FREEDOM CAMPS

Charity Number 1203746

Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 31 December 2025

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Charity Name: FREEDOM CAMPS

Charity Registration Number: 1203746

Charity Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Office: 14 Salisbury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN10 4PB

Date of Registration: 26th June 2023

Report for Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees:

Mr K Laidler	Acting Chair
Mrs A Holton	Secretary
Mr M Gurney	
Mr I Holton	
Mr J Roddy	

Management:

Mr E Pascoe	Director

All our trustees are practicing Christians (under the Equalities Act 2010) and have a passion for seeing young people and families come to believe in Jesus Christ.

Aims and Objectives

TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF CAMPS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS STRUCTURED AROUND THE CHRISTIAN ETHOS, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Freedom Camps' purpose, as set out in the Charitable Objects, is to advance the Christian Faith and engage more people, especially young people and families, with Christians and Churches.

Chair of Trustees Report

2025 has been an important year for Freedom Camps as we continue to develop the charity and find new ways to support churches in reaching young people and families with the Christian faith. Moving our focus to Tonbridge has opened up new opportunities to build relationships with local churches, schools and families, and it has been encouraging to see some of these opportunities begin to take shape.

Safeguarding and Governance

Following on from last year's report, we have continued to strengthen our safeguarding arrangements. Everyone involved in the practical delivery of Freedom Camps' activities now has a DBS check in place. We are also working to ensure that all trustees have the appropriate checks before accessing any participant data or information. This is an important step in making sure that safeguarding remains central to everything we do and that our arrangements are appropriate as the charity grows. To date, Freedom Camps has delivered activities as part of events organised by other organisations, and we have therefore operated under their existing policies and procedures. As we develop our own activities and the charity grows, we recognise the importance of having policies and procedures that are specific to Freedom Camps. With support from Scripture Union, we plan to develop these over the coming months to ensure our arrangements are appropriate for the charity and the work we do.

Partnership with Scripture Union

In 2025, we officially partnered with Scripture Union (charity no. 213422, company no. 39828). Their support has been valuable in helping us develop our policies, improve our practices and strengthen the structure of the charity. Both Ed and I have also benefited from the resources they offer, from online seminars on fundraising to practical

conversations about planning and running events. We are grateful for their support and are beginning to explore opportunities to work together on holiday camps and mission outreach events from 2026 onwards. We hope this partnership will help Freedom Camps grow in a way that is sustainable and effective, while keeping our focus firmly on our charitable purpose.

Adventure Club and New Opportunities

One of the highlights of the year has been the launch of Adventure Club in partnership with Tonbridge Parish Church. The club has started well, with 48 young people attending across four main events during the year. The aim is to run Adventure Club monthly as an outreach opportunity, giving young people the chance to enjoy activities, build friendships and engage with the Christian faith in a welcoming environment. We are particularly grateful to Tonbridge Parish Church's Mission Action Group for its support, including a grant of £1,200 to help keep the cost of attending accessible for families. This support is an encouraging sign of the value placed on the work of Freedom Camps. We also supported Adventure Day at Carroty Wood, where children took part in a range of outdoor activities, followed by a separate campfire session for older teenagers. As well as providing a valuable experience for those who attended, the day gave us an opportunity to explore the site and consider its potential for future camps. Looking ahead, we hope to build on the success of Adventure Club and explore whether a similar model could work in partnership with other churches. Alongside our developing relationship with Scripture Union, this gives us a good foundation as we consider the future direction of Freedom Camps.

Looking Ahead

As we move into 2026 and beyond, we want to build on what we have learnt, strengthen our partnerships and develop a clearer long-term vision and strategy for the charity. Our aim remains to support churches in reaching young people and families through camps, activities and events that create opportunities to encounter the Christian faith. Finally, I would like to thank Ed, our Director, for his commitment, energy and work in developing Freedom Camps throughout the year. I would also like to thank my fellow trustees for their time, dedication and support as we continue to guide the charity and build strong foundations for the future. We are grateful to Tonbridge Parish Church, Scripture Union and everyone who has supported or contributed to our work. We look forward to seeing how Freedom Camps continues to develop and serve young people and families in the years ahead.

Kyle Laidler

Chair of Trustees, Freedom Camps

Director's Report

This was the first year in our new location, Tonbridge in Kent. This location is much bigger than our last location, Frant. This gives us a greater potential network of participants for our events, as well as myself being involved in a much bigger Church and many schools in the area. I am able to network with many school children, parents, schools and Churches.

This year we started up a new club, partnering with Tonbridge Parish Church, called Adventure Club. It was our main regular activity, taking place once a month (except in July and December due to other major events in the Church calendar). 48 young people attended over 4 main events.

We received £1200 from Tonbridge Parish Church's mission action group. This was to keep ticket sale costs at £6 for each participant. This really shows me that the Church values the work Freedom Camps does. Income from ticket sales did not come through until 2026.

We also helped at a day long event for young people called Adventure Day. We took 13 children to Carroty Wood, an outdoor activity centre in Tonbridge, and led them through a range of activities. Later in the day, we welcomed 9 older teenagers for a separate campfire session. The day helped me to try out the site and activities available for us to run camps there in the near future, and who it would appeal to.

Edward Pascoe

Director, Freedom Camps

Financial Summary

1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Our income total was **£1657.08**

Our expenditure total was **£714.99**

Our regular givers remained to two, one for £20 a month and one for £15 (£18.09 with gift aid). Each are given for unrestricted funds and came to a total of £457.08 (£364.72 previous year) for the year. This is an increase of £92.36 for the year.

Our insurance totalled £714.99, which was our only expense this year.

Tonbridge Parish Church donated £1200 for the year to keep ticket prices for Adventure Club low, at £6 (£5 for Freedom Camps, £1 for Tonbridge Parish Church) for each event. The first payment from these events happened in 2026.

We provided 3 Adventure Club events in 2025 in partnership with Tonbridge Parish Church. The revenue from these events was made available in 2026.

Please note, £40 cash was added to the opening balance in the 2024 accounts, not listed as cash. However, it is listed as cash in the 2025 accounts.

This gives a net profit total of **£942.09**

Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2025

Income	**2024**	**2025**
Ticket Sales		
Hire of Activities	1342	
Regular Givers	343	420

Donations – Private	6630	
Donations – Churches		1200
Fundraising		
Gift Aid	1389	37.08
Total	**9704**	**1657.08**

Expenditure		
Insurance		714.99
Insurance Increase	95	
Laser tag Purchase	7283	
Total	**7378**	**714.99**

Net Income	**2326**	**942.09**

Balance Sheet		
Opening Balance	732	3018.74
Cash		40
Total Reserves	**3058**	**4000.83**

Signed off by Trustees of Freedom Camps.