

**Darsham Country Centre**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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(a company limited by guarantee)

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<b>Charity number</b>	1047729
<b>Company number</b>	2831131
<b>Directors/trustees</b>	Sue Cole Hilary Sutton Bryan Osbon Richard Robertson (until 31 12 2022) Tim Delaney Sara Harvey (from 3 11 2022) Helen Spilsted (from 3 11 2022)
<b>Company secretary</b>	Richard Robertson
<b>Staff</b>	Annette Day
<b>Registered office</b>	6 Gurney Way, Cambridge, CB4 2ED
<b>Centre address</b>	The Station House, Main Road, Darsham, Suffolk, IP17 3LA
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Richard McMullan
<b>Bankers</b>	Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

### **Trustees' Report for 2022**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

#### **Objects of the Charity**

Darsham Country Centre is established under its memorandum and articles for the furtherance of educational and recreational activities for the benefit of persons in the south east of England, particularly but not exclusively those resident in the London Borough of Hackney and other London boroughs, to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such persons.

#### **Activities**

The company carries out its charitable objects by managing a hostel in Darsham near Yoxford in Suffolk. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance and believe that the centre's activities are wholly undertaken to further the charitable purposes for the public benefit.

It offers 24 bed spaces, catering facilities and recreational opportunities primarily for the users of voluntary and statutory organisations which support people who lack access to affordable holidays and would benefit from communal activities. The groups using the centre reflect the objectives and include children and young people's organisations, older people and those with disabilities.

The trustees, acting as the board of directors, are responsible for strategic and practical management, financial control, fundraising and the supervision of the one staff member. The centre works in partnership with Woodcraft Folk, which organises certain services such as payroll and insurance.

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**(continued)**

## **Achievements During the Year**

Covid19 pandemic continued to disrupt the use of the hostel at the beginning of 2022 but at a much reduced level. As a result only a few bookings were lost and a final Covid grant of £2,667 provided recompense. For the whole year there were 43 weekend bookings (83%) and 87 further days, whereas in 2019 (the last year pre- Covid) there were 38 bookings (73%) and a further 76 other days.

There no new big projects on the building in 2022.

## **Financial Review of the Year**

Lettings income further increased to £33,900 (2021: £16,445). Expenditure totalled £21,873 and with the government grant added in the surplus for the year was £15,930 (2021: £13,438).

## **Reserves policy**

Trustees have tried to build up reserves over recent years given the need for ongoing repairs and improvements to an ageing building, rising expectations among potential users for more sophisticated facilities and the uncertainty of income from voluntary and statutory organisations.

Booking levels are vulnerable to external events beyond the trustees' control. The centre seeks grants for special projects and major improvements to the building. However appropriate sources are increasingly difficult to identify.

Annual expenditure, needed to maintain staff and basic services only, is about £18,000.

The centre will seek to designate funds of:

- £6,000 for an essential repairs and renewals and emergencies to be agreed by trustees and revised annually as circumstances dictate

- £4,000 to enable the centre to maintain basic services should bookings decline for a defined period

- £2,000 to meet redundancy payments for one staff member

Should the centre cease operation, it would need to repay a secured loan of £14,500 to Hackney Borough Council. The sale of the premises would enable this liability to be met.

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## **Trustees' Report for 2022 (continued)**

### **Statement of directors'/trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Darsham Country Centre 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) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

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.

Approved by the board of Trustees/Directors on

26/6/23

and signed on its behalf by:



**Hilary Sutton**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Darsham Country Centre  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

**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.



Fiona McArthur FCCA (reg no. 1688933)  
Cambridge, UK

Date: 26/6/23

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

		2022			2021		
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>							
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>							
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming resources from Charitable activities</b>							
Hostel accommodation		33,900	-	33,900	16,445	-	16,445
Grants		2,667	-	2,667	16,440	-	16,440
Other Income		1,203	-	1,203	56	-	56
		37,770	-	37,770	32,941	-	32,941
<b>Investment Income</b>		33		33	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		37,803	-	£37,803	£32,941	-	£32,941
<b>Resources Expended</b>							
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>							
Voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	4	21,845	-	21,845	19,340	-	19,340
<b>Governance costs</b>	5	28	-	28	163	-	163
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		£21,873	-	£21,873	£19,503	-	£19,503
<b>Net Incoming Resources and movement in funds</b>		15,930	-	15,930	13,438	-	13,438
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		25,808	43,453	69,261	12,370	43,453	55,823
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		£41,738	£43,453	£85,191	£25,808	£43,453	£69,261

All amounts relate to continuing activities. There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included above.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	8	1	57,953	<b>57,954</b>	57,954
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks - Oil		800	-	<b>800</b>	400
Debtors and prepayments	9	252	-	<b>252</b>	841
Cash at Bank and in Hand		45,747		<b>45,747</b>	27,346
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		46,798	-	<b>46,798</b>	28,587
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one Year</b>	10	5,062	-	<b>5,062</b>	2,780
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		41,737	-	<b>41,737</b>	25,807
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		41,738	57,953	<b>99,691</b>	83,761
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year</b>	10	-	14,500	<b>14,500</b>	14,500
<b>Net Assets</b>		41,738	43,453	<b>£85,191</b>	£69,261
<b>Income Funds</b>					
Restricted Funds	11	-	43,453	<b>43,453</b>	43,453
Unrestricted Fund: General Funds		41,738	-	<b>41,738</b>	25,808
<b>Total Funds</b>		41,738	43,453	<b>£85,191</b>	£69,261

The trustees are satisfied that an audit is not required of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

### Small Companies Audit Exemption

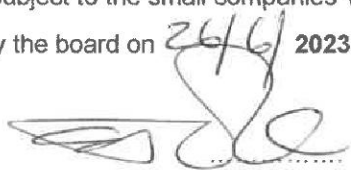
The directors are satisfied that an audit is not required of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit, in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

### Small Company Accounting Exemption

The director's acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board on 26/6/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Core



Director and Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of the financial statements.

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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities SOP (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.

#### 1.2 Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

#### 1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and Fittings	Over five years
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#### 1.4 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.5 Donations and Grants

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

#### 1.6 Income from Activities and Other Income

Income from Activities and Other Income is included in the period to which it relates.

#### 1.7 Resources Expended

Resources Expended, including Value Added Tax, are included in the period to which they relate.

#### 1.8 Funds

Resources received are allocated to Restricted Funds according to the limitations on their use specified by the donors or other providers. Funds received in the direct operation of the Charity are treated as unrestricted income funds. Other resources received without external restriction are designated by the trustees for particular purposes as deemed appropriate.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<b>2 Voluntary Income</b>				
Donations	0	-	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>3 Investment Income</b>				
Bank interest	0	-	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>



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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022 (Continued)

### 4 Costs of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Salary costs	10,686	-	10,686	6,265
Volunteers' Travel/Subsistence	333	-	333	46
Rates	266	-	266	136
Water and Sewerage	439	-	439	375
Heat and Light	3,163	-	3,163	1,684
Equipment	456	-	456	127
Repairs and Refurbishment	2,936	-	2,936	6,198
Garden works	83	-	83	438
Refuse Disposal	1,007	-	1,007	431
Cleaning Materials	181	-	181	104
Insurance	774	-	774	913
Advertising	661	-	661	602
Administration	433	-	433	334
Phone and Broadband	428	-	428	387
Centres charges Woodcraft Folk	-	-	-	1,300
	<b>£21,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£21,845</b>	<b>£19,340</b>

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>5 Governance Costs</b>		
Accountancy	-	-
Trustees Travel and subsistence	28	163
	<b>28</b>	<b>£163</b>

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Generating Voluntary Income	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	10,686	11,159	21,845	19,340
Governance Costs	-	28	28	163
	<b>10,686</b>	<b>11,186</b>	<b>£21,873</b>	<b>£19,503</b>

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>7 Staff Costs</b>		
Salaries	9,055	10,412
Social Security Costs	1632	259
less: Government furlough support	0	-4406
	<b>£10,686</b>	<b>£6,265</b>

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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

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8	Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
	<b>Cost</b>	£	£	£
	Balance brought forward	57,953	15,129	73,082
	(Disposals)	-	-	-
	Balance carried forward	57,953	15,129	73,082
	<b>Depreciation</b>			
	Balance brought forward	-	15,128	15,128
	Charge for Year	-	-	-
	Balance carried forward	-	15,128	15,128
	<b>Net Book Value</b>			
	Brought forward	57,953	1	57,954
	Carried forward	<b>57,953</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57,954</b>

9	Debtors and Prepayments	2022 £	2021 £
	Share account with East of England Co-op Society	252	250
	Trade debtors	-	591
		<b>£252</b>	<b>£841</b>

10	Creditors	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
	Deposits & prepaid income	4,930	2,780	-	-
	Trade Creditors	132	-	-	-
	Accrued holiday pay	-	-	-	-
	Loans (Unsecured)	-	-	-	-
	Loans (Secured)	-	-	14,500	14,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,062</b>	<b>£2,780</b>	<b>£14,500</b>	<b>£14,500</b>

The Secured Loan of £14,500 from the Hackney Borough Council is secured on the freehold property

11	Restricted Funds	Property Reserve	Grant Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
	Incoming Resources	-	-	-
	Expenditure	-	-	-
	Net Movement	-	-	-
	Opening Balance	43,453	-	43,453
	Closing Balance	<b>£43,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£43,453</b>

12	Commitments	2022 £	2021 £
	Capital commitments at the end of the financial year for which no provision has been made	-	-
	Contracted and uncontracted	-	-

During the year one Trustee (2021: three) received travel and subsistence expenses totalling £27 (2021: £163)