

Trustees Annual Report

First Steps New Forest

Charity No: - 1037064

5th April 2023 to 4th April 2024

Charity Websites

www.firststepscharity.org

www.newforestromanygypsytraveller.co.uk

www.firststepshealthandwellbeing.co.uk

The Aims of First Steps New Forest:

The Charity aims to engage primarily with the local settled Gypsy/Traveller Community to enhance their development, education, health and welfare and that of other members of their family group.

Offering appropriate facilities and opportunities for individuals to engage in new activities, education, and social events and receive support and advice.

Ensuring that such groups offer equal opportunities for everyone regardless of gender, age, colour, disability, race, culture, religion or means.

Promoting public interest in the recognition of the needs and difficulties faced by the local Settled Gypsy Community.

Trustees 2024 -2025

Brian Gumbrell
David John Cook
Christopher Cooper
Kay Sanders-Fox
Daniel Nutbeam
Amy Pidgley
Joanne Cooper

Review of recent year

We have been busy supporting the local settled Gypsy Traveller Community over the past year, dealing with issues such as housing, benefits including P.I.P and Universal Credit, education, health issues, etc.

Our Mental Health Support Worker, although only having a few hours a week with First Steps, has provided valuable one-to-one support to individuals.

The last year has been particularly challenging for Community Members and the supporting staff. When dealing with government agencies by phone, everything takes so much longer to achieve and replies to letters take far longer to receive as there still seems to be a backlog or possible staff cutbacks.

During this past year, we have needed to help more and more families and individuals with food parcels, and quite a few of these families are in employment. Unfortunately, the cost of living is having a significant impact on everyone.

Those community members with a mortgage or private renting will be finding it extremely hard; the cost of food has shot up for everyone, but those that can't get out of the village to the supermarkets will struggle to have to rely on buying all their food from the village shop.

Trying to find an N.H.S. dentist has continued to be a challenge, and some community members haven't accessed a dentist for two years or more and have needed to remove their teeth.

We have continued to hold craft sessions at the hall and have made some excellent items. It's been lovely talking to community members in a relaxed environment.

Audited Accounts: -

Daniel C Short
70 Seabourne Road
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH5 2HT

Number of Clients on the database at present: - 204

Number of regular paid part-time staff: - 3

Number of regular Volunteers: - 13

FIRST STEPS NEW FOREST

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 5 APRIL 2023 TO 04 APRIL 2024

Registered Charity No 1037064

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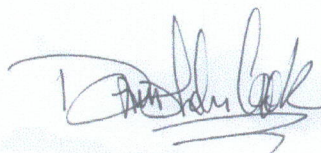
Approval statement

We approve the accounts, which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet. We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the applicable finance reporting framework and for providing Daniel C Short Ltd with all the information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Trustee



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Date

3rd January 2025

Report to the trustees/members of

First Steps New Forest

On accounts for the Extended Period:

5 April 2023 to 4 April 2024

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an examination is needed. It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the 1993 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention
1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material aspect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

31/01/2025

Daniel C Short Ltd

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FIRST STEPS NEW FOREST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For the Period from 5 April 2023 to 4 April 2024

	Year Ended 04/04/2024			Year Ended 04/04/2023
	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£	£
INCOME				
The Lottery Fund	15,668		15,668	15,668
Hampshire County Council	3,808		3,808	2,000
Sovereign Housing	1,000		1,000	-
Enham Trust	5,390		5,390	3,136
Francis Rostigna	-		-	-
Interest received		1	1	-
TOTAL INCOME	25,866	1	25,867	20,804
EXPENDITURE				
Rent, heating and cleaning	360		360	819
Salaries and NI	19,656		19,656	16,215
Pension contributions	425		425	101
Refreshments and consumables	452		452	329
New equipment	58		58	947
Postage	267		267	352
Printing & stationery	246		246	285
Temp staff & training	221		221	192
Travel & subsistence	2,112		2,112	1,702
Social & trips out	108		108	688
Legal & professional costs inc Insurance	1,331		1,331	1,238
Depreciation		21	21	26
Internet/website/computer	199		199	335
Pier Healthcare re Francis Burt Rostigna			-	-
Enham Healthcare re Francis Burt Rostigna	2,770		2,770	2,400
Bank charges	52		52	-
Other expenditure	1,790		1,790	1,223
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,047	21	30,068	26,852
Surplus/(deficit) for this year	(4,181)	(20)	(4,201)	(6,048)

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BALANCE SHEET

04-Apr-24

		<u>04/04/2024</u>		<u>04/04/2023</u>	
		£	£	£	£
Assets					
	Fixed Assets				
	Capital equipment		84		105
	Current Assets				
	Bank - after school club account	1		1	
	Bank current account	1,300		3,225	
	Cash at bank & in hand	32		31	
	Debtors & prepayments	897		152	
	Total Current Assets		<u>2,230</u>		<u>3,409</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,313</u>		<u>3,514</u>
Liabilities:	Current Liabilities				
	Creditors		-		-
	Loan from Erica Arnold		<u>3,000</u>		<u>-</u>
	Total Liabilities		<u>3,000</u>		<u>-</u>
Net (Liabilities)/Assets			<u>(687)</u>		<u>3,514</u>
Funds					
	Balance brought forward		3,514		9,562
	For this year (loss)/profit		<u>(4,201)</u>		<u>(6,048)</u>
	At end of Year		<u>(687)</u>		<u>3,514</u>

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