	3,897	-
Cash funds this year end	4,324	573	-	4,897	-

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	**Lloyds Bank Account**	4,324	573	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,324	573	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	**Gazebo & furniture**	**General**		-
	Filing cabinet	General	-	-
	Display board	General	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	N/A		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Susan Rowlands	**Susan Rowlands**	**24/6/2026**
	Veronica Schofield	**Veronica Schofield**	**24/6/2026**