TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for 2025

1. Reporting Period

From	01/01/2025
To	31/12/2025

2. Reference & Administrative Details

Charity name	Ride Mendips
Registered charity number	1188609
Charity's principal address	1C Fair Hill Shipham WINSCOMBE Avon BS25 1TH

3. Objectives & Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit on the Mendip Hills and the surrounding areas, to promote community participation in healthy recreation and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Protect existing and pursue the opening of new rights of way for off road cyclists. Construct and maintain sustainable cycling facilities & trails to a high standard. Act as an information and communication point for local off road cyclists. Promote a code of conduct among the off road cycling community. Promote the importance of off road cycling to other user groups and organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all relevant times.

4. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	In 2025 Ride Mendips continued to work with Forestry England to ensure the continued operation of mountain bike trails in Rowberrow Warren. At the time of writing discussions with Forestry England in relation to the renewal of a contract which enables the charity's activities are ongoing.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. Dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

5. Structure, Governance & Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 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. Additional Eligibility Checks: (1) Register of persons removed as trustees of a charity. (2) Register of disqualified directors.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	In addition to the Trustees, Ride Mendips has a network of contributors who are consulted regarding the activities of the charity. These contributors include beneficiaries of Ride Mendips activities such as local cycling groups and representatives from charities with similar objectives.

1. Trustees

Trustee Name	Position
Howard Swanwick	Chairman
Samuel Aaron Lees	Treasurer
Andrew James Drane	Trustee
Mark James Sheffield	Trustee
Heath Pimm	Trustee

6. Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	During 2025 Ride Mendips generated £1,173 through donations and fundraising. Reserves remain sufficient to support ongoing activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Both income and expenditures in relation to ongoing activities are minimal with objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers. Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures the availability of sundry items to support trail building, associated signage and maintenance of a storage facility
Amount of reserves held	£5,192
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

7. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

8. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	Howard Swanwick
Full name(s)	Howard Swanwick
Position	Chairman
Date	18/10/2026

Ride Mendips CIO
Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	*Prior Period*
Receipts:			
Donations & Fundraising	1,173	1,173	*725*
Interest recieved	37	37	*94*
Total Receipts	**1,210**	**1,210**	*819*
Payments:			
Defibrillator - Rowberrow	1050	1,050	*0*
Professional Fees - Planning	100	100	*375*
Advertising and promotions	283	283	*413*
General And Administration	368	368	*316*
Total Payments	1,801	1,801	*7,467*
Net Of Receipts & Payments	**-592**	**-592**	*-6,648*
Cash Funds From Prior Year	**5,784**	**5,784**	*12,432*
Cash Funds at 31st Dec 2025	**5,192**	**5,192**	*5,784*