

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02763068 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1015804

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
MUSTARD SEED TRUST (MARLBOROUGH)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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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 principal objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian religion.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims that deliver public benefit. The Trustees consider that these activities provide benefit to both Christians and the wider community. The Trust:

- Operates a Christian Bookshop at The Old Boathouse, Hillier's Yard, Marlborough, Wiltshire
- Organises outreach events with Christian authors
- Arranges educational events
- Advises churches, groups and individuals on resources available
- Supplies Christian resources to churches and schools at a discount
- Provides an environment where the vulnerable and disadvantaged are welcomed and listened to
- Provides access to Christian books that would otherwise not be available in order that the public can look at them with no pressure to buy them.

The Trustees have given due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Volunteers

The Trust relies upon the commitment of supporters and voluntary help from the community. The Trust also relies on voluntary help from the Manager who is one of the co-founders and remains a key person in the running of the Trust. The Trustees are also volunteers.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In addition to making Christian books, cards and literature available to the public for purchase and providing information, in the year ended 31 March 2021, the Trust also:

- Offered an order and collect service during Covid Lockdowns
- Provided Bibles to Trinity School, Ogbourne St George Primary, Chilton Foliat, Ramsbury and Preshute schools, and to St Mary's Church, Marlborough.
- Provided a wide range of resources and church requisites to local churches
- Provided Book Reviews to parish newsheets/magazines
- Maintained an online presence to keep supporters and the public updated with our activities
- Provided information on new books to a wide range of individuals and churches
- Continued to work with a Coffee Shop as it provides a conducive environment for the exploration and fostering of the Christian faith

Due to the Covid pandemic we have not been able to host events in person and therefore we were not able to:

- Host author evenings
- Supply books for Open the Book Groups leading assemblies in primary schools
- Host quarterly Christian Book Group evenings
- Provide opportunities for young adults with learning disabilities to work with a team in a shop environment - instead they coloured bookmarks with Bible verses which were then given to customers
- Provide a safe environment where the vulnerable and disadvantaged are welcomed and listened to.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial results 2021

The Trust achieved a net income of £18,673 for the year ended 31st March 2021 (2020: a net deficit of £3,808). This is after the inclusion of the donation under Gift Aid of £1,189 (2020: £nil) from the connected Coffeeshop, Mustard Seed (Marlborough) Ltd, the receipt of Government Covid Support Grants of £19,431 (2020: £nil) and a reduction in operating costs of £8,371 made possible by the flexibility and help from staff and volunteers and by the understanding and support from the landlords.

Therefore, although the whole of the year was severely impacted by the effect of the Covid19 Pandemic, the result for the year was much better than was expected at the start of the year. The Trustees are very thankful for all the support received.

The sales of the connected Coffeeshop were similarly affected being only 20% of normal due to the social distancing rules and National Lockdowns caused by the Covid pandemic. At the end of the financial year the Coffeeshop was in fact closed and had been closed since 1 January due to a lockdown, it re-opened on 12 April 2021. Due to the flexibility and help from staff and volunteers, the understanding and support from the landlords and the receipt of payroll support from the Government under the HMRC Job retention Scheme, the Coffeeshop was able to reduce its operating costs by £29,019, and thereby continued to trade and made a small taxable profit which was donated to the Trust.

The combined result of the Bookshop and the Coffeeshop for the year was a net income of £17,880 (2020: net loss of £400).

Between the end of the financial year and the date these accounts were approved trading has continued to be very difficult due to the social restrictions caused by Covid19. This is expected to continue well into 2022. The future remains uncertain.

The Trust continues to receive vital support from the landlords. The Trustees are pleased to report that the landlords have confirmed they will continue to provide support until 31 March 2022, at which time the situation will be reviewed.

The Trustees are thankful for all the support, in all its many forms, that the Trust continues to receive.

The Trustees and Management will continue to seek ways to maintain our Christian presence near the High Street.

Investment policy

The Trustees believe that the policy of placing surplus funds on deposit with local banks and CCLA is sufficient for the purpose of the Charity, given its size.

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that a prudent level of free reserves for the Trust ie reserves over and above the amount invested in net tangible fixed assets and stock, should equate to between three and six months of the expected combined operating expenditure of both the Trust and the Coffee Shop. The reason for reserving the combined operating costs is that the major part of the shared expenses would be incurred by the Trust alone if the Coffeeshop, Mustard Seed (Marlborough) Ltd, were to cease to trade.

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At 31 March 2021 the free reserves of £52,997 (approx 12 months) are above the target range of £13,000 to £26,000. The Trustees are comfortable with this level of reserves as this enables the Trust to adjust its cost structure should this prove necessary and allow the Trust to continue its activities in the event that the Coffee Shop did, for some unforeseen reason such as the Covid Pandemic, cease to trade.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trust plans to continue its objective of advancing knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith, and to giving expression to Christian hospitality through the operation of its Christian Bookshop and connected Coffee Shop. It plans to continue to provide local churches and Christian groups with resources and information to help them in their Christian mission. To further this end:

The Trust will:

- Continue to provide a range of Christian books and cards
- Develop ways of encouraging the use of Christian literature
- Explore ways of using the premises in the evenings for the extension of Christian understanding
- Provide staff and volunteer training
- Continue to offer support to volunteers with learning difficulties
- Maintain an online presence to keep supporters and the public updated with our activities
- Explore ways to work with local churches
- Focus on what is unique about the Coffee Shop
- Continue to arrange author events and explore different ways of doing such events such as Zoom.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is established as a company limited by guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The affairs of the Trust are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The liability of the Members in the event of the Trust being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees are directors for the purposes of company law and Trustees for the purposes of charity law. New Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Board of Trustees and continue in office until resignation. There is no minimum or maximum term of appointment.

Potential new trustees are chosen in order to complement the skills of the existing Trustees and to provide some representation of the various Christian Churches in the Marlborough area. Potential trustees are invited to attend one or two Trustee Board Meetings to help decide on both sides whether the appointment would be appropriate.

Organisational structure

The Trust operates a Christian Bookshop in Marlborough and leases premises that are shared with a Coffee Shop, also owned by the Trustees. The Coffee Shop operates in support of the Bookshop and donates all of its taxable profits to the Bookshop. The Coffee Shop serves coffee, beverages, cakes and light lunches, and provides an environment that fosters and supports the aims of the Trust.

The Trust relies very much on the help of volunteers and a dedicated staff. The Trustees express their thanks to the staff and to the volunteers for all the support that has been provided, and continues to be provided, in so many ways.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

The Company Secretary is responsible for the induction of any new Trustee which involves awareness of a Trustee's responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures, and the history and philosophical and religious approach of the Trust. A new Trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and copy of the Charity Commission leaflet "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, What you need to do".

Related parties

The Coffee Shop is a separate trading company called Mustard Seed (Marlborough) Ltd. It is owned by the Trustees and is therefore a connected trading company.

Mustard Seed Trust operates in The Boathouse, a property which is owned by Mrs R Maurice and Mr M Reynolds, who are the landlords. Mrs R Maurice, together with Mrs D Reynolds, were the founders of the Charity. Mrs R Maurice continues to be a key volunteer and is the Manager of the Charity. The landlords have committed to provide the premises to the Trust on a stable basis at a level of rent that is below the market rate; this is determined on a three yearly commercial rent review. Under the terms of the lease, the landlords are responsible for structural and external maintenance and any capital works that enhance the value of the building. Please also refer to Note 14 of the financial statements.

The Trust relies on voluntary help from Mrs R Maurice as the Manager who remains a key person in the running of the Trust.

The Trustees and the Manager are volunteers and did not receive any remuneration in the year for their services to the Trust or in the previous year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
02763068 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1015804

Registered office
1 Farrar Drive
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Wiltshire
SN8 1TP

Trustees
Mr R Wheeler
Mr N Larkey
Mr R Mann
Mrs C Piercy-Buehrer
Ms S M Wylie
Dr P Tulloch (appointed 29.1.21)

Company Secretary
Dr P Tulloch

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Garry Pells
37 Vespasian Road
Marlborough
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Treasurer

Mrs R Maurice

Manager

Mrs R Maurice

Bankers

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Canal Walk
Swindon
SN1 1LD

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 on19/12/21..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr R Wheeler - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
MUSTARD SEED TRUST (MARLBOROUGH)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Mustard Seed Trust (Marlborough) ('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

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.



Garry Pells
37 Vespasian Road
Marlborough
Wiltshire
SN8 2FB

Date: 19/12/2021

MUSTARD SEED TRUST (MARLBOROUGH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		31.3.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	1,366	232
Charitable activities			
Bookshop sales		13,029	28,805
Investment income	3	16	81
Other income	4	19,431	-
Total		33,842	29,118
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	5		
Cost bookshop sales items sold		8,385	17,271
Bookshop operating expenses		6,784	15,155
Total		15,169	32,426
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		18,673	(3,308)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		43,389	46,697
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		62,062	43,389

The notes form part of these financial statements

MUSTARD SEED TRUST (MARLBOROUGH) (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02763068)

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021

		31.3.21 Unrestricted funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
	Notes		
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	2,736	3,247
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	10,002	9,058
Debtors	11	8,166	5,925
Cash at bank		44,146	25,721
		<hr/> 62,314	<hr/> 40,704
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,988)	(562)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		59,326	40,142
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		62,062	43,389
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NET ASSETS		62,062	43,389
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FUNDS	13		
Unrestricted funds		62,062	43,389
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TOTAL FUNDS		62,062	43,389
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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

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued

31 MARCH 2021

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 on19/12/21..... and were signed on its behalf by:

..........
Mr R Wheeler - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

MUSTARD SEED TRUST (MARLBOROUGH)

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

1. 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.

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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 on fixed assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Fixtures & fittings	20% straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line

Items costing less than £100 are expensed in the year of acquisition.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	177	232
Donation from connected Coffeeshop	1,189	-
	<u>1,366</u>	<u>232</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Interest income	16	81
	<u>16</u>	<u>81</u>

4. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Government Grants re Covid19	19,431	-
	<u>19,431</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £
Cost bookshop sales items sold	8,385
Bookshop operating expenses	6,784
	<u>15,169</u>

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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Staff costs	3,309	6,091
Cost of items sold	8,385	17,271
Rent	500	1,000
Light, heat, water, waste	1,497	2,662
Telephone	753	661
Stationery, postage, printing	49	182
Advertising & publicity	30	117
Council business rates	25	745
Insurance, licences, book assn	529	538
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	(1,914)	(109)
Equipment rental	656	638
Outreach costs	-	224
Repairs & maintenance	154	275
Capital expenditure < £100	75	-
Bank & credit card charges	160	222
Staff training & welfare	70	647
Sundry renewals, consumables	-	127
Depreciation	891	1,135
	<u>15,169</u>	<u>32,426</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>891</u>	<u>1,135</u>

8. 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.

Trustees' expenses

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

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings, equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2020	25,253
Additions	380
Disposals	(1,069)
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At 31 March 2021	24,564
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020	22,006
Charge for year	891
Eliminated on disposal	(1,069)
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At 31 March 2021	21,828
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	2,736
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At 31 March 2020	3,247
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10. STOCKS

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Finished goods	10,002	9,058
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Trade debtors	284	853
Amounts owed by participating interests	7,255	4,729
Other debtors	434	-
VAT	193	343
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	8,166	5,925
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The participating interests is the connected trading company Mustard Seed Marlborough Ltd, also known as the Coffee Shop.

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,988	562
	<u>2,988</u>	<u>562</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,389	18,673	62,062
	<u>43,389</u>	<u>18,673</u>	<u>62,062</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,389</u>	<u>18,673</u>	<u>62,062</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,842	(15,169)	18,673
	<u>33,842</u>	<u>(15,169)</u>	<u>18,673</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,842</u>	<u>(15,169)</u>	<u>18,673</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,697	(3,308)	43,389
	<u>46,697</u>	<u>(3,308)</u>	<u>43,389</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,697</u>	<u>(3,308)</u>	<u>43,389</u>

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13. 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	29,118	(32,426)	(3,308)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>29,118</u>	<u>(32,426)</u>	<u>(3,308)</u>

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

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,697	15,365	62,062
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,697</u>	<u>15,365</u>	<u>62,062</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	62,960	(47,595)	15,365
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,960</u>	<u>(47,595)</u>	<u>15,365</u>

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14. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2021 the Charity (together with its connected trading company) had a six month commitment under a non-cancellable operating lease as follows:

	2021 Land & buildings £	2020 Land & buildings £
Expiry date:		
Within one year	4,500	6,000

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The premises in which Mustard Seed operates are owned by Mrs R Maurice, the landlord. Mrs R Maurice was one of the founders of the Charity and continues to be a key volunteer in the role of the Manager of the Charity. The landlord has reduced the financial and property risk on the Charity by enabling the Charity to rent premises near Marlborough High Street without the Charity needing to buy its own property or enter into a lease with a 3 or 5 year financial commitment with a third party landlord. A third party lease would have the financial risk of high rent increases, as well as the operational risk that at the end of the term the landlord could ask the Charity to leave the premises, which would be very disruptive to the aims of the Charity and could even threaten its long term viability. The landlord has confirmed that there is no intention to ask the Charity to leave the premises and that they are content to rent the premises to the Charity on a year by year basis, with six month notice of termination on either side. The landlord has committed to provide the premises to the Trust on a stable basis at a level of rent that is below the market rate. There is a rent review every 3 years which is undertaken to ensure that the rent charged is below market value.

In response to the Covid pandemic, during the year ended 31 March 2021, the landlord granted a 6 month rent free period followed by 6 months at half rent, payment of which could be deferred. For the year ending 31 March 2022 the landlord has reduced the contractual rent by 25% for the whole year. This will be reviewed at the end of the year.

During the year the Charity, together with its connected trading company the Coffee Shop, paid a combined rent to the Landlords of £3,000 (2020: £11,000). There was an outstanding balances at the end of the year of £2,500 (2020: £Nil).

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16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

Mustard Seed Trust (Marlborough) is connected to Mustard Seed (Marlborough) Ltd, the Coffee Shop, a trading company. Both companies are under the common control of the Trustees shown in the Report of the Trustees.