



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	3	May	2017	To	31	July	2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Climbing for All Sheffield

Other names charity is known by CfAS

Registered charity number (if any) 1166860

Charity's principal address

101 Hadfield Street	
Sheffield	
Postcode	S6 3RS

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	Nick Whittaker	Chair		
2	Ruby Whittaker			
3	George Smith			
4	Helen Blundell			
5	Jenny Hands			
6	Clare Hands			
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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)

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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 meeting of 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.

The charity runs climbing sessions at The Foundry Climbing Centre, Sheffield. Sessions are always supervised by The Foundry's instructors, and The Foundry's procedures are followed, including safety procedures for climbing, and The Foundry's recording of parent/guardian consent for children and for adults under guardianship.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN CLIMBING ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SHEFFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

In more detail, the objects of the charity are:

1. To provide opportunities for children, young people and adults

with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy rock climbing and mountaineering and be visible and included in the climbing community in Sheffield.

2. To increase levels of participation of children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities in rock climbing and mountaineering, in order to:
 - Improve their physical development, health and wellbeing;
 - Improve their self-image and self-esteem; and
 - Develop their confidence and ability to communicate and interact with other people.
3. To develop a strong and sustainable network of instructors with the qualifications, skills and experience needed to confidently help children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy rock climbing and mountaineering.

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)

Trustees acted throughout the period to provide public benefit:

PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN CLIMBING ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SHEFFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

A climbing club was established, providing opportunities for children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy climbing in Sheffield.

Operating at The Foundry Climbing Centre, the club enabled disabled climbers to be visible and included in the climbing community in Sheffield. Involvement of volunteers from the climbing community, and development of experience amongst volunteers and instructors, promoted climbing as a recreation for children, young people and adults with disabilities.

Taster sessions were held, providing opportunities for disabled climbers to try climbing, many of whom subsequently climbed with the club.

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.

Volunteers are essential to the operation of climbing activities. Many of the charity's climbers require assistance of one or two side-climbers with belayers for climber and side-climber(s), and person to support upward lift with pulley.

Whilst instructors are employed by The Foundry and are paid, volunteers are unpaid, keeping cost of sessions affordable.

Friendly interactions with volunteers make climbing sessions fun for many climbers, while the involvement of most volunteers in various aspects of climbing is a major contributor to the visibility of disabled climbers in the climbing community.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

After constitution as a charity, Climbing for All Sheffield established a regular climbing club, which operated during term time throughout the period. Around 36 sessions were held during the school year from September 2016 to July 2017.

A small group of climbers attended weekly sessions up to July 2016. The decision was made to hold 'taster events' to create more opportunities to experience climbing, and the first of these was held 17th September 2016.

The first taster session was attended by 13 climbers, of which 11 were new; 4 of these went on to climb regularly with the club.

After Christmas 2016, twice weekly sessions were held, on Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. In the Spring term, there were 16 sessions, and between 5 and 7 climbers were present at each, there being 6 climbers in total.

A further taster session on 26th November 2016 was also attended by 13 climbers, of which 12 were new. 7 of these went on to climb with the club (and 3 of these progressed to readiness to climb with mainstream groups). A bespoke group was planned for a further 3, who required a quieter setting.

A further 12 club sessions were held in the summer term, up to July 2017.

The trustees are very pleased that both children and adults have been represented at the club, with a variety of physical, cognitive and sensory impairments and/or autism. The club has provided opportunities for families to climb together, with non-disabled siblings or children getting an opportunity to climb alongside disabled family members.

A variety of systems have been developed and signed-off to assist climbers, always with the top-rope mandated by The Foundry and providing safety via approved standard belay technique. Kit has been donated by sponsors or purchased with donations, and has been labelled and stored, with regular checks made on its condition.

Around 16 volunteers have been involved at sessions, plus members of the committee.

In addition to climbing sessions, the Christmas lecture stimulated interest in climbing for all, with many attending from the climbing community and beyond to hear an inspirational speaker describe his experiences as a disabled climber.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our reserves position: at end of FY (July 2017), unrestricted funds stood at £791.

Annual expenditure FY17 (July 2016 – July 2017) amounted to £3007, thus the ratio of reserves to annual expenditure was 26%.

Expenditure is committed 2 months in advance (hire of instructors). The minimum ratio of reserves to annual expenditure required for continuity of operation of climbing clubs is thus approximately 17%.

Reports for subsequent years will record that the increasing profile of the charity has led to further donations and successful fundraising. The Board will maintain reserves at 33% of annual expenditure moving forward, thereby giving certainty of operation for approximately 4-month periods.

In addition, the charity may seek grant funding to allow an expansion of operations.

Policy on reserves will be reviewed alongside operational planning and financial review.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

The attached financial report sets out key income and expenditure headlines.

Principle costs are for instructors to lead climbing sessions, at £2,610 in FY17. Income from sessions was only £646; while it may be possible to collect session payments more efficiently, the charity remains committed to providing climbing opportunities to all, regardless of their ability to pay.

Generous donations of kit from sponsors, notably DMM Climbing, allowed the club to avoid capital expenditure during the start-up year. Note that equipment items are not listed as assets because monetary transfer of equipment would not be feasible.

Principle income was from fundraising and donations, at £1,388. In addition, the Christmas lecture raised £550, as well as providing a highly entertaining and informative evening for the wider climbing community.

Section F**Other optional information**

The trustees are proud of the charity's success to date and consider it to be their duty and privilege to further expand climbing opportunities, enjoyment and inclusion for the disabled community.

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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Climbing for All Sheffield	No (if any) 1166860
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 03-May-16	To	Period end date 31-Jul-17
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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					
Session payments from climbers	647	-	-	647	-
Events (Christmas lecture)	550	-	-	550	-
Merchandise (hoodies)	325	-	-	325	-
Fundraising & donations	1,388	-	-	1,388	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,909	-	-	2,909	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,909	-	-	2,909	-
A3 Payments					
Session costs (instructors)	2610	-	-	2,610	-
Events (Christmas party)	47	-	-	47	-
Merchandise (hoodies)	350	-	-	350	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,007	-	-	3,007	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,007	-	-	3,007	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 98	-	-	- 98	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	791	-	-	Cross Add Error	-

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	Bank account	791	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	791	-	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

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B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name NICHOLAS METTAKER	Date of approval 30/5/18
	J. HANDS	30/5/18