

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1003257

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	02304489
Registered	1991-06-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION IS ESTABLISHED ARE THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND DISTRESS OF PERSONS IN EAST SUSSEX AND SURROUNDING AREA WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR LOW INCOME BY PROVIDING GOODS AND SERVICES THAT SUCH PERSONS WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO AFFORD. THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN SUCH WAYS AS MAY BE THOUGHT FIT INCLUDING:- ADVANCEMENT OF LEARNING BY PEOPLE NO LONGER IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT THROUGH CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES, COMPETENCIES, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING IN ORDER TO PROGRESS TO FURTHER EDUCATION, TRAINING OR PAID WORK= PROVISION OF VOLUNTEERING AND WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE= CREATION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSPACE, BUILDINGS, AND/OR LAND FOR USE ON FAVOURABLE TERMS TO OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE REUSE/RECYCLING OF FURNITURE AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS÷

Activities: HFS reuses furniture and appliances donated by residents in Hastings and Rother, supplying them at affordable rates to people with low incomes through stores in Hastings and Bexhill. We also provide cost-price removals for people with low incomes and a full house clearance service for all residents

(chargeable).HFS runs training for local people who are out of work.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE HASTINGS AND ROTHER DISTRICT
- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£703,868	£439,352	£977,168	10
2024-03-31	£448,070	£514,463	-	-
2023-03-31	£361,943	£479,131	-	-
2022-03-31	£374,805	£427,330	-	-
2021-03-31	£395,885	£369,271	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Claire Davies	Chair	2017-05-17
Edwina Hughes		2024-04-01
JACKY EVERARD		
Jake Alexander		2022-11-01
Mark Johnson		2024-04-01
Paul Courtel		2024-01-01
Sarka Gill		2024-12-10

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Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**

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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Introduction

HFS is the local independent furniture & electrical reuse charity that has been fighting furniture poverty in Hastings & Rother since 1988.

Our Vision - We believe every person, across Hastings and Rother, should have a bed to sleep on, a cooker to prepare basic meals with, and the essential furniture to create a comfortable, safe home.

Our Mission - To help alleviate poverty by providing low-cost quality re-used furniture and electrical goods to low-income households; creating opportunities to enable individuals to improve their lives; diverting waste from landfill and reducing CO2 emissions.

What is furniture poverty?

Furniture poverty, including white goods, is the inability to access, or afford to buy or maintain, any household furniture or appliance item that is essential to achieve a socially acceptable standard of living.

For example:

- Without a cooker or microwave, families relying on food banks cannot safely prepare the food they are given.
- Without a fridge, donated fresh produce often perishes before it can be eaten.
- Without a bed, families end up sharing mattresses or sleeping on the floor.

HFS plays a crucial role in ensuring that vulnerable households have access to these essentials.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers remain at the heart of HFS. In 2024-25, over 45 individuals contributed almost 14,000 hours, their skills, and energy across our stores, logistics, and community programmes.

Their contribution enabled us to support thousands of households, deliver starter packs, and divert nearly 150 tonnes of furniture and electricals from landfill. Many volunteers progress into employment or further training, while others find renewed confidence and community connection. Without them, HFS could not deliver services at the scale or quality achieved this year.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

What We Do

HFS currently operates two stores:

- o HFS Essentials - Our core retail outlet offering reused furniture and electricals at affordable prices, with up to 50% discount for low-income households.
- o HFS Eco-living - Launched in 2024, this new store sells donated antique and mid-century pieces, supporting financial sustainability while promoting reuse and the circular economy.

We run volunteer employment programmes that provide practical opportunities for local people to gain skills, experience, and confidence.

We also provide essential starter packs - bedding, cooking utensils, toiletries, and cleaning products - for families moving into social housing, refugees being resettled, and women and children leaving refuges.

Impact in 2024-25:

- Supported over 4,100 households.
- Delivered household savings of nearly £500,000
- Prevented 147,875kg of CO2 emissions - equivalent to 370,000 miles driven in a petrol car, powering 18,000 LED bulbs for a year, or the absorption capacity of 6,700 mature trees.

A Year of Strategic Renewal

The 2024-25 financial year marked a turning point for HFS.

- Sale of the Bexhill site, with proceeds ringfenced for future investment.
- Launch of Eco living, diversifying income streams.
- Acquisition of a new van through National Lottery and Clothworkers' Foundation grants.
- Appointment of five new trustees following strategy away days, bringing fresh expertise and renewed energy.

Strategic Aims

1. People - Inspire staff and volunteers, ensuring they feel empowered, valued, and involved.
2. Services - Increase access to affordable reused furniture and develop initiatives to help people move beyond poverty.
3. Environmental - Lead locally on tackling climate change, aiming to be climate positive.
4. Community - Work in partnership to reduce poverty and its impact.
5. Awareness Raising - Campaign to end furniture poverty and challenge throwaway culture.
6. Performance - Diversify income streams, expand fundraising, and broaden partnerships with the commercial sector to reinforce financial resilience and community impact.

Financial review

Significant Events Affecting Financial Performance

- Sale of the Bexhill site.
- Launch of Eco living.
- Rising operational costs (fuel, utilities, insurance).

Financial Effect of Significant Events

- One off gain from property sale ringfenced for future investment.
- Eco living generated new unrestricted income.
- Inflationary pressures contributed to an operating deficit excluding the property sale.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Investment policy and objectives

- Proceeds from the Bexhill sale held in low risk deposit accounts pending reinvestment.
- Policy prioritises capital preservation, liquidity, and ethical alignment.

Reserves policy

- Amount of Reserves Held: £977,168 of which £404,742 are restricted and £325,000 is designated.
- Purpose: Safeguard against income volatility, cover unexpected expenditure, and ensure continuity of services.
- Designated Funds: Proceeds from Bexhill sale designated for future capital investment (expected within 3 years).
- Timing of Expenditure: Strategic reinvestment planned following board review in 2026.

Financial Sustainability

This year, our income and expenditure - excluding the one-off sale of the Bexhill property - shows a deficit. Rising costs and unpredictable funding have tested resilience.

We have taken decisive steps: streamlining operations, diversifying income, investing in Eco living, and plan to expand fundraising, and strengthen commercial partnerships. Our focus is on growing earned income and reducing reliance on grants, with a clear commitment to long term sustainability.

Principal risks and uncertainties

- Volatility in grant funding and donations.
- Rising costs of transport and utilities.
- Dependence on donated stock quality and volume.
- Competition from commercial second hand retailers and social media platforms such as Facebook Marketplace.
- Future uncertainty around the single East Sussex unitary proposal, which may reshape governance, funding priorities, and commissioning.

Mitigation Strategies: diversifying income, strengthening retail offer, investing in volunteer and staff development, maintaining prudent reserves, and proactive engagement with local authority partners.

Our Future Plans

Building on our six strategic aims, HFS plans to:

- Expand Eco living and explore online sales to reach wider audiences.
- Invest in volunteer training and pathways into employment.
- Develop climate positive initiatives to further reduce CO2 emissions.
- Campaign regionally to raise awareness of furniture poverty.
- Strengthen and broaden partnerships with the commercial sector to generate additional income, secure in kind support, and build collaborative initiatives.

Conclusion

The 2024-25 financial year has been one of strategic renewal and forward momentum. Despite the financial pressures, HFS has continued to deliver vital services, strengthen governance, and invest in its future.

Through the dedication of staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters, we have emerged stronger, more focused, and more determined than ever. With a renewed strategy, a clear commitment to financial sustainability, and our community at the heart of everything we do, we're ready to meet the challenges ahead.

Together, we will continue to tackle furniture poverty, champion environmental sustainability, and transform lives across Hastings and Rother - one household, one item, and one opportunity at a time.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure and governance

HFS is governed by a Board of Trustees who set strategic direction and oversee compliance. Day to day operations are delegated to the Chief Executive and senior management team. Decisions are made collectively at board meetings, informed by staff and volunteer input.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees receive structured induction covering charity law, governance responsibilities, and HFS operations. Ongoing training includes away days, external seminars, and peer learning.

Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

Remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees, benchmarked against NJC pay scales and local charity sector norms. Parameters include affordability, fairness, and alignment with HFS values.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02304489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1003257

Registered office

6-10 Dorset Place
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Trustees

J Alexander	
P C Courtel	(appointed 12/4/2024)
Ms C Davies	
Ms J Everard	
Ms E Hughes	(appointed 12/4/2024)
M P Johnson	(appointed 12/4/2024)
Lord B R Mclean	(resigned 10/12/2024)
N A Porter	(appointed 12/4/2024)
Dr S Gill	(appointed 10/12/2024)

Company Secretaries

A S Burnett
Ms K Davidson

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Chief Executive

Kate Davidson

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 23 December 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:

Ms C Davies - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd. ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Joseph Greenslade FCCA

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23 December 2025

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	259	-	259	730
Charitable activities	5				
Furniture projects		224,005	13,600	237,605	335,799
Contract		59,848	-	59,848	72,123
Workspace hub		8,751	-	8,751	35,577
Investment income	4	8,943	-	8,943	3,841
Other income		388,462	-	388,462	-
Total		690,268	13,600	703,868	448,070
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	7,930	-	7,930	8,792
Charitable activities	7				
Furniture projects		381,946	25,563	407,509	412,666
Contract		23,913	-	23,913	69,754
Workspace hub		-	-	-	23,251
Total		413,789	25,563	439,352	514,463
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		276,479	(11,963)	264,516	(66,393)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		295,947	416,705	712,652	779,045
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		572,426	404,742	977,168	712,652

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD. (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02304489)**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	1,023	404,212	405,235	698,307
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	4,909	-	4,909	3,684
Debtors	16	17,014	-	17,014	8,814
Cash at bank and in hand		563,528	530	564,058	99,894
		585,451	530	585,981	112,392
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(14,048)	-	(14,048)	(36,683)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		571,403	530	571,933	75,709
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		572,426	404,742	977,168	774,016
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	-	-	-	(61,364)
NET ASSETS		572,426	404,742	977,168	712,652
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds				572,426	295,947
Restricted funds				404,742	416,705
TOTAL FUNDS				977,168	712,652

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Davies - Trustee

S Gill - Trustee

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(132,732)	(62,864)
Interest paid		1,539	(6,300)
Net cash used in operating activities		(131,193)	(69,164)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(21,995)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		690,000	-
Interest received		8,943	3,841
Net cash provided by investing activities		676,948	3,841
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(81,591)	(13,743)
Net cash used in financing activities		(81,591)	(13,743)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		464,164	(79,066)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		99,894	178,960
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		564,058	99,894

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	264,516	(66,393)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	13,529	22,683
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(388,462)	-
Interest received	(8,943)	(3,841)
Interest paid	(1,539)	6,300
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(1,225)	882
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(8,200)	1,694
Decrease in creditors	(2,408)	(24,189)
Net cash used in operations	(132,732)	(62,864)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	99,894	464,164	564,058
	99,894	464,164	564,058
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(20,227)	20,227	-
Debts falling due after 1 year	(61,364)	61,364	-
	(81,591)	81,591	-
Total	18,303	545,755	564,058

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings Furniture Service is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net current assets and net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

FUND ACCOUNTING

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	259	730

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	8,943	3,841

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2025	2024
		£	£
Furniture and removal income	Furniture projects	219,005	241,989
Grants	Furniture projects	18,600	93,810
Contract income	Contract	59,848	72,123
Rent received	Workspace hub	8,751	35,577
		306,204	443,499

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	18,600	93,810

6. RAISING FUNDS

RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	7,930	8,792

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Furniture projects	314,533	92,976	407,509
Contract	23,913	-	23,913
	338,446	92,976	431,422

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Information technology £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Furniture projects	72,466	3,707	1,464	15,339	92,976

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	13,529	22,683
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(388,462)	-

10. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,045	1,950
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's prior year financial statements	-	500
	2,045	2,450

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

12. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	279,664	332,336
Social security costs	19,615	22,878
Other pension costs	6,084	6,032
	305,363	361,246

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	10	12
Full time equivalents		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 11 (2024 - 15).

The key management personnel of the charity received remuneration of £104,902 during the accounting period.

13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	730	-	730
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	276,749	59,050	335,799
Contract	72,123	-	72,123
Workspace hub	35,577	-	35,577
Investment income	3,841	-	3,841
Total	389,020	59,050	448,070
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	8,792	-	8,792
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	364,728	47,938	412,666
Contract	69,754	-	69,754
Workspace hub	23,251	-	23,251
Total	466,525	47,938	514,463
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(77,505)	11,112	(66,393)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	373,452	405,593	779,045
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	295,947	416,705	712,652

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	1,069,725	18,065	127,469	1,215,259
Additions	-	-	21,995	21,995
Disposals	(601,979)	-	-	(601,979)
At 31 March 2025	467,746	18,065	149,464	635,275
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	375,281	18,065	123,606	516,952
Charge for year	9,355	-	4,174	13,529
Eliminated on disposal	(300,441)	-	-	(300,441)
At 31 March 2025	84,195	18,065	127,780	230,040
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	383,551	-	21,684	405,235
At 31 March 2024	694,444	-	3,863	698,307

15. STOCKS

	2025 £	2024 £
New furniture stock	4,909	3,684

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	12,502	5,688
Other debtors	431	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,081	3,126
	17,014	8,814

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other loans (see note 19)	-	20,227
Social security and other taxes	5,299	4,282
VAT	1,022	241
Other creditors	5,682	5,683
Accruals and deferred income	2,045	6,250
	14,048	36,683

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18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other loans (see note 19)	-	61,364

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	-	20,227
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	-	59,364
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	-	2,000

20. SECURED DEBTS

Rother District Council hold a charge over 47 London Road, Bexhill for £80,000.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	165,947	276,479	(195,000)	247,426
Designated funds	130,000	-	195,000	325,000
	295,947	276,479	-	572,426
Restricted funds				
Tangible Assets	395,405	(13,188)	21,995	404,212
Skipton Building Society	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Awards for All	19,800	(5,283)	(14,517)	-
Clothworkers Foundation	-	7,478	(7,478)	-
Jim Jackson Foundation	-	530	-	530
	416,705	(11,963)	-	404,742
TOTAL FUNDS	712,652	264,516	-	977,168

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	690,268	(413,789)	276,479
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	-	(13,188)	(13,188)
Skipton Building Society	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Awards for All	-	(5,283)	(5,283)
Clothworkers Foundation	10,200	(2,722)	7,478
Jim Jackson Foundation	1,700	(1,170)	530
Homity Trust	750	(750)	-
Winkle Club	200	(200)	-
Leeds Building Society	750	(750)	-
	13,600	(25,563)	(11,963)
TOTAL FUNDS	703,868	(439,352)	264,516

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	243,452	(77,505)	165,947
Designated funds	130,000	-	130,000
	373,452	(77,505)	295,947
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	405,593	(10,188)	395,405
Skipton Building Society	-	1,500	1,500
Awards for All	-	19,800	19,800
	405,593	11,112	416,705
TOTAL FUNDS	779,045	(66,393)	712,652

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	389,020	(466,525)	(77,505)
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	-	(10,188)	(10,188)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	1,500	(1,500)	-
Blagrove	16,500	(16,500)	-
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,500)	-
Magdalen and Lasher	750	(750)	-
Skipton Building Society	1,500	-	1,500
Southern Water	12,500	(12,500)	-
Awards for All	19,800	-	19,800
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>59,050</u>	<u>(47,938)</u>	<u>11,112</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>448,070</u>	<u>(514,463)</u>	<u>(66,393)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	243,452	198,974	(195,000)	247,426
Designated funds	130,000	-	195,000	325,000
	<u>373,452</u>	<u>198,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>572,426</u>
Restricted funds				
Tangible Assets	405,593	(23,376)	21,995	404,212
Awards for All	-	14,517	(14,517)	-
Clothworkers Foundation	-	7,478	(7,478)	-
Jim Jackson Foundation	-	530	-	530
	<u>405,593</u>	<u>(851)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>404,742</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>779,045</u>	<u>198,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>977,168</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,079,288	(880,314)	198,974
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	-	(23,376)	(23,376)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	1,500	(1,500)	-
Blagrove	16,500	(16,500)	-
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,500)	-
Magdalen and Lasher	750	(750)	-
Skipton Building Society	1,500	(1,500)	-
Southern Water	12,500	(12,500)	-
Awards for All	19,800	(5,283)	14,517
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Clothworkers Foundation	10,200	(2,722)	7,478
Jim Jackson Foundation	1,700	(1,170)	530
Homity Trust	750	(750)	-
Winkle Club	200	(200)	-
Leeds Building Society	750	(750)	-
	<u>72,650</u>	<u>(73,501)</u>	<u>(851)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,151,938</u>	<u>(953,815)</u>	<u>198,123</u>

At the year end the charity held reserves of £977,168 of which £572,426 are unrestricted. The Trustees reviewed the position and have had the following designations places upon them:

£325,000 Capital Purchase Reserve

Description of Restricted Funds

Sussex Community Foundation - Cost of living increases, heating, lighting, fuel costs for vans. Office furniture project.

Blagrove - Continuation of the Kickstarter scheme, allowing us to extend employment of trainees.

Skipton Building Society - Epos for gift aid.

Awards for All - New van.

Isobel Blackman Foundation - Starter packs.

Magdalen and Lasher - Started packs and admin fees.

Southern Water - Flood damage at Priory Meadow.

Chalk Cliff Trust - Volunteer expenses and training.

Clothworkers Foundation - New van.

Jim Jackson Foundation - Employee driving lessons.

Homity Trust - Starter packs.

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Winkle Club - Starter packs.

Leeds Building Society - Starter packs.

Tangible Assets - This relates to the acquisition and redevelopment of Dorset Place; the property from which the charity operates. Motor vehicles are also included in this fund. These assets were purchased using restricted funds and are depreciated as shown below.

	Freehold Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	467,746	25,000	492,746
Additions	-	21,995	21,995
At 31 March 2025	467,746	46,995	514,741
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	74,840	22,501	97,341
Charge for year	9,355	3,833	13,188
At 31 March 2025	84,195	26,334	110,529
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	383,551	20,661	404,212
At 31 March 2024	392,906	2,499	395,405

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1003257

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02304489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1003257

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**

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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

HFS is the local independent furniture & electrical reuse charity that has been fighting furniture poverty in Hastings & Rother since 1988.

Our Vision - We believe every person, across Hastings and Rother, should have a bed to sleep on, a cooker to prepare basic meals with and the essential furniture to create a comfortable, safe home.

Our Mission - To help alleviate poverty by providing low-cost quality re-used furniture and electrical goods to low-income households; creating opportunities to enable individuals to improve their lives; diverting waste from landfill and reducing CO2 emissions.

What is furniture poverty?

Furniture poverty, including white goods, is the inability to access, or afford to buy or maintain, any household furniture or appliance item that is essential to achieve a socially acceptable standard of living. HFS plays a crucial role in ensuring that the most vulnerable individuals have access to basic essentials. Despite furniture and white goods poverty lacking the same recognition as food or fuel poverty, it remains a harsh reality for many families across Hastings and Rother.

For example, without a means to cook food (cooker, microwave, etc.), families relying on food banks can't safely prepare the food they are given. Without a fridge to store fresh produce, many families end up throwing away donated food that has perished or, even worse, trying to eat rotten food.

Without a bed each to sleep on, families end up sharing mattresses or even sleeping on the cold floor.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The past year has been one of extraordinary challenges and change for HFS, marked by economic pressures, operational difficulties, and tough decisions. However, through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, HFS has not only weathered these challenges but also continued to make a significant impact in the Hastings and Rother community.

Key Achievements

1. Supporting Vulnerable Households

Over the 2023-24 financial year, HFS successfully sold more than 6,000 items of second-hand furniture, all donated by generous members of the local community. These items were distributed at affordable prices, ensuring that essential household goods were accessible to low-income families and individuals transitioning to independent living. By meeting these needs, HFS has enabled households to maintain a reasonable standard of living, improving their quality of life and financial stability.

2. Environmental Impact

Reuse remains at the core of HFS's operations. By diverting furniture and appliances from landfill, the organisation has prevented an estimated 227 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions and saved approximately 135 million litres of water. This environmental contribution reduces the demand for raw materials and new furniture production, mitigating the harm caused by resource extraction and industrial manufacturing. The environmental impact of HFS demonstrates that small organisations can play a meaningful role in tackling global sustainability challenges.

3. Community Benefits

In addition to providing affordable furniture, HFS's work contributes to broader community well-being. By alleviating furniture poverty, families facing the financial pressures of the cost-of-living crisis can allocate resources to other critical needs, such as food, energy bills, and education. This not only improves household stability but also indirectly supports the local economy by enabling healthier, more productive communities.

4. Volunteer Programme

Our volunteers play a crucial role in our organisation. The Volunteer Programme empowers individuals through personal growth, skill development, and community engagement while providing a pathway to paid employment. By volunteering with us, individuals can build essential skills such as communication, time management, and problem-solving, boosting their confidence and sense of accomplishment. The programme fosters social interaction, helping volunteers reduce isolation, develop friendships, and feel a greater connection to their community. It also provides a structured environment with clear expectations, enabling volunteers to thrive and gain a sense of purpose through meaningful contributions to society. Additionally, we support our volunteers in transitioning to paid employment by assisting with professional CV preparation, conducting mock interviews, and offering ongoing guidance.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Challenges and Organisational Changes

The 2023-24 financial year was marked by a combination of economic, operational, and financial pressures that tested the resilience of HFS:

1. Economic Pressures

The extended cost-of-living crisis increased demand for affordable furniture while driving up the costs of service delivery, such as transportation, repairs, and logistics. Simultaneously, reductions in local authority funding and grant support required HFS to draw on its financial reserves to sustain operations.

2. Operational Challenges

In October 2023, the Priory Meadow store suffered another flood, which caused extensive damage to the ground floor. Three van loads of stock had to be disposed of, and the store was closed for five days to allow for drying, cleaning, and disinfection. The response from staff and volunteers was extraordinary, with everyone contributing tirelessly to ensure the store reopened quickly and safely.

3. Strategic Decisions

To ensure the organisation's financial sustainability, HFS trustees made several difficult but necessary decisions:

o **Staff Redundancies:** In January 2024, three members of staff were made redundant to reduce ongoing costs. HFS extends its sincere gratitude to these individuals for their service and wishes them every success in their future endeavours.

o **Asset Sale:** The Bexhill site, purchased in 2008 for redevelopment, was sold due to its high maintenance costs and the inability to secure funding for required improvements. The site's condition had become a financial burden, and the sale will allow HFS to redirect resources towards its mission. The proceeds, expected by March 2025, will be ring-fenced and form the basis of a new investment strategy aimed at long-term financial stability.

LOOKING AHEAD

Despite the significant challenges faced this year, HFS remains committed to fighting furniture poverty and promoting environmental sustainability. The sale of the Bexhill site provides an opportunity for the organisation to secure its financial future through careful investment and strategic planning.

Moving forward, HFS aims to:

- Continue supporting low-income households by providing affordable furniture and essential household items.
- Expand efforts to promote environmental sustainability by increasing reuse and reducing landfill waste.
- Strengthen partnerships with donors, volunteers, and community stakeholders to enhance the organisation's impact.
- Develop a long-term investment strategy to ensure financial stability and growth, allowing HFS to adapt to changing circumstances and continue its vital work.

Conclusion

The 2023-24 financial year has been one of immense challenge and transformation for Hastings Furniture Service. Yet, through the incredible dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, we have not only overcome adversity but emerged stronger, more focused, and more determined than ever.

With the sale of the Bexhill site providing a solid foundation for investment and growth, we are able to embrace new opportunities, expand our impact, and deepen our commitment to the community. Together, we will continue to tackle furniture poverty, champion environmental sustainability, and transform lives across Hastings and Rother.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, memorandum and articles of association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02304489 (England and Wales)

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Registered Charity number

1003257

Registered office

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Trustees

J Alexander Team Manager
P C Courtel (appointed 12/4/2024)
Ms C Davies Company Director
Ms J Everard Advice Centre Manager
Ms E Hughes (appointed 12/4/2024)
M P Johnson (appointed 12/4/2024)
Lord B R Mclean FSB Chairman
N A Porter (appointed 12/4/2024)
K Sellens (resigned 31/3/2024)

Company Secretaries

A S Burnett
Ms K Davidson

Independent Examiner

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EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms C Davies - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd. ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Joseph Greenslade FCCA

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23 December 2024

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		730	-	730	100
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		276,749	59,050	335,799	275,212
Contract		72,123	-	72,123	24,432
Training Projects		-	-	-	35,879
Workspace hub		35,577	-	35,577	24,864
Investment income	3	3,841	-	3,841	1,453
Total		<u>389,020</u>	<u>59,050</u>	<u>448,070</u>	<u>361,940</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		8,792	-	8,792	11,778
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		364,728	47,938	412,666	376,733
Contract		69,754	-	69,754	23,829
Training Projects		-	-	-	47,241
Workspace hub		23,251	-	23,251	19,546
Total		<u>466,525</u>	<u>47,938</u>	<u>514,463</u>	<u>479,127</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(77,505)	11,112	(66,393)	(117,187)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		373,452	405,593	779,045	896,232
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>295,947</u>	<u>416,705</u>	<u>712,652</u>	<u>779,045</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD. (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02304489)**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	302,902	395,405	698,307	720,990
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	3,684	-	3,684	4,566
Debtors	11	8,814	-	8,814	10,508
Cash at bank and in hand		78,594	21,300	99,894	178,960
		91,092	21,300	112,392	194,034
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(36,683)	-	(36,683)	(59,507)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		54,409	21,300	75,709	134,527
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		357,311	416,705	774,016	855,517
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(61,364)	-	(61,364)	(76,472)
NET ASSETS FUNDS	16	295,947	416,705	712,652	779,045
Unrestricted funds				295,947	373,452
Restricted funds				416,705	405,593
TOTAL FUNDS				712,652	779,045

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Davies - Trustee

J Everard - Trustee

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings Furniture Service is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net current assets and net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>3,841</u>	<u>1,453</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>22,683</u>	<u>23,111</u>

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,950	1,000
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's prior year financial statements	500	-
	<u>2,450</u>	<u>1,000</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****7. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	332,336	335,970
Social security costs	22,878	21,876
Other pension costs	6,032	6,532
	<u>361,246</u>	<u>364,378</u>

Included in the wages expenditure above are redundancy payments totalling £5,679 which were paid during the accounting period.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	12	14
Full time equivalents		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 15 (2023 - 17).

The key management personnel of the charity received remuneration of £106,158 during the accounting period.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	100	-	100
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	253,212	22,000	275,212
Contract	24,432	-	24,432
Training Projects	14,879	21,000	35,879
Workspace hub	24,864	-	24,864
Investment income	1,453	-	1,453
Total	<u>318,940</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>361,940</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	11,778	-	11,778
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	340,455	36,278	376,733
Contract	23,829	-	23,829
Training Projects	22,907	24,334	47,241
Workspace hub	19,546	-	19,546
Total	<u>418,515</u>	<u>60,612</u>	<u>479,127</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(99,575)	(17,612)	(117,187)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	473,027	423,205	896,232

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>373,452</u>	<u>405,593</u>	<u>779,045</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>1,069,725</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>127,469</u>	<u>1,215,259</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	<u>353,886</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>122,318</u>	<u>494,269</u>
Charge for year	<u>21,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,288</u>	<u>22,683</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>375,281</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>123,606</u>	<u>516,952</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>694,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,863</u>	<u>698,307</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>715,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,151</u>	<u>720,990</u>

10. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
New furniture stock	<u>3,684</u>	<u>4,566</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	<u>5,688</u>	<u>6,355</u>
VAT	<u>-</u>	<u>1,097</u>
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,126</u>	<u>3,056</u>
	<u>8,814</u>	<u>10,508</u>

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans (see note 14)	20,227	18,862
Social security and other taxes	4,282	7,747
VAT	241	-
Other creditors	5,683	1,598
Accruals and deferred income	6,250	31,300
	<u>36,683</u>	<u>59,507</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans (see note 14)	<u>61,364</u>	<u>76,472</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>20,227</u>	<u>18,862</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>59,364</u>	<u>70,472</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	2,000	6,000

15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	<u>81,591</u>	<u>95,334</u>

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a debenture with a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, building, fixtures, fixed plant & machinery.

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a mortgage over the freehold of 47 London Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, together with all buildings & fixtures (including trade fixtures). Fixed plant & machinery by way of fixed charge, all present & future book & other debts, floating charge over all moveable plant & machinery, implements, utensils, furniture & equipment by way of assignment. The goodwill of the business (if any), the full benefit of all licences & guarantees.

Rother District Council hold a charge over 47 London Road, Bexhill for £80,000.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	243,452	(77,505)	165,947
Designated funds	130,000	-	130,000
	<u>373,452</u>	<u>(77,505)</u>	<u>295,947</u>
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	405,593	(10,188)	395,405
Skipton Building Society	-	1,500	1,500
Awards for All	-	19,800	19,800
	<u>405,593</u>	<u>11,112</u>	<u>416,705</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>779,045</u>	<u>(66,393)</u>	<u>712,652</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	389,020	(466,525)	(77,505)
Restricted funds			
Tangible Assets	-	(10,188)	(10,188)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	1,500	(1,500)	-
Blagrove	16,500	(16,500)	-
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,500)	-
Magdalen and Lasher	750	(750)	-
Skipton Building Society	1,500	-	1,500
Southern Water	12,500	(12,500)	-
Awards for All	19,800	-	19,800
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>59,050</u>	<u>(47,938)</u>	<u>11,112</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>448,070</u>	<u>(514,463)</u>	<u>(66,393)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	303,027	(99,575)	40,000	243,452
Designated funds	<u>170,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>130,000</u>
	473,027	(99,575)	-	373,452
Restricted funds				
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tangible Assets	416,058	(10,465)	-	405,593
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	813	(813)	-	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	<u>3,334</u>	<u>(3,334)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	423,205	(17,612)	-	405,593
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>896,232</u>	<u>(117,187)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>779,045</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	318,940	(418,515)	(99,575)
Restricted funds			
Hastings Lions Club	2,000	(2,000)	-
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Tangible Assets	-	(10,465)	(10,465)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	10,000	(10,813)	(813)
Foreshore Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	(3,334)	(3,334)
Blagrove	15,000	(15,000)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	43,000	(60,612)	(17,612)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>361,940</u>	<u>(479,127)</u>	<u>(117,187)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	303,027	(177,080)	40,000	165,947
Designated funds	<u>170,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>130,000</u>
	473,027	(177,080)	-	295,947
Restricted funds				
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tangible Assets	416,058	(20,653)	-	395,405
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	813	(813)	-	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	3,334	(3,334)	-	-
Skipton Building Society	-	1,500	-	1,500
Awards for All	-	19,800	-	19,800
	<u>423,205</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416,705</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>896,232</u>	<u>(183,580)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>712,652</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	707,960	(885,040)	(177,080)
Restricted funds			
Hastings Lions Club	2,000	(2,000)	-
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Tangible Assets	-	(20,653)	(20,653)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	11,500	(12,313)	(813)
Foreshore Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	(3,334)	(3,334)
Blagrove	31,500	(31,500)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,500)	-
Magdalen and Lasher	750	(750)	-
Skipton Building Society	1,500	-	1,500
Southern Water	12,500	(12,500)	-
Awards for All	19,800	-	19,800
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>102,050</u>	<u>(108,550)</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>810,010</u>	<u>(993,590)</u>	<u>(183,580)</u>

At the year end the charity held reserves of £712,652 of which £295,947 are unrestricted. The Trustees reviewed the position and have had the following designations places upon them:

£130,000 Continuation Reserve

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Description of Restricted Funds

Ernest Kleinwort - IT Systems, to upgrade our computer systems and purchase Wi-Fi cameras for the stores to improve accessibility, also update our software and security.

Sussex Community Foundation - Cost of living increases, heating, lighting, fuel costs for vans. Office furniture project.

Sussex Crisis Fund - Laptops for staff.

Hastings Lions Club - Contribution towards starter packs.

Foreshore Trust - Volunteer training and expenses.

Blagrove - Continuation of the Kickstarter scheme, allowing us to extend employment of trainees.

Social Enterprise Support Fund - Costs of restarting trading and training for DIY courses.

Skipton Building Society - Epos for gift aid.

Awards for All - New van.

Isobel Blackman Foundation - Starter packs.

Magdalen and Lasher - Starter packs and admin fees.

Southern Water - Flood damage at Priory Meadow.

Chalk Cliff Trust - Volunteer expenses and training.

Tangible Assets - This relates to the acquisition and redevelopment of Dorset Place; the property from which the charity operates. Motor vehicles are also included in this fund. These assets were purchased using restricted funds and are depreciated as shown below.

	Freehold Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	467,746	25,000	492,746
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	65,485	21,668	87,153
Charge for year	9,355	833	10,188
At 31 March 2024	74,840	22,501	97,341
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	392,906	2,499	395,405
At 31 March 2023	402,261	3,332	405,593

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

18. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The Bexhill site was sold on 19 July 2024, the decision to sell was based on the ongoing maintenance costs and the lack of external funding to renovate the site. We are committed to serving the Rother community and are currently implementing a new strategy to maximise our services across all of Hastings and Rother.

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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1003257

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02304489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1003257

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD**

Ashdown Hurrey
Chartered Accountant & Business Advisers
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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Impact at HFS: Delivering Public Benefit Amidst Challenges

In the spirit of our longstanding commitment to the Hastings and Rother community, the annual report for 2023 highlights the pivotal role of Hastings and Rother Furniture Service (HFS) as a vital community resource. This year, more than ever, our services have been essential in the aftermath of Covid and amid the escalating Cost of Living crisis, as our community grapples with unprecedented challenges.

Affordable Furniture Provision: November 2022 marked the reopening of all 3 shops in Hastings and Bexhill, enabling us to supply quality used furniture and household items to our local communities. Last year alone, we provided supported 4200 local families, helped prevent 468 tonnes of CO2e from being produced and saved 407 tonnes from going to landfill.

Support for Vulnerable Individuals: At HFS, we take pride in supporting volunteers, including refugees, people with learning disabilities, and those with mental health challenges. Through our volunteer programmes, individuals not only acquire new skills but also build confidence.

Leadership Transition and Resilience: Under the leadership of our newly appointed CEO, Kate Davidson, who brings over two decades of experience in leading non-profit organisations, HFS continues to evolve. Her tenure began in October 2022, and since then, she has been impressed by the dedication of our staff and volunteers in responding to emerging challenges. Kate's expertise and experience will help us shape the future strategic direction of HFS.

Leadership: Our appreciation is extended to our outstanding and dedicated team of trustees who have worked tirelessly, providing leadership for the strategic direction of the organisation and contributing operationally when needed, especially during the interim period between CEOs.

Community Support and Collaboration: The invaluable support we've received from our communities, local authorities, funders, charity sector partners, and supporters has been instrumental. Together, we continue to work towards alleviating furniture poverty, reducing waste, and creating opportunities.

Financial Challenges and Adaptation: Acknowledging the financial challenges, HFS faced a deficit this year, primarily attributed to increased costs and fundraising difficulties. However, we are actively pursuing grant opportunities and, despite forecasting deficits for the next 12 months, we are actively looking as to how we can maximise our capital assets to ensure that HFS continues to thrive.

Unexpected Challenges: In January 2023, our Priory Meadow Store faced an unforeseen challenge as it succumbed to flooding during a storm. The entire ground floor was submerged in 2 feet of water, leading to the destruction of a significant portion of our stock. Additionally, the aftermath required the disposal of 4 van loads of furniture, resulting in a financial setback of over £7500 for the organization. Despite these adversities, our dedicated staff and volunteers joined forces, engaging in a week-long, rigorous process of drying, scrubbing, and cleaning. Their collective efforts proved fruitful as they successfully reopened the store. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment and hard work in swiftly restoring the operational status of the store.

Assets and Reserves: HFS owns crucial fixed assets, including premises and vehicles, to ensure the provision of our vital services. Adhering to a sound reserves policy, we maintain unrestricted funds equivalent to six months' expenditure, providing a safety net to continue serving local low-income households even in the face of income reduction.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

FUTURE PLANS

Looking ahead, HFS has ambitious plans:

- People We want to continue to be an inspiring place to work; where staff and volunteers feel empowered, valued and are involved in the future direction of the organization.
- Services We aim to increase access to our services to ensure we meet the needs of our local community. Obtain and supply good quality affordable used furniture and provide a responsive, accessible, and friendly service to our customers. Design and develop initiatives that will enable people to move beyond poverty.
- Environmental We aspire to be at the forefront in tackling climate change across the region; to inspire and energise our community to reduce CO2e emissions and be part of the solution for Net Zero. We aim to make our own organisation climate positive and to minimise our impact on the planet.
- Community We want to create a better quality of life for our community. We will work in partnership with other organisations to influence change and to reduce poverty and its impact.
- Awareness Raising We want to ensure that the reality of living without essential furniture is understood by the wider community and to campaign to end furniture poverty. We will challenge how the throwaway culture is damaging our planet and inspire our community to recycle, repair and reuse and to promote the circular economy.
- Performance We want to diversify our income streams to further enhance our financial resilience and evolve our income generation. We will manage our resources and assets professionally and effectively to ensure that we can continue to deliver our services both now and in the future.

Despite challenges, HFS remains committed to our missions to help alleviate poverty by providing low-cost quality re-used furniture and electrical goods to low-income households; creating opportunities to enable individuals to improve their lives; diverting waste from landfill and reducing CO2e emissions. and facing the future with resilience, ready to embrace both challenges and opportunities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02304489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1003257

Registered office

6-10 Dorset Place
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 1LG

Trustees

B R McLean	FSB Chairman	
J Everard	Advice Centre Manager	
C Davies	Programme Manager	
M Bushell	Neighbourhood Manager	Resigned 7 September 2022
K Sellens FCA	Retired Chartered Accountant	
J Alexander	Team Manager	Appointed 1 November 2022

Nominated Representatives

The following organisations provide nominated representatives:

- Hastings Borough Council
- Rother District Council

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretaries

A S Burnett
K Davidson

Independent Examiner

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

C Davies - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA

Ashdown Hurrey
Chartered Accountant & Business Advisers
20 Havelock Road
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Date: 20 December 2023

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		103	-	103	346
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		253,212	22,000	275,212	268,199
Contract income		24,432	-	24,432	33,174
Training projects		14,879	21,000	35,879	38,267
Workspace hub		24,864	-	24,864	19,126
Investment income	3	1,453	-	1,453	53
Other income	4	-	-	-	15,640
Total		<u>318,943</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>361,943</u>	<u>374,805</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		11,778	-	11,778	16,943
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		340,459	36,278	376,737	325,837
Contract income		23,829	-	23,829	31,725
Training projects		22,907	24,334	47,241	41,102
Workspace hub		19,546	-	19,546	11,657
Other		-	-	-	66
Total		<u>418,519</u>	<u>60,612</u>	<u>479,131</u>	<u>427,330</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(99,576)	(17,612)	(117,188)	(52,525)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		473,027	423,205	896,232	948,757
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>373,451</u></u>	<u><u>405,593</u></u>	<u><u>779,044</u></u>	<u><u>896,232</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	315,397	405,593	720,990	744,101
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	4,566	-	4,566	5,256
Debtors	12	9,908	600	10,508	8,543
Cash at bank and in hand		178,959	-	178,959	269,070
		<u>193,433</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>194,033</u>	<u>282,869</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(58,907)	(600)	(59,507)	(40,004)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>134,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,526</u>	<u>242,865</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		449,923	405,593	855,516	986,966
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(76,472)	-	(76,472)	(90,734)
NET ASSETS		<u>373,451</u>	<u>405,593</u>	<u>779,044</u>	<u>896,232</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				373,451	473,027
Restricted funds				<u>405,593</u>	<u>423,205</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>779,044</u>	<u>896,232</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

K Sellens FCA - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings Furniture Service is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net current assets and net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued****Government grants**

In accordance with s24 of FRS 102 these are treated using the accruals model and so are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the charity recognises the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,453	53
	<u>1,453</u>	<u>53</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Government COVID Support	-	15,640
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,640</u>

The entity has received the following from the UK government in respect of COVID 19 grants and reliefs:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	-	5,640
Small Business Grant Fund	-	10,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,640</u>

There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to any of the above amounts.

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	23,111	23,684
	<u>23,111</u>	<u>23,684</u>

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

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8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	335,970	292,139
Social security costs	21,876	15,479
Other pension costs	6,532	4,040
	<u>364,378</u>	<u>311,658</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	14	11
Full time equivalents	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 17 (2022 - 18)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2021/22)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	346	-	346
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	259,799	8,400	268,199
Contract income	33,174	-	33,174
Training projects	8,741	29,526	38,267
Workspace hub	19,126	-	19,126
Investment income	53	-	53
Other income	15,640	-	15,640
Total	<u>336,879</u>	<u>37,926</u>	<u>374,805</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	16,943	-	16,943
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	309,888	15,949	325,837
Contract income	31,725	-	31,725
Training projects	7,511	33,591	41,102
Workspace hub	11,657	-	11,657
Other	66	-	66
Total	<u>377,790</u>	<u>49,540</u>	<u>427,330</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(40,911)	(11,614)	(52,525)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	513,938	434,819	948,757
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>473,027</u>	<u>423,205</u>	<u>896,232</u>

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	1,069,725	18,065	127,469	1,215,259
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	332,491	18,065	120,602	471,158
Charge for year	21,395	-	1,716	23,111
At 31 March 2023	353,886	18,065	122,318	494,269
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	715,839	-	5,151	720,990
At 31 March 2022	737,234	-	6,867	744,101

11. STOCKS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
New furniture stock	4,566	5,256

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade debtors	6,355	5,363
VAT	1,097	449
Prepayments and accrued income	3,056	2,731
	10,508	8,543

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Other loans (see note 15)	18,862	18,978
Social security and other taxes	7,747	4,631
Other creditors	1,598	2,595
Accruals and deferred income	31,300	13,800
	59,507	40,004

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other loans (see note 15)	<u>76,472</u>	<u>90,734</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>18,862</u>	<u>18,978</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>70,472</u>	<u>71,355</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more than 5 years by instalments	<u>6,000</u>	<u>19,379</u>

16. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Other loans	<u>95,334</u>	<u>109,712</u>

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a debenture with a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, building, fixtures, fixed plant & machinery.

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a mortgage over the freehold of 47 London Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, together with all buildings & fixtures (including trade fixtures). Fixed plant & machinery by way of fixed charge, all present & future book & other debts, floating charge over all moveable plant & machinery, implements, utensils, furniture & equipment by way of assignment. The goodwill of the business (if any), the full benefit of all licences & guarantees.

Rother District Council hold a charge over 47 London Road, Bexhill for £80,000.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	303,027	(99,576)	40,000	243,451
Designated funds	170,000	-	(40,000)	130,000
	<u>473,027</u>	<u>(99,576)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373,451</u>
Restricted funds				
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tangible Assets	416,058	(10,465)	-	405,593
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	813	(813)	-	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	3,334	(3,334)	-	-
	<u>423,205</u>	<u>(17,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405,593</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>896,232</u>	<u>(117,188)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>779,044</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	318,943	(418,519)	(99,576)
Restricted funds			
Hastings Lions Club	2,000	(2,000)	-
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	(3,000)	(3,000)
Tangible Assets	-	(10,465)	(10,465)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	10,000	(10,813)	(813)
Foreshore Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	(3,334)	(3,334)
Blagrove	15,000	(15,000)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>43,000</u>	<u>(60,612)</u>	<u>(17,612)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>361,943</u>	<u>(479,131)</u>	<u>(117,188)</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General	343,938	(40,911)	303,027
Designated funds	170,000	-	170,000
	513,938	(40,911)	473,027
Restricted funds			
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000
Tangible Assets	426,894	(10,836)	416,058
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	-	813	813
Didymus Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Awards for All	2,925	(2,925)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	3,334	3,334
	434,819	(11,614)	423,205
TOTAL FUNDS	948,757	(52,525)	896,232

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	336,879	(377,790)	(40,911)
Restricted funds			
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Rother District Council	526	(526)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(10,836)	(10,836)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	5,000	(4,187)	813
Didymus Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Awards for All	-	(2,925)	(2,925)
Sussex Crisis Fund	10,000	(6,666)	3,334
Anton Jurgens	4,000	(4,000)	-
Blagrove	15,400	(15,400)	-
	37,926	(49,540)	(11,614)
TOTAL FUNDS	374,805	(427,330)	(52,525)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	343,938	(140,487)	40,000	243,451
Designated funds	170,000	-	(40,000)	130,000
	<u>513,938</u>	<u>(140,487)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>373,451</u>
Restricted funds				
Tangible Assets	426,894	(21,301)	-	405,593
Didymus Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Awards for All	2,925	(2,925)	-	-
	<u>434,819</u>	<u>(29,226)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405,593</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>948,757</u>	<u>(169,713)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>779,044</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	655,822	(796,309)	(140,487)
Restricted funds			
Hastings Lions Club	2,000	(2,000)	-
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	(3,000)	-
Rother District Council	526	(526)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(21,301)	(21,301)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	15,000	(15,000)	-
Didymus Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Foreshore Trust	6,000	(6,000)	-
Awards for All	-	(2,925)	(2,925)
Sussex Crisis Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
Anton Jurgens	4,000	(4,000)	-
Blagrove	30,400	(30,400)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>80,926</u>	<u>(110,152)</u>	<u>(29,226)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>736,748</u>	<u>(906,461)</u>	<u>(169,713)</u>

At the year end the charity held reserves of £779,044 of which £373,451 are unrestricted. The Trustees reviewed the position and have had the following designations places upon them:

£130,000 Continuation Reserve

Description of Restricted Funds

Ernest Kleinworth - IT Systems, to upgrade our computer systems and purchase Wi-Fi cameras for the stores to improve accessibility, also update our software and security.

Sussex Community Foundation - Wages, fuel, heating and overall running costs.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Sussex Crisis Fund - Volunteer Programme, for the recruitment and support of volunteers.

Lions - Contribution towards starter packs.

Foreshore Trust - Volunteer expenses.

Blagrove - Continuation of the Kickstarter scheme, allowing us to extend employment of trainees.

Social Enterprise Support Fund - Contribution towards wages.

Didymus - WoW van sessions. To provide community learning sessions within the community using the WoW van, running costs of van, materials and Tutor time.

Rother District Council - Community shed, revamp of Bexhill workshop to include materials and labour. Materials to run the community shed (tools, drills, waxes, varnishes etc).

Anton Jurgens - Volunteer Programme, for the recruitment and support of volunteers.

Tangible Assets - This relates to the acquisition and redevelopment of Dorset Place; the property from which the charity operates. Motor vehicles are also included in this fund. These assets were purchased using restricted funds and are depreciated as shown below.

	Freehold Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	467,746	25,000	492,746
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	56,130	20,558	76,688
Charge for year	9,355	1,110	10,465
At 31 March 2023	65,485	21,668	87,153
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	402,261	3,332	405,593
At 31 March 2022	411,616	4,442	416,058

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1003257

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02304489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1003257

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
Statutory Auditors
20 Havelock Road
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees meet regularly to manage the affairs of the organisation.

The aims of the organisation are:

- Alleviating poverty by providing affordable goods and services for households with low incomes; collecting unwanted reusable furniture and electrical goods; providing those goods at discounted prices for low-income families. We also work with local authorities to provide essential items for people in crisis setting up home.
- Reducing waste HFS reuses 300 tons of furniture a year - reducing landfill and contributing to environmental sustainability.
- Creating opportunities for people who are out of work, to gain skills, confidence, experience and qualifications; including therapeutic creative activities, accredited courses and employment-based training.
- Encouraging other organisations to create opportunities by providing affordable workspace for enterprises that create jobs and training at our Bexhill centre.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

HFS trustees have referred to the guidance published by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives or planning our future development (section 17 of the Charities Act 2011). We regularly review our development plan.

How our Activities Deliver Public benefit

This year continued to be challenging for HFS and the wider charity sector; with the Covid 19 pandemic and the resulting lockdowns meaning our shops were closed. We were unable to run workshops and events in the first quarter. Thanks to the cost-of-living crisis our services are in greater need than ever.

During the first period we continued to work with local authorities to provide emergency furniture and supplies to households in need. We reopened our 3 shops in Hastings and Bexhill mid July 2021 enabling us to supply quality used furniture and household items to the communities we serve.

Last year we supplied over 4,000 local low-income households with quality second hand furniture and electrical items, resulting in a total saving of 30% for our customers which enabled them to use the money they saved to spend on other essentials.

We supported 35 volunteers, including refugees, people with learning disabilities and mental health issues. Through volunteering with us they were able to learn new skills, build their confidence and work as part of a team. We provided them with work experience that has enabled 13 to go on to paid employment. 79 people attended our craft and DIY courses.

After a tough 18 months our Chief Executive resigned his position. The board of trustees agreed that we would recruit a new CEO whilst keeping our former CEO on within the charity. The Board of trustees continued to provide support, expertise, time and knowledge to the team throughout the year.

We have recruited an experienced CEO for the position, commencing her role in October 2022. This process was both challenging and rewarding. We go into the new year with a knowledgeable, passionate and resilient team.

The challenges facing HFS, the charity sector and local economies with the cost-of-living crisis, and the changes to the high street and shopping habits have all impacted on our services but we look to adapt, to be financially responsible, to be resilient and to face both the challenges and opportunities that the coming year presents.

The support we have received from our communities, our local authorities, funders, partners in the charity sector and supporters has been invaluable and we continue to seek to work together to alleviate furniture poverty, reduce waste and create opportunities.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity suffered a deficit this year in the sum of £52,525 of which £23,684 was Depreciation. Whilst our income from core activities was steady, inevitably costs have increased and fundraising was difficult during the year.

During the current year we are experiencing a sustained increase in our income from core activities however pressure on overheads is still a major factor. We are actively pursuing grant opportunities and we are beginning to see some loosening up in this respect.

Currently, with many unknowns we are forecasting deficits for the next 24 months, however, we are confident that our reserves are sufficient to absorb them, so long as we continue to receive some grant funding.

Fixed Assets

HFS owns functional fixed assets, such as premises and vehicles, in order to provide its services in the community. Full details of the functional fixed assets necessary to the provision of the charity's services are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six month's expenditure, in accordance with Charity Commission recommendations. We have set out £170,000 made up of employment costs, running costs and mortgage/loan liabilities. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant reduction in income, HFS would be able to continue to provide a service for local low-income households while alternative sources of income were sought.

FUTURE PLANS

- Opening our shops and trying to get back to full capacity
- Opening the ground floor of Dorset Place as well as still having Priory Meadow
- Provide work placements for the Kick Starter Scheme
- Open more display space in Bexhill
- Create more opportunities for volunteers and support them back in to work
- We will open our Bexhill workshop to the public as a "Community Shed" and offer opportunities for people to learn new skills and enjoy company while they undertake their own projects or community projects in the workshop.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Hastings Furniture Service (HFS) undertakes a skills audit of our trustees to identify any gaps in the required skills. We recruit using various means i.e. identifying specific agencies/organisations, advertising through the local CVS (Council for Voluntary Service) and via Reachvolunteering.org.uk.

The Management Committee may at any time co-opt any person to the Management Committee whether or not s/he is a member of the Association, provided that the maximum number prescribed in the articles is not exceeded. The appointment will be subject to fulfilling the criteria set out in the HFS Memorandum & Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02304489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1003257

Registered office

6-10 Dorset Place

Hastings

East Sussex

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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees

B R McLean	FSB Chairman	
J Everard	Advice Centre Manager	
C Davies	Program me Manager	
M Bushell	Neighbourhood Manager	Resigned 7 September 2022
K Sellens FCA	Retired Chartered Accountant	
J Alexander	Team Manager	Appointed 1 November 2022

Nominated Representatives

The following organisations provide nominated representatives:

- Hastings Borough Council
- Rother District Council

Company Secretary

A S Burnett

Independent Examiner

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
Statutory Auditors
20 Havelock Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

C Davies - Trustee

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
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22 December 2022

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		346	-	346	763
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		259,799	8,400	268,199	148,111
Contract income		33,174	-	33,174	38,185
Training projects		8,741	29,526	38,267	20,067
Workspace hub		19,126	-	19,126	16,440
Investment income	3	53	-	53	141
Other income	4	15,640	-	15,640	172,178
Total		336,879	37,926	374,805	395,885
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		16,943	-	16,943	17,275
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		309,888	15,949	325,837	271,460
Contract income		31,725	-	31,725	30,992
Training projects		7,511	33,591	41,102	31,717
Workspace hub		11,657	-	11,657	6,574
Other		66	-	66	11,253
Total		377,790	49,540	427,330	369,271
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(40,911)	(11,614)	(52,525)	26,614
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		513,938	434,819	948,757	922,143
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		473,027	423,205	896,232	948,757

The notes form part of these financial statements

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	328,043	416,058	744,101	767,785
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	5,256	-	5,256	5,443
Debtors	12	8,543	-	8,543	24,021
Cash at bank and in hand		261,921	7,147	269,068	290,302
		<u>275,720</u>	<u>7,147</u>	<u>282,867</u>	<u>319,766</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(40,002)	-	(40,002)	(32,757)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>235,718</u>	<u>7,147</u>	<u>242,865</u>	<u>287,009</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		563,761	423,205	986,966	1,054,794
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(90,734)	-	(90,734)	(106,037)
NET ASSETS		<u>473,027</u>	<u>423,205</u>	<u>896,232</u>	<u>948,757</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				473,027	513,938
Restricted funds				423,205	434,819
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>896,232</u>	<u>948,757</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

K Sellens FCA - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings Furniture Service is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have prepared a cash flow forecast and budgets for the charity and against the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic a "reverse stress" test has been applied to the forecasts, seeking to establish the level of liquidity headroom the charity is expected to have during the 12 month going concern period.

On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net current assets and net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Government grants

In accordance with s24 of FRS 102 these are treated using the accruals model and so are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the charity recognises the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>53</u>	<u>141</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Government COVID Support	<u>15,640</u>	<u>172,178</u>

The entity has received the following from the UK government in respect of COVID 19 grants and reliefs:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	5,640	88,785
Small Business Grant Fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>83,393</u>
	<u>15,640</u>	<u>172,178</u>

There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to any of the above amounts.

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>23,684</u>	<u>24,448</u>

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	292,139	247,637
Social security costs	15,479	15,034
Other pension costs	4,040	4,084
	<u>311,658</u>	<u>266,755</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	11	12
Full time equivalents	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 18 (2021 - 14)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2020/21)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	763	-	763
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	115,299	32,812	148,111
Contract income	36,679	1,506	38,185
Training projects	8,137	11,930	20,067
Workspace hub	14,935	1,505	16,440
Investment income	141	-	141
Other income	172,178	-	172,178
Total	<u>348,132</u>	<u>47,753</u>	<u>395,885</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	17,275	-	17,275
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	222,327	49,133	271,460
Contract income	30,992	-	30,992
Training projects	13,342	18,375	31,717
Workspace hub	6,574	-	6,574
Other	11,253	-	11,253
Total	<u>301,763</u>	<u>67,508</u>	<u>369,271</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	46,369	(19,755)	26,614
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	467,569	454,574	922,143
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>513,938</u>	<u>434,819</u>	<u>948,757</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	1,069,725	18,065	127,469	1,215,259
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	311,097	18,065	118,312	447,474
Charge for year	21,394	-	2,290	23,684
At 31 March 2022	332,491	18,065	120,602	471,158
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	737,234	-	6,867	744,101
At 31 March 2021	758,628	-	9,157	767,785

11. STOCKS

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
New furniture stock	5,256	5,443

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade debtors	5,363	9,116
Other debtors	-	12,138
VAT	449	270
Prepayments and accrued income	2,731	2,497
	8,543	24,021

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	3,445
Other loans (see note 15)	18,978	18,532
Social security and other taxes	4,631	4,140
Other creditors	2,593	2,840
Accruals and deferred income	13,800	3,800
	40,002	32,757

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 15)	<u>90,734</u>	<u>106,037</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	3,445
Other loans	<u>18,978</u>	<u>18,532</u>
	<u>18,978</u>	<u>21,977</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>71,355</u>	<u>69,591</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more than 5 years by instalments	<u>19,379</u>	<u>36,446</u>

16. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Other loans	<u>109,712</u>	<u>124,569</u>

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a debenture with a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, building, fixtures, fixed plant & machinery.

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a mortgage over the freehold of 47 London Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, together with all buildings & fixtures (including trade fixtures). Fixed plant & machinery by way of fixed charge, all present & future book & other debts, floating charge over all moveable plant & machinery, implements, utensils, furniture & equipment by way of assignment. The goodwill of the business (if any), the full benefit of all licences & guarantees.

Rother District Council hold a charge over 47 London Road, Bexhill for £80,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General	343,938	(40,911)	303,027
Designated funds	170,000	-	170,000
	<u>513,938</u>	<u>(40,911)</u>	<u>473,027</u>
Restricted funds			
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000
Tangible Assets	426,894	(10,836)	416,058
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	-	813	813
Didymus Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Awards for All	2,925	(2,925)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	3,334	3,334
	<u>434,819</u>	<u>(11,614)</u>	<u>423,205</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>948,757</u></u>	<u><u>(52,525)</u></u>	<u><u>896,232</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	336,879	(377,790)	(40,911)
Restricted funds			
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Rother District Council	526	(526)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(10,836)	(10,836)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	5,000	(4,187)	813
Didymus Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Awards for All	-	(2,925)	(2,925)
Sussex Crisis Fund	10,000	(6,666)	3,334
Anton Jurgens	4,000	(4,000)	-
Blagrove	15,400	(15,400)	-
	<u>37,926</u>	<u>(49,540)</u>	<u>(11,614)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>374,805</u></u>	<u><u>(427,330)</u></u>	<u><u>(52,525)</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	237,569	46,369	60,000	343,938
Designated funds	230,000	-	(60,000)	170,000
	<u>467,569</u>	<u>46,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,938</u>
Restricted funds				
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	650	(650)	-	-
Hastings Lions Club	1,300	(1,300)	-	-
Tangible Assets	438,224	(11,330)	-	426,894
Didymus Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000
Foreshore Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
Masons Charitable Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Awards for All	8,000	(5,075)	-	2,925
Isobel Blackman Foundation	500	(500)	-	-
SCF - Volunteer Support	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>454,574</u>	<u>(19,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434,819</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>922,143</u>	<u>26,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>948,757</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	348,132	(301,763)	46,369
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	(650)	(650)
Hastings Lions Club	-	(1,300)	(1,300)
Rother District Council	2,325	(2,325)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(11,330)	(11,330)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	3,482	(3,482)	-
Didymus Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Foreshore Trust	5,800	(8,200)	(2,400)
Masons Charitable Trust	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Awards for All	-	(5,075)	(5,075)
Isobel Blackman Foundation	-	(500)	(500)
SCF - Volunteer Support	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Sussex Crisis Fund	2,540	(2,540)	-
Homity Trust	650	(650)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,350	(5,350)	-
Edward Gostling	2,500	(2,500)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	20,106	(20,106)	-
	<u>47,753</u>	<u>(67,508)</u>	<u>(19,755)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>395,885</u>	<u>(369,271)</u>	<u>26,614</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	237,569	5,458	60,000	303,027
Designated funds	230,000	-	(60,000)	170,000
	<u>467,569</u>	<u>5,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473,027</u>
Restricted funds				
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	650	(650)	-	-
Hastings Lions Club	1,300	(1,300)	-	-
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000
Tangible Assets	438,224	(22,166)	-	416,058
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	-	813	-	813
Foreshore Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
Masons Charitable Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Awards for All	8,000	(8,000)	-	-
Isobel Blackman Foundation	500	(500)	-	-
SCF - Volunteer Support	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	3,334	-	3,334
	<u>454,574</u>	<u>(31,369)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423,205</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>922,143</u></u>	<u><u>(25,911)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>896,232</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General	685,011	(679,553)	5,458
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	(650)	(650)
Hastings Lions Club	-	(1,300)	(1,300)
Ernest Kleinworth Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000
Rother District Council	2,851	(2,851)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(22,166)	(22,166)
Sussex Community Foundation (SCF)	8,482	(7,669)	813
Didymus Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Foreshore Trust	5,800	(8,200)	(2,400)
Masons Charitable Trust	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Awards for All	-	(8,000)	(8,000)
Isobel Blackman Foundation	-	(500)	(500)
SCF - Volunteer Support	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Sussex Crisis Fund	12,540	(9,206)	3,334
Homity Trust	650	(650)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,350	(5,350)	-
Edward Gostling	2,500	(2,500)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	20,106	(20,106)	-
Anton Jurgens	4,000	(4,000)	-
Blagrove	15,400	(15,400)	-
	<u>85,679</u>	<u>(117,048)</u>	<u>(31,369)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>770,690</u>	<u>(796,601)</u>	<u>(25,911)</u>

At the year end the charity held reserves of £896,232, of which £473,027 are unrestricted. The Trustees reviewed the position and have had the following designations places upon them:-

£170,000 Continuation Reserve

Description of Restricted Funds

Rother District Council - Community shed, revamp of Bexhill workshop to include materials and labour. Materials to run the community shed (tools, drills, waxes, varnishes etc)

Sussex Crisis Fund - Laptops for 3 senior staff to be able to work from home during lockdown

Foreshore Trust - Starter packs, to purchase items for starter packs for vulnerable families.

Homity Trust - Starter packs, to purchase items for starter packs for vulnerable families.

National Lottery Community Fund - To make the stores covid secure with screens, floor marking social distancing, PPE for staff. Sanitizer and cleaning materials.

Edward Gostling - Volunteer project, pay towards volunteer support worker and travel expenses for volunteers.

Sussex Community Foundation - Training in first aid and fire safety training for staff. Hi Viz for staff and volunteers, heated jackets for shop staff.

Social Enterprise Support Fund - To cover losses from trading during lockdown. 2 staff wages for 6 months and Project and Development Manager wage.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Didymus - WoW van sessions. To provide community learning sessions within the community using the WoW van, running costs of van, materials and Tutor time.

Blagrove - Continuation of the Kickstarter scheme, allowing us to extend employment of trainees.

Blagrove - Christmas Hampers scheme.

Sussex Community Foundation - IT Systems, to upgrade our computer systems and purchase Wi-Fi cameras for the stores to improve accessibility.

Ernest Kleinwort - IT Systems, to upgrade our computer systems and purchase Wi-Fi cameras for the stores to improve accessibility, also update our software and security.

Sussex Crisis Fund - Volunteer Programme, for the recruitment and support of volunteers.

Anton Jurgens - Volunteer Programme, for the recruitment and support of volunteers.

Tangible Assets - This relates to the acquisition and redevelopment of Dorset Place; the property from which the charity operates. Motor vehicles are also included in this fund. These assets were purchased using restricted funds and are depreciated as shown below.

	Freehold Property £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	467,746	25,000	492,746
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	46,775	19,077	65,852
Charge for year	9,355	1,481	10,836
At 31 March 2022	56,130	20,558	76,688
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	411,616	4,442	416,058
At 31 March 2021	420,971	5,923	426,894

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1003257

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02304489 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1003257

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

Ashdown Hurrey Auditors Limited
Statutory Auditors
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees meet regularly to manage the affairs of the organisation.

The aims of the organisation are:

- Alleviating poverty by providing affordable goods and services for households with low incomes; collecting unwanted reusable furniture and electrical goods; providing those goods at discounted prices for low-income families. We also work with local authorities to provide essential items for people in crisis setting up home.
- Reducing waste HFS reuses 300 tons of furniture a year - reducing landfill and contributing to environmental sustainability.
- Creating opportunities for people who are out of work, to gain skills, confidence, experience and qualifications; including therapeutic creative activities, accredited courses and employment-based training.
- Encouraging other organisations to create opportunities by providing affordable workspace for enterprises that create jobs and training at our Bexhill centre.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

HFS trustees have referred to the guidance published by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives or planning our future development (section 17 of the Charities Act 2011). We regularly review our development plan.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

How our Activities Deliver Public benefit

This year has been very challenging; due to the Covid 19 Pandemic our shops were closed for 31 weeks out of 52, this obviously hit hard the services we usually provide and the income we normally generate from sales in our shops.

During the first lockdown whilst the stores were closed and the majority of staff were furloughed, we were able to work with other local organisations and charities to provide much needed services - such as helping local food banks collect and deliver food. We used the van to pick up food from the local supermarkets that were then distributed to vulnerable families, some of whom are our customers. Using our vans, we also collected 2 loads of food from Crowborough for The Pantry another local food bank. As our three shops were closed we opened some storage to Surviving the Streets as their demand for space had increased due to the rising need for their services. The CEO and Development and Projects manager worked throughout the lockdown and were able to deliver new beds for vulnerable families who received emergency grants.

Throughout the year we worked with local authorities to furnish 21 homes across Hastings, St Leonards and Rother that will be used for Syrian refugees and temporary housing for homeless families.

HFS continued to raise funds to offer "starter packs" of essential items for households to cook, wash and clean.

The stores were made Covid safe with Perspex screens at the reception desks, sanitising stations throughout the stores and clear routes marked out throughout the stores for social distancing. Each van was fitted with cleaning stations so that drivers and crew could wash their hands before and after each delivery or collection.

When we opened after the first lockdown all donated furniture had to be quarantined for 72 hours before going on to the shop floor, this meant that delivery and collections crews were double or sometimes triple handling furniture. All HFS staff pulled together during this time and worked extremely hard to successfully deliver our services in this challenging environment.

Although we were not able to run our training courses as normal due to lockdowns and social distancing, this gave us the opportunity to re-vamp the Bexhill workshop in preparation for our community shed project. The workshop was given a lick of paint, a new sink was installed so we could have running water and cleaning facilities as well as peg boards put up to store tools.

HFS continues to provide environmental benefits; in the last year we reused 120 tons of furniture and electrical goods, saving items from going to waste in landfill. This figure is much lower in comparison to previous years, but we will be looking at ways to increase the re-use of furniture and reduce waste in the coming financial year.

We continued to provide opportunities for unemployed people to join us as volunteers and will be running the Government Kick Starter scheme in the next year. This will allow us to give real work experience and training for young people which increase their employability.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity achieved a surplus during the year. With lower activity resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, we were fortunate to receive significant Government assistance which enabled us to maintain financial security.

We have continued to apply for grants, and we regularly review our expenditure. Our aim of optimising our shop space so as to reach its full potential and to make sure we are reaching as many of our clients as possible continues.

The continuing Covid-19 pandemic makes future planning very difficult. Our aim for the foreseeable future is the maintenance of financial security.

Fixed Assets

HFS owns functional fixed assets, such as premises and vehicles, in order to provide its services in the community. Full details of the functional fixed assets necessary to the provision of the charity's services are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six month's expenditure, in accordance with Charity Commission recommendations. We have set out £170,000 made up of employment costs, running costs and mortgage/loan liabilities. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant reduction in income, HFS would be able to continue to provide a service for local low-income households while alternative sources of income were sought.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FUTURE PLANS

- Opening our shops and trying to get back to full capacity
- Opening the ground floor of Dorset Place as well as still having Priory Meadow
- Provide work placements for the Kick Starter Scheme
- Open more display space in Bexhill
- Create more opportunities for volunteers and support them back in to work
- We will open our Bexhill workshop to the public as a "Community Shed" and offer opportunities for people to learn new skills and enjoy company while they undertake their own projects or community projects in the workshop.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Hastings Furniture Service (HFS) undertakes a skills audit of our trustees to identify any gaps in the required skills. We recruit using various means i.e. identifying specific agencies/organisations, advertising through the local CVS (Council for Voluntary Service) and via Reachvolunteering.org.uk.

The Management Committee may at any time co-opt any person to the Management Committee whether or not s/he is a member of the Association, provided that the maximum number prescribed in the articles is not exceeded. The appointment will be subject to fulfilling the criteria set out in the HFS Memorandum & Articles of Association.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02304489 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1003257

Registered office

6-10 Dorset Place

Hastings

East Sussex

TN34 1LG

Trustees

M C Selley Advice Worker (resigned 28.2.21)

B R McLean

J Everard Advice Centre Manager

M Denning Retired Teacher (resigned 28.2.21)

C Davies Programme Manager

M Bushell Neighbourhood Manager

K Sellens FCA Retired Chartered Accountant (appointed 26.8.20)

Nominated Representatives

The following organisations provide nominated representatives:

- Hastings Borough Council
- Rother District Council

Company Secretary

A S Burnett

Independent Examiner

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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20 Havelock Road

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HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02304489)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

C Davies - Trustee

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees (who are also the directors of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hastings Furniture Service Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr S R Sampson BFP FCA FCIE DChA
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23 December 2021

HASTINGS FURNITURE SERVICE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		763	-	763	2,723
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		115,299	32,812	148,111	278,585
Contract income		36,679	1,506	38,185	40,933
Training projects		8,137	11,930	20,067	36,400
Workspace hub		14,935	1,505	16,440	15,217
Investment income	3	141	-	141	534
Other income	4	172,178	-	172,178	-
Total		348,132	47,753	395,885	374,392
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		17,275	-	17,275	17,039
Charitable activities					
Furniture projects		222,327	49,133	271,460	293,029
Contract income		30,992	-	30,992	43,410
Training projects		13,342	18,375	31,717	59,235
Workspace hub		6,574	-	6,574	17,549
Other		11,253	-	11,253	-
Total		301,763	67,508	369,271	430,262
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		46,369	(19,755)	26,614	(55,870)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		467,569	454,574	922,143	978,013
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		513,938	434,819	948,757	922,143

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	340,891	426,894	767,785	792,233
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	5,443	-	5,443	3,639
Debtors	12	20,576	3,445	24,021	24,406
Cash at bank and in hand		282,377	7,925	290,302	279,823
		<u>308,396</u>	<u>11,370</u>	<u>319,766</u>	<u>307,868</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(29,312)	(3,445)	(32,757)	(56,926)
		<u>279,084</u>	<u>7,925</u>	<u>287,009</u>	<u>250,942</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>279,084</u>	<u>7,925</u>	<u>287,009</u>	<u>250,942</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		619,975	434,819	1,054,794	1,043,175
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(106,037)	-	(106,037)	(121,032)
		<u>513,938</u>	<u>434,819</u>	<u>948,757</u>	<u>922,143</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>513,938</u>	<u>434,819</u>	<u>948,757</u>	<u>922,143</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				513,938	467,569
Restricted funds				434,819	454,574
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>948,757</u>	<u>922,143</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

K Sellens FCA - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Hastings Furniture Service is an incorporated charity, limited by guarantee, registered in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to make an assessment of the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have prepared a cash flow forecast and budgets for the charity and against the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic a "reverse stress" test has been applied to the forecasts, seeking to establish the level of liquidity headroom the charity is expected to have during the 12 month going concern period.

On the basis of these forecasts and the fact that the charity has substantial net current assets and net assets, the trustees are confident that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. As a result of the above, the trustees have concluded that it remains appropriate to adopt a going concern basis of preparation in these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Government grants

In accordance with s24 of FRS 102 these are treated using the accruals model and so are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the charity recognises the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>141</u>	<u>534</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Government COVID Support	<u>172,178</u>	<u>-</u>

The entity has received the following from the UK government in respect of COVID 19 grants and reliefs:

	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS)	88,785
Small Business Grant Fund	<u>83,393</u>
	172,178

There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to any of the above amounts.

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>24,448</u>	<u>25,465</u>

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiners for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	247,637	246,477
Social security costs	15,034	17,105
Other pension costs	4,084	4,572
	<u>266,755</u>	<u>268,154</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	12	10
Full time equivalents	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 14 (2020 - 13)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2019/20)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2,723	-	2,723
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	275,135	3,450	278,585
Contract income	40,933	-	40,933
Training projects	9,940	26,460	36,400
Workspace hub	15,217	-	15,217
Investment income	<u>534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>534</u>
Total	344,482	29,910	374,392
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	17,039	-	17,039
Charitable activities			
Furniture projects	282,674	10,355	293,029
Contract income	43,410	-	43,410
Training projects	29,042	30,193	59,235
Workspace hub	17,549	-	17,549
Total	<u>389,714</u>	<u>40,548</u>	<u>430,262</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(45,232)</u>	<u>(10,638)</u>	<u>(55,870)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	512,801	465,212	978,013

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2019/20) - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>467,569</u>	<u>454,574</u>	<u>922,143</u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	<u>1,069,725</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>127,469</u>	<u>1,215,259</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2020	289,702	18,065	115,259	423,026
Charge for year	<u>21,395</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,053</u>	<u>24,448</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>311,097</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>118,312</u>	<u>447,474</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2021	<u>758,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,157</u>	<u>767,785</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>780,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,210</u>	<u>792,233</u>

11. STOCKS

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
New furniture stock	<u>5,443</u>	<u>3,639</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Trade debtors	9,116	19,747
Other debtors	12,138	-
VAT	270	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,497</u>	<u>4,659</u>
	<u>24,021</u>	<u>24,406</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	3,445	-
Other loans (see note 15)	18,532	18,251
Social security and other taxes	4,140	4,225
VAT	-	2,301
Other creditors	2,840	3,349
Accruals and deferred income	3,800	28,800
	<u>32,757</u>	<u>56,926</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 15)	<u>106,037</u>	<u>121,032</u>

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	3,445	-
Other loans	<u>18,532</u>	<u>18,251</u>
	<u>21,977</u>	<u>18,251</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>69,591</u>	<u>68,167</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more than 5 years by instalments	36,446	52,865

16. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Other loans	<u>124,569</u>	<u>139,283</u>

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a debenture with a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, building, fixtures, fixed plant & machinery.

Lloyds TSB Bank PLC hold a mortgage over the freehold of 47 London Road, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, together with all buildings & fixtures (including trade fixtures). Fixed plant & machinery by way of fixed charge, all present & future book & other debts, floating charge over all moveable plant & machinery, implements, utensils, furniture & equipment by way of assignment. The goodwill of the business (if any), the full benefit of all licences & guarantees.

Rother District Council hold a charge over 47 London Road, Bexhill for £80,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	237,569	46,369	60,000	343,938
Designated funds	230,000	-	(60,000)	170,000
	<u>467,569</u>	<u>46,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,938</u>
Restricted funds				
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	650	(650)	-	-
Hastings Lions Club	1,300	(1,300)	-	-
Tangible Assets	438,224	(11,330)	-	426,894
Didymus Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000
Foreshore Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
Masons Charitable Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Awards for All	8,000	(5,075)	-	2,925
Isobel Blackman Foundation	500	(500)	-	-
Sussex Com munity Foundation - Volunteer Support	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
	<u>454,574</u>	<u>(19,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434,819</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>922,143</u>	<u>26,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>948,757</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	348,132	(301,763)	46,369
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	(650)	(650)
Hastings Lions Club	-	(1,300)	(1,300)
Rother District Council	2,325	(2,325)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(11,330)	(11,330)
Sussex Com munity Foundation	3,482	(3,482)	-
Didymus Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Foreshore Trust	5,800	(8,200)	(2,400)
Masons Charitable Trust	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Awards for All	-	(5,075)	(5,075)
Isobel Blackman Foundation	-	(500)	(500)
Sussex Com munity Foundation - Volunteer Support	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Sussex Crisis Fund	2,540	(2,540)	-
Homity Trust	650	(650)	-
National Lottery Com munity Fund	5,350	(5,350)	-
Edward Gostling	2,500	(2,500)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	20,106	(20,106)	-
	<u>47,753</u>	<u>(67,508)</u>	<u>(19,755)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>395,885</u>	<u>(369,271)</u>	<u>26,614</u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	241,131	(45,232)	41,670	237,569
Designated funds	271,670	-	(41,670)	230,000
	<u>512,801</u>	<u>(45,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>467,569</u>
Restricted funds				
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	-	650	-	650
Hastings Lions Club	-	1,300	-	1,300
Tangible Assets	450,212	(11,988)	-	438,224
John Paul Getty Charitable Trust	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Foreshore Trust	-	2,400	-	2,400
Masons Charitable Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500
Chalk Cliffs Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Awards for All	-	8,000	-	8,000
Isobel Blackman Foundation	-	500	-	500
Sussex Community Foundation - Volunteer Support	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>465,212</u>	<u>(10,638)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>454,574</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>978,013</u></u>	<u><u>(55,870)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>922,143</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	344,482	(389,714)	(45,232)
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	650	-	650
Hastings Lions Club	1,300	-	1,300
Tangible Assets	-	(11,988)	(11,988)
John Paul Getty Charitable Trust	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Foreshore Trust	5,400	(3,000)	2,400
Masons Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Chalk Cliffs Trust	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Awards for All	10,000	(2,000)	8,000
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,000)	500
Sussex Community Foundation - Volunteer Support	5,000	(4,000)	1,000
Big Local (NE Hastings)	1,060	(1,060)	-
	<u>29,910</u>	<u>(40,548)</u>	<u>(10,638)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>374,392</u></u>	<u><u>(430,262)</u></u>	<u><u>(55,870)</u></u>

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	241,131	1,137	101,670	343,938
Designated funds	271,670	-	(101,670)	170,000
	<u>512,801</u>	<u>1,137</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>513,938</u>
Restricted funds				
Tangible Assets	450,212	(23,318)	-	426,894
John Paul Getty Charitable Trust	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Didymus Foundation	-	5,000	-	5,000
Masons Charitable Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Chalk Cliffs Trust	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Awards for All	-	2,925	-	2,925
	<u>465,212</u>	<u>(30,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434,819</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>978,013</u>	<u>(29,256)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>948,757</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	692,614	(691,477)	1,137
Restricted funds			
The Magdalen and Lasher Charity	650	(650)	-
Hastings Lions Club	1,300	(1,300)	-
Rother District Council	2,325	(2,325)	-
Tangible Assets	-	(23,318)	(23,318)
Sussex Community Foundation	3,482	(3,482)	-
John Paul Getty Charitable Trust	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Didymus Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Foreshore Trust	11,200	(11,200)	-
Masons Charitable Trust	5,000	(7,500)	(2,500)
Chalk Cliffs Trust	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Awards for All	10,000	(7,075)	2,925
Isobel Blackman Foundation	1,500	(1,500)	-
Sussex Community Foundation - Volunteer Support	5,000	(5,000)	-
Big Local (NE Hastings)	1,060	(1,060)	-
Sussex Crisis Fund	2,540	(2,540)	-
Homity Trust	650	(650)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	5,350	(5,350)	-
Edward Gostling	2,500	(2,500)	-
Social Enterprise Support Fund	20,106	(20,106)	-
	<u>77,663</u>	<u>(108,056)</u>	<u>(30,393)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>770,277</u>	<u>(799,533)</u>	<u>(29,256)</u>

At the year end the charity held reserves of £948,758, of which £513,939 are unrestricted. The Trustees reviewed the position and have had the following designations places upon them:-

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

£170,000 Continuation Reserve

Description of Restricted Funds

Rother District Council - Community shed, revamp of Bexhill workshop to include materials and labour. Materials to run the community shed (tools, drills, waxes, varnishes etc)

Sussex Crisis Fund - Laptops for 3 senior staff to be able to work from home during lockdown

Foreshore Trust - Starter packs, to purchase items for starter packs for vulnerable families.

Homity Trust - Starter packs, to purchase items for starter packs for vulnerable families.

National Lottery Community Fund - To make the stores covid secure with screens, floor marking social distancing, PPE for staff. Sanitizer and cleaning materials.

Edward Gostling - Volunteer project, pay towards volunteer support worker and travel expenses for volunteers.

Sussex Community Foundation - Training in first aid and fire safety training for staff. Hi Viz for staff and volunteers, heated jackets for shop staff.

Social Enterprise Support Fund - To cover losses from trading during lockdown. 2 staff wages for 6 months and Project and Development Manager wage.

Didymus - WoW van sessions. To provide community learning sessions within the community using the WoW van, running costs of van, materials and Tutor time.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.