

The Autumn Centre

England & Wales · Charity number 1066579

Details

Other names	FAMILY SUPPORT - BRIGHTLINGSEA, FAMILY SUPPORT BRIGHTLINGSEA T/A THE AUTUMN CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1997-12-02
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS.

Activities: We serve the administrative area of Brightlingsea and the parish areas of Alresford, Frating, Great Bentley and Thorrington with the objective of relieving either generally or individually, persons resident in these areas who are in need, frail, housebound or in distress by providing services such as lunch clubs, trips out to venues and information.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRIGHTLINGSEA AND THE PARISH OF THORRINGTON, ALRESFORD, GREAT BENTLEY AND FRATING
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£89,259	£71,849	-	-
2024-03-31	£66,119	£73,532	-	-
2023-03-31	£67,134	£64,535	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,840	£37,476	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,650	£19,869	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cllr Gary Gordon Ian Scott	Chair	2020-01-02
Christopher Wagland		2022-09-01
Juliet Bonita English		2025-07-08
Pamela Wordingham		2022-11-11
Sonia Wright		2023-04-24

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Chairs report

We can look back on 2024-25 as a good year for The Autumn Centre. We consolidated our financial base, collected significant funds towards the replacement of our older mini bus and were able to maintain our lunch club prices at current levels for another year.

There was one change in the Trustees during the year as Malcolm Bath replaced Janet Bath who resigned during the 12 months.

Attendances at the lunch clubs increased again and although food and energy prices continued to rise faster than expected we were able to continue to provide a two course, hot meal and a hot drink at a price of just £7.00. In addition, we were able to keep our transport charges down to £4.00 for a further period. A subsidy of about £10,700 was needed to cover the shortfall between lunch club income and expenditure.

The shop saw income at almost £11,000 against costs of £7,500. This surplus of £3,500, of course, supported the lunch clubs. We aim to open the shop six days a week from 9.00am to 3.00pm but we are dependent on volunteers in this regard and it is not always possible to achieve these hours. The volunteers, more often than not including trustees, do a sterling job and the surplus funds achieved this year is down to their efforts.

On the fundraising front we saw income of more than £9,000, mainly through the raffles at the lunch clubs which raised over £5,000 before costs. In addition, our collection tins raised almost £1,400 with the Tesco store and petrol station at The Hythe providing over £570 of this and The One Stop in Wivenhoe a further £186. Again, we are extremely grateful for their efforts and those of other outlets who contributed.

Our Bingo evenings are proving popular, raising £850 from just two events during the year and we aim to hold these quarterly in 2025-26 instead of half yearly. The sale of books, DVDs and CDs outside *the* shop on two Saturdays *each month* (weather permitting) and Christmas sales through November and December raised £1,500 and other books DVDs and CDs sent to World of Books (Ziffit) and Music Magpie raised a further £380. The collection and sale of donated foreign currency added £223.

We received a legacy of £1,000 during the year and were also very grateful to receive a number of donations, in particular £455 from Town and Country, £200 from Community Voluntary Services Tending (CYST), £250 from Mr M Channing and £250 from The Wenlock Trust.

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I noted in my report last year that we would have to investigate additional sources of grant finance in 2024-25 and we did that successfully. Grants were received from local (Essex) providers including Essex Community Foundation £6,000, Grassroots £1,000 and The Tudwick Foundation £3,000. We also, of course, received our customary grants from Alresford Parish Council £2,000 and £2,215 from Brightlingsea Town Council. From further afield we were given £2,500 by The East of England Co-op and £750 from The Woodroffe Benton Foundation. Finally, and back closer to home, Brightlingsea Winterfest, a small local provider was kind enough to provide us with 10 strong plastic storage crates at a cost of £300. We are very grateful to all of these charitable sources for their help. As a small charity we could not survive without this source of funding.

Turning now to expenditure, we are pleased to report that our rent again remained at £6,000 per annum, paid quarterly. *This* has not increased for many years and we are grateful for the continued support of our landlords, The GK Parker Pension Fund. Our food costs rose by almost £2,000 although this was partly because of the additional meals we provided.

Overall, we achieved a surplus of income over expenditure of about £11,400, mainly through the additional grants obtained. Income stood at £80,759 and expenditure £69,349 for the year.

We have, therefore, gathered a solid financial base towards the replacement of our older mini bus which is almost 15 years of age and, under current legislation, has now to be replaced. These funds, together with our £7,000 reserve, have been put into a new account with the Saffron Building Society where it gathers a better rate of interest than with Barclays Bank.

As always, we are in great need of volunteers to help in the lunch clubs and, in particular, the shop. As mentioned above we have had to close the shop on a few occasions in the absence of a volunteer to run it for the charity. This is very much the exception rather than the rule but one day is one day too many.

Looking forward, in 2025-26 we will have to replace the older of our mini buses; as required by current legislation, and also start to give some thought to raising funds to replace the other bus within a further year or two. This will throw up further challenges; particularly with regard to fundraising but we are confident that we will continue to move forward as we have this year.

In conclusion, therefore, 2024-25 has been a very successful year and we must continue to build on that in the future to ensure that we can continue to provide the best service to our members.



G Scott - Chairman

10th January 2026

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Our purpose and activities

Our purpose remains that of running two lunch clubs in Brightlingsea and Alresford for the benefit of the local communities in those towns and surrounding areas. The intention is to provide the opportunity for local elderly or infirm residents to meet and socialise with their peers in order to combat social isolation among the elderly and those with limited mobility. We continued to provide transport in our two mini buses for those members who could not otherwise attend the lunches.

Our fund raising efforts included Bingo evenings at Alresford village hall and these were so popular that we hope to *hold* them a quarter from mid-2025. Sales of donated books, DVDs and CDs produced welcome and much needed funds to the charity and we were also glad to receive foreign currency which was sold on to obtain further income. We hold a weekly raffle at both lunches at a cost of £1 a ticket and this is very popular. Finally, we raised just under £1,400 from our collection tins in local shops and other retail outlets. Total fundraising income increased to a total of £9,029 for the year, an increase of £1,600 on last year.

Our shop in Victoria Place, Brightlingsea sells disability aids and equipment at low cost, providing essential and affordable support, and the surplus income raised helped us to subsidise the lunch clubs.

As a result of the shop income, our fundraising and grants from several sources, as outlined in the Chairman's report, we were able to maintain our lunch charges at £7 for this year and the cost of transport at £4 for a round trip.

Achievements and performance

The lunch clubs continued to be well attended and we provided approximately 3,800 meals to our clients over the year. In addition, we provided transport to assist with about 1200 attendances at the lunches. Both figures were a significant increase on 2023-24.

We were able to reverse the decline in shop sales shown in the previous year with sales this year showing an increase of about £700. This gave us a surplus of just under £5,000 to support the lunch clubs.

Financial review

As at 1 April 2024 our total funds were:

- Cash £1,116.84
- No 1 account £1,273.39
- Transport account £1,538.86
- Reserve account £18,887.55
- Spare account £5.00

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

As at 31 March 2025 our total funds were:

- Cash £541.27
- No 1 account £1,662.44
- Transport account £801.41
- Reserve account £9,489.72
- Spare account £4.00
- Saffron Building Society account £23,050.00
- **Total £35,548.84**

Reserve policy and going concern

Our policy with regard to Reserves remains unchanged for this year at a figure of £7,000 although we will review this in 2025-26 with a view to increasing the sum held.

The charity is in a sound financial position and can continue as a going concern to aid our members.

Future plans

To continue to run the lunch clubs in Brightlingsea and Alresford and to endeavour to keep the cost at £7 for a meat and £4 for transport for as long as possible.

To increase our shop sales to assist in subsidising the lunch clubs and to make every effort to further increase the amount from fundraising.

To continue our efforts to raise further grant income which will be needed in the foreseeable future to replace the second mini bus.

Risk management

Our mini bus drivers are fully trained in the use of tail lifts and side doors and in helping the escorts handing clients on and off the mini buses. Escorts are fully trained in the care of clients and in helping them safety on and off the buses and into and out of wheelchairs.

A fully qualified carer is responsible for the care of our clients, helping clients in and out of outdoor clothing, seating at the meal tables, toileting and cutting of food. The carer is also qualified in First Aid.

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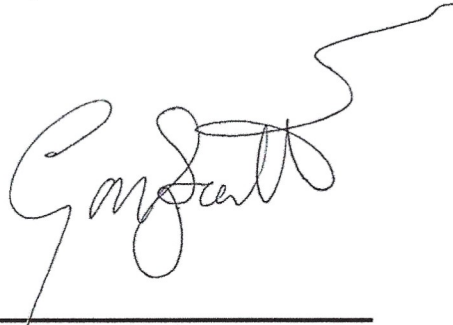
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Our cooks are fully qualified in all aspects of catering, including health and hygiene and the management of the kitchen volunteers.

In the charity shop and office the Administrator and trustees ensure that there is safe entry and adequate space for the manoeuvrability of the staff.

We are fully insured for trustee, employee and public liability.

By order of the board of trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Scott', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and extends upwards and to the right.

G Scott - Chair

10th January 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of The Autumn Centre for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 13.

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 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 21.01.2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Prior period Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	10,445	-	10,445	3,736
Charitable activities	3	60,985	8,500	69,485	54,779
Fundraising income	4	9,029	-	9,029	7,402
Investment income	5	299	-	299	202
Total incoming resources		80,759	8,500	89,259	66,119
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	6	69,349	2,500	71,849	73,532
Total resources expended		69,349	2,500	71,849	73,532
Net income/(expense) for the year		11,410	6,000	17,410	(7,413)
Total Funds B/Fwd		37,577	-	37,577	44,990
Total Funds C/Fwd		48,987	6,000	54,987	37,577

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

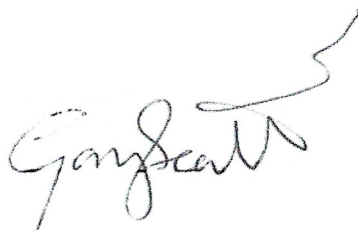
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	6,285	8,381
Current assets			
Debtors	11	365	60
Cash at bank and in hand		35,347	22,822
Stock		14,830	6,655
		<u>50,542</u>	<u>29,537</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	1,840	340
		<u>48,702</u>	<u>29,197</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>54,987</u>	<u>37,577</u>
Net total assets			
		<u>54,987</u>	<u>37,577</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		48,987	37,577
Restricted funds		6,000	-
Total funds	13	<u>54,987</u>	<u>37,577</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 13 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

G Scott, Chair



Date: 19th January 2026

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Outgoing resources

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis, irrecoverable VAT is included as incurred.

1.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

1.4 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.5 Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably. Investment income is recorded when receivable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised. Depreciation is charged on a reducing balance basis at 20% per annum for equipment and 25% per annum for vehicles.

1.7 Taxation

Family Support Brightlingsea TA The Autumn Centre is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

1.8 Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used for purposes as specified by the funder.

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

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations receivable	2,270	-	2,270	3,736
Donated goods (stock value)	8,175	-	8,175	-
	<u>10,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,445</u>	<u>3,736</u>

3. Income from charitable activities

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants receivable	14,295	8,500	22,795	10,715
Luncheon clubs & tea	35,581	-	35,581	28,198
Transport	150	-	150	4,342
Sales	10,959	-	10,959	11,524
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>60,985</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>69,485</u>	<u>54,779</u>

4. Fundraising income

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising	9,029	-	9,029	7,402
	<u>9,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,029</u>	<u>7,402</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	299	-	299	202
	<u>299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>202</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Luncheon club & teas	21,980	-	21,980	18,416
Cooks and carers	24,300	-	24,300	24,443
Transport	3,240	2,500	5,740	8,049
Fundraising costs	772	-	772	1,294
Shop purchases	1,977	-	1,977	2,604
Support costs (note 7)	17,080	-	17,080	18,725
	<u>69,349</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>71,849</u>	<u>73,532</u>

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7. Support Costs	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other wages	-	-	-	-
Premises expenses	7,250	-	7,250	8,137
Insurance	1,399	-	1,399	1,345
Office costs	3,567	-	3,567	2,807
Professional fees	686	-	686	1,764
Donations	200	-	200	100
Repairs	65	-	65	1,478
Trustee expenses	1,820	-	1,820	300
Fines	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	2,095	-	2,095	2,794
	17,080	-	17,080	18,724

8. Staff Costs

The number of staff employed by the organisation is as follows:

	Total 2025 No.	Total 2024 No.
Members of staff employed	4	4

9. Key management personnel

There were Nil members of paid staff classed as key management personnel. Trustees acted as key management personnel but received no remuneration for their work.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	58,588	2,082	507	61,177
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	58,588	2,082	507	61,177
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	50,208	2,082	507	52,797
Depreciation charge for year	2,095	-	-	2,095
As at 31 March 2025	52,303	2,082	507	54,892
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2025	6,285	-	-	6,285
As at 31 March 2024	8,380	-	-	8,380

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11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Prepayments	-	-
Debtors	365	60
	<u>365</u>	<u>60</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Accruals	1,840	340
	<u>1,840</u>	<u>340</u>

13. Analysis of funds

	Balance as at 01/04/24 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/03/25 £
Unrestricted funds	37,577	80,759	(69,349)	-	48,987
Restricted funds					
Co-op	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	6,000	-	-	6,000
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total	<u><u>37,577</u></u>	<u><u>89,259</u></u>	<u><u>(71,849)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>54,987</u></u>

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Chairs report

2023-24 has proved to be a challenging year for The Autumn Centre.

We have been pleased to see an increase in our lunch club membership but the significant increase in the cost of food has had to be met from sources other than lunch club income to enable us to continue to keep the lunches at £7.00. I am pleased to be able to say that we have largely achieved this although we have shown a deficit overall on our accounts. This deficit is not enough to have a significant impact on our overall financial position but we will need to investigate additional sources of income, particularly from grants, in the coming year. In isolation, the lunch club accounts showed a deficit of almost £6,000, largely down to cost increases. Some lunch club income which was included in 2022-23 has, this year, been included under fundraising but is, nevertheless, directly attributable to the lunch clubs.

After a very good year in 2022-23 shop sales declined somewhat this year but this is partly been because, as with the lunch club, some sales income has, this year, been included under fundraising. Nevertheless, after utilities are added in to the expenditure figures, a surplus of approximately £3,300 was achieved and this helped to subsidise the lunch clubs' deficit.

Aside from the lunch clubs and shop, fundraising increased significantly in the year, producing a total of £7,402. Of particular note was the income of £4,162 from the lunch club raffles, £1,451 from the collection tins around the area and £1,411 from the monthly sale of books, DVDs and CDs at the front of the shop and to World of Books and Music Magpie. A bingo night also brought in £325. It should be noted, however, that part of this increase over 2022-23 is down to a change of accounting- see comments above.

Grant income amounted to £10,715, slightly up on the previous year. This included £5,000 from the Essex Community Foundation, being the second tranche of a three year grant of £15,000. We received £2,500 from Alresford Parish Council and £2,215 from Brightlingsea Town Council as well as £1,000 from The Latimer Community Grant via CVS Tendring. We also received a number of generous donations including £1,500 from the Lodge of Hope.

On the expenditure side our rent was again £1,500 per quarter. As referred to above, however, other costs increased significantly. In particular, supplies (mostly food) for the lunch clubs increased by over £2,300, Mini bus costs increased by about £3,600 with the new bus being in use for a full year. This increase, however, was largely accounted for by increased Repair and Maintenance bills for the buses which, hopefully, will prove to be a one-off event. Other lunch club expenses included an increase of just over £2,000 in wages for the cooks and carers with the cooks receiving a pay rise in September in recognition of the difficulties they experience with catering for varying dietary requirements.

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Towards the end of 2023 Greg Goddard resigned as Vice Chairman and as a volunteer. At the same time we lost the services of Anthony and Lawrence who had been doing a sterling job putting the larger items of stock outside in the morning and bringing them in again when we closed as well as doing some cleaning. Brendon Penalver has taken over Greg's position as Trustee on the committee and Chris Wagland has, again, taken on the role of Vice Chairman as well as Treasurer. We have also been able to replace Anthony and Lawrence at a slightly reduced cost to the charity.

We continue to welcome volunteers to The Autumn Centre and, although we have recently been able to open the shop again on Wednesdays, the shortage of volunteer help has meant that we have had to close early or not open at all on certain isolated days. Thankfully that has not happened too often but more volunteer help, either in the shop or at the lunch clubs, would be welcome. The shop is entirely manned by volunteers.

Donations are also always welcome, whether they be of books, DVDs, CDs, foreign coins and obsolete currency or equipment. As shown above the sale of these items provides an essential source of income to the charity.

In conclusion I believe that we have successfully met the challenges thrown up in 2023-24 but we will need to continue our efforts in the coming year to ensure that we are able to continue to provide the best possible service to our members.



G Scott - Chairman

14-10-24

Date

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Our purpose and activities

Our purpose is to run two lunch clubs for the communities of Alresford and Brightlingsea. The lunch clubs provide especially for the isolated, elderly and disabled.

We are able to provide transport to and from the venues for those people who would otherwise have difficulty attending.

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We also have a charity shop for the purpose of raising funds to subsidise the cost of running the lunch clubs. The shop sells disability aids and equipment at low cost.

Achievements and performance

The lunch clubs were again well attended. We estimate that a total of approximately 3250 lunches were provided to our members during the year, an increase of about 450 (about 9 meals per week) on the previous year.

The shop sales declined a little after a very good year in 2022-23 but the shop still showed a surplus for the year, this providing a subsidy for the lunch clubs as outlined above.

We have, once again, increased our fund-raising income with a total of £7,402 raised as outlined in the Chairman's report.

The second mini bus has proved to be a great help in getting those members with mobility problems to the venues.

Financial review

As at 1 st April 2023 our total cash balances were:

- Cash £1,116
- No 1 account £1,273.39
- Transport account £1,538.86
- Reserve account £18,887.55
- Spare account £5.00

Investment powers policy

N/a

Reserves policy and going concern

The reserve policy introduced in 2022-23 at £4,000 has been increased to £7,000 and will be reviewed as necessary on an ongoing basis. We will retain this sum on the Reserve account to cover us for contingencies.

The charity is in a sound financial position and can continue as a going concern.

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Future plans

To continue to run the lunch clubs in Alresford and Brightlingsea and to endeavour to keep the cost of the meals at £7.00 if possible. We will keep the cost of the meals and transport under ongoing review.

To endeavour to increase our shop sales, reviewing items stocked on a regular basis to cater for changes in demand.

To continue to increase our fundraising after a good year in 2023-24.

To investigate and apply for additional grant income where opportunities are identified.

Risk management Mini bus drivers are fully trained in the use of the tail lifts and side doors and in helping the escorts handling clients on and off the mini buses. Escorts are fully trained in the handling of clients and helping them safely into their wheelchairs and on and off the mini buses. A fully qualified carer is responsible for the care of the clients, helping with toileting, cutting of food, removing outdoor clothing and seating at the meal tables. The carer is also qualified in First Aid.

Cooks are fully qualified in all aspects of catering including health and hygiene and the management of the kitchen staff.

In the charity shop and the office the Administrator ensures there is safe entry and adequate space for manoeuvrability of the staff.

We are fully insured for trustee, employee and public liability.

By order of the board of trustees.



G Scott - Chair

14.10.24

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of The Autumn Centre for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

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 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
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Basis of independent examiner's Statement

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In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Shelley Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

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Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

 Date

18.10.2024

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Prior period Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	3,736	-	3,736	1,301
Charitable activities	3	47,564	7,215	54,779	64,131
Fundraising income	4	7,402	-	7,402	1,686
Investment income	5	202	-	202	16
Total incoming resources		58,904	7,215	66,119	67,134
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	6	66,317	7,215	73,532	64,535
Total resources expended		66,317	7,215	73,532	64,535
Net income/(expense) for the year		(7,413)	-	(7,413)	2,599
Total Funds B/Fwd		44,990	-	44,990	42,391
Total Funds C/Fwd		37,577	-	37,577	44,990


All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	8,381	11,174
Current assets			
Debtors	11	60	2,985
Cash at bank and in hand		22,822	23,543
Stock		6,655	7,906
		<u>29,537</u>	<u>34,434</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	340	620
Net current assets		<u>29,197</u>	<u>33,815</u>
Net total assets		<u><u>37,577</u></u>	<u><u>44,989</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		37,577	44,989
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds	13	<u><u>37,577</u></u>	<u><u>44,989</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



G Scott, Chair

Date: 14.10.24

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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

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Statement of compliance

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The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

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All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably. Investment income is recorded when receivable.

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All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised. Depreciation is charged on a reducing balance basis at 20% per annum for equipment and 25% per annum for vehicles.

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Family Support Brightlingsea TA The Autumn Centre is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

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Unrestricted Funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used for purposes as specified by the funder.

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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

2. Income from donations and legacies				
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations receivable	3,736	-	3,736	6,077
	<u>3,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,736</u>	<u>1,301</u>
3. Income from charitable activities				
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable	3,500	7,215	10,715	10,215
Luncheon clubs & tea	28,198	-	28,198	35,209
Transport	4,342	-	4,342	793
Sales	11,524	-	11,524	17,254
Other income	-	-	-	659
	<u>47,564</u>	<u>7,215</u>	<u>54,779</u>	<u>64,131</u>
4. Fundraising income				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	7,402	-	7,402	1,686
	<u>7,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,402</u>	<u>1,686</u>
5. Investment income				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	202	-	202	16
	<u>202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>16</u>
6. Expenditure on charitable activities				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Luncheon club & teas	16,201	2,215	18,416	17,059
Cooks and carers	24,443	-	24,443	14,051
Transport	8,049	-	8,049	3,326
Fundraising costs	1,294	-	1,294	1,781
Shop purchases	2,604	-	2,604	4,226
Support costs (note 7)	13,725	5,000	18,725	24,091
	<u>66,317</u>	<u>7,215</u>	<u>73,532</u>	<u>64,535</u>

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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

7. Support Costs	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other wages	-	-	-	4,379
Premises expenses	8,137	-	8,137	7,959
Insurance	1,345	-	1,345	1,771
Office costs	2,807	-	2,807	4,717
Professional fees	1,764	-	1,764	330
Donations	100	-	100	200
Repairs	1,478	-	1,478	511
Trustee expenses	300	-	300	-
Fines	-	-	-	500
Depreciation	2,794	-	2,794	3,725
	<u>18,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,725</u>	<u>24,091</u>

8. Staff Costs

The number of staff employed by the organisation is as follows:

	Total 2024 No.	Total 2023 No.
Members of staff employed	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

9. Key management personnel

There were Nil members of paid staff classed as key management personnel. Trustees acted as key management personnel but received no remuneration for their work.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2023	58,588	2,082	507	61,177
Additions	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	<u>58,588</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>61,177</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2023	47,414	2,082	507	50,003
Depreciation charge for year	2,794	-	-	2,794
As at 31 March 2024	<u>50,208</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>52,797</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2024	<u>8,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,381</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>11,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,174</u>

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

11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Prepayments	-	2,591
Debtors	60	394
	<u>60</u>	<u>2,985</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accruals	340	620
	<u>340</u>	<u>620</u>

13. Analysis of funds

	Balance as at 01/04/23 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/03/24 £
Unrestricted funds	44,990	58,904	(66,317)	-	37,577
Restricted funds					
Minibus appeal	-	-	-	-	-
Brightlingsea Town Council	-	2,215	(2,215)	-	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Total	-	7,215	(7,215)	-	-
Total	<u>44,990</u>	<u>66,119</u>	<u>(73,532)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,577</u>

The Autumn Centre

England & Wales - Charity number 1066579

Accounts

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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THE AUTUMN CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Chairs report

Another successful year for the charity was overshadowed by the sad loss of two of our colleagues.

Our Deputy Chairman and Treasurer, Eddie Brown, died suddenly at the end of August. He was a familiar sight around Brightlingsea and was well liked as was clear from the sight of a church filled with local people at his funeral.

Terry Scowen was lost to us in February. Terry gave the charity valuable service, helping to put out much of our stock in the mornings and bringing it back inside at closure of the shop. His efforts were greatly appreciated by the volunteers working in the shop from day to day.

Eddie's position at the charity was not filled until October when Chris Wagland volunteered his services and was appointed Treasurer and Vice Chairman as well as a trustee. At the same time we also created the post of Administrator, a job which Eddie had filled until his death. Alison Newstead was appointed to fill this position.

On the financial side the shop produced a further increase of approximately £2,500 on the previous year. Our fundraising realised a total of £2,800 including £1,118 from the collection tins spread around the community. Music Magpie and Ziffit sales produced £1,124 and a Bingo evening £250. Grant income was again just over £10,000, part of which was £5,000 from The Essex Community Foundation as part of a £15,000 grant over three years.

On the expenditure side our rent was again held at £1,500 a quarter. Unfortunately, we also had to pay a fine of £500 as a result of our mini bus having been hired out and taken into London. The hirer failed to pay the emissions charge, resulting in the fine. Had we failed to meet this obligation in the short term the fine would have increased exponentially and a practical view had to be taken. The wording of our hire agreement has since been reviewed and appropriate changes made.

The main reason for the charity's existence, of course, is to provide lunches for local residents and in the year to 31 March 2023 we provided a combined total of approximately 2,750 meals at the community centres in Alresford and Brightlingsea.

We also provide transport to and from the centres where those attending the lunches would otherwise have difficulties reaching the respective venues and to help with this an Extraordinary General Meeting of the trustees was held to approve the purchase of a second mini bus. This was acquired, used but fully equipped with tail lift, later that month.

As ever, applications from volunteers to the charity will be welcome and at the time of writing (September 2023) we have had to close the shop on a Wednesday due to the lack of voluntary help.

Donations ranging from books to walking frames are always welcome and give rise to an invaluable source of income for the Autumn Centre.

I believe that we can look back on the year to 31 March 2023 as a success on which we can continue to build.

The last word, however, must be thoughts of Eddie and Terry. They gave sterling service and are sadly missed.

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Our purpose and activities

Our purpose is to run two lunch clubs for the communities of Alresford and Brightlingsea. The lunch clubs provide especially for the isolated, elderly and disabled.

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Achievements and performance

We have continued to increase our fundraising income.

The shop again showed increased sales over 2021-22 and our overall financial position built on the previous year so that we are now, once again, in good health financially after the traumas of 2019-20 when the charity almost closed down.

A second mini bus was considered by the trustees to be necessary in order to assist in the transport of our clients to and from the lunch clubs. A second bus, fully equipped with a tail lift, was, therefore, sourced and purchased at a very reasonable cost in January 2023.

Financial review

As at 1st April 2022 our total cash balances were:

(Including 1 A/c £21,016.02)	£21,531.48
100 Club	£6.00
Transport A/c	£6,042.44
Reserve A/c	£4,171.06

As at 31st March 2023 our total cash balances were:

(Including 1 A/c £11,977.36)	£12,561.31
Spare A/c (previously named 100 Club)	£6.00
Transport A/c	£2,491.80
Reserve A/c	£8,185.90

Investment powers policy

N/a

Reserves policy and going concern

The charity has introduced a reserves policy. We will retain a balance of a minimum £4,000 on the Reserve A/c at all times as cover for contingencies. This amount will be reviewed annually and reported at the AGM.

The charity is in a good financial position and can continue as a going concern.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

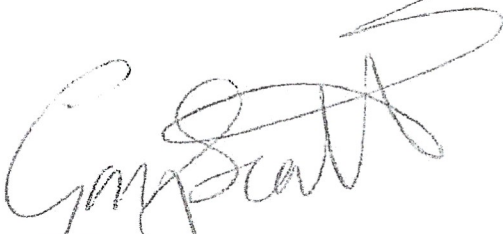
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By order of the board of trustees



G Scott - Chair

23/1/24

Date

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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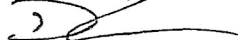
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Community360



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Date 25/01/24

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

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior period Total Funds
	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	1,301	-	1,301	3,005
Charitable activities	3	56,631	7,500	64,131	45,996
Fundraising income	4	1,686	-	1,686	3,839
Investment income	5	16	-	16	-
Total incoming resources		59,634	7,500	67,134	52,840
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	6	55,068	9,467	64,535	37,476
Total resources expended		55,068	9,467	64,535	37,476
Net income/(expense) for the year		4,565	(1,967)	2,598	15,364
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	7,906
Net movement in funds		4,565	(1,967)	2,598	23,270
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds B/Fwd		40,424	1,967	42,391	19,121
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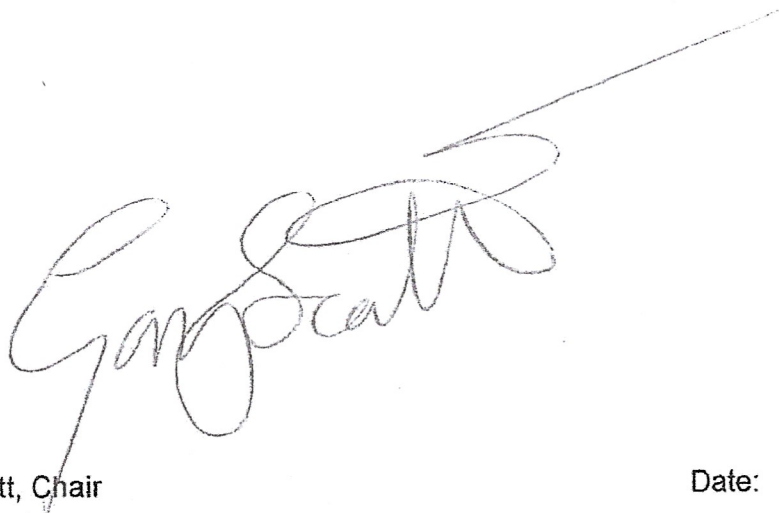
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	11,174	1,550
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,985	1,500
Cash at bank and in hand		23,543	31,746
Stock		7,906	7,906
		<u>34,435</u>	<u>41,152</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	620	310
Net current assets		<u>33,815</u>	<u>40,841</u>
Net total assets		<u><u>44,989</u></u>	<u><u>42,391</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		44,989	40,424
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Total funds	13	<u><u>44,989</u></u>	<u><u>42,391</u></u>

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G Scott, Chair

Date:

23/1/24

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THE AUTUMN CENTRE

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

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations receivable	<u>1,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,301</u>	<u>3,005</u>

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants receivable	2,715	7,500	10,215	16,218
Luncheon clubs & tea	35,209	-	35,209	15,190
Transport	793	-	793	1,720
Sales	17,254	-	17,254	12,868
Other income	659	-	659	-
	<u>56,631</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>64,131</u>	<u>45,996</u>

4. Fundraising income

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fundraising	<u>1,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,686</u>	<u>3,839</u>

5. Investment income

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Interest receivable	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Luncheon club & teas	9,559	7,500	17,059	10,736
Cooks and carers	14,051	-	14,051	4,206
Transport	3,326	-	3,326	2,301
Fundraising costs	1,781	-	1,781	1,339
Shop purchases	4,226	-	4,226	3,135
Support costs (note 7)	22,124	1,967	24,091	15,758
	<u>55,068</u>	<u>9,467</u>	<u>64,535</u>	<u>37,476</u>

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7. Support Costs	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other wages	4,379	-	4,379	-
Premises expenses	7,959	-	7,959	8,580
Insurance	1,771	-	1,771	1,782
Office costs	4,717	-	4,717	3,640
Professional fees	330	-	330	445
Donations	200	-	200	795
Repairs	511	-	511	-
Fines	500	-	500	-
Depreciation	1,758	1,967	3,725	517
	<u>22,124</u>	<u>1,967</u>	<u>24,091</u>	<u>15,758</u>

8. Staff Costs

The number of staff employed by the organisation is as follows:

	Total 2023 No.	Total 2022 No.
Members of staff employed	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

9. Key management personnel

There were Nil members of paid staff classed as key management personnel. Trustees acted as key management personnel but received no remuneration for their work.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2022	45,238	2,082	507	47,827
Additions	13,350	-	-	13,350
As at 31 March 2023	<u>58,588</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>47,827</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2022	43,689	2,082	507	46,278
Depreciation charge for year	3,725	-	-	3,725
As at 31 March 2023	<u>47,414</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>50,003</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2023	<u>11,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,174</u>
As at 31 March 2022	<u>1,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,549</u>

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11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Prepayments	2,591	1,500
Debtors	394	-
	<u>2,985</u>	<u>1,500</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accruals	620	310
	<u>620</u>	<u>310</u>

13. Analysis of funds

	Balance as at 01/04/22 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/03/23 £
Unrestricted funds	40,424	59,634	(55,068)	-	44,989
Restricted funds					
Minibus appeal	1,967	-	(1,967)	-	-
Alresford Parish Council	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Total	1,967	7,500	(9,467)	-	-
Total	<u>42,391</u>	<u>67,134</u>	<u>(64,535)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,989</u>

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees

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Charity Registration Number

1066579

Independent Examiner

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Chairs Report

The year to March 2022 was a year of consolidation after the trials of the previous year when the charity's recovery from the precarious position in which it found itself took centre stage. The greatly improved position at the start of 2021-2022 still needed the close attention of the Trustees, however, to ensure that the recovery continued without alarms.

The position was not helped by in our inability to operate lunch clubs in the first six months of this year due to Covid rules. When we were able to recommence the lunches from mid-September it was pleasing to note that the numbers were immediately back to pre-Covid levels, showing how much the absence of the lunches had impacted on the local community. Indeed, we provided almost 1,200 meals to local people in the six months we were able to operate.

The shop was able to open for the full year, albeit with restrictions, and the level of sales increased considerably from that of the previous year.

In my comments in the 2020-2021 accounts, I set out plans to build on the recovery started in that year and I am happy to report that those plans have resulted in the increased fundraising income hoped for. In particular the purple money collection tins that many local businesses, large and small, agreed to have on their counters raised almost £1,500 and the submission of donated books, CDs and DVDs to Ziffit and Music Magpie brought in a further £1,100, this on top of monthly sales outside the shop which brought in up to £100 a month. Two car boot sales raised a further £500 and a sale of Christmas decorations in November raised over £1,000.

Other income included donations of £3,000 and grant income of just over £10,000 included a Covid grant from Tendring District Council of £7,000.

I must include a word of thanks to our landlords who financed the installation of new heaters in the shop and office during the year and have kept the rent at £1,500 per quarter throughout the year.

At a trustee meeting in November 2021, it was agreed that the name of the charity should be changed from a rather cumbersome "Family Support Brightlingsea T/A The Autumn Centre" to simply "The Autumn Centre" and this was duly approved by The Charity Commission.

As always, we continue to look for volunteers, trustees and, of course, donations ranging from books and foreign currency to walkers and wheelchairs. All are gratefully received.

Overall, 2021-2022 has been a successful year, though not without its problems, and we now have a sound basis on which to build for the future.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Our purpose and activities

Our purpose is to run two luncheon clubs for the communication of Alresford and Brightlingsea. The luncheon clubs provide especially for the isolated, elderly and disabled. We have a weekly raffle at both of these events. We also have a charity shop for the purpose of raising funds to supplement the costs of the luncheon clubs. The shop sells disability aids and equipment at low cost.

Achievements and performance

We have increased our fundraising income as outlined above. When we were allowed to restart the luncheon clubs' attendance was quickly back to earlier levels. The shop achieved increased sales over the previous year. Our financial position improved strongly giving us a solid base with which to move forward.

Financial review

As at 1st April 2021 our total cash balances were:

(Including 1 A/c £17,028.84)	£21,201.52
100 Club	£466.04
Transport A/c	£303.94
Reserve A/c	£4,170.66

As at 31st March 2022 our total cash balances were:

(Including 1 A/c £21,016.02)	£21,531.48
100 Club	£6.00
Transport A/c	£6,042.44
Reserve A/c	£4,171.06

Investment powers policy

N/A

Reserves policy and going concern

The charity does not have a reserves policy although it is our intention to introduce one. We do have sufficient balances in our accounts to cover contingencies. The reserve policy, when introduced will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis and reported at the AGM.

Plan for the future of The Autumn Centre

To consolidate our financial position through increased fundraising and applying for grants where available. To increase our shop sales, reviewing stock regularly to cater for demand.

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Risk management

Mini bus drivers are fully trained in the use of the tail lift and side doors and in helping the escorts in handling clients on and off the mini buses.

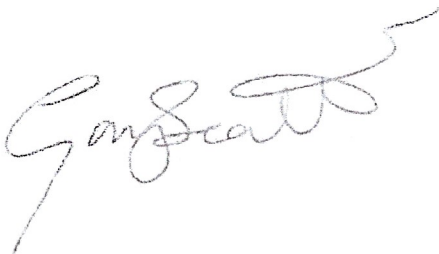
Escorts are fully trained in the handling of clients and helping them safely into their wheelchairs and on / off the mini buses.

A fully qualified carer is responsible for the care of the clients, helping with toileting, cutting of food, removing outdoor clothing and seating at the meal tables. She is also qualified in First Aid.

Cooks are fully qualified in all aspects of catering including health and hygiene and the management of the kitchen staff.

In the charity shop and the office the Administrator ensures there is safe entry and adequate space for manoeuvrability of the staff.

By order of the board of trustees



G Scott - Chair

2nd October 2023
Date

THE AUTUMN CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of The Autumn Centre for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set on pages 6 to 11.

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 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:
Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 16/10/23

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Prior period Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	3,005	-	3,005	6,256
Charitable activities	3	45,996	-	45,996	25,351
Fundraising income	4	3,839	-	3,839	1,041
Investment income	5	-	-	-	2
Total incoming resources		52,840	-	52,840	32,650
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	6	37,476	-	37,476	20,558
Total resources expended		37,476	-	37,476	20,558
Net income/(expense) for the year		15,364	-	15,364	12,092
Prior year adjustment		7,906	-	7,906	-
Transfers between funds		2,532	(2,532)	-	
Net movement in funds		25,802	(2,532)	23,270	12,092
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds B/Fwd		14,622	4,499	19,121	7,029
Total Funds C/Fwd		40,424	1,967	42,391	19,121

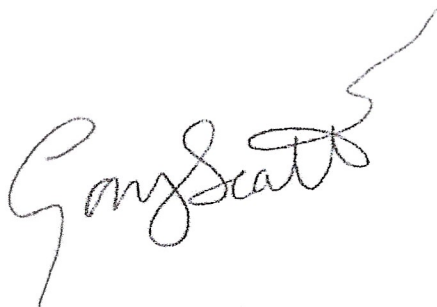
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,550	2,066
Current assets			
Debtors	11	1,500	1,500
Cash at bank and in hand		31,746	21,981
Stock		7,906	-
		<u>41,151</u>	<u>23,481</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	310	6,425
Net current assets		40,841	17,056
Net total assets		<u>42,391</u>	<u>19,121</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		40,424	14,622
Restricted funds		1,967	4,499
Total funds	13	<u>42,391</u>	<u>19,121</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 11 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



G Scott, Chair

Date: 2nd October 2023

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Outgoing resources

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis, irrecoverable VAT is included as incurred.

1.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

1.4 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.5 Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably. Investment income is recorded when receivable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised. Depreciation is charged on a reducing balance basis at 20% per annum for equipment and 25% per annum for vehicles.

1.7 Taxation

Family Support Brightlingsea TA The Autumn Centre is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

1.8 Fund accounting

Unrestricted Funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used for purposes as specified by the funder.

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

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Donations receivable	<u>3,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,005</u>	<u>6,077</u>

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Grants receivable	16,218	-	16,218	3,012
Luncheon clubs & tea	15,190	-	15,190	20,484
Transport	1,720	-	1,720	5,994
Minibus appeal	-	-	-	3,544
Sales	12,868	-	12,868	5,229
100 club	-	-	-	763
	<u>45,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,996</u>	<u>39,026</u>

4. Fundraising income

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising	<u>3,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,839</u>	<u>2,434</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Luncheon club & teas	10,736	-	10,736	15,359
Cooks and carers	4,206	-	4,206	11,161
Transport	2,301	-	2,301	3,926
Fundraising costs	1,339	-	1,339	200
Shop purchases	3,135	-	3,135	448
100 club prizes	-	-	-	270
Support costs (note 7)	15,758	-	15,758	19,760
	<u>37,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,476</u>	<u>51,124</u>

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7. Support Costs	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other wages	-	-	-	8,491
Premises expenses	8,580	-	8,580	8,078
Insurance	1,782	-	1,782	1,124
Office costs	3,640	-	3,640	713
Professional fees	445	-	445	380
Donations	795	-	795	-
Repairs	-	-	-	74
Depreciation	517	-	517	899
	<u>15,758</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,758</u>	<u>19,760</u>

8. Staff Costs

The number of staff employed by the organisation is as follows:

	Total 2022 No.	Total 2021 No.
Members of staff employed	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

9. Key management personnel

There were Nil members of paid staff classed as key management personnel. Trustees acted as key management personnel but received no remuneration for their work.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2021	45,238	2,082	507	47,827
As at 31 March 2022	<u>45,238</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>47,827</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2021	43,172	2,082	507	45,761
Depreciation charge for year	517	-	-	517
As at 31 March 2022	<u>43,689</u>	<u>2,082</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>46,278</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2022	<u>1,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,550</u>
As at 31 March 2021	<u>2,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,066</u>

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11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Prepayments	1,500	1,500
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Accruals	310	425
Deferred income	-	6,000
	<u>310</u>	<u>6,425</u>

13. Analysis of funds

	Balance as at 01/04/21 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/03/22 £
Unrestricted funds	14,622	52,840	(29,570)	2,532	40,424
Restricted funds					
Minibus appeal	1,967	-	-	-	1,967
Unknown	2,532	-	-	(2,532)	-
Total	4,499	-	-	(2,532)	1,967
Total	<u>19,121</u>	<u>52,840</u>	<u>(29,570)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,391</u>

The brought forward balance of £2,532 was determined to be unrestricted funds, and therefore a transfer has been made to reflect this.

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**FAMILY SUPPORT BRIGHTLINGSEA
TA THE AUTUMN CENTRE**

Registered charity number 1066579

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Trustees	Mrs J Russell, (Resigned 3rd August 2020) G Scott, Mr S Taylor (Resigned 1 February 2021) Mr E Brown W Bates M Silk S Last C Walker S Huggins (Appointed 28 September 2020) M Bath (Appointed 2 February 2021) J Bath (Appointed 2 February 2021)
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Charity Registration Number	1066579
Independent Examiner	Community360 Winsley's House High Street Colchester Essex, CO1 1UG

FAMILY SUPPORT BRIGHTLINGSEA TA THE AUTUMN CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Chairs Report

The year from April 2020 to March 2021 has been very challenging for us at The Autumn Centre. The charity was on the brink of collapse and the trustees took the decision to continue and assess the situation every 3 months.

Some trustees wanted to wind down the charity due to the financial mountain we had to climb. We then took the decision to review the operational side of the The Autumn Centre by finding ways to bring the charity up and modernise it.

The National Lockdowns made us postpone all our lunch clubs and the closure of our shop in Victoria Place. We furloughed all our staff by using the Governments scheme but unfortunately we had to make all our staff redundant once the Furlough scheme had come to an end and our finances were in a very poor state.

While our income was reduced due to the National Lockdowns, we did receive Government grants to help The Autumn Centre function. We continued to phone our clients to check on their wellbeing while in lockdown. Trustees and volunteers were given clients phone numbers to call, for the purpose of keeping in contact with them.

The opportunity to apply for further grants was made possible from other organisations such as Essex Community Foundation Trust and further grants from the Government via Tendring District Council.

From August 2020 our shop was allowed to re-open as this was classed as an essential shop. The Trustees ran the shop while observing Government guidelines; such as mask wearing, signing in book, scanning in on the NHS app and sanitising gels were made available to all. We also cleaned all donated items and kept in office for over 24 hours.

We took opportunity of having a stocktake and re-organising the shop while in quiet periods. The trustees looked the pricing strategy of items in the shop and took on board changes and suggestions made by me. This has been very successful for The Autumn Centre. All stocktakes are done twice a year as well as assessing items we sell.

We came up with interesting and new ways to generate income for The Autumn Centre by placing purple money tins in shops in the local area from Tesco's in Colchester to rural communities close to Brightlingsea. We then decided to ask people to donate obsolete foreign money and left over holiday money to the shop which has generated some income.

As people were in lockdown, this was the opportunity for people to have a sort out at home. So we put a plea out for donations of books, DVDs and music CDs to be left at the shop. This has generated large sums of income, by organising book stalls, car book sales and scanning items onto the Music Magpie and Zif fit apps.

The Trustees continues to assess and maintain the operational side of The Autumn Centre by means of using the shop and office as the face of the Charity. Our hope is to re-start the lunch clubs in Alresford and Brightlingsea as Government guidelines allow.

We are always looking for new volunteers, trustees and of course donations to The Autumn Centre

FAMILY SUPPORT BRIGHTLINGSEA TA THE AUTUMN CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I would like to thank all our colunteers and trustees especially during the pandemic, for all their support and help during this difficult time.

Our purpose and activities

Our purpose is to run 2 luncheon clubs for the communities in Alresford and Brightlingsea.

The luncheon clubs provide especially for the isolated, elderly and disabled.

We have a weekly raffle at both of these events.

We have a charity shop for the purpose of raising funds to supplement the lunch clubs costs.

Achievements and performance

We had new trustees, we put more new tins with new wrap round into local business. Our performance at start had to stop due to Covid-19, middle of year we reopened shop, we got help help from the government (furlough), we started to get money in and the charity became financially better in the second half of the year.

Financial Review

As at 1st April 2020 our total cash balances:	Incorporating 1 A/c	£679.94	£1,447.12
	100 Club A/c		£454.04
	Transport A/c		£313.14
As of 31st March 2021 our total cash balances:	Incorporating 1 A/c	£17,028.84	£21,201.52
	100 Club A/c		£466.04
	Transport A/c		£303.94
	Our savings account @ 1st April 2019		£5,168.60
	Our savings account @ 31st March 2020		£4,170.66

Investment powers policy

N/A

Reserves policy and going concern

The charity does have funds available in our savings account.

If the charity does not receive any monies/funds coming into the charity, the organisation must

have a reserve for the purpose of paying out standing invoices/payments.

The Trustees must decide on annual basis the following:

- How much money should be in reserve, which must include minimum amount.
- The reserve policy must be reported at the AGM and updated when trustees see it necessary.

We would therefore like to hold £4,000 in reserves.

There was no reserve policy. Clients numbers declining and replacement of minibus needed, need for more income from the Charity shop.

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Plans for future periods

To increase our income by means of:

Reinventing ourselves by appointing new trustees, new staff members, and volunteers.

To reinvigorate the shop stock, layout and reassess the general sales items.

Pay policy for senior staff

Only one paid member of staff administration.

Risk management

Minibus drivers are fully trained in the use of the tail lift and the side doors and helping the escorts in handling the clients on and off the minibuses.

Escorts are fully training in the handling of the clients are helping them safely in their wheelchairs and on/off the minibuses.

A fully qualified carer is responsible for the care of the clients, helping with toileting; cutting of food; removing outdoor clothing; seating at the meal tables. She is also qualified in First Aid.

Cooks are fully qualified in all aspects of catering including health and hygiene and the management of the kitchen staff.

In the Charity shop and the office, the Administrator ensures there is safe entry and adequate space for manoeuvrability of the staff.

By order of the board of trustees



G Scott - Chair

Thursday 10th February 2022

Date

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

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Prior period Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Donations and legacies	2	6,256	-	6,256	6,077
Charitable activities	3	25,351	-	25,351	39,025
Fundraising income	4	1,041	-	1,041	2,434
Investment income	5	2	-	2	10
Total incoming resources		32,650	-	32,650	47,546
Resources expended					
Costs of charitable activities	6	19,869	689	20,558	51,124
Total resources expended		19,869	689	20,558	51,124
Net income/(expense) for the year		12,781	(689)	12,092	(3,578)
Prior year adjustment		-	-	-	(240)
Net movement in funds		12,781	(689)	12,092	(3,818)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds B/Fwd		1,840	5,188	7,029	10,847
Total Funds C/Fwd		14,622	4,499	19,121	7,029

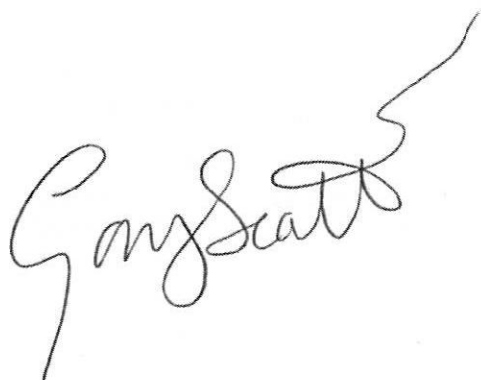
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	2,066	2,799
Current assets			
Debtors	11	1,500	-
Cash at bank and in hand		21,981	6,930
		<u>23,481</u>	<u>6,930</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	6,425	2,700
		<u>17,056</u>	<u>4,230</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>19,122</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Net total assets			
		<u>19,122</u>	<u>7,029</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		14,622	1,840
Restricted funds		4,499	5,188
Total funds	14	<u>19,121</u>	<u>7,029</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



G Scott, Chair

Date: Thursday 10th February 2022

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Outgoing resources

Expenditure is included in the accounts on an accruals basis, irrecoverable VAT is included as incurred.

1.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

1.4 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.5 Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably. Investment income is recorded when receivable.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised. Depreciation is charged on a reducing balance basis at 20% per annum for equipment and 25% per annum for vehicles.

1.7 Taxation

Family Support Brightlingsea TA The Autumn Centre is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

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2. Income from donations and legacies				
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations receivable	<u>6,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>6,077</u>
3. Income from charitable activities				
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable	14,000	-	14,000	3,012
HMRC CJRS Grants	6,262	-	6,262	-
Luncheon clubs & tea	-	-	-	20,484
Transport	-	-	-	5,994
Minibus appeal	-	-	-	3,544
Sales	4,655	-	4,655	5,229
100 club	-	-	-	763
Sundry income	434	-	434	-
	<u>25,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,351</u>	<u>39,026</u>
4. Fundraising income				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>2,434</u>
5. Investment income				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
6. Expenditure on charitable activities				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Luncheon club & teas	120	-	120	15,359
Cooks and carers	8,846	-	8,846	11,161
Transport	-	-	-	3,926
Fundraising costs	313	-	313	200
Shop purchases	310	-	310	448
100 club prizes	-	-	-	270
Support costs (note 7)	10,280	689	10,969	19,760
	<u>19,869</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>20,558</u>	<u>51,124</u>

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7. Support Costs	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other wages	-	-	-	8,491
Premises expenses	7,135	-	7,135	8,078
Insurance	1,594	-	1,594	1,124
Office costs	1,191	-	1,191	713
Professional fees	190	-	190	380
Repairs	126	-	126	74
Depreciation	44	689	733	899
	10,280	689	10,969	19,760

8. Staff Costs

The number of staff employed by the organisation is as follows:

	Total 2021 No.	Total 2020 No.
Members of staff employed	5	5

9. Key management personnel

There were Nil members of paid staff classed as key management personnel. Trustees acted as key management personnel but received no remuneration for their work.

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2020	45,238	2,082	507	47,827
As at 31 March 2021	45,238	2,082	507	47,827
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2020	42,483	2,038	507	45,028
Depreciation charge for year	689	44	-	733
As at 31 March 2021	43,172	2,082	507	45,761
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2021	2,066	-	-	2,066
As at 31 March 2020	2,755	44	-	2,799

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11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accrued income	1,500	-
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accruals	425	700
Deferred income	6,000	2,000
	<u>6,425</u>	<u>2,700</u>

13. Analysis of funds

	Balance as at 01/04/20 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance as at 31/03/21 £
Unrestricted funds	1,841	32,650	(19,869)	-	14,622
Restricted funds					
Minibus appeal	2,656	-	(689)	-	1,967
Unknown	2,532	-	-	-	2,532
Total	<u>5,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(689)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,499</u>
Total	<u><u>7,029</u></u>	<u><u>32,650</u></u>	<u><u>(20,558)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>19,121</u></u>

The trustees are going to be investigating what the brought forward balance was of £2,532.

FAMILY SUPPORT BRIGHTLINGSEA TA THE AUTUMN CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of Family Support Brightlingsea TA The Autumn Centre for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

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 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360

Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 10th February
2022