

# THE MAYFLY PROJECT

## United Kingdom

THE MAYFLY PROJECT UK ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

Charity Commission Number: 1195296



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## The Mayfly Project UK Legal and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name:</b>	The Mayfly Project UK
<b>Other name the charity may use:</b>	The Mayfly Project United Kingdom
<b>Charity number:</b>	1195296
<b>Start of Financial Year:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>End of Financial Year:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
<b>Trustees at 31st March 2022:</b>	Susan Skrupa Susan Haug Jess Westbrook Kaitlin Barnhart
<b>Governing Instrument:</b>	Constitution adopted 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>Objects:</b>	The object of the CIO, for the public benefit, is to advance in life, relieve the needs of and help children and young people in care; in particular by the provision of mentoring and education through an outdoor programme of activities including fly fishing, and by providing other support which is calculated to further the object as the trustees decide from time to time.
<b>Corresponding Address:</b>	15 Belgrade House Belgrade Road London England N16 8DQ
<b>Primary Bankers:</b>	Lloyds Bank Business Banking London EC2V 7HN

# Trustees report for the year ending March 2022

## Objectives and activities:

The mission of The Mayfly Project UK is to connect, protect and empower children and young people in care through the sport of fly fishing. Using trained volunteer mentors (all enhanced DBS certified), we providing opportunities for children in care to have fun, build self-esteem, learn new skills and develop a meaningful connection with the natural world.

Through our project based programme and structured curriculum, we teach fly fishing, conservation, character building and provide opportunities for the children and young people in care to experience the outdoors with a safe mentor. Our mentors understand that they can't change what children in care have been through, but they can offer an opportunity for them to escape from the pressures of the care system, find solace in nature and develop skills and a love for fly fishing. For some, this can be live changing.

Our aim is to harness the healing power of nature and education in fly fishing to improve the lives of children and young people in care.

## Achievements:

- We launched our first year with a campaign to raise awareness of The Mayfly Project UK with both the fly fishing and children's social care communities.
- We introduce our organisation to the wider angling community to gain volunteers, mentors, supporters, donors and partners. In our first year we gained over one thousand supporters across social media. We aimed to register 8 volunteer mentors and ended our year with 22. We signed on three significant fishing and industry sponsors who pledged in-kind support with access to venues and supply of fly fishing equipment.
- We worked with local councils, social services, case workers, schools and fostering families to identify twelve children and young people in care for enrolment in our first projects at Reading and Epping.
- We received the backing of the Angling Trust, a not for profit organisation that is recognised by the Government as the National Governing Body for angling in England and Wales, which lends further credibility to our mission and helps with participation development.
- We established a PayPal Giving Fund account to enable us to receive donations from private supporters.
- We were publicly nominated and won, the Shakespeare Fund Award — which grants a cash value prize to be applied towards the purchase of equipment which will be used in our projects.
- We attended two events to raise awareness and build support of our mission, the Orvis Saltwater Fly Fishing and the British Fly Fair International. We benefitted from cash donations generated by two raffles.
- We engaged regularly with our team of volunteer mentors, providing knowledge and skills training sessions over Zoom calls and in-person meet ups.
- We organised and planned for our first project season (May-July 2022) with 2no. proposed projects (10 sessions).

Due to a later than expected registration by the Charity Commission, we missed the 2021 fly fishing season. Therefore, we spent the majority of 2021 raising awareness of The Mayfly Project UK, building our extended family / network, training our team of volunteer mentors and fostering support for our organisation.

## **Plans for future periods:**

Our main focus in the year ahead is to successfully launch our projects and connect with more kids. We will build on our foundations to raise further awareness of our mission, grow our network and gather support. We will actively fundraising to support the development of The Mayfly Project UK so that we can support more children in care in 2023. We plan to recruit two trustees to further enhance our team; a treasurer and an individual experienced with the children's social services / fostering sector.


Our programme is needed now more than ever. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on children and young people in care. With many already suffering the effects of trauma, many more have become further isolated during the pandemic which has impacted their mental health and wellbeing. Fly fishing is the ideal tool for supporting this population because it is currently prescribed by medical professionals (including the NHS) as a tool to help manage PTSD, anxiety, depression and trauma-related disorders. Children that participate in our mentoring sessions experience the calming effects of time spent near water, improved self-esteem from fly fishing success and learning new skills, and they find so much joy when they finally trick a fish with a fly they've tied themselves.

## **Trustees Responsibilities**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently  
Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent  
Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023

## Statement of receipts & payments for the year ending March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2021/2022, £
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Voluntary Receipts	2a	615	0	615
Fundraising	2b	291	0	291
Investment Income	2c	0	0	0
Giftaid	2d	0	0	0
Other Receipts	2e	0	1000	1000
<b>Total Receipts</b>		906	1000	1906
<b>Payments:</b>				
Costs of charitable activities	3a	358	1000	358
Fundraising costs	3b	584	0	584
Governance Costs	3c	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		942	1000	1942
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources</b>		36	0	36
Balance Brought Forward		36	0	36
<b>Balances Carried forward</b>		36	0	36

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these accounts.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ending March 2022

Assets as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2021/2022, £
<b>Cash Funds:</b>			
Bank Account	36	0	36
Accounts receivable	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	36	0	36

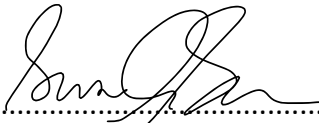
Liabilities as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2021/2022, £
Liabilities	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	0	0	0

### Trustee responsibilities in relation to financial statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Approved by the Trustees on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023

Signed on their behalf by.......... Trustee. Susan Skrupa

## Notes on the Accounts for the year ending March 2022

### 1. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

### 2. Receipts

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2021/2022, £
<b>a) Voluntary receipts</b>			
Event donations	570	0	570
PayPal donations	45	0	45
Other donations	0	0	0
Total voluntary Receipts	615	0	615
<b>b) Fundraising events</b>			
Book auction	291	0	291
Total Fundraising receipts	291	0	291
<b>c) Investment Income</b>	0	0	0
Total Investment income	0	0	0
<b>d) Giftaid</b>			
General	0	0	0
Total Giftaid	0	0	0
<b>e) Other receipts</b>	0	0	0
Other receipts - Shakespeare Fund Award	0	1000	1000
Total Other receipts	0	1000	1000
<b>Total</b>	906	1000	1906



## Notes to the accounts (continued) for the Year ending March 2022

### 3. Payments

	Unrestricted funds, £	Restricted funds, £	Total 2021/2022, £
<b>a) Cost of charitable activities</b>			
Fly Fishing equipment - Shakespeare Fund Award	0	1000	1000
Bank charges	0	0	0
Website / Domains / Hosting	138	0	138
Printing	195	0	195
Postage / Shipping	25	0	25
Total charitable costs	358	1000	1358
<b>b) Fundraising costs</b>			
Events	575	0	575
Pay Pal	9	0	9
Total Fundraising costs	584	0	584
<b>c) Governance costs</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total governance costs</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	942	1000	1942

### 4. Restricted Funds

The Mayfly Project UK has no Restricted funds in this Financial Year.

### 5. Payments to Trustees

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

### 6. Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.