

Blackburn & District Outdoor Pursuits Centre Trust

Trustees Annual Report 2025.

For the period 01/02/2024 - 31/01/2025

The trust again succeeded in its remit of providing suitable, low cost, accommodation in an outdoor environment for a large number of groups, which generated sufficient income to maintain and improve the facilities on offer. There were 38 completed bookings in 2024 with 1939 bed nights over 110 nights. Youth groups accounted for 950 bed nights (49% of the total) enabling many young people to enjoy and appreciate the outdoor life in the hills of the Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park which surround Bron-y-Gader.

Although the income for 2025 was substantial, the expenditure was also increased. It was therefore agreed that the financial reserve to be maintained would be increased to £5000. During the year work started on renovating the management block. The year was also the 50th anniversary of operating the centre, and a celebratory day was arranged. It was also agreed that the web site (bron-y-gader.org) would be updated. During the year the agreed fee was paid to solicitors to register the property, Bron-y-Gader, with the Land Registry. We will be informed when this is completed. The water from the bore hole was satisfactorily tested by Conwy Council in July, and the lounge chimney swept in November.

There have been 4 volunteer working parties throughout the year, plus other day visits by volunteers to check the site. There were about 15 volunteers, including Trustees, who assisted in running the centre during the period. Time was spent on repairing the track, the car park, and other maintenance tasks. Contractors have also been involved in repairing or maintaining onsite fittings. Three trees identified by the National Park as unsafe have been felled by a contractor. As normal the centre closed over the winter period in order to prevent the water system freezing.

The accounts for the year are attached to this report.

**BLACKBURN & DISTRICT
OUTDOOR PURSUITS
CENTRE TRUST**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JANUARY 2025

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

**HONORARY ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO BLACKBURN & DISTRICT OUTDOOR
PURSUITS CENTRE TRUST ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JANUARY 2025**

You have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2025 set out on pages 3 to 4. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

PM-M Solutions for Business LLP.

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10 March 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Charges in respect of current year	21,913	20,761
Deposits in respect of next year	4,500	4,260
Donations received	194	56
Bank interest received	278	281
EV Charges	276	70
Breakages	38	-
Extra cleaning charges	190	-
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	27,389	25,428
EXPENSES		
Insurance	919	833
Rates	222	211
Water	214	1,025
Electricity	4,806	3,720
Gas	394	195
Service & maintenance of fire extinguisher/alarm system	587	266
Repairs and renewals	6,054	11,456
Refurbishment (1.5 – Management block)	4,741	7,267
New equipment	-	3,234
Advertising/marketing	270	250
Management expenses	4,361	325
Laundry and Cleaning	1,372	1,040
Emptying bins and septic tank	1,099	855
Accountancy	(4)	470
Bank charges	60	60
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	25,095	31,207
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EXCESS OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	2,294	(5,779)
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank – CAF Gold Account	12,115	10,287
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>12,115</u>	<u>10,287</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	-	466
	<u>12,115</u>	<u>9,821</u>
NET ASSETS	=====	=====
CAPITAL EMPLOYED		
At 1 February 2024	9,821	15,600
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,294	(5,779)
	<u>12,115</u>	<u>9,821</u>
At 31 January 2025	=====	=====

DECLARATION

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

DECLARATION

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



Signed: B M Clarkson



Date:

BLACKBURN & DISTRICT OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE TRUST

2024/25 Accounts – Year End Financial Report to Trustees

This year saw the near-completion of the 1.5 refurbishment and the 50th anniversary of the Official Opening of Bron-y-Gader on 4th May 1974.

PAGE 3 – RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£	
Charges in respect of current year	21913	No bad debts as all booking fees received within the year
Deposits for future bookings	4500	£4320 – Booking deposits for 2025 received from 24 groups. This is another new highest figure ever held on deposit. £180 – Booking deposit for 2026 from 1 st Crawley Scouts
Donations	194	£5 from Kassia Academy £189 collected at the Anniversary weekend
Bank interest	278	Much improved interest received
EV Charges	276	Electric Vehicle Charges received from 4 groups
Breakages	38	From Yaakhov Lehman for broken chair
Other	190	£90 from Carlo's group for extra cleaning £100 from Heliya Badakhshan for extra cleaning
TOTAL	27389	

<u>EXPENSES</u>	£	
Insurance	919	10% increase on last year
Rates	222	5% increase on last year
Water	214	Water sampling. Unchanged from 2023. Last year's figure included £811 for a Bore Hole service
Electricity	4806	29% increase on last year
Gas	394	2 x refills this year compared to only one last year
Fire extinguishers and alarms	587	2 x service visits plus 4 replacement extinguishers No alarms servicing
Repairs/renewals	6054	See separate list on Page 3
1.5 Refurbishment	4741	£1846 - Flooring £2143 - Bunkbeds £533 - Two sofa beds £219 - Sundries This brings the total spent on the 1.5 refurb over two years to £12008
New equipment	0	Previous year's figure related to the installation of the EV chargers
Advertising/marketing	270	Subscription to 'Independent Hostels' website. 9% increase on last year
Management expenses	4361	See separate list on Page 3
Laundry/cleaning	1372	£390 - Cleaner, 6 visits Feb - April £780 - Contract cleaner for 2 x kitchen deep-cleans £70 - Flue clean £132 - Sundries
Bins/septic tank	1099	£864 - Waste collections £235 - Septic tank empty
Accountancy	(4)	Process of accruals is being stopped. This is the difference between last year's accrual figure of £466 and this year's actual payment of £462. I have shown the accountant's explanations on Page 4
Bank charges	60	12 x Bank charges at £5 per month
TOTAL	25095	

2024-25 REPAIRS & RENEWALS	
DESCRIPTION	£
Car Park resurfacing	2336.00
Kitchen items	108.83
Valances	39.95
Brushes	39.93
Badminton set	30.48
Coat hooks	37.14
Door mats	59.44
Room 2 replacement window	675.00
Replacement Shower	119.00
Lincat grill	381.59
Hardcore	600.00
Food Storage Cupboard	189.00
Oven repair	492.92
Plumbing	48.93
Water heater	105.22
Drain channel	101.32
Shower	165.65
Sundries	523.31
TOTAL	6053.71

2024-25 MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	
DESCRIPTION	£
Premises checks x 2	40.00
Travelling expenses	44.80
Logs	60.00
50th Ann. Open Day	585.36
Land Registry registration	1440.00
Webhosting	47.92
Vacbags	6.99
Window brushes	18.60
Manhole keys	10.99
Water treatment	19.00
Tree Surgery	1980.00
Domain name	31.42
Telephone number	8.31
Sundries	67.11
TOTAL	4360.50

PAGE 4 – BALANCE SHEET

CURRENT ASSETS

£12115 cash at bank carried forward to current 2025/26 year.

CURRENT LIABILITIES

The accountancy charges have been treated as accruals since we started paying these fees in May 2022. In July 2024 I queried it, as accruals normally refer to goods & services which are supplied in one accounting period but are not paid for until the next accounting period and this was not the case with our accounts. This was the accountant's reply:

- *We can put the accountancy fees onto a cash basis but please note that there will be no accountancy charge in this year's accounts as the accrual brought forward will match off the invoice paid this year and then going forward it will be on a payments basis.*

The system has now been changed so that the accountancy fee is on a payments basis. The accrual from the 23/24 accounts has been cleared and this year's 24/25 accounts therefore shows a nil accrual figure in the Current Liabilities section. This is the accountant's explanation to be attached to the accounts:

- *Please note, as discussed previously that this year the accountancy fee is the amount it is as we are matching off the accrual brought forward for the 2024 accounts fees against the payment for the 2024 accounts. Going forward this will be on a cash basis so the 2025 accounts bill will be paid during the 2026 year and so will be the accountancy fee in the accounts and so on in future years.*

From the 25/26 accounts onward the accountancy charge will be shown as an expense in the year it is paid.

CAPITAL EMPLOYED

£9821 brought forward from 23/24 plus a £2294 surplus in 24/25 making £12115 being carried forward to 25/26 year.

Despite the greater expenses on the 50th Anniversary and the finishing of the 1.5 refurbishment, we have had a surplus because of the increase in booking numbers and charges, so it has been a very healthy year.

Barbara Clarkson
Hon.Treasurer
Blackburn & District Outdoor Pursuits Centre Trust

09/04/25