Trustees Annual Report

To year end 31st March 2026

The Purpose of What Next

To raise public awareness and provide opportunities for public engagement in issues relating to the climate and ecological emergency through a diverse range of events, activities and projects.

The Objects of What Next

To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the Borough of Waverley for the public benefit of its residents and the wider community by raising awareness and providing information on climate and ecological issues, working collaboratively with other environmental groups, and educating the public, local business and other local bodies on the impact and mitigation of, as well as adaptation to, climate and ecological changes.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. What Next seeks to raise awareness in residents of Godalming and, where feasible, throughout Waverley of the urgent challenges we are facing with respect to the climate and ecological emergency. Our intention is to engage and educate residents, encouraging them to take action in mitigating and adapting to the climate and ecological emergency. We also work with local groups and public sector organisations, including the Godalming Climate Forum, Godalming Library, Godalming Town Council, Waverley Borough Council, local schools and colleges.

Structure and Operation

As a micro-charity, we have no formal operational structure. The Chair of Trustees, Dr. David Faraday, has undertaken the administration of the charity and, with the assistance of other trustees and members, co-ordinates / manages the charity's volunteers as required. Specific events and activities are initiated, organised and managed by individual volunteers, in consultation with the trustees; they draw upon the charity's volunteer and support base to run these activities.

Since October 2022, the charity has been operating on a 'pop-up' using facilities and hiring venues from other community groups / public bodies as the need arises. This continues to be a successful and sustainable model, and has been a catalyst for developing strong links with other community groups and service providers. What Next volunteers meet on a weekly basis in Godalming Library and work with Surrey County Council librarians to organise our Library of Things; storage for our items is provided by Waverley Brough Council and Godalming Town Council provided our display cabinet. We hire a local venue, the Denningberg Centre, for our bi-monthly Climate Club meetings from Waverley Borough Council; the council also gives us additional use of the venue every Wednesday. We also organise events in the Godalming Museum.

Summary of Activities

In the last 12 months, What Next has undertaken the following activities:

- **Art Exhibition**: Water is Life exhibition in the Godalming Museum *(four-week exhibition, 20th May to 14th June, Project Leader: Shirley Faraday).*
- **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops**: for local schools, colleges and the general public *(Project Leader: David Faraday). Public Climate Action Workshop in collaboration with Waverley BC, attendance around 30 people; Climate Action Negotiation Workshops for Godalming College (Spring), in WBC Council Chambers, a total of four workshops for a total of approximately 120 students; Climate Action Negotiation Workshops for Broadwater School & Godalming College (Winter) held in WBC Council Chambers, two workshops for a total of around 50 students*
- **Climate Club**: fortnightly sessions open to the public with a shared 'planetarian supper' and a discussion based around a specific environmental theme *(20 meetings, Project Leader: Rieks Drijver).*
- **Library of Things**: launched in October 2023 our library now has more than 327 members (an expansion from 300 in 2025) with 115 items to borrow (an expansion from 110 in 2024). We are based in Godalming Library with storage provided by Waverley Borough Council *(on-going, throughout the year, Project Leaders: Jeremy Snell and David Faraday).*
- **Planetarian Food Project**: promoting healthy, sustainable diets, grow your own and waste processing *(over 20 suppers, Project Leader: Cinzia Fontana).*
- **Eco-theatre group** and **'Rubbish' Puppet Theatre**: last year's show, **'Nolene and the Rescue Hens'**, was performed in our street theatre puppet stage made entirely from waste materials *(14 performances, Project Leader: Shirley Faraday).*
- **Wardrobe Warriors**: We ran wardrobe warriors for part of the year, but unfortunately the low uptake meant we have now ceased this activity. These were monthly sessions in the library showing members of the public how to use the sewing machines (available from the Library of Things) to mend their clothing *(Project Leader: Jackie Drijver).*
- **What Next Wednesdays**: weekly eco-support sessions, open to the public and now hosted in Godalming Library (weekly sessions throughout the year, with some breaks, Project Leader: David Faraday).
- **What Next Lounge / Stall**: public outreach on Godalming High Street and at local events / festivals *(3 events, Project Leader: David Faraday).*
- **What Next for Wildlife in Waverley**: launched in May 2024, we organised five Wildlife Walks of the Lammas Lands[1] which were attended by around 50 members of the public *(5 public walks, Project Leaders: Neil Willis and David Faraday).*
- **Partner Projects**: we actively support Repair Café Godalming and Joyfull Greens.

Achievements & Public Benefit

Notable achievements over the last year include the following:

Our **Climate Club**, which has been meeting twice a month since December 2021, remains one of the mainstays of the charity's community. These public events act as support, advice and educational forums and cover a wide range of topics. There is also a strong community element to these meetings, participants bring and share food which is prepared on the principles of a

'planetarian' diet (see above) and the discussions are facilitated to ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute.



An art workshop during climate club as part of the Living Wall art project

Here are the topics we have addressed over the last year:

- What Next? priorities for 2026
- Faith and the climate crisis
- Puppeteering workshop
- Big Green Week climate action workshop
- Psychology and the climate crisis
- Doughnut Economics workshop
- Swap-it and share-it!
- AI and sustainability
- Planetarian picnic
- Living Wall planning and preparation
- What Next AGM (April)
- Godalming environmental history and Denningberg mural project
- An Audience with the Mayor of Godalming
- What does the climate emergency mean for Surrey residents?
- Community art project workshop
- Learning from and collaborating with others – The Farncombe Initiative

Godalming environmental history and Denningberg mural project

Over the past year we have made increasing use of the Denningberg Centre. We are fortunate that Waverley Borough Council, who own the building, allowed us to put a mural on the walls inside the main room we use for meetings. The mural celebrates the history of environmental activity in Godalming. Jeanne Podesta, a local artist, brought this history alive visually with her vibrant mural. She was assisted by Naomi Webb and Tom Lashbrooke who researched the history of environmental activity in the town from the first electric lighting in 1881 right up to the modern day. This history is featured on boards that are placed on the mural, itself a depiction of the River Wey as it flows through Godalming and the surrounding Lammas Lands. Information is included

about The National Trust, Winkworth Arboretum, The Godalming Trust, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Godalming Cycle Campaign, Farncombe Community Garden, Extinction Rebellion, Zero Carbon Guildford, What Next?, Godalming Town Council, Unstead Wetland Nature Reserve, The River Wey and Godalming Navigations.



The Mayor of Waverley at the launch of the mural



Jeanne Podesta

The mural was officially launched on 7th March by the Mayors of Godalming and Waverley.

Art exhibition

Following the success of the **Our Other Mother** (2023) and **Earth Sprites Emerging** (2024), we curated an art exhibition at Godalming Museum. This time the theme was **Water is Life**. Local artists brought their creativity to the museum, including from partner organisations such as Conquest Art. The exhibition was opened by the Mayors of Godalming and Waverley and provide another way in which we encourage people to think about the environment in which we live.



A few of the artists at the opening of the exhibition

Living Wall Project

In summer 2025 we were given a grant of £1000 from Godalming Town Council (GTC) to build a living wall in the side of the Denningberg Centre. We are grateful to GTC for the grant and to Waverley Borough Council, who manage the building, for facilitating this project. The aim is to be experimental, and to be able to provide information to others interested in a living wall about our experiences. We therefore bought two different systems, one from PlantBox and one from Wall of Plants. We are grateful to GTC's horticulturalist for the supply of compost, and to the manager of the Borough Hall for the ongoing guidance and support during the build, and to volunteers who donated plants. As a community project, we are working in partnership with Joyfull Greens, with aims to reach to other groups as the project evolves.



Volunteers complete stage one, assembling the living wall

One of the project aims is to provide edible plants on the part of the wall furthest from the road, and have planting that is beneficial for pollinators on the side nearer the road. In future, we aim to have plants that are resistant to/absorb pollution on the wall along Bridge Street.

The wall was put up by a working group of volunteers on 15 March.

Compared with last year, we have increased the number of **Climate Action Negotiation Workshops**, using the EnROADS[2] global climate simulator from Climate Interactive[3]. We run these workshops for local school and college students in collaboration with Waverley Borough Council who provide the council chambers as the venue for these negotiations. We also ran a workshop for the public in collaboration with WBC. In the last year, around 170 students and 30 members of the public have participated in these workshops. We were delighted to have local councillors join us at these events.

We believe that there has been significant public benefit from running these workshops, specific examples of individuals changing their behaviour or being inspired to influence others have been shared with us anecdotally.

In October 2023, we launched our **Library of Things**. This is a collaborative project with Godalming Library providing 'front-of-house' service, issuing and collecting items, Waverley Borough Council providing storage for our items and What Next volunteers organising the actual library, including on-line booking and stock management, transfers of items and maintenance / PAT testing. As of March 2026, we have 115 items in our library, 77% (89/115 estimated) of which have been donated by local residents. We now have 300+ (327) members who have engaged in 332 loans over the last 12 months with 66% (76/115) of our items being borrowed at least once. We have engaged in a partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust to make eight wildlife recording kits available through our Library of Things; the kits provided are: a Bat Detector, a Mini-beasts Recording Kit, a Moth Trap, a Plant Recording Kit, a Pond Life Recording Kit, a Small Mammals Recording Kit, a Soil Testing Kit and a Trial Camera. On a similar basis, we have also engaged in a partnership with Active Surrey to make sports equipment available. We now have twelve sports items: a Bocce Set, a Boccia Set, a Bean Boccia Set, a Badminton Set, two Basket Balls (different sizes), two Cricket sets (different sizes), a Rounders Set, Swingball, a Table Tennis set and four pairs of Walking Poles. There are no fees or deposits required to join our Library of Things and members can borrow items at no charge. We have seen a steady and sustained level of engagement from the local community over the first eighteen months of operation and have received many positive comments from members of the public concerning this project. There is a clear public benefit in the provision of this service and it aligns strongly with our stated objectives (see above)."

Further Comments
The most popular items by loans:

Item	# Of Loans
Carpet Cleaner #1	21
Pressure Washer	21
Hedge Trimmer (Large)	18
Carpet Cleaner #2	16

[2] https://en-roads.climateinteractive.org/scenario.html?v=25.3.1

[3] https://www.climateinteractive.org/

Garden Gazebo	15
Leaf Blower (Cordless)	13

In October 2025 we celebrated 2 years of the **Library of Things** with the Mayors of Godalming and Waverley, Surrey Library staff and trustees and volunteers from What Next.



Godalming Librarians and Library of Things (LoT) volunteers celebrate the LoT's second birthday with the Mayors of Godalming and Waverley

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There are no fees or deposits required to join our Library of Things and members can borrow items at no charge. We have seen a continued level of engagement from the local community over the first two and a half years of operation and receive many positive comments from members of the public concerning this project. There is a clear public benefit in the provision of this service and it aligns strongly with our stated objectives (see above).

Wildlife walks

In May 2024 we launched **What Next for Wildlife in Waverley** in which people are taken for a 'safari' in Catteshall Meadow, part of the Lammas Lands in Godalming. The Lammas Lands are a goldmine of biodiversity in the heart of Godalming, they are also – as a flood meadow - an important carbon sink. We continued this project in 2025 with five wildlife walks, one each in April, May, June, July and August. All, with the exception of the June date, were held in school holidays to encourage the participation of families. Typically, we had between 8 and 12 individuals on each walk. They were led by Neil supported by Naomi. Each walk lasts about 90 minutes and we provide each individual with an Observation Sheet; we update the Observation Sheet for each walk to reflect the flora and fauna in the meadows at that time.



The **Eco-theatre group** and **'Rubbish' Puppet Theatre** continued to draw attention to the pertinent environmental and sustainability topics through their unique style. We believe in using multiple ways to draw attention to the crises we face and the actions we can all take for a better world.



The puppet theatre in action

The **puppet show** performed at Haslemere Museum, Earth Day Celebration, Saturday 26th April 2025, two performances; Rotary Spring Fair, Godalming, Saturday 3rd May 2025, two performances; Godalming Museum, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May, four performances; Surrey Hills Country Fair, Merrist Wood, Guildford, Saturday 21st June, two performances; Rotary Duck Race, Godalming, Saturday 6th September 2025, two performances; Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Cranleigh, 13th September 2025, two performances; audience numbers varied from 3-4 people to 35+, depending on weather, performance and location. We estimate the average audience was about 12 people. With 14 performances that's about 170 people

Financial Summary

The financial report covers the accounts in the previous financial year, 2025-2026. An addendum to the accounts covers a balance update for the period from the end of the financial year to the date of this report to cover current account balance.

What Next? generated a net revenue of £1,410.75 for the financial year 2025/2026. Overall income was £4,758.82; we received £1,798.52 in donations, £427.30 in revenue and £2,533 in grant income; outgoings have totalled £3,348.07. We have £6,763.85 in our bank account.

Addendum: As of 30/06/2026, What Next? balance is £6,595.71, with £346.81 allocated to the Library of Things.

Our **Reserves Policy** is based on covering insurance costs maintaining our core activity, the Climate Club, for a three-six month period; our reserve level is set at £1,500. The trustees are confident that the charity is in a good financial position for the next financial year.

Governance

Reference and Administrative Information

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1196404. The Trustees of the charity are listed below. The registered office and address of the charity and the particulars of the charity's bankers are also listed below.

Governing Document

What Next is controlled by its governing document, which is its Constitution dated 25th November, 2021. The constitution has remained unchanged since it was approved. The Constitution is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity Trustees.

Governing Body

As the charity has no share capital, no Trustee or Director has any interest in any shares in the charity. The business of the charity is managed by the Trustees, including the Chair and the Treasurer.

Two trustees, David Faraday and Robert Oulton, stepped down and were duly re-elected as trustees in accordance with our constitution. A new trustee, Cinzia Fontana, was identified and

provisionally appointed subject to the relevant information being submitted to and approved by the charity commission.

Membership of What Next is open to everyone; there is a one-time membership fee of £1. Membership was extended free of charge to members of the What Next founding group, those individuals involved in the establishment of the charity, but not serving as trustees. Members can resign at any point. All members attending the AGM or other General Meetings have a vote on the appointment of Trustees, the approval of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts and any other matters arising at the AGM / GM that require a vote.

Charity Information

Charity Name: What Next?

Charity Number: 1196404

Registered Address: 7 Wood Road
Godalming
Surrey
GU7 3NN

Bankers: Metrobank plc,
35 - 37 North Street
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 4TE

Trustees: Dr. David Brian Foster Faraday (Chair)
Dr. Robert Anthony Oulton
Ms. Claire Matthes
Mr. Theodoricus (Rieks) Drijver
Ms. Jacqueline Drijver-Ludlam
Mr. Mark Bray-Parry (Treasurer)
Ms. Cinzia Fontana

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

Trustees are competent persons who through residence, occupation or employment or otherwise have specialist knowledge of the area of benefit. Members can nominate themselves for a Trustee role, Trustees are then voted in by members at the AGM.

Future Trustees will, upon appointment, be provided with an Induction pack which will cover:

- The obligations of Trustees and the sub-committee structure and terms of reference;
- The Constitution and any subsequent amendments made to it;
- The current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts and management accounts;
- Charity Commission Trustee literature; and,
- Future plans and objectives (as applicable).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

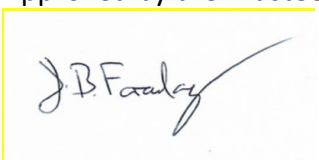
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is; and,
- inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of its constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



David Faraday, Chair (Outgoing), 31st July 2026

Trustees Annual General Meeting – July 2026

What Next? Annual Financial Report: FY25/26

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Balance Sheet

Income and expenditure from the previously financial year (25/26) is included below:

Total Income:	£4,758.82
Total Expenditure:	-£3,348.07
Profit:	£1,410.75

Income Statement

Income	**£4,758.82**
Donation:	£1,798.52
Activities:	£427.30
Grants:	£2,533.00
Outgoing	**-£3,348.07**
Equipment:	-£2,512.21
Venue Hire:	-£360.00
Insurance	-£466.86
Library of Things:	**£1,500.00**
Previous Balance:	£355.12
Grant:	£1,500.00
Equipment:	-£1,508.31
Living Wall:	**-£3.90**
Grant:	£1,000.00
Materials:	-£1,003.90

Mark Bray-Parry
What Next? Treasurer
30th June 2026

Previous Balance	£5,353.10	
Current Balance	£6,763.85	£1,410.75
Library of Things Balance:	£346.81	

General

Description	Type	Date	Amount
Givey	Donation	14/4/2025	£30.00
Givey	Donation	06/05/2025	£20.00
Givey	Donation	12/05/2025	£5.00
Givey	Donation	9/6/2025	£10.00
Cash	Donation	9/7/2025	£200.00
Cash	Donation	25/7/2025	£410.00
HMRC	Revenue	1/8/2025	£427.30
Godal T Gen	Grant	20/8/2025	£1,000.00
Givey	Donation	1/9/2025	£110.00
Givey	Donation	8/9/2025	£705.00
Givey	Donation	15/9/2025	£65.00
Cash	Donation	14/11/2025	£135.00
Givey	Donation	01/12/2025	£5.00
Cheque - 800020		16/12/2025	-£1,003.90
Givey	Donation	24/12/2025	£3.52
Surrey CC	Grant	23/01/2026	£1,533.00
?	?	28/01/2026	-£3.00
?	?	27/02/2026	-£3.00
Givey	Donation	23/03/2026	£100.00
Cheque - 800022		24/03/2026	-£2,335.17
?		27/03/2026	-£3.00

Income	**£4,758.82**	-
Donation	£1,798.52	38%
Revenue	£427.30	9%
Grant	£2,533.00	53%
Outgoing	**-£3,348.07**	
Utility	£0.00	0%
Equipment	£2,512.21	-75%
Activity	£0.00	0%
Venue Hire	£360.00	-11%
Insurance	£466.86	-14%
LoT	£0.00	0%
Other	£0.00	0%

Library of Things — Prev Balance £355.12

Description	Type	Date	Amount
Surrey Grant	Grant	23/1/2026	£1,500.00
MoverX Trolley and Cover (part of S	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-88.98
Screw Fix: DEWALT DWD024K GB 65	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-87.99
4 Our House Spares - Drive Belt; Spa	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-24.56
Ava Norway: Water Filter; Replacem	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-587.8
Mega-phone with USB (part of SCC	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-43.72
Bluettipower-UK: Poatable Power St	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-398
Rug Doctor Deep Upright Carpet Cle	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-245
Electronic Tape Measure and Electr	Equipment	Cheque - 800022	-32.26
		Current Balance	£346.81

Living Wall — Prev Balance 0

Description	Type	Date	Amount
Cheque - 800020	Equipment	Cheque - 800020	-£1,003.90
Godal T Gen	Grant	20/8/2025	£1,000.00
		Current Balance	-£3.90

Cheque Payments -£3,339.07

Description	Type	Date	Amount
Cheque - 800020	Equipment	16/12/25	-£1,003.90
Cheque - 800022:		23/3/26	-£2,335.17
MoverX Trolley and Cover (part of S	Equipment		-£88.98
Screw Fix: DEWALT DWD024K GB 65	Equipment		-£87.99
4 Our House Spares - Drive Belt; Spa	Equipment		-£24.56
Ava Norway: Water Filter; Replacem	Equipment		-£587.80
Mega-phone with USB (part of SCC	Equipment		-£43.72
Bluettipower-UK: Poatable Power St	Equipment		-£398.00
Rug Doctor Deep Upright Carpet Cle	Equipment		-£245.00
Electronic Tape Measure and Electr	Equipment		-£32.26
Naturesave Insurance for Nov. 025 t	Insurance		-£466.86
Denningberg Centre Hire for Climat	Venue Hire		-£360.00