

# WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 259303

## Details

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**Other names** WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST LIMITED

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 1969-09-21

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A) TO ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF SPELAEOLOGY. B) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THAT SCIENCE. C) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF SCIENTIFIC FEATURES OF CAVES AND THEIR ENVIRONS.

**Activities:** The promotion of cave studies and research, education residential resource for people of all ages. Provison of a museum/interpretation centre, publication of educational material relatibng to cave science. Out reach work to schools and adults groups.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Devon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£10,927	£14,838	-	-
2023-12-31	£14,838	£10,190	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,993	£16,529	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,977	£7,576	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,020	£17,109	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DAVID WARNE</b>	Chair	2012-06-13
Alan Finch		
Andrew Chamberlain		2024-12-07
Benjamin Hall		2024-09-07
Beth Cramman		2014-06-14
<b>DAVID MICHAEL JEAN</b>		
<b>JOHN WILMUT</b>		
John Brodribb		2024-06-06
<b>RICHARD VOOGHT</b>		
<b>SHEILA PHILLIPS</b>		
Skip Greenwood		2025-09-06

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# Accounts

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Charity Registration No. 259303

**ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

1. Objects and Public Benefit

The Trust is a Registered Charity (no. 957989). The Objects of the Trust fall within three categories of charitable purpose under the Charities Act 2006:

- A) To Advance the Science of Speleology, this falls within section 2(f) of the Act;
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In terms of public benefit the Trust publishes a *Newsletter* and other occasional educational and scientific publications, and has an internationally important scientific library as well as a small specialist Museum. The Trust also provides educational programmes and both residential and study accommodation for a wide range of visiting school, youth organisations, university and adult groups at the Pengelly Centre as well as educational visits and walks for the general public. It also conserves and manages caves and other natural history resources of great importance for the sciences of geology, palaeontology, botany and zoology.

## 2. Review of Activities and Development

The past year has been relatively successful. Bookings have remained stable supporting our income and ability to run the centre at Higher Kiln Quarry. Visits and education talks continue to provide a beneficial input into the community. School visits have almost ceased to exist primarily due to official constraints now imposed on teaching staff and Health & Safety rules for school trips.

Summer Walks along with the evening Bat Walks were very successful. Much credit must be given to the Trust volunteers who supported these events during the month of August. Plans are already in place for these to continue in 2025. Concerns are still expressed over the continual degrading of the timbers for the boardwalk and remedial work is to take place once finances are organised.

Sadly, we lost Prof. Patrick Boylan, president of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust and a long-standing member, to illness leaving that position vacant for a while. Fortunately, we were able to approach Prof. Andrew Chamberlain, another long-standing Trust member, who agreed to take on that role. Patrick Boylan's wife generously donated a considerable proportion of his personal book collection to the Trust's library at Buckfastleigh

The "Friends" programme associated with our change from a limited company in guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation still has not produced the results that we wished for. It does cause some concerns for the future operation of the Trust along with people available to organise visits, walks and maintain the centre.

The museum continues to look very presentable and there have been many favourable comments received from our visitors. We continue to provide a travelling display to other locations and events to promote the Trust and its activities whenever possible.

The centre buildings while in excellent condition continue to need regular improvements along with maintenance. Often problems are not properly reported to the management and this does have a knock-on effect to the next group using the centre. The bio-mass central

heating system continues to cause some issues with blockages due to damp wood pellets and general material breakdown clogging the fuel feed supply.

During 2024 concerns were expressed about the Trust Website not coming up to the mark or providing accurate information. Plans were made and tenders requested to bring the site up to date and in a more user-friendly format for 2025, much of this work was undertaken by John Wilmot

Regular Higher Kiln Quarry Management Committee meetings with Devon Wildlife Trust have resumed and things are now back onto a more stable footing after the shut down during Covid problems.

The Trustees of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust have, under the chairmanship of Dave Warne, continued to meet regularly four times a year. The use of on-line meeting facilities, a left over from Covid, still continues to work for those who live too far away or unable to attend on the day to participate. We have this year met all our obligations under the Trust's Articles of Association and Charity Law.

While the Trust still remains one of the constituted bodies of the British Caving Association (BCA). It is felt that we need to have a more proactive role in its affairs and maintain contact with other organisations within BCA. Meetings are held on-line thus removing the need for expensive travel.

Richard Vooght, the Trust librarian, continues cataloguing and reappraising the ever expanding contents through exchanges and donations. All material is housed in the library at The Centre, Higher Kiln Quarry and available to interested parties. Richard also manages the access to the caves of Buckfastleigh and supervises the approval of Reeds cave leaders. In addition to those duties he looks after access to other important Devon caves on behalf of the Trust.

Sheila Phillips looks after the education and co-ordinates the many requests for talks, guided walks and visits.

John Wilmot has produced regular newsletters which were circulated to friends of the Trust, exchanged with other caving and karst organisations, some abroad. He also creates attractive leaflets along with hand bills for distribution.

I would like to thank all those who quietly help behind the scenes in all manner of ways sometimes not very glamorous although often essential to the smooth running of the Trust.

Alan Finch, Hon Secretary

### 3. Review of the Financial Results for the Year

The following is the Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year January to December 2024 and is based on the Statement of Accounts for that year. It is not required that a charitable trust such as the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust should complete a full audit but to subject our financial records to an inspection that leads to a financial statement. The statement within this report provides an overview of the Income and Expenditure of the Trust in 2024. In the reporting period to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 the Trust had no contracts with local or central governments.

The balance sheet for this year shows that our funds decreased slightly to £38,094. As usual I would like to begin my report with thanks to our volunteers whose efforts, as Alan stated in his report, across the whole membership of the Council and Centre Executive Committee have resulted in our funds remaining healthy. Together they continue to bring a variety of skills to the Trust working to ensure the Centre is kept alright for our visitors, ensuring that we comply with all legislative requirements, keeping the library as an integral part of the Trust's work, providing and updating publications, acting as leaders for Reeds Cave, keeping our internet services updated, carrying out the administration required to keep the Trust going, attending meetings, these days on Zoom, on behalf of the Trust, checking and updating our electrical systems, booking groups into the centre and showing visitors around the place. That list is not exhaustive but I have, once again, run out of breath writing it!

The accommodation charges last increased in 2022 and we decided to raise them again as inflation rapidly increased. This year our income from accommodation exceeded six thousand pounds.,

The Guided Walk season produced an income of over £2,000. Sales also declined slightly. The figure for members has remained similar.

Members will notice that overall expenditure has decreased from the previous year mainly due to a reduction in maintenance of the garden at the rear of the centre..

The cost of Managing and Administration of the Trust shows a small increase on the same costs last year. This is largely due to an increase in the cost of postage'

In presenting these accounts to the Annual General Meeting I feel that the Trustees have acted reasonably and prudently and have fulfilled the requirements of our status as a charity.

David Jean, Honorary Treasurer

#### 4. Organisation

The structure of the charity comprises of members. friends and the directors (Trustees).

The directors (Trustees) of the charity during the year were

Prof P Boylan (President)

D Warne (Chairman)

A Finch (Secretary)

D Jean (Treasurer)

Mrs S Phillips

Ms E Cramman

J Brodribb

J Wilmot

R Vooght

B Hall

#### 5. Statement of Management Committee's Responsibility

Charity law requires us as trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and

expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charity requirements. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS. We 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.

## 6. Professional Advisors

6.1 Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC Totnes
	Barclays Bank PLC Plymouth

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The charity does not have any paid staff.

The charity annually reviews its financial controls and has not experienced any serious incidents to date.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

.....Chairman

.....Treasurer

30 August 2025

## **Inspection of the Accounts**

Inspectors report on the accounts to the trustees of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust

As described in the balance sheet the trustees of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 and set out within this document and consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions, I have inspected these accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS.

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Brian Phillips

Date...30 August..... 2025

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	note	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			
Subscriptions		431	413
Donations and Grants		337	782
Accommodation Charges		7,079	10,338
Day Visitors		2,173	2,568
Sundry Sales		545	614
Sundry Interest Receive		186	123
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>10,751</u>	<u>14,838</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>			
Direct Charitable Expenditure	(2)	4,937	10,190
Management and Administration	(3)	8,028	2,201
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	(4)	<u>12,695</u>	<u>12,391</u>
<b>RETAINED PROFITS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	(1,944)		2,447
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		40,161	37,714
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>38,217</u>	<u>40,161</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities

There were no other gains and losses other than the net outgoing resources for the two years ended 31 December 2024. The notes form a part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2024

	note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	(5)		12		12
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank - Centre (Devon) Account		13,814		16,705	
General Fund		6,431		5,671	
Shawbrook Bank Bond		17,917		17,785	
		<u>38,217</u>		<u>40,161</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>38,217</u>		<u>40,161</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>38,217</u>		<u>40,161</u>
FUNDS (unrestricted)			<u>38,217</u>		<u>40,161</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ David Jean 30 August 2025  
Director and Hon Treasurer

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These financial statements were approved by the members and directors.

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the directors are satisfied that the charity was entitled to exemption from audit. Therefore these accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small charities 'regime'.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with the Act; and
- ii preparing accounts, in accordance with IAS/IFRS, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit and loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and

which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the charity; and

- iii arranging for an independent inspection of these financial records along with the accounting records, information and explanations from which they were compiled by someone qualified to do so.

Chairman.....

Treasurer.....

Dated 30 August 2025

The annexed notes form a part of these financial statements

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **For the year ended 31 December 2024**

1. Accounting Policies  
The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied.
  - (a) Basis of Preparation  
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice and with IAS/IFRS standards.
  - (b) Donations and Gifts  
Donations and gifts are accounted for at the time of receipt. The value of voluntary help has not been included in the accounts.
  - (c) Income and Expenditure  
All income and expenditure is accounted for when incurred. The value of voluntary help has not been included in the accounts.
  - (d) Depreciation  
Depreciation is provided to write off assets over their useful economic life by the following rates:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%	reducing balance
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2. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Light, Heat and Water	1,717	3,662
Centre Maintenance and Cleaning	1,646	894
Insurance	857	857
Publications including Newsletters	520	550
Items for Sale in Charity/Museum Shop	-	367
Advertising Leaflets	-	157
Library Purchases	47	38
Garden behind centre	393	3,269
T-shirts for volunteers	-	305
Accommodation for Patrick's Funeral	59	-
Microwave	75	-
Depreciation	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>4,887</u>	<u>10,190</u>

3. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2024	2023
	£	£
Postage, Stationary, Internet, Telephone	137	759
Subscription/ Donations	50	36
Travelling	<u>7,891</u>	<u>1,406</u>
	<u>8,078</u>	<u>2,201</u>

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4. Total Resources Expended

	Depreciation	Other	Total	Total
		Costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Expenditure	2	4,887	4,887	10,190
Management and Administration of the Charity	<u>-</u>	<u>8,978</u>	<u>9,978</u>	<u>2,201</u>

2    12,965    12,965            12,391

5.     Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2024	4,582	4,582
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>4,582</u>	<u>4,582</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2024	2,571	2,571
Charge for year	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,569</u>	<u>2,569</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2023	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

6.     Reserves

	Unrestricted Total
	£
Opening Balance	40,461
Transfer from Income and Expenditure	(2,245)
Closing Balance	<u>38,217</u>

7.     Overpayment

Due to an administrative error, there has been an over payment of travelling expenses to the sum of £6,376. This amount will be recovered in 2025 returns and be itemised

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## 2. Review of Activities and Development

The past year can be considered quite successful. The centre continues to attract a steady number of bookings and thus provide a regular income to sustain our activities at Higher Kiln Quarry. We have received many visits over the last year ranging from our regular Summer Walks and Bat Evening programmes, education groups to other interested organisations comprising of both young and old. A real concern is the continuing degrading of the wooden boardwalk in the quarry due to rot. The walkway, an important part of the Trust's ability to provide those interesting visits, is unable to withstand the damp conditions in the quarry environment and is now failing. We have already replaced the stairway up to Joint Mitnor Cave and carried out an increasing number of repairs to keep the platforms, outside Rift and Reeds caves, safe and functioning but there is no doubt it is all now on borrowed time.

Another worry is the take-up of the "Friends" programme associated with our change from a limited company in guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Despite various efforts so far the numbers have not increased significantly; this will have a knock-on effect on the number of people/volunteers able to carry the Trust's valuable educational work into the future.

The museum has had some remedial work undertaken to keep it looking presentable and this has been well received by our visitors. To assist with out-reach into the community a small travelling display of artefacts and pictures had been put into use at various venues and events to promote the Trust and its activities.

The centre buildings are in excellent condition and there are continued plans for improvements along with the regular maintenance. Replacing worn or broken equipment is necessary but often it is forgotten that people have to provide their time carrying out general repairs to keep things at a reasonable standard. The bio-mass central heating system while both efficient and eco-friendly has caused some

problems with blockages due to the wood pellets getting damp and breaking down clogging the fuel feed supply to the boiler. To rectify this is a difficult and an unenviable task of crawling underneath in a very confined space. It is proposed that the wood pellet silo be raised high enough to get underneath making this task much easier. The garden and grounds around the centre, particularly to the north side, have been greatly improved with fixed posts along the paths for children to take “brass type” rubbings of plants and animals.

Over the past few years, exacerbated by Covid, the regular Higher Kiln Quarry Management Committee meetings with Devon Wildlife Trust, a requirement of the lease, had fallen by the wayside. I am pleased to state that we have at last managed to get these started again and look forward a more productive period in the future.

The conversation from a Limited Company to a Charitable Incorporated Trust (CIO) much delayed by Covid and the working practices of the Charity Commission is now fully in place and everything appears to be functioning correctly. I would like to express my thanks to the late Patrick Boylan who did most of the work in the early stages making it all possible.

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Sheila Phillips, who supervises the educational programme, continues to get many requests for guided walks and visits. However, due to the changes in the national curriculum regular school trips are sadly becoming a thing of the past.

John Wilmot has skilfully produced a number of excellent newsletters which were circulated to friends of the Trust, exchanged with other caving and karst organisations, some abroad. He also regularly creates new and useful leaflets along with hand bills for distribution. He is currently working on the upgrading of the Trust’s website which is to be more interactive.

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The accommodation charges last increased in 2017 and we decided to raise them in 2022 as inflation rapidly increased. This year our income from accommodation exceeded £10k, an increase of over £4,000.

The Guided Walk season produced an income of over £2,500 an increase of just over £600 on last year. Sales also increased but not by a huge amount. The figure for members has declined slightly.

Members will notice that overall expenditure has decreased from the previous year mainly due to a reduction in maintenance costs.

The cost of Managing and Administration of the Trust shows a small increase on the same costs last year. By far the largest cost has been due to the increase in electricity which more than doubled. Work on the garden behind the centre also exceeded £3,000.

In presenting these accounts to the Annual General Meeting I feel that the Trustees have acted reasonably and prudently and have fulfilled the requirements of our status as a charity.

David Jean, Honorary Treasurer

## 4. Organisation

The structure of the charity comprises of members and the directors (Trustees).

The directors (Trustees) of the charity during the year were

Prof P Boylan (President)  
D Warne (Chairman)  
A Finch (Secretary)  
D Jean (Treasurer)  
Mrs S Phillips  
Ms E Cramman  
J Wilmot  
R Vooght  
B Hall  
K Coventry  
C Bird

## 5. Statement of Management Committee's Responsibility

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## 6. Professional Advisors

6.1 Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC Totnes
	Barclays Bank PLC Plymouth

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit.

The trustee's acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The charity does not have any paid staff.

The charity annually reviews its financial controls and has not experienced any serious incidents to date.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

.....Chairman

.....Treasurer

1 June 2024

## **Inspection of the Accounts**

Inspectors report on the accounts to the trustees of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust

As described in the balance sheet the trustees of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31

December 2023 and set out within this document and consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions, I have inspected these accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS.

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Brian Phillips

Date...1 June..... 2024

**Statement of Financial Activities**  
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	note	2023	2022
Incoming Resources		£	£

Subscriptions	413	491
Donations and Grants	782	2,811
Accommodation Charges	10,338	6,219
Day Visitors	2,568	1,972
Sundry Sales	614	422
Interest Received	123	78
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b><u>14,838</u></b>	<b><u>11,993</u></b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure (2)	10,190	16,529
Management and Administration (3)	2,201	1,471
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (4)</b>	<b><u>12,391</u></b>	<b><u>18,000</u></b>
RETAINED PROFITS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	2,447	(6,007)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	37,714	43,721
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,714</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities

There were no other gains and losses other than the net outgoing resources for the two years ended 31 December 2023. The notes form a part of these financial statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

### **31 December 2023**

	note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	(5)	12	12
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank -			
Centre (Devon) Account		16,705	14,439
General Fund		5,671	5,613

Shawbrook Bank Bond	17,785	17,662
	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,714</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,714</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,714</u>
FUNDS (unrestricted)	<u>40,161</u>	<u>37,714</u>
Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees _____	David Jean 1 June 2024 Director and Hon Treasurer	

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These financial statements were approved by the members and directors.

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the directors are satisfied that the charity was entitled to exemption from audit. Therefore these accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small charities 'regime'.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with the Act; and
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- iii arranging for an independent inspection of these financial records along with the accounting records, information and explanations from which they were compiled by someone qualified to do so.

Chairman.....

Treasurer.....

Dated 1 June 2024

The annexed notes form a part of these financial statements

## Notes to the Accounts

### For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied.

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice and with IAS/IFRS standards.

(b) Donations and Gifts

Donations and gifts are accounted for at the time of receipt. The value of voluntary help has not been included in the accounts.

(c) Income and Expenditure

All income and expenditure is accounted for when incurred. The value of voluntary help has not been included in the accounts.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off assets over their useful economic life by the following rates:

Fixtures and fittings - 25% reducing balance

2. Direct Charitable Expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Light, Heat and Water	3,662	1,422
Centre Maintenance and Cleaning	894	11,178
Insurance	857	857
Publications including Newsletters	550	408
Items for Sale in Charity/Museum Shop	367	-
Advertising Leaflets	156	53
Library Purchases	38	-
Garden behind centre	3,269	-
T-shirts for volunteers	305	-
Purchase of Display Boards	-	336
Purchase of Mattresses	-	2,273
Depreciation	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>10,190</u>	<u>16,529</u>

3. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2023 £	2022 £
Postage, Stationary, Internet, Telephone	759	525
Subscription/ Donations	36	85
Library		-
37 Travelling	<u>1,406</u>	<u>824</u>
	<u>2,201</u>	<u>1,471</u>

4. Total Resources Expended

	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Charitable Expenditure	2	10,188	10,190	16,529
Management and Administration of the Charity	<u>-</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>2,201</u>	<u>1,471</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>12,389</u>	<u>12,391</u>	<u>18,006</u>

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2023	4,582	4,582
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 20223	<u>4,582</u>	<u>4,582</u>

Depreciation

At 1 January 2023	2,571	2,571
Charge for year	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,560</u>	<u>2,573</u>

Net Book Value

At 31 December 2022	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

6. Reserves

	Unrestricted Total
	£
Opening Balance	37,714
Transfer from Income and Expenditure	2,447
Closing Balance	<u>40,161</u>

7. Trustees Remuneration

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration either directly or indirectly. Travelling costs incurred by trustees and reimbursed amounted to £1,406 in the year.

8. Corporation Tax

The charity is exempt from taxation under section 505 ICTA 1988 – due to its charitable status.

**WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 259303

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# Accounts

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**WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST LTD  
ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

**WILLIAM PENGELLY CAVE STUDIES TRUST LIMITED**

**The William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust Limited is**

A company limited by Guarantee

Company Registration No. 957989

Charity Registration No. 259303

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## 1. Objects and Public Benefit

The Trust is a Registered Charity (no. 957989) and a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Objects of the Trust fall within three categories of charitable purpose under the Charities Act 2006:

- A) To Advance the Science of Speleology, this falls within section 2(f) of the Act;
- B) To Advance Education in that Science, which falls within 2(b) of the Act;
- C) To Promote the Conservation of Scientific Features of Caves and their Environs, which fall within the categories of the advancement of heritage under section 2(f) of the Act and the advancement of environmental protection or improvement under section 2(i) of the Act.

In terms of public benefit the Trust publishes a *Newsletter* and other occasional educational and scientific publications, and has an internationally important scientific library as well as a small specialist Museum. The Trust also provides educational programmes and both residential and study accommodation for a wide range of visiting school, youth organisations, university and adult groups at the Pengelly Centre as well as educational visits and walks for the general public. It also conserves and manages caves and other natural history resources of great importance for the sciences of geology, palaeontology, botany and zoology.

## 2. Review of Activities and Development

Since the end of the Covid crisis the Trust has been slowly getting back onto its feet. Guided walks were able to take place during August and there were requests for other visits to the quarry and museum. While numbers were reduced slightly it was a positive response giving hope for the future. A major concern is the deteriorating condition of the timber boardwalk in the quarry which will have to be seriously reviewed in the future.

The centre has also had a steady increase in residential bookings and the future does look bright. Many regular groups have returned and advanced bookings are improving. The buildings are in excellent condition and there are continued plans for improvements. Grounds around the centre have been cleared, tended and looking far better than they have for some considerable time.

Liaison with Devon Wild Life Trust has been sporadic, though lines of communication are still well established. As a result there have been almost no meetings regarding the management of Higher kiln Quarry. The constant changing of their reserve staff has added to the problem.

The planned conversion from a Limited Company to a Charitable Incorporated Trust (CIO) was much delayed by Covid and the working practices of the Charity Commission. This was compounded by Patrick Boylan's period of ill health. At the Trust's meeting following 2022 AGM I was instructed by Council to try to expedite

the process. Contact was made with the Charity Commission and the circumstances explained where upon they made every effort to break the log-jam. The case officer led me through the corrections that were need to the Constitution necessary for the C.I.O and ensuring that they were compatible and acceptable by Company's House before they would remove our Limited Company by Guarantee status. This was very time consuming working in an area I was totally unfamiliar with. Eventually on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting was held at The Centre, Buckfastleigh, where the necessary resolutions for conversion were voted on, accepted and signed by the Chairman. The papers were then submitted to the Charity Commission for approval and then they liaised with Company's House on our behalf. On 20<sup>th</sup> September I was notified by Charity Commission's case officer that the process had been completed satisfactorily and we did indeed now have C.I.O status. A check at Company's House showed the WPCST Ltd was now closed and converted to C.I.O. on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Ahead now lay the problems of how the Trust will adapt to the new standing.

During 2022 the Trust's Council continued to meet regularly as the restricted practices imposed became more flexible. Using a large screen monitor and the ability to use on-line conference facilities meeting were productive. Current officers agreed to remain in post to help ease the situation.

The original voting membership of the Trust, that has slowly declined over the years, no longer exists under the C.I.O. conversation, it was essential while we remained a Limited Company. Now efforts are required to develop the planned Friends of Pengelly as proposed before the resolution to convert was passed.

Dave Warne continued as the Trust Chairman and provided support on maintenance issues at the centre when repairs or replacements were needed. Under his leadership The Trust met all requirements of Charity Commission and Company's House, also ensuring we met all our obligations under the Trust's Articles of Association.

The William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust still remains one of the constituted bodies of the British Caving Association (BCA). Meeting are predominately on-line thus removing the need to travel to the Midlands.

The Trust librarian, Richard Vooght, has continued cataloguing and reappraising the contents of the library housed in the Centre at Buckfastleigh. Richard also manages the access to the caves of Buckfastleigh and supervises the approval of Reeds cave leaders. As well as those duties he looks after access to other important Devon caves on behalf of the Trust.

Educational visits during 2022 were restricted both for adults and young people. It is hoped that these will pick up in the future

The newsletter has been produced regularly under John Wilmot's skilled hand and circulated to those members/friends of the Trust. Articles for the newsletter are in short supply and additional material would be welcome.

At last we are coming out of the Covid pandemic and I would like to thank everyone in the Trust for their efforts to keep everything running as smoothly as possible. The next year will see the Trust adjusting to the new status of C.I.O. and the changes that it will bring.

Alan Finch, Hon Secretary

### 3. Review of the Financial Results for the Year

The following is the Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year January to December 2022 and is based on the Statement of Accounts for that year. As, until the end of September 2022, the Trust remained a Company Limited by Guarantee these accounts have been completed in the old way to comply with Company Regulations. As a CIO our accounts in future will be more straightforward.

The accounts have been audited in compliance with the Companies Act of 2006. This does not require a charitable trust such as the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust to complete a full audit but to subject our financial records to an inspection that leads to a financial statement. The statement within this report provides an overview of the Income and Expenditure of the Trust in 2022.

In the reporting period to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 the Trust had no contracts with local or central governments, but due to Covid, as we were liable for Business Rates we were entitled to receive grants from the government paid through Teignbridge Council. This grant amounted to £2,667.00

The balance sheet for this year shows that our funds decreased from the record of last year to just below £38,000 which was due to continued Covid restrictions for part of the year. Once again, despite closure for part of the year, I would like to begin my report with thanks to our volunteers whose efforts, as Alan stated in his report, across the whole membership of the Council and Centre Executive Committee have resulted in our funds remaining healthy. Together they continue to bring a variety of skills to the Trust working to ensure the Centre is kept alright for our visitors, ensuring that we comply with all legislative requirements, keeping the library as an integral part of the Trust's work, providing and updating publications, acting as leaders for Reeds Cave, keeping our internet services updated, carrying out the administration required to keep the Trust going, attending meetings, these days on Zoom, on behalf of the Trust, checking and updating our electrical systems, booking groups into the centre and showing visitors around the place. That list is not exhaustive but I have, once again, run out of breath writing it!

The accommodation charges last increased in 2017 and we decided to raise them in 2022 as inflation rapidly increased. With the accommodation being open for the second part of the year our income for accommodation did increase.

The Guided Walk season during August did take place this year but was generally not as well attended as previously and visitors did not spend so much on sales. The Guided Walk season allowed more walks to take place between May and September and raised £1,972. The figure for subscriptions paid by members has declined slightly and again, I would point out that unlike many similar organisations, the subscriptions

have not increased for many years. The amount of income from interest has decreased as, although the Trust continually reassesses its investment policy, interest rates have dropped substantially for 2022.

Members will notice that overall expenditure has increased from the previous year. Mostly due to expenditure on a staircase at the southern end of the quarry to allow a better visitor flow.

The cost of Managing and Administration of the Trust shows a decrease of about 50% on the same costs last year. By far the largest part of the administration costs remains the cost of reimbursing travel expenses to those volunteers who give of their time to attend meetings and carry out other work on behalf of the Trust and maintain its profile which has continued and even this shows a decrease from 2021 and reflects the fact that many meetings these days take place by Zoom and that our volunteers that take the Guided Walks often don't claim the expenses they would be entitled to.

In presenting these accounts to the Annual General Meeting I feel that the Trustees have acted reasonably and prudently and have fulfilled the requirements of the Companies Act and our status as a charity.

David Jean, Honorary Treasurer

#### 4. Organisation

The structure of the charity comprises of members and the directors (Trustees).

The company is limited by guarantee. All the members are guarantors. The amount of each members guarantee is specified in the Memorandum of Association and is payable in the event of the company being wound up.

The directors (Trustees) of the company during the year were

Prof P Boylan (President)  
D Warne (Chairman)  
A Finch (Secretary)  
D Jean (Treasurer)  
Mrs S Phillips  
Ms E Cramman  
J Wilmut  
R Vooght  
B Hall  
K Coventry  
C Bird

## 5. Statement of Management Committee's Responsibility

Company law requires us as directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements we are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS. We are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## 6. Professional Advisors

6.1 Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC Totnes
	Barclays Bank PLC Plymouth

For the year ending 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit under section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. However, these accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS.

The director's acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The charity does not have any paid staff.

The charity annually reviews its financial controls and has not experienced any serious incidents to date.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee

.....Chairman

.....Treasurer

3 June 2023

## **Inspection of the Accounts**

Inspectors report on the accounts to the directors of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust Ltd

As described in the balance sheet the directors of the William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust Ltd are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 and set out within this document and consider that the company is exempt both from an audit and a report under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. In accordance with your instructions, I have inspected these accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to me. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS/IFRS.

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Brian Phillips

Date...3 June..... 2023

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 December 2022

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	note	2022	2021
		£	£
Incoming Resources			
Subscriptions		491	536
Donations and Grants		2,811	10,297
Accommodation Charges		6,219	1,927
Day Visitors		1,972	1,630
Sundry Sales		422	509
Interest Received		78	78
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b><u>11,993</u></b>	<b><u>14,977</u></b>
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenditure (2)		16,529	4,733
Management and Administration (3)		1,471	2,843
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED (4)</b>		<b><u>18,000</u></b>	<b><u>7,576</u></b>
RETAINED PROFITS (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(6,007)		7,401
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		43,721	36,320
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>37,714</u></b>	<b><u>43,721</u></b>

All amounts relate to continuing activities

There were no other gains and losses other than the net outgoing resources for the two years ended 31 December 2022. The notes form a part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2022

	note	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	(5)	12	12
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at Bank - Centre (Devon) Account		14,439	20,879
General Fund		5,613	5,302
Shawbrook Bank Bond		17,662	17,540
		<u>37,714</u>	<u>43,721</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>37,714</u>	<u>43,721</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>37,714</u>	<u>43,721</u>
<b>FUNDS (unrestricted)</b>		<u>37,714</u>	<u>43,721</u>
Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees _____		David Jean	3 June 2023
		Director and Hon Treasurer	

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Chairman.....

Treasurer.....

Dated 3 June 2023

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Advertising Leaflets	53	66
Purchase of Card Machine	-	150
Tree Felling	-	600
Stand and Kit for TV	-	101
Purchase of Display Boards	336	-
Purchase of Mattresses	2,273	-
Batteries and Chargers	-	-
Depreciation	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>16,529</u>	<u>4,733</u>

3. Management and Administration of the Charity

	2022	2021
	£	£
Postage, Stationary, Internet, Telephone	525	1,117
Subscription/ Donations	85	36
Library	37	-
Travelling	<u>824</u>	<u>1,690</u>
	<u>1,471</u>	<u>2,843</u>

4. Total Resources Expended

	Depreciation	Other	Total	Total
	£	Costs	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Expenditure	2	16,527	16,529	4,733
Management and Administration of the Charity	<u>-</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>2,843</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>17,998</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>7,576</u>

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
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Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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Charge for year	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,569</u>	<u>2,575</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2021	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

6. Reserves

	Unrestricted Total
	£
Opening Balance	43,721
Transfer from Income and Expenditure	6,007
Closing Balance	<u>37,714</u>

7. Trustees Remuneration

No trustee or connected person received any remuneration either directly or indirectly. Travelling costs incurred by trustees and reimbursed amounted to £824 in the year.

8. Corporation Tax

The company is exempt from taxation under section 505 ICTA 1988 – due to its charitable status.