

SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1074800

Details

Other names	SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME, THE BEFRIENDING SCHEME
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03599476
Registered	1999-03-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: For the public benefit, to relieve people and their families who are disadvantaged by reason of age, learning disability, physical disability, ill mental health or financial hardship in particular but not exclusively by the provision of community, recreational, educational and befriending services in the region of East Anglia

Activities: To provide Drop In type Centres and a care farm throughout Suffolk, whereby vulnerable people can come and have coffee, learn crafts and generally meet friends in a friendly environment. Also we provide registered Volunteer Befrienders to vulnerable adults forming befriending links, and training opportunities that TBS provides through a structured programme of activities and events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Amateur Sport, Animals, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SUFFOLK AND THE ANGLIAN AREA
- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£439,228	£409,523	-	-
2024-03-31	£315,291	£443,791	-	-
2023-03-31	£414,299	£557,911	-	-
2022-03-31	£410,593	£414,395	-	-
2021-03-31	£543,781	£381,181	£564,661	14

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fiona Jane Berry		2023-02-09
Frances Torrington		2020-06-22
Jeremy Darrell Morgan		2026-03-27
Piers Roberts		2024-01-03
Tereza Helen Fairbairn		2026-03-27

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

TRUSTEES	Mrs F C Torrington Mr J Phythian Mr L Onyekachi Ebuka Mrs F J Berry Mr P B A Roberts Mr M Nicholls (appointed 17.6.24) (resigned 8.5.25)
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

The Befriending Scheme (TBS) has been providing friendship and learning opportunities for adults (16yrs+) from vulnerable groups since its formation in 1989. The charity has grown to offer support beyond its original members with learning disabilities and now offers services to those with mild mental health conditions, older people, SEND families and families with children under 5yrs. The scheme has a proven track record of providing, and will continue to provide, supportive learning and leisure services to vulnerable adults throughout Suffolk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of relieving and rehabilitating people and families who face multiple disadvantage through their learning, physical, mental and age-related experience or situation, resident in East Anglia, in such ways as the charity think fit.

We will continue to work with key stakeholders and commissioners to offer support for vulnerable adults and children and help to design and develop additional support to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our community.

Significant activities

We continue to offer a broad range of activities to our members across the county, providing a variety of indoor and outdoor sessions to give people as much choice as possible. We offer everything from fun music and crafts sessions, developing life skills in our cookery classes, to personal development towards AQA qualifications.

At the Red Rose Community Farm, members have the opportunity to interact with friends, staff, volunteers and our animals. The objective is to increase the number of members that attend the Tuesday to Friday sessions on a daily basis to a total of 24. Currently the maximum daily total is 14. The Business Development Manager is working hard to increase our profile both in the community and with social work teams and potential commissioners wherever possible.

The trustee board

The Board consists of six trustees, with Frances Torrington remaining as Chair.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Red Rose Community Farm in Lindsey continues to flourish. We remain enormously grateful for the generosity of James Buckle and Heathpatch Ltd, who created the opportunity for TBS to lease the site.

As always we are indebted to the commitment and hard work put in by TBS staff, their families and volunteers who continue to go above and beyond to maintain and improve the site.

Securing a series of small grants enabled our Mindful Monday project to resume. this project provides a 'safe and wellbeing' space for a small group of people who struggle with their mental health. We were also able to offer SEND family days one day per week during school holidays, and on Mondays during term time we welcomed a local school who bring those students who particularly benefit from outdoor classroom activities.

Our monthly stall at the Sudbury Farmers Market has become a real highlight for our members, with a rota system in place for those wishing to be salesmen! Here we continue to sell a variety of plants and herbs grown at the farm, and occasionally a number of craft items depending on the season e.g. bird houses, wooden snowmen, plant/tool holders. Attending the market and being part of the experience of sowing seeds, planting up and getting produce ready for the market has given members a huge sense of pride. This activity has provided real opportunities to build confidence and gain social and many transferable skills.

Fundraising activities

Over the past two years, we were fortunate enough to be very well supported by our sponsor, Perrywood Garden Centre, based in Sudbury, and we remain very grateful for their ongoing support. Once again, we were astounded, delighted and immensely grateful to receive donations totalling in excess of £18k from the father of one our members at Red Rose Community farm, having repeated his very successful annual auction, selling a collection of computer and technical equipment on his YouTube channel which has thousands of followers, including many overseas buyers, with a view to purchasing donkeys for the Care Farm.

Fundraising and donations continue to provide a valuable contribution to our services from other organisations and community groups, raising funds especially to help our members at their local fêtes, quiz nights and raffles.

We also thank our regular monthly donors for their ongoing support, along with all individuals and organisations that have made significant contributions in support of our services this year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Having had a very challenging FY23/24, we are pleased to see that our total income over the past 12 months has increased by nearly 40%, helped considerably by the increase in the numbers of members attending our Red Rose Community Care Farm throughout the year. A large proportion of these members are funded by personal budgets from Suffolk County Council, which has increased our income from Spot Purchasing by almost 15% compared to the previous year.

Restricted grant funding income more than doubled this year, including grants from Clothworkers' Foundation, Bernard Sunley and BMSDC which between them covered the cost of purchasing a new minibus, directly helping us to increase our service provision to members of the care farm by providing transport for them. Other funders include Suffolk Community Foundation - who have once again provided a great source of support to us by regularly securing pots of much-needed funding for all areas of our work; Delamere Foundation, who are covering the costs of AQA qualifications for our members; Community Centre Approach and WSC who funded our cookery group in Haverhill, plus many more to whom we are very grateful for their ongoing financial support.

For the second year running, an increasing number of members across all services are choosing to pay on an ad-hoc casual basis, rather than purchase a quarterly or annual membership - providing true independence in their choice of services, and contributing £71k towards the total income (up from £50k last year).

This is the first time we have received income from schools who are using the SEND budgets to offer placements at the farm, and we hope to increase this service offering as time goes on.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

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FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan for the next two years includes five key themes: Recovery and Development, Innovation, Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Sustainability and Collaboration.

Like many charities, fundraising is an ongoing struggle as we work so closely with local authorities with reduced budgets and face the impacts of the cost of living crisis. In response, we have re-focused some staff on fundraising and grant activity, to increase our chances for securing vital funds. We will continue to seek regular, sustained funding, as well as one-off grants to ensure as consistent a flow of income as possible.

We will continue to monitor closely the performance of our existing hub groups to ensure they stay financially viable and provide the best services and activities for our members. We are working with staff and volunteers to develop plans for seeking out new members.

Future plans include offering 'Home School' sessions for SEND children who are unable to attend specialist schools, as there are not enough spaces available; engaging with dementia sufferers and their families/carers, offering a men's group at the farm, and continuing to hold regular community events. Having a calendar of regular events should build engagement, raise our profile, fundraise and demonstrate our impact to potential partners so that with their support, we can expand our reach and services. We plan to offer through funding from Activities Unlimited, a project to host SEND families once a month for weekends at the farm.

As the care farm at Lindsey develops, there are opportunities in the near future for us to acquire an additional site to develop another farm. The new site will be in partnership with others, including Suffolk County Council, and would increase the services we offer in one of our focus areas in the county. This new facility will offer much needed services to the wider community. We are excited to see how these plans develop over the next year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17 July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

ACCOUNTANTS

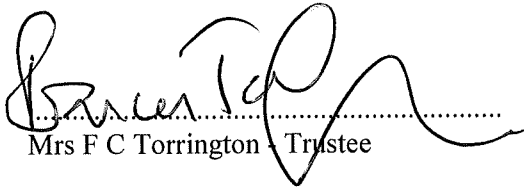
A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10/10/2025..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs F C Torrington Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Seago and Stopps
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: 1 October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	30,814	153,528	184,342	90,784
Other trading activities	3	253,206	-	253,206	221,643
Investment income	4	1,680	-	1,680	2,860
Other income	5	-	-	-	4
Total		<u>285,700</u>	<u>153,528</u>	<u>439,228</u>	<u>315,291</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		569	3,669	4,238	505
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure		<u>275,292</u>	<u>129,993</u>	<u>405,285</u>	<u>443,286</u>
Total		<u>275,861</u>	<u>133,662</u>	<u>409,523</u>	<u>443,791</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	<u>9,839</u> <u>1,057</u>	<u>19,866</u> <u>(1,057)</u>	<u>29,705</u> <u>-</u>	<u>(128,500)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>10,896</u>	<u>18,809</u>	<u>29,705</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>122,869</u>	<u>165,878</u>	<u>288,747</u>	<u>417,247</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>133,765</u></u>	<u><u>184,687</u></u>	<u><u>318,452</u></u>	<u><u>288,747</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	15,146	178,898	194,044	179,028
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	4,000	-	4,000	4,100
Debtors	13	23,282	-	23,282	43,860
Cash at bank and in hand		112,519	7,290	119,809	122,986
		<u>139,801</u>	<u>7,290</u>	<u>147,091</u>	<u>170,946</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(16,183)	(1,500)	(17,683)	(56,227)
		<u>123,618</u>	<u>5,790</u>	<u>129,408</u>	<u>114,719</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>138,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>323,452</u>	<u>293,747</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>138,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>323,452</u>	<u>293,747</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
		<u>133,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>133,764</u>	<u>184,688</u>	<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				133,764	122,869
Restricted funds				<u>184,688</u>	<u>165,878</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>318,452</u>	<u>288,747</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

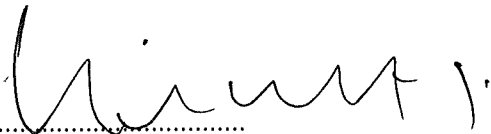
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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2025**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10/10/2025..... and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P B A Roberts', written over a dotted line.

Mr P B A Roberts - Trustee

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations and gifts	30,814	23,857
Grants receivable	153,528	66,927
	<u>184,342</u>	<u>90,784</u>

	Restrict ed Funds £	Unrestrict ed Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Suffolk Community Foundation	27,932	16,509	44,441	141,543
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - CIL Funding	9,786	-	9,786	2,520
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - capital grant	10,000	-	10,000	-
NHS - CYP NDD support services	-	-	-	13,264
Boshier-Hinton Foundation - Boccia funding	-	-	-	2,000
SCC Activities unlimited	2,800	-	2,800	8,676
Bailly Thomas Charitable Fund	5,000	-	5,000	-
Bernard Sunley Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
SCC - Councillor directed support grants	-	-	-	5,020
LD Rope Third Charitable Settlement	-	-	-	5,000
The 29th May 1961 Fund	4,000	-	4,000	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	32,300	-	32,300	-
Children in Need	-	-	-	11,674
West Suffolk Council - Community Chest (Leiston)	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
National Lottery Community Fund	19,999	-	19,999	-
Community Centred Approach	16,277	-	16,277	-
Screwfix Foundation	4,435	-	4,435	-
Delamere Dairy Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
Donations and gifts	-	14,305	14,305	23,857
Other miscellaneous grants	999	-	999	2,230
	<u>153,528</u>	<u>30,814</u>	<u>184,342</u>	<u>90,784</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	19,921	17,439
Merchandise and other income	11,189	9,206
Membership income	93,716	83,013
Spot purchasing subscriptions	123,380	106,985
Employer NI allowance	5,000	5,000
	<u>253,206</u>	<u>221,643</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £19,921 (2024: £17,439) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	<u>1,680</u>	<u>2,860</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
DBS checks	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	32,529	31,901
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>402</u>	<u>-</u>

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

During the year there no payments made to trustees (2024: £Nil) for travel expenses.

8. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Volunteer co-ordinators	2	3
Office and administrative staff	5	5
Farm workers	5	6
	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	23,857	66,927	90,784
Other trading activities	221,643	-	221,643
Investment income	2,860	-	2,860
Other income	4	-	4
Total	<u>248,364</u>	<u>66,927</u>	<u>315,291</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	505	-	505
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	326,022	117,264	443,286
Total	<u>326,527</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>443,791</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(78,163)	(50,337)	(128,500)
Transfers between funds	8,236	(8,236)	-
Net movement in funds	(69,927)	(58,573)	(128,500)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	192,796	224,451	417,247

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>122,869</u>	<u>165,878</u>	<u>288,747</u>

10. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Independent examiners fees	<u>3,145</u>	<u>2,995</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024	237,843	56,319	17,116	50,034	361,312
Additions	-	46,890	-	1,057	47,947
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,686)	(6,686)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>237,843</u>	<u>103,209</u>	<u>17,116</u>	<u>44,405</u>	<u>402,573</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	106,122	22,447	13,382	40,333	182,284
Charge for year	19,017	10,166	933	2,413	32,529
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(6,284)	(6,284)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>125,139</u>	<u>32,613</u>	<u>14,315</u>	<u>36,462</u>	<u>208,529</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	<u>112,704</u>	<u>70,596</u>	<u>2,801</u>	<u>7,943</u>	<u>194,044</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>131,721</u>	<u>33,872</u>	<u>3,734</u>	<u>9,701</u>	<u>179,028</u>

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12. STOCKS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Stocks	4,000	4,100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,233	24,993
VAT	282	993
Prepayments	17,767	17,874
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>23,282</u>	<u>43,860</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	713	946
Social security and other taxes	3,536	3,772
Other creditors	1,952	1,223
Accruals and deferred income	7,221	44,956
Accrued expenses	4,261	5,330
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>17,683</u>	<u>56,227</u>

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Provisions	5,000	5,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Since May 2023, the charity has been involved in an employment tribunal action brought by an employee who is claiming disability discrimination, bullying and harassment.

The tribunal was due to be heard in May 2025 but has now been deferred until February 2026. The charity has and will continue to robustly defend all accusations made in the claim.

The trustees have investigated the claims and are confident in supporting management that the claims made are baseless and cannot be substantiated.

Although the trustees acknowledge that the charity is not at fault in any of the accusations, the trustees are concerned that the claim has and continues to act as a significant distraction to management and management time that could be put to more positive use. However, the trustees have recognised the benefit to the charity in settling the claim as soon as possible. The trustees have therefore recommended an upper full and final settlement amount of approximately £5,000. The employee was made redundant in August 2024.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	122,869	9,838	1,057	133,764
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	165,878	19,867	(1,057)	184,688
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,747</u>	<u>29,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,452</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	285,700	(275,862)	9,838
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	153,528	(133,661)	19,867
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>439,228</u>	<u>(409,523)</u>	<u>29,705</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	192,796	(78,163)	8,236	122,869
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	224,451	(50,337)	(8,236)	165,878
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>417,247</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,747</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	248,364	(326,527)	(78,163)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	66,927	(117,264)	(50,337)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>315,291</u>	<u>(443,791)</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	192,796	(68,325)	9,293	133,764
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	224,451	(30,470)	(9,293)	184,688
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>417,247</u>	<u>(98,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,452</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	534,064	(602,389)	(68,325)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	220,455	(250,925)	(30,470)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>754,519</u>	<u>(853,314)</u>	<u>(98,795)</u>

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	30,814	23,857
Grants receivable	153,528	66,927
	184,342	90,784
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	19,921	17,439
Merchandise and other income	11,189	9,206
Membership income	93,716	83,013
Spot purchasing subscriptions	123,380	106,985
Employer NI allowance	5,000	5,000
	253,206	221,643
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	1,680	2,860
Other income		
DBS checks	-	4
Total incoming resources	439,228	315,291
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	4,238	505
Charitable activities		
Wages	238,690	263,770
Employer NI	17,528	20,037
Employer pension contributions	6,171	7,153
Rent and rates	26,153	26,376
Insurance	4,234	4,370
Light and heat	4,248	5,881
Telephone	3,220	3,867
Office stationery, postage and software	3,121	3,977
Advertising and marketing	791	2,275
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	5,717	8,797
Internal staff training	1,156	1,300
Carried forward	311,029	347,803

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	311,029	347,803
Repairs and renewals	14,223	2,866
Beneficiary costs	18,471	24,690
Computer expenses	4,310	4,808
Care farm animal costs	8,365	6,921
Mini bus running costs	4,036	4,875
	360,434	391,963
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	-	113
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	4,134	4,992
Accountancy fees	3,845	3,565
Professional fees	6	2,426
Subscriptions	3,935	3,326
Potential employee settlement	-	5,000
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	19,016	19,016
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	13,513	12,885
Loss on disposal of assets	402	-
	44,851	51,210
Total resources expended	409,523	443,791
Net income/(expenditure)	29,705	(128,500)

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1074800

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

TRUSTEES	Mrs F C Torrington Mrs B Crack (resigned 31.12.23) Ms R Calver (resigned 23.10.23) Mr J Phythian Mr L Onyekachi Ebuka Mrs F J Berry Mr A K Vowles (resigned 23.10.23) Mr C M Waters (resigned 14.11.23) Mr P B A Roberts (appointed 3.1.24)
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

The Befriending Scheme (TBS) has been providing friendship and learning opportunities for adults (16yrs+) from vulnerable groups since its formation in 1989. The charity has grown to offer support beyond its original members with learning disabilities and now offers services to those with mild mental health conditions, older people, and families with children under 5yrs. The scheme has a proven track record of providing, and will continue to provide, supportive learning and leisure services to vulnerable adults throughout Suffolk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of relieving and rehabilitating people and families who face multiple disadvantage through their learning, physical, mental and age-related experience or situation, resident in East Anglia, in such ways as the charity think fit.

We will continue to work with key stakeholders and commissioners to offer support for vulnerable adults and children and help to design and develop additional support to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our community.

Significant activities

We continue to offer a broad range of activities to our members across the county, providing a variety of indoor and outdoor sessions to give people as much choice as possible. We offer everything from fun music and crafts sessions, developing life skills in our cookery classes, to personal development through pre-employability training.

At the Red Rose Community Farm, members have the opportunity to interact with friends, staff, volunteers and our animals. The objective is to increase the number of members that attend the Tuesday to Friday sessions on a daily basis to a total of 15. Currently the maximum daily total is 12. The Business Development Manager is working hard to increase our profile both in the community and with social work teams and commissioners wherever possible.

The trustee board

I replaced Bharatti Crack as acting chairman in September 2023. Piers Roberts who has recently joined the board will take over the role as chairman in due course, but it was decided it was good for him to learn about the charity before taking the lead role on the board. The board consists of five very committed and hardworking trustees.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Red Rose Community Farm in Lindsey continues to establish itself in its new setting and to flourish. This is largely due to the generosity of James Buckle and Heathpatch Ltd, who created the opportunity for TBS to move to the new site which is now being leased to the charity. In November the Heathpatch team worked on laying new paths from the car park to the portacabins, allowing members to safely transfer from the minibus.

The pathways to all the other animal areas and buildings are scheduled to be started in early Spring once the weather allows.

A particular mention should be made of the commitment and hard work put in by the TBS staff team, their families and volunteers who continue to go above and beyond to get and keep the farm developing and functioning.

The new site offers sufficient space for two portacabins, more polytunnels and additional housing for the poultry and animals, as well as a large parking area.

Due to lack of funding our Mindful Monday project has paused. We have funding to offer family days on Mondays during school holidays. We have also begun to receive school visits on a Monday. Pupils from Pot Kiln Primary School have attended 3 times so far and have booked a further 5 visits. We also use Mondays to work with a few dedicated volunteers who put their hand to all tasks physical!

From Tuesday to Friday as at the end of March 2024, a total of 21 members attend the farm. Some attend just one day a week whilst others for 2, 3 or even 4 days a week.

On the last Friday of the month TBS has a stall at the Sudbury Farmers Market selling plants and herbs grown at the farm, and a variety of crafts depending on the season e.g. bird houses, wooden snowmen, plant/tool holders. The stall is run by TBS staff members and the members who visit the farm, giving members another opportunity to build confidence, social and transferable skills.

Maintaining consistent membership and attendance at our hub groups has been an ongoing challenge. We faced challenges with venue availability, recruiting and retaining suitable staff, and funding. As a result of these difficulties we reluctantly closed the hubs in Stowmarket and Ipswich. We continue to run the hubs in Sudbury, Lowestoft and Haverhill, along with our Children in Need funded project in Sudbury. Membership numbers for the Out and About sessions has slightly increased.

Fundraising activities

We were fortunate enough to be very well supported by our sponsors Drage and Tozer, local opticians, and Perrywood Garden Centre, Sudbury. Their fundraising efforts and generous allowances have meant that we were able to purchase some huge wheelchair accessible vegetable trugs, fruit trees, professional signage for around the farm, compost, kneeling pads, secateurs and a whole lot more! Our sensory garden is well on the way to completion.

We are also thankful for the ongoing support of our regular monthly donors, and all the individuals/organisations that have made significant contributions in support of our services this year.

This year we were delighted to receive a donation of £13,265 from the father of one of our members at Red Rose Community Farm. He had auctioned a collection of computer and technical equipment on his YouTube channel which has 1000's of followers.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The level of grant income/large donations raised during FY23/24 has almost halved compared with FY22/23, clearly demonstrating the huge challenges faced by charities in the current climate. Suffolk County Council continues to support many of our members with personal budgets enabling them to regularly enjoy the groups and services we offer, contributing a large proportion of our total income through spot purchasing subscriptions. Income derived from other members has increased again this year, with more members choosing to pay for attendances on a more flexible pay-as-you-go basis giving them the freedom to choose services independently.

New income streams this year include monthly sales of produce and garden equipment grown and created by our members, and from local schools who are using their allocated SEND funding to bring pupils to the care farm. This is an area we are hoping to expand on over the coming months.

Grant funders this year include (amongst others) West Suffolk Council; Activities Unlimited; Children In Need; L D Rope Third Charitable Settlement Fund; several local councillors across Suffolk, providing much needed funds to continue running our core befriending and hub group services; NHS CYP; Babergh & Mid Suffolk Council, whose CIL funding has allowed us to continue with capital works at the farm in Lindsey. Once again, we must thank Suffolk Community Foundation for their generous and continued support in all areas of the charity's work. We are grateful to each and every one of our donors - both corporate and personal - for their valuable contributions to the charity during this challenging year.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FUTURE PLANS

Our strategic plan for the next two years includes five key themes: Recovery and Development, Innovation, Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Sustainability and Collaboration.

Like many charities, fundraising is an ongoing struggle as we work so closely with local authorities with reduced budgets and face the impacts of the cost of living crisis. In response, we have re-focused some staff on fundraising and grant activity, to increase our chances for securing vital funds. We will continue to seek regular, sustained funding, as well as one-off grants to ensure as consistent a flow of income as possible.

We will continue to monitor closely the performance of our existing hub groups to ensure they stay financially viable and provide the best services and activities for our members. We are working with staff and volunteers to develop plans for seeking out new members.

Future plans include offering 'Home School' sessions for SEND children who are unable to attend specialist schools, as there are not enough spaces available; engaging with dementia sufferers and their families/carers, offering a men's group at the farm, and continuing to hold regular community events. Having a calendar of regular events should build engagement, raise our profile, fundraise and demonstrate our impact to potential partners so that with their support, we can expand our reach and services. We plan to offer through funding from Activities Unlimited, a project to host SEND families once a month for weekends at the farm.

As the care farm at Lindsey develops, there are opportunities in the near future for us to acquire an additional site to develop another farm. This new site would be in partnership with Suffolk County Council, and would increase the services we offer in one of our focus areas in the county. We are excited to see how these plans develop over the next year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17 July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

ACCOUNTANTS

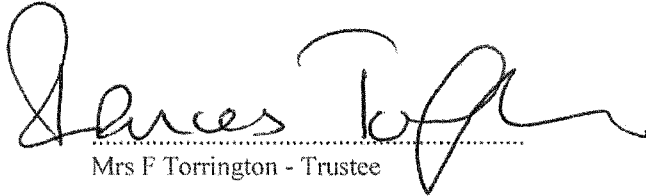
A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


Mrs F Torrington - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago FCCA
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Seago and Stopps
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Date: 8 JUL 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	23,857	66,927	90,784	219,060
Other trading activities	3	221,643	-	221,643	192,110
Investment income	4	2,860	-	2,860	2,706
Other income	5	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>423</u>
Total		<u>248,364</u>	<u>66,927</u>	<u>315,291</u>	<u>414,299</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		505	-	505	475
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure		326,022	117,264	443,286	557,209
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227</u>
Total		<u>326,527</u>	<u>117,264</u>	<u>443,791</u>	<u>557,911</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	16	(78,163) <u>8,236</u>	(50,337) <u>(8,236)</u>	(128,500) <u>-</u>	(143,612) <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(69,927)	(58,573)	(128,500)	(143,612)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>192,796</u>	<u>224,451</u>	<u>417,247</u>	<u>560,859</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>122,869</u>	<u>165,878</u>	<u>288,747</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	17,478	161,550	179,028	210,065
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	4,100	-	4,100	4,250
Debtors	13	43,860	-	43,860	19,706
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>68,761</u>	<u>54,225</u>	<u>122,986</u>	<u>209,125</u>
		116,721	54,225	170,946	233,081
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,330)	(49,897)	(56,227)	(25,899)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>110,391</u>	<u>4,328</u>	<u>114,719</u>	<u>207,182</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		127,869	165,878	293,747	417,247
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	15	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	-
NET ASSETS		<u>122,869</u>	<u>165,878</u>	<u>288,747</u>	<u>417,247</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				122,869	192,796
Restricted funds				<u>165,878</u>	<u>224,451</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>288,747</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

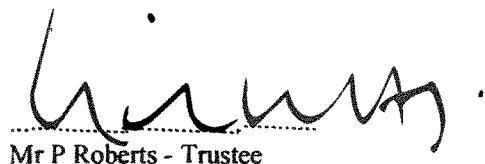
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its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

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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024**

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 08/07/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Roberts', is written over a dotted line.

Mr P Roberts - Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations and gifts	23,857	3,086
Grants receivable	<u>66,927</u>	<u>215,974</u>
	<u>90,784</u>	<u>219,060</u>

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	31.3.24 Total Funds £	31.3.23 Total Funds £
Suffolk Community Foundation	11,543	-	11,543	14,000
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - CIL Funding	2,520	-	2,520	60,907
NHS - CYP NDD support services	13,264	-	13,264	-
Boshier-Hinton Foundation - Boccia funding	2,000	-	2,000	-
SCC Activities unlimited	8,676	-	8,676	8,600
WSCCG Fund	-	-	-	26,524
Stowmarket Town Council	-	-	-	400
SCC - Councillor directed support grants	5,020	-	5,020	-
LD Rope Third Charitable Settlement	5,000	-	5,000	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-	30,000
Suffolk County Council - Engaged Communities	-	-	-	30,816
Power to Change	-	-	-	10,000
Children in Need	11,674	-	11,674	19,456
West Suffolk Council - Community Chest (Leiston)	5,000	-	5,000	5,267
Suffolk County Council	-	-	-	6,454
Donations and gifts	-	23,857	23,857	3,086
Other miscellaneous grants	2,230	-	2,230	3,550
	<u>66,927</u>	<u>23,857</u>	<u>90,784</u>	<u>219,060</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	17,439	4,408
Merchandise and other income	9,206	4,434
Membership income	83,013	75,189
Spot purchasing subscriptions	106,985	103,079
Employer NI allowance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>221,643</u>	<u>192,110</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £17,439 (2023: £4,409) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	<u>2,860</u>	<u>2,706</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
DBS checks	<u>4</u>	<u>423</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>423</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	31,901	26,292
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>24,445</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year there were no payments made to trustees (2023: £227 - paid to 3 trustees) for travel expenses.

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8. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Volunteer co-ordinators	3	3
Office and administrative staff	5	5
Farm workers	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	3,086	215,974	219,060
Other trading activities	192,110	-	192,110
Investment income	2,706	-	2,706
Other income	<u>423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423</u>
Total	<u>198,325</u>	<u>215,974</u>	<u>414,299</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	475	-	475
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	361,189	196,020	557,209
Other	<u>227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227</u>
Total	<u>361,891</u>	<u>196,020</u>	<u>557,911</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(163,566)	19,954	(143,612)
Transfers between funds	<u>1,256</u>	<u>(1,256)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(162,310)	18,698	(143,612)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	355,106	205,753	560,859
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>192,796</u>	<u>224,451</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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10. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	<u>2,995</u>	<u>2,775</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	237,843	56,319	17,116	49,170	360,448
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>864</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>237,843</u>	<u>56,319</u>	<u>17,116</u>	<u>50,034</u>	<u>361,312</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	87,106	13,979	12,138	37,160	150,383
Charge for year	<u>19,016</u>	<u>8,468</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>3,173</u>	<u>31,901</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>106,122</u>	<u>22,447</u>	<u>13,382</u>	<u>40,333</u>	<u>182,284</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	<u>131,721</u>	<u>33,872</u>	<u>3,734</u>	<u>9,701</u>	<u>179,028</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>150,737</u>	<u>42,340</u>	<u>4,978</u>	<u>12,010</u>	<u>210,065</u>

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12. STOCKS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Stocks	<u>4,100</u>	<u>4,250</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	24,993	8,830
VAT	993	-
Prepayments	<u>17,874</u>	<u>10,876</u>
	<u>43,860</u>	<u>19,706</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	946	883
Social security and other taxes	3,772	-
VAT	-	176
Other creditors	1,223	11,621
Accruals and deferred income	<u>50,286</u>	<u>13,219</u>
	<u>56,227</u>	<u>25,899</u>

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Potential employee settlement	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Since May 2023, the charity has been involved in an employment tribunal action brought by an employee who is claiming disability discrimination, bullying and harassment.

The tribunal is due to be heard in May 2025. The employee joined the organisation in June 2022 and has been on long-term sick leave since April 2023. The charity has and will continue to robustly defend all accusations made in the claim.

The trustees have investigated the claims and are confident in supporting management that the claims made are baseless and cannot be substantiated.

Although the trustees acknowledge that the charity is not at fault in any of the accusations, the trustees are concerned that the claim has and continues to act as a significant distraction to management and management time that could be put to more positive use. However, the trustees have recognised the benefit to the charity in settling the claim as soon as possible. The trustees have therefore recommended an upper full and final settlement amount of approximately £5,000, which represents a 2 month notice period figure, which has been provided for in the accounts.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	192,796	(78,163)	8,236	122,869
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	224,451	(50,337)	(8,236)	165,878
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>417,247</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,747</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	248,364	(326,527)	(78,163)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	66,927	(117,264)	(50,337)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>315,291</u>	<u>(443,791)</u>	<u>(128,500)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	355,106	(163,566)	1,256	192,796
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	205,753	19,954	(1,256)	224,451
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>560,859</u>	<u>(143,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	198,325	(361,891)	(163,566)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	215,974	(196,020)	19,954
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>414,299</u>	<u>(557,911)</u>	<u>(143,612)</u>

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	355,106	(241,729)	9,492	122,869
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	205,753	(30,383)	(9,492)	165,878
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>560,859</u>	<u>(272,112)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,747</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	446,689	(688,418)	(241,729)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	282,901	(313,284)	(30,383)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>729,590</u>	<u>(1,001,702)</u>	<u>(272,112)</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity received donations without conditions from trustees totalling £1,500.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	23,857	3,086
Grants receivable	<u>66,927</u>	<u>215,974</u>
	90,784	219,060
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	17,439	4,408
Merchandise and other income	9,206	4,434
Membership income	83,013	75,189
Spot purchasing subscriptions	106,985	103,079
Employer NI allowance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	221,643	192,110
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	2,860	2,706
Other income		
DBS checks	<u>4</u>	<u>423</u>
Total incoming resources	315,291	414,299
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	505	475
Charitable activities		
Wages	263,770	315,471
Employer NI	20,037	24,661
Employer pension contributions	7,153	8,319
Rent and rates	26,376	32,871
Insurance	4,370	4,015
Light and heat	5,881	4,870
Telephone	3,867	3,432
Office stationery, postage and software	3,977	5,796
Advertising and marketing	2,275	3,000
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	8,797	9,704
Internal staff training	1,300	1,810
Carried forward	347,803	413,949

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	347,803	413,949
Repairs and renewals	2,866	34,777
Beneficiary costs	24,690	23,290
Computer expenses	4,808	4,992
Assington farm animal costs	6,921	4,874
Mini bus running costs	<u>4,875</u>	<u>3,525</u>
	391,963	485,407
Other		
Trustees' expenses	-	227
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	113	186
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	4,992	13,072
Accountancy fees	3,565	3,505
Professional fees	2,426	530
Subscriptions	3,326	3,771
Potential employee settlement	5,000	-
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	19,016	16,239
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	12,885	10,054
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>-</u>	<u>24,445</u>
	<u>51,210</u>	<u>71,616</u>
Total resources expended	<u>443,791</u>	<u>557,911</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(128,500)</u></u>	<u><u>(143,612)</u></u>

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1074800

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

TRUSTEES	Mrs A E Cherry (resigned 27.10.22) Mr P Richmond (resigned 13.12.22) Mrs F C Torrington Mrs B Crack Mr G Loveday (resigned 3.5.22) Ms R Calver Miss F A W Nana (resigned 19.10.22) Mr J Phythian (appointed 10.1.23) Mr L Onyekachi Ebuka (appointed 26.1.23) Mrs F J Berry (appointed 9.2.23) Mr A K Vowles (appointed 16.2.23) Mr C M Waters (appointed 28.2.23)
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

The Befriending Scheme (TBS) has been providing friendship and learning opportunities for adults (16yrs+) from vulnerable groups since its formation in 1989.

The charity has grown to offer support beyond its original members with learning disabilities and now offers services to those with mild mental health conditions, older people, and families with children under 5yrs.

The scheme has a proven track record of providing, and will continue to provide, supportive learning and leisure services to vulnerable adults throughout Suffolk.

We are particularly proud of our efforts in providing a valuable lifeline to people overcoming the impact and isolation caused by the pandemic.

We encouraged our membership to return to activities and aimed to rebuild their confidence, especially post the COVID-19 pandemic.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of relieving and rehabilitating people and families who face multiple disadvantages through their learning, physical, mental and age-related experience or situation, resident in East Anglia, in such ways as the charity thinks fit.

We will continue to work with key stakeholders and commissioners to offer support for vulnerable people and help to design and develop additional support to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our community.

Significant activities

We continue to offer a broad range of activities to our members across the county, providing a variety of indoor and outdoor sessions to give people as much choice as possible. We offer everything from fun music and crafts sessions, developing life skills in our cookery classes, to personal development through pre-employability training.

At our newly established Red Rose Community Farm members have the opportunity to interact with friends, staff, volunteers and our animals. The objective is to increase the number of members that attend the Tuesday to Friday sessions on a daily basis to a total of 15. The Business Development Manager is working hard to increase our profile both in the community and with social work teams and potential commissioners wherever possible.

We are working to increase attendance to a mental health wellness group for women, called Mindful Mondays. The Business Development Manager is speaking to the therapy / counselling services in Sudbury, meeting with various community groups and social prescribers, GP's and other health professionals in Sudbury to promote the service.

The Trustee Board

Having replaced the previous Chair earlier in the year, I now continue to work alongside my fellow 7 trustees in the role of Acting Chair of the board of trustees. Additionally, we have introduced the role of Vice Chair this year to strengthen the leadership of the Board. Between us all we possess a wide range of knowledge, skills and experience – all of which help TBS work towards successfully achieving its goals in the future.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In December 2022, the Care Farm moved from Assington to a new 2.5 acre site in Lindsey, where it is known as the Red Rose Community Farm. This move was made possible by the generosity of James Buckle and Heathpatch Ltd, who created the opportunity for TBS and are now leasing the site to the charity. The move took place over a few weeks in very muddy conditions. There was no power or running water on site for the first weeks of operation. It was a very difficult start, and a particular mention should be made of the commitment and hard work put in by the TBS staff, their families and volunteers who went above and beyond to get the site functioning as quickly as possible.

The new site offers sufficient space for two portacabins, more polytunnels and additional housing for the poultry and animals, as well as a large parking area.

On Mondays at the Red Rose Community Farm there is a weekly support group for women with enduring mental health issues. We have a core group of 6, some of whom have been with us for 18 months. This project has had some very positive feedback and is very successful. One of the ladies has now become a sessional worker at the Care Farm, and several others now volunteer on other days of the week.

From Tuesday to Friday an average of 8-12 members attend per day. On the last Friday of the month TBS has a stall at the Sudbury Farmers Market selling plants and herbs grown at the farm, and a variety of crafts depending on the season e.g. bird houses, wooden snowmen, plant/tool holders. The stall is run by TBS staff and our members who visit the Farm, giving members another opportunity to build confidence, social and transferable skills.

Maintaining consistent membership and attendance at our Hub groups has been an ongoing challenge since the pandemic. We face challenges with venue availability, recruiting and retaining suitable staff, and funding. The board of trustees are reviewing the performance of the Hubs on an ongoing basis and will make decisions regarding the future viability in the next financial year.

Fundraising activities

TBS has continued to raise money from grants and charitable donations over the last 12 months, but of special note this year is the outstanding fundraising efforts of the staff and customers at Drage & Tozer, a local independent Opticians, who managed to raise in excess of £2,500 to be used towards animals and equipment for our new Care Farm in Lindsey. There seemed to be no end to the creativity and enthusiasm of the fundraisers involved, and we are very grateful for their continued support in the next 12 months, as they continue to find even more adventurous ways to raise much needed funds for the Farm.

We should also mention our local Garden Centre. Perrywoods (Sudbury), who chose us as their local charity of the year in January 2023. We are grateful for their increasing contributions to our fundraising activities, and we look forward to working more closely with them in the coming year.

We are also thankful for the ongoing support of our regular monthly donors, and all the individuals/organisations that have made significant contributions in support of our services this year.

Other activities making steady contributions to the charity this year include the provision of a DBS Umbrella Body Service for an affordable fee, which is becoming increasingly popular due to the decrease in the number of Umbrella Body organisations available to applicants across the region, and the monthly farmers' markets which have proved to be popular with members and customers alike and makes a healthy surplus every month.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

FY22/23 funding streams included £216K of grant income, slightly down from the previous year, and we have continued to work closely with Suffolk County Council to ensure our members are provided with the financial support they are entitled to, allowing them to attend a service of their choice. After grant income, Spot Purchase payments is our largest source of income, contributing £103k to our overall income figure.

Grant funders this year include (amongst others) Activities Unlimited and Children In Need, who have generously continued to support our services for young people for another year; local councillors across Suffolk, helping us to provide smaller projects by contributing to equipment and overheads, and Babergh & Mid Suffolk Council, whose CIL Funding has allowed us to complete most of the capital works at the new Care Farm in Lindsey.

We remain immensely grateful to everyone who has supported us over the past 12 months.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the memorandum and articles of association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

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FUTURE PLANS

We have recently written our next strategy, with a strong focus on growth, development of sustainable infrastructure and investment in both volunteer and staffing teams. Our strategic plan for the next two years includes 5 key themes: Recovery and Development, Innovation, Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), Sustainability and Collaboration.

Like many charities, fundraising is an ongoing struggle as we work so closely with local authorities with reduced budgets and face the impacts of the cost of living crisis. In response, we have re-focused some staff on fundraising and grant activity, to increase our chances for securing vital funds. We will seek regular, sustained funding, as well as one-off grants to ensure as consistent a flow of income as possible.

We will continue to review the performance of our existing Hub groups to ensure they stay financially viable and provide the best services and activities for our members. We are working with staff and volunteers to develop plans for seeking out new members.

Future plans include offering 'Home School' sessions for SEND children who are unable to attend specialist schools, as there are not enough spaces available; engaging with dementia sufferers and their families/carers, offering a men's group at the farm, and holding regular community events. Having a calendar of regular events should build engagement, raise our profile, fundraise and demonstrate our impact to potential partners so that we can expand our reach and services. We plan to offer through funding from Activities Unlimited, a project for SEND families once a month at weekends at the farm.

As the Care Farm at Lindsey develops, there are opportunities in the near future for us to acquire an additional site to develop another farm. This new site would be in partnership with Suffolk County Council, and would increase the services we offer in one of our focus areas in the county. We are excited to see how this develops over the next year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17th July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

ACCOUNTANTS

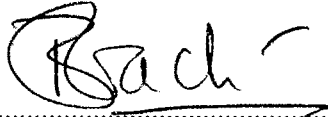
A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12.7.23..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mrs B Crack – Acting chair of the board of trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the Company')

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago FCCA
Seago and Stopps
Chartered Certified Accountants
61 Station Road
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2SP

Date: 23 JUNE 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	3,085	215,974	219,059	170,275
Other trading activities	3	192,111	-	192,111	164,257
Investment income	4	2,706	-	2,706	81
Other income	5	<u>423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>75,980</u>
Total		<u>198,325</u>	<u>215,974</u>	<u>414,299</u>	<u>410,593</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	475	-	475	631
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure	7	361,189	196,020	557,209	413,523
Other		<u>227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>241</u>
Total		<u>361,891</u>	<u>196,020</u>	<u>557,911</u>	<u>414,395</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	18	(163,566)	19,954	(143,612)	(3,802)
		<u>1,256</u>	<u>(1,256)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(162,310)	18,698	(143,612)	(3,802)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		355,106	205,753	560,859	564,661
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>192,796</u>	<u>224,451</u>	<u>417,247</u>	<u>560,859</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	21,535	188,530	210,065	168,628
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	4,250	-	4,250	4,500
Debtors	16	19,706	-	19,706	20,573
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>161,583</u>	<u>47,542</u>	<u>209,125</u>	<u>379,428</u>
		185,539	47,542	233,081	404,501
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(14,278)	(11,621)	(25,899)	(12,270)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>171,261</u>	<u>35,921</u>	<u>207,182</u>	<u>392,231</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>192,796</u>	<u>224,451</u>	<u>417,247</u>	<u>560,859</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>192,796</u>	<u>224,451</u>	<u>417,247</u>	<u>560,859</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				192,796	355,106
Restricted funds				<u>224,451</u>	<u>205,753</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>417,247</u>	<u>560,859</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2023**

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on
.....12-7-23..... and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr J Phythian - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

31.3.22 £	Notes	31.3.23 £
	Cash flows from operating activities	
<u>23,852</u>	Cash generated from operations 1	<u>(78,128)</u>
<u>23,852</u>	Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(78,128)</u>
	Cash flows from investing activities	
(36,871)	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(99,765)
<u>-</u>	Sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>7,590</u>
<u>(36,871)</u>	Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(92,175)</u>
(13,019)	Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(170,303)
392,447	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	379,428
<u>392,447</u>		<u>379,428</u>
<u>392,428</u>	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>209,125</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(143,612)	(3,802)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	26,293	32,846
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	24,445	430
Decrease in stocks	250	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	867	(5,462)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>13,629</u>	<u>(160)</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(78,128)</u>	<u>23,852</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>379,428</u>	<u>(170,303)</u>	<u>209,125</u>
	<u>379,428</u>	<u>(170,303)</u>	<u>209,125</u>
Total	<u>379,428</u>	<u>(170,303)</u>	<u>209,125</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations and gifts	3,085	3,563
Grants receivable	<u>215,974</u>	<u>166,712</u>
	<u>219,059</u>	<u>170,275</u>

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Suffolk Community Foundation	14,000	-	14,000	2,000
Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council - CIL Funding	60,907	-	60,907	-
Mindful Mondays (Neighbourly Fund)	-	-	-	400
David & Jill Simpson Fund	-	-	-	2,364
SCC Activities unlimited	8,600	-	8,600	6,000
WSCCG Fund	26,524	-	26,524	13,262
Stowmarket Town Council	400	-	400	400
Offshoot Films	-	-	-	4,646
Postcode Places Trust	-	-	-	19,786
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	-	30,000	60,000
Colchester Catalyst	-	-	-	10,000
Suffolk County Council - Engaged Communities	30,816	-	30,816	27,573
Power to Change	10,000	-	10,000	17,880
Children in Need	19,456	-	19,456	-
West Suffolk Council - Community Chest (Leiston)	5,267	-	5,267	-
Suffolk County Council	6,454	-	6,454	-
Donations and gifts	-	3,085	3,085	3,563
Other	<u>3,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>2,401</u>
	<u>215,974</u>	<u>3,085</u>	<u>219,059</u>	<u>170,275</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	4,409	84
Merchandise and other income	4,434	4,098
Membership income	75,189	53,080
Spot purchasing subscriptions	103,079	102,995
Employer NI allowance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>192,111</u>	<u>164,257</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £4,409 (2022: £84) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	<u>2,706</u>	<u>81</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
DBS checks	423	470
Furlough claims (CJRS)	-	2,069
Other related grants (COVID)	<u>-</u>	<u>73,441</u>
	<u>423</u>	<u>75,980</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Purchases	<u>475</u>	<u>631</u>

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>485,407</u>	<u>71,802</u>	<u>557,209</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>186</u>	<u>71,616</u>	<u>71,802</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Depreciation - owned assets	26,292	32,846
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>24,445</u>	<u>430</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year £227 (2022: £241) was paid to 3 trustees (2022: 1) for travel expenses.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Wages and salaries	315,471	237,049
Social security costs	24,661	17,508
Other pension costs	<u>8,319</u>	<u>6,434</u>
	<u>348,451</u>	<u>260,991</u>

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Volunteer co-ordinators	3	4
Office and administrative staff	5	4
Farm workers	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

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

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,964	164,311	170,275
Other trading activities	164,257	-	164,257
Investment income	81	-	81
Other income	<u>2,539</u>	<u>73,441</u>	<u>75,980</u>
Total	<u>172,841</u>	<u>237,752</u>	<u>410,593</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	631	-	631
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	204,097	209,426	413,523
Other	<u>241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241</u>
Total	<u>204,969</u>	<u>209,426</u>	<u>414,395</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	<u>(32,128)</u>	<u>28,326</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>
	<u>8,371</u>	<u>(8,371)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(23,757)	19,955	(3,802)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>378,862</u>	<u>185,799</u>	<u>564,661</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>355,105</u></u>	<u><u>205,754</u></u>	<u><u>560,859</u></u>

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13. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	<u>3,505</u>	<u>2,520</u>

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2022	201,947	25,285	29,674	47,722	304,628
Additions	63,549	31,034	351	4,831	99,765
Disposals	<u>(27,653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,909)</u>	<u>(3,383)</u>	<u>(43,945)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>237,843</u>	<u>56,319</u>	<u>17,116</u>	<u>49,170</u>	<u>360,448</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2022	77,343	8,446	13,818	36,393	136,000
Charge for year	16,239	5,533	1,548	2,972	26,292
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(6,476)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,228)</u>	<u>(2,205)</u>	<u>(11,909)</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>87,106</u>	<u>13,979</u>	<u>12,138</u>	<u>37,160</u>	<u>150,383</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2023	<u>150,737</u>	<u>42,340</u>	<u>4,978</u>	<u>12,010</u>	<u>210,065</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>124,604</u>	<u>16,839</u>	<u>15,856</u>	<u>11,329</u>	<u>168,628</u>

15. STOCKS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Stocks	<u>4,250</u>	<u>4,500</u>

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,830	7,395
VAT	-	3,818
Accrued income	-	7,520
Prepayments	<u>10,876</u>	<u>1,840</u>
	<u>19,706</u>	<u>20,573</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	883	398
VAT	176	-
Other creditors	11,621	-
Accrued expenses	<u>13,219</u>	<u>11,872</u>
	<u>25,899</u>	<u>12,270</u>

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	355,106	(163,566)	1,256	192,796
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	205,753	19,954	(1,256)	224,451
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>560,859</u>	<u>(143,612)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	198,325	(361,891)	(163,566)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	215,974	(196,020)	19,954
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>414,299</u>	<u>(557,911)</u>	<u>(143,612)</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	378,862	(32,127)	8,371	355,106
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	185,799	28,325	(8,371)	205,753
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>564,661</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,859</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	172,841	(204,968)	(32,127)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	237,752	(209,427)	28,325
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>410,593</u>	<u>(414,395)</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>

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

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	378,862	(195,693)	9,627	192,796
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	185,799	48,279	(9,627)	224,451
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>564,661</u>	<u>(147,414)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,247</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	371,166	(566,859)	(195,693)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	453,726	(405,447)	48,279
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>824,892</u>	<u>(972,306)</u>	<u>(147,414)</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	3,085	3,563
Grants receivable	<u>215,974</u>	<u>166,712</u>
	219,059	170,275
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4,409	84
Merchandise and other income	4,434	4,098
Membership income	75,189	53,080
Spot purchasing subscriptions	103,079	102,995
Employer NI allowance	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	192,111	164,257
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	2,706	81
Other income		
DBS checks	423	470
Furlough claims (CJRS)	-	2,069
Other related grants (COVID)	<u>-</u>	<u>73,441</u>
	<u>423</u>	<u>75,980</u>
Total incoming resources	414,299	410,593
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	475	631
Charitable activities		
Wages	315,471	237,049
Employer NI	24,661	17,508
Employer pension contributions	8,319	6,434
Rent and rates	32,871	26,571
Insurance	4,015	2,767
Light and heat	4,870	4,744
Telephone	3,432	3,965
Carried forward	393,639	299,038

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	393,639	299,038
Office stationery, postage and software	5,796	8,484
Advertising and marketing	3,000	8,032
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	9,704	7,996
Internal staff training	1,810	93
Repairs and renewals	34,777	2,473
Beneficiary costs	23,290	25,086
Computer expenses	4,992	5,049
Assington farm animal costs	4,874	4,183
Mini bus running costs	<u>3,525</u>	<u>2,608</u>
	485,407	363,042
Other		
Trustees' expenses	227	241
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	186	190
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	13,072	7,885
Accountancy fees	3,505	2,520
Professional fees	530	3,113
Subscriptions	3,771	3,497
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	16,239	20,194
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	10,054	12,652
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>24,445</u>	<u>430</u>
	<u>71,616</u>	<u>50,291</u>
Total resources expended	<u>557,911</u>	<u>414,395</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(143,612)</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1074800

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

TRUSTEES	Mrs A E Cherry Mr P D Richmond Mrs F C Torrington Mrs B Crack Mr G Loveday (resigned 03.05.22) Miss R Calver Miss F A W Nana
COMPANY SECRETARY	Mr P D Richmond
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Last year was another challenging year as our staff dealt with changes in COVID restrictions and maintained as many of our activities for our members as was possible. It has been extremely good for our staff to be able to welcome members back to our hub groups, out and about and FortKnights groups. They have all enjoyed catching up with members and welcoming new members and being able to return to working at the office for some of the week. The feedback from members and their families since returning to our groups has been wonderful and very clearly demonstrates the difference that our work makes to the people we support.

The members who were unable or unwilling to return to the groups have continued to be supported by our staff remotely. As well as phone calls there have been virtual meetings and craft sessions, they have also delivered craft and activity packs and food parcels which has allowed them to check on the people they support.

During this challenging year we have managed to support over 200 vulnerable people.

THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

Hubs and Out & About groups - observations from our area co-ordinators

"We have been able to support one of our members by talking over his concerns while his father attended hospital for tests. His father has now been diagnosed with a lifetime condition, and our member has now taken on a carer's role. Hub and O&A provides him with a break from his caring role, the opportunity to chat over any concerns and receive support."

"I have witnessed first-hand, members forming and maintaining lasting friendships at both of my hub groups. They are happy and repeatedly tell me they love coming to the groups. I feel so pleased when they have produced a craft activity and tell me they are proud of what they have achieved, and can't wait to show it to the carer/guardian/parent they live with, or tell them that they have tried a new activity today. "

"I have been running the Sudbury hub for nearly six months. Over this time I have seen how much it benefits each of my members in different ways. Not only has it improved their social skills but also their overall confidence. Initially, most of them would ask for help with certain activities, they now believe in themselves and can do things independently. Each week they are so happy to see everyone and you can see their moods lift as they enter the building."

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

The revision of the charity's objects was approved by a special resolution dated 11.03.21, having been agreed by the Charity Commission on 14.02.21, to: "For the public benefit, to relieve people and their families who are disadvantaged by reason of age, learning disability, physical disability, ill mental health or financial hardship in particular but not exclusively by the provision of community, recreational, educational and befriending services in the region of East Anglia".

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

We undertook an evaluation of our activities using feedback from our staff and service users and have developed a strategy for the next 12 months which all staff are involved with. The aim is to secure and develop our services and broaden our reach. TBS staff continue to show enormous flexibility and commitment to delivering the best service, with compassion and determination.

This year has seen the continuing development of the care farm which has been exciting and rewarding. Everyone who comes to the farm really enjoys all that they can do there - caring for animals, growing fruit and vegetables and outdoor activities. The produce from the farm will be sold at a weekly farmers market which will be good experience for our service users. As part of our plans to use the farm for other groups, Mindful Mondays, a weekly support group for women with mental health problems was established at the farm. Those who attend the group tell us how much it is helping them to deal with their problems and feel well supported. In addition we are working with vulnerable families, and planning to do more at the farm to support people with dementia and their carers.

The Trustee Board

There have been no changes to the board. I continue as chair, working with my 6 fellow directors who bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the Board and huge enthusiasm for the work of The Befriending Scheme.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of relieving and rehabilitating people and families who face multiple disadvantage through their learning, physical, mental and age-related experience or situation, resident in East Anglia, in such ways as the charity think fit. We will continue to work with key stakeholders and commissioners to offer support for vulnerable people and help to design and develop additional support to meet the changing needs of vulnerable people in our community.

Our hubs have been re-opening to members and returning to offering a wide range of activities to more members in more locations. The co-ordinators are committed to ensuring they meet the changing requirements of members and provide a safe haven and opportunities to learn and grow in confidence. Following the pandemic, demand for our services is likely to increase as is the range of help and support that will be required. We are confident that the co-ordinators will rise to the challenge.

Fundraising activities

TBS has continued to raise money from grants and charitable donations. The quality and business development manager continues to work with the CEO to secure funding for our work, respond to tender opportunities, identify new opportunities and work with commissioners to fill gaps in the provision of services for people with learning difficulties, mental health problems, other vulnerable groups and their families.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

FY21/22 funding streams included £242.2K of grant income. This figure includes £73.4k from Suffolk County Council for infection control and vaccination funding and £27.5k for engaged communities funding. The infection control funding contributed considerably to our ability to continue offering services in a safe, socially distanced way, allowing us to resume some sense of 'normality' for our members sooner than we might otherwise have done.

The final full year of funding from Henry Smith towards core costs (£60k) once again helped towards our largest single outgoing, staff wages and we are very grateful to both SCC and Henry Smith for this level of support to our services.

Our other major income source is also from Suffolk County Council, in the form of spot purchase (direct) payments for our members who are funded by them to attend our services. We have a well-established relationship with the council commissioners and work closely with them to ensure members who are entitled to financial assessments receive the funding they are entitled to.

Other funding pots included power to change business renewal fund, activities unlimited, and many smaller grants from more local sources, all of which help us to continue providing valuable projects and resources to our members and volunteers.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the memorandum and articles of association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

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FUTURE PLANS

TBS's ambition to grow and diversify is unchanged. The pace of change however has been seriously affected by people's attitude to living with COVID and getting back out into their communities. Understandably many of them are concerned about life returning to normal and are being supported and encouraged by our staff.

The care farm has continued to be very successful providing horticultural and animal farming experience for its members in a safe and nurturing environment and working closely with local schools, community mental health teams, and other organisations.

We are in advanced negotiations on a piece of land to establish a new care farm in another location. This will enable TBS to reach more vulnerable people, provide meaningful activities and support them to develop life skills and make new friends.

We are considering new locations for our hubs and getting involved with a wider range of people who could benefit from our activities and support.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the board of trustees to Shirley Moore, the CEO, her senior management team and all her staff who have worked tirelessly during an extremely challenging year to maintain support for our service users across Suffolk and Anglian regions, and maintain our excellent relationships with stakeholders.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17th July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its memorandum and articles of association.

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

ACCOUNTANTS

A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the annual general meeting.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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

Jul 7, 2022

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

AE Cherry

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Mrs A E Cherry - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago FCCA
Seago and Stopps
Chartered Certified Accountants
61 Station Road
Sudbury
Suffolk
CO10 2SP

Date: 11 JUL 2022

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	5,964	164,311	170,275	208,659
Other trading activities	3	164,257	-	164,257	185,942
Investment income	4	81	-	81	234
Other income	5	<u>2,539</u>	<u>73,441</u>	<u>75,980</u>	<u>148,944</u>
Total		172,841	237,752	410,593	543,779
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	631	-	631	394
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure	7	204,097	209,426	413,523	380,785
Other	10	<u>241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		204,969	209,426	414,395	381,179
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(32,128)	28,326	(3,802)	162,600
Transfers between funds	18	<u>8,372</u>	<u>(8,372)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(23,756)	19,954	(3,802)	162,600
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		378,862	185,799	564,661	402,061
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>355,106</u>	<u>205,753</u>	<u>560,859</u>	<u>564,661</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	32,319	136,309	168,628	165,033
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Debtors	16	20,574	-	20,574	15,109
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>309,983</u>	<u>69,444</u>	<u>379,427</u>	<u>392,449</u>
		335,057	69,444	404,501	412,058
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(12,270)	-	(12,270)	(12,430)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>322,787</u>	<u>69,444</u>	<u>392,231</u>	<u>399,628</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>355,106</u>	<u>205,753</u>	<u>560,859</u>	<u>564,661</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>355,106</u>	<u>205,753</u>	<u>560,859</u>	<u>564,661</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				355,106	378,862
Restricted funds				<u>205,753</u>	<u>185,799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>560,859</u>	<u>564,661</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

The notes form part of these financial statements

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2022**

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on
Jul 9, 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Richmond

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Mr P D Richmond - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

31.3.21 £	Notes	31.3.22 £
	Cash flows from operating activities	
<u>178,787</u>	Cash generated from operations 1	<u>23,849</u>
<u>178,787</u>	Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>23,849</u>
	Cash flows from investing activities	
(66,329)	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(36,871)
<u>1</u>	Sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>
<u>(66,328)</u>	Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(36,871)</u>
<u>112,459</u>	Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>(13,022)</u>
279,990	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>392,449</u>
<u>392,449</u>	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u><u>379,427</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(3,802)	162,600
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	32,846	25,955
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	430	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,465)	1,557
Decrease in creditors	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(11,325)</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u><u>23,849</u></u>	<u><u>178,787</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>392,449</u>	<u>(13,022)</u>	<u>379,427</u>
	<u>392,449</u>	<u>(13,022)</u>	<u>379,427</u>
Total	<u><u>392,449</u></u>	<u><u>(13,022)</u></u>	<u><u>379,427</u></u>

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and vehicles	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations and gifts	3,563	5,831
Grants receivable	<u>166,712</u>	<u>202,828</u>
	<u>170,275</u>	<u>208,659</u>

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Suffolk Comm. Foundation Martineau Fund	2,000	-	2,000	-
Mindful Mondays Neighbourly Fund	400	-	400	-
David & Jill Simpson Fund	2,364	-	2,364	-
SG Activities unlimited	6,000	-	6,000	8,000
Babergh & Mid Suffolk Assington capital Fund	-	-	-	39,600
WSCCG Fund	13,262	-	13,262	-
Stowmarket Town Council	400	-	400	-
Offshoot Films	4,646	-	4,646	-
Postcode Places Trust	19,786	-	19,786	-
Henry Smith Charity	60,000	-	60,000	60,000
Colchester Catalyst	10,000	-	10,000	-
Suffolk County Council Engaged Communities	27,573	-	27,573	-
Power to Change Assington	17,880	-	17,880	77,435
St Edmunds Trust	-	-	-	9,360
Children in Need	-	-	-	3,113
Haverhill Community Grant	-	-	-	4,420
Donations and gifts	-	3,563	3,563	5,831
Other	-	2,401	2,401	900
	<u>164,311</u>	<u>5,964</u>	<u>170,275</u>	<u>208,659</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	84	3,277
Merchandise and other income	4,098	801
Membership income	53,080	60,683
Spot purchasing subscriptions	102,995	117,181
Employer NI allowance	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>164,257</u>	<u>185,942</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £84 (2021: £3,277) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	<u>81</u>	<u>234</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
DBS checks	470	271
Furlough claims (CJRS)	2,069	55,510
Business rates grant (COVID)	-	10,000
Other related grants (COVID)	<u>73,441</u>	<u>83,163</u>
	<u>75,980</u>	<u>148,944</u>

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6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Purchases	<u>631</u>	<u>394</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>363,042</u>	<u>50,481</u>	<u>413,523</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>190</u>	<u>50,291</u>	<u>50,481</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	32,846	25,956
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year £241 (2021: £nil) was paid to Mrs A E Cherry for travel expenses.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	237,049	246,690
Social security costs	17,508	16,735
Other pension costs	<u>6,434</u>	<u>6,671</u>
	<u>260,991</u>	<u>270,096</u>

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11. STAFF COSTS - continued

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Volunteer co-ordinators	4	6
Office and administrative staff	4	4
Farm workers	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

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

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,831	202,828	208,659
Other trading activities	185,942	-	185,942
Investment income	234	-	234
Other income	<u>146,444</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>148,944</u>
Total	338,451	205,328	543,779
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	394	-	394
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	<u>213,190</u>	<u>167,595</u>	<u>380,785</u>
Total	<u>213,584</u>	<u>167,595</u>	<u>381,179</u>
NET INCOME	124,867	37,733	162,600
Transfers between funds	<u>11,508</u>	<u>(11,508)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	136,375	26,225	162,600
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	242,487	159,574	402,061

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>378,862</u>	<u>185,799</u>	<u>564,661</u>

13. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiners fees	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,400</u>

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2021	182,944	25,285	16,133	48,114	272,476
Additions	19,003	-	13,541	4,327	36,871
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,719)</u>	<u>(4,719)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>201,947</u>	<u>25,285</u>	<u>29,674</u>	<u>47,722</u>	<u>304,628</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2021	57,149	4,236	9,389	36,669	107,443
Charge for year	20,194	4,210	4,429	4,013	32,846
Eliminated on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,289)</u>	<u>(4,289)</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>77,343</u>	<u>8,446</u>	<u>13,818</u>	<u>36,393</u>	<u>136,000</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2022	<u>124,604</u>	<u>16,839</u>	<u>15,856</u>	<u>11,329</u>	<u>168,628</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>125,795</u>	<u>21,049</u>	<u>6,744</u>	<u>11,445</u>	<u>165,033</u>

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15. STOCKS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Stocks	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,396	835
VAT	3,818	3,058
Accrued income	7,520	9,338
Prepayments	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,878</u>
	<u>20,574</u>	<u>15,109</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	398	2,161
Social security and other taxes	-	4,343
Other creditors	-	1,295
Accrued expenses	<u>11,872</u>	<u>4,631</u>
	<u>12,270</u>	<u>12,430</u>

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	378,862	(32,128)	8,372	355,106
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	185,799	28,326	(8,372)	205,753
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>564,661</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,859</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	172,841	(204,968)	(32,127)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	237,752	(209,427)	28,325
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>410,593</u>	<u>(414,395)</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	242,487	124,867	11,508	378,862
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	159,574	37,733	(11,508)	185,799
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>402,061</u>	<u>162,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,661</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	338,451	(213,584)	124,867
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	205,328	(167,595)	37,733
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>543,779</u>	<u>(381,179)</u>	<u>162,600</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	242,487	92,739	19,880	355,106
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	159,574	66,059	(19,880)	205,753
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>402,061</u>	<u>158,798</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,859</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	511,292	(418,552)	92,740
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	443,080	(377,022)	66,058
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>954,372</u>	<u>(795,574)</u>	<u>158,798</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	3,563	5,831
Grants receivable	<u>166,712</u>	<u>202,828</u>
	170,275	208,659
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	84	3,277
Merchandise and other income	4,098	801
Membership income	53,080	60,683
Spot purchasing subscriptions	102,995	117,181
Employer NI allowance	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	164,257	185,942
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	81	234
Other income		
DBS checks	470	271
Furlough claims (CJRS)	2,069	55,510
Business rates grant (COVID)	-	10,000
Other related grants (COVID)	<u>73,441</u>	<u>83,163</u>
	<u>75,980</u>	<u>148,944</u>
Total incoming resources	410,593	543,779
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	631	394
Charitable activities		
Wages	237,049	246,690
Employer NI	17,508	16,735
Employer pension contributions	6,434	6,671
Rent and rates	26,571	16,209
Insurance	2,767	2,301
Light and heat	4,744	4,706
Carried forward	295,073	293,312

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	295,073	293,312
Telephone	3,965	4,788
Office stationery, postage and software	8,484	11,757
Advertising and marketing	8,032	939
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	7,996	3,535
Internal staff training	93	571
Repairs and renewals	2,473	2,744
Beneficiary costs	25,086	11,818
Computer expenses	5,049	5,202
Assington farm animal costs	4,183	4,143
Mini bus running costs	<u>2,608</u>	<u>1,240</u>
	363,042	340,049
Other		
Trustees' expenses	241	-
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	190	139
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	7,885	8,656
Accountancy fees	2,520	2,400
Professional fees	3,113	2,327
Subscriptions	3,497	1,259
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	20,194	15,444
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	12,652	10,511
Loss on disposal of assets	<u>430</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>50,291</u>	<u>40,597</u>
Total resources expended	<u>414,395</u>	<u>381,179</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(3,802)</u>	<u>162,600</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1074800

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FOR
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

TRUSTEES	I J B Allen (resigned 19.10.20) Mrs B A Hayes (resigned 29.6.20) Mrs H T Yapp (resigned 29.6.20) Mrs G C Smith (resigned 5.6.20) Mrs M C Mills (resigned 5.4.20) Mrs A E Cherry (appointed 11.6.20) P Richmond (appointed 11.6.20) Mrs F C Torrington (appointed 22.6.20) Mrs B Crack (appointed 22.6.20) G Loveday (appointed 22.6.20) Miss R Calver (appointed 22.6.20) Miss F A W Nana (appointed 24.8.20)
COMPANY SECRETARY	P Richmond
REGISTERED OFFICE	1 The Croft Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1HN
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	03599476 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1074800
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Seago and Stopps Chartered Certified Accountants 61 Station Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 2SP

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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

This is my first report as Chair having been appointed in October 2020. I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the board of trustees to Shirley Moore the CEO, her Senior Management Team and all her staff who have worked tirelessly during an extremely challenging year to maintain support for our service users across Suffolk, and maintain our excellent relationships with stakeholders.

During normal operations the TBS team consists of 13 staff. The Government's Job Retention Scheme for furloughed staff has allowed us to avoid redundancies during the closures and enabled staff to continue to work from home. We are fortunate to have over 100 volunteers. Due to the pandemic they have been unable to attend our hubs and groups but have continued to keep in touch with our staff. During this exceptional year we have managed to support over 200 vulnerable people.

Lockdown during the year has made it very difficult for our service users who enjoy and benefit from face to face meetings and activities. Despite the challenges, because they know how important their support is, our staff have continued to stay in touch with and support our members, all of whom have been very appreciative. As well as phone calls there have been virtual meetings and craft sessions, they have also delivered craft and activity packs and food parcels which has allowed them to check on the people they support.

The Care Farm at Assington was open for periods during the year when this was allowed with all COVID precautions in place, our staff continued to care for the animals when the Farm was closed. We re-opened the Care Farm in March 2021 and are now feeling more optimistic that many of our hubs, groups and activities will slowly begin to resume which will be wonderful for our staff and service users.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims for the public benefit

The revision of the charity's objects was approved by a Special Resolution dated 11.3.21, having been agreed by the Charity Commission on 14.2.21, to: "For the public benefit, to relieve people and their families who are disadvantaged by reason of age, learning disability, physical disability, ill mental health or financial hardship in particular but not exclusively by the provision of community, recreational, educational and befriending services in the region of East Anglia".

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The trustees in conjunction with the CEO continue to work hard to secure and maintain adequate funding for our activities. We undertook an evaluation of our activities using feedback from our staff and service users and have developed a strategy for the next 12 months to secure and develop our services, broaden our reach, which all staff are involved with. TBS staff continue to show enormous flexibility and commitment to delivering the best service, with compassion and determination.

This year has seen the development of the Care Farm which has been exciting and rewarding, everyone who comes to the farm really enjoys all that they can do there - caring for animals, growing fruit and vegetables and outdoor activities. The produce from the farm will be sold at a weekly farmers market which will be good experience for our service users. We hope to use the farm for other groups - vulnerable families, people with dementia and their carers.

TBS produced a highly impactful video featuring some of the members who are involved in the farm explaining what they do and how much this benefits them. This was shared on the website and circulated to commissioners to give them a better understanding of the value of the Care Farm.

The Trustee Board

There were a number of resignations from the board last year including the Chair who resigned in October 2020. In addition to myself, 6 new trustees were appointed who bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to the board and huge enthusiasm for the work of TBS.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

TBS will continue to develop its services and support to ensure that they meet the needs of our members and our communities and are aligned to the charity's objectives of providing relief for people with learning disabilities, mental health problems and other vulnerable groups and their families in Suffolk and the Anglian region. We are confident that TBS will continue to grow and flourish despite the economic challenges and the challenges of the pandemic.

Fundraising activities

During the next year we are hopeful that the hubs will re-open and return to offering a wide range of activities to more members in more locations. The co-ordinators are committed to ensuring they meet the changing requirements of members and provide a safe haven and opportunities to learn and grow in confidence. This will be a greater challenge in the wake of the pandemic, demand for our services is likely to increase as is the range of help and support that will be required. We are confident that the co-ordinators will rise to the challenges and develop our services.

TBS has continued to raise money from grants and charitable donations. The most significant investment was from 'Power to Change' which allowed us to open the Care Farm. We appointed a Quality and Business Development Manager in November 2020. Part of her role is to work with the CEO to secure funding for our work, respond to tender opportunities, identify new opportunities and work with commissioners to fill gaps in the provision of services for people with learning difficulties, mental health problems, other vulnerable groups and their families.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

During the year due to the COVID pandemic TBS has been able to access additional grant funding, this and the Job Retention Scheme has allowed us to build up our reserves to an unexpected level which will enable us to continue our activities following lockdown.

We were advised of the potential risk of low interest rates and made the decision to review our banking arrangements and open an additional savings account.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, TBS has the power to make an investment which trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds.

No investments have been made to date and at present funds are left on account with the company's bankers.

Reserves policy

The trustee board has examined TBS' requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and agreed the following policy.

In line with previous years the trustees have deemed it wholly necessary to maintain minimum reserves equivalent to at least six months core expenditure to provide the ability to meet redundancy costs, legal and accountancy costs until the time of expiry of the lease.

The trustees consider that should no further funding or income be received this reserves fund would enable the charity to provide staff and creditors sufficient notice of charity closure.

It is also necessary to maintain reserves to fund fixed assets and other maintenance and replacement.

FUTURE PLANS

TBS' ambition to grow and diversify is unchanged however the pace of change has been seriously affected by the pandemic. The CEO's reputation and ability to network and promote TBS with passion is vital to the success of TBS. The new board will work closely with the CEO and her senior management team within the framework of agreed objectives and the strategic plan to maintain and develop our services.

The Care Farm has been a great success proving horticultural and animal farming experience for its users in a safe and nurturing environment for its members, local schools and other organisations. We are in negotiations for land to establish a new Care Farm in another location and repeat our success. We are also considering new locations for our hubs and getting involved with a wider range of people who could benefit from our activities and support.

The board of trustees recognise the exceptional challenges that the CEO has faced this year and how she has coped. She and her team have worked extremely hard to maintain our care and support for our members despite the limitations. She has maintained staff morale and motivation and ensured they have all been able to deal with the impact of the pandemic.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 17th July 1998, is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The income of the company must be applied only towards the promotion of its objects as set out in its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Directors and appointment of new trustees

The charity is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, and there are no other trustees. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so.

ACCOUNTANTS

A resolution proposing Seago and Stopps be re-appointed as accountants of the charity will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 05/07/2021 and signed on its behalf by:

AMANDA CHERRY

A E Cherry

Mrs A E Cherry - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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



John Seago
FCCA
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**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	5,833	202,828	208,661	315,917
Other trading activities	3	185,942	-	185,942	214,543
Investment income	4	234	-	234	1,186
Other income	5	146,444	2,500	148,944	(59)
Total		<u>338,453</u>	<u>205,328</u>	<u>543,781</u>	<u>531,587</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	396	-	396	1,536
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable expenditure	7	213,190	167,595	380,785	504,307
Other		-	-	-	405
Total		<u>213,586</u>	<u>167,595</u>	<u>381,181</u>	<u>506,248</u>
NET INCOME		<u>124,867</u>	<u>37,733</u>	<u>162,600</u>	<u>25,339</u>
Transfers between funds	18	11,508	(11,508)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>136,375</u>	<u>26,225</u>	<u>162,600</u>	<u>25,339</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>242,487</u>	<u>159,574</u>	<u>402,061</u>	<u>376,722</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>378,862</u></u>	<u><u>185,799</u></u>	<u><u>564,661</u></u>	<u><u>402,061</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**SUFFOLK BEFRIENDING SCHEME FOR PEOPLE
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	43,572	121,461	165,033	124,660
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	15	4,500	-	4,500	4,500
Debtors	16	15,111	-	15,111	16,667
Cash at bank and in hand		328,111	64,338	392,449	279,990
		<u>347,722</u>	<u>64,338</u>	<u>412,060</u>	<u>301,157</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(12,432)	-	(12,432)	(23,756)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>335,290</u>	<u>64,338</u>	<u>399,628</u>	<u>277,401</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>378,862</u>	<u>185,799</u>	<u>564,661</u>	<u>402,061</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>378,862</u>	<u>185,799</u>	<u>564,661</u>	<u>402,061</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				378,862	242,487
Restricted funds				185,799	159,574
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>564,661</u>	<u>402,061</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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**BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2021**

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 05.07.2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



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G Loveday - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

31.3.20 £	Notes	31.3.21 £
	Cash flows from operating activities	
61,318	Cash generated from operations 1	178,787
<u>61,318</u>	Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>178,787</u>
	Cash flows from investing activities	
(81,137)	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(66,329)
(1)	Sale of tangible fixed assets	1
<u>(81,138)</u>	Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(66,328)</u>
<u>(19,820)</u>	Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	<u>112,459</u>
299,810	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	279,990
<u>279,990</u>	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u><u>392,449</u></u>

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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	162,600	25,339
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	25,955	19,569
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	1,998
Decrease in stocks	-	414
Decrease in debtors	1,556	17,224
Decrease in creditors	(11,324)	(3,226)
Net cash provided by operations	<u>178,787</u>	<u>61,318</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	279,990	112,459	392,449
	<u>279,990</u>	<u>112,459</u>	<u>392,449</u>
Total	<u>279,990</u>	<u>112,459</u>	<u>392,449</u>

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Office equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 20% on cost

Stocks

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

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

The charity enters into basic financial instrument transactions, as appropriate and as and when required, that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities within the financial statements such as accounts receivable and payable, bank loans, lease and hire purchase and lease contracts.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of the staging of special fundraising events.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,833	30,064
Grants receivable	202,828	285,853
	<u>208,661</u>	<u>315,917</u>

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Suffolk Comm. Foundation - JA Private fund	-	-	-	3,000
Suffolk Comm. Foundation - Scarecrow Fund	-	-	-	2,000
Suffolk Comm. Foundation - Port Community Fund	-	-	-	1,998
SG Activities unlimited	8,000	-	8,000	8,401
Colchester Catalyst	-	-	-	20,000
Local Councillors	-	-	-	3,625
Babergh & Mid Suffolk - Assington capital funding	39,600	-	39,600	-
BE Group - Power to change	-	-	-	100,065
Mrs Rope - Third Charitable Fund	-	-	-	3,000
Sport England	-	-	-	8,739
Children in need	-	-	-	12,452
Henry Smith Charity	60,000	-	60,000	40,000
Community engagement - Orbit North	-	-	-	46,898
Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund	-	-	-	5,000
Power to Change - Assington	77,435	-	77,435	-
Health Inequalities Fund	-	-	-	6,636
St Edmunds Trust	9,360	-	9,360	-
Children in Need	3,113	-	3,113	-
Haverhill Community Grant	4,420	-	4,420	-
Donations and gifts	-	5,833	5,833	30,064
Suffolk Carers Fund	-	-	-	18,584
CAS Haverhill Community Grant	-	-	-	2,355
Other	900	-	900	3,100
	<u>202,828</u>	<u>5,833</u>	<u>208,661</u>	<u>315,917</u>

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	3,277	11,487
Merchandise and other income	801	10,022
Membership income	60,683	109,765
Workshops and activity income	-	589
Spot purchasing subscriptions	117,181	79,680
Employer NI allowance	4,000	3,000
	<u>185,942</u>	<u>214,543</u>

Fundraising activities raised an amount of £3,277 (2020: £11,487) during the year. The costs associated with fundraising income are included within direct charitable expenditure.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Interest on UK cash deposits	234	1,186
	<u>234</u>	<u>1,186</u>

5. OTHER INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
DBS checks	271	(59)
Furlough claims (CJRS)	55,510	-
Business rates grant (COVID)	10,000	-
Other COVID related grants	83,163	-
	<u>148,944</u>	<u>(59)</u>

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6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Purchases	396	1,536
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	340,049	40,736	380,785
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Direct charitable expenditure	139	40,597	40,736
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	25,956	19,569
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	-	1,998
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year £nil (2020: £139) was paid to A Davies for marketing services.

Trustees' expenses

During the year no expenses were paid to any trustees.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	246,690	288,369
Social security costs	16,735	19,963
Other pension costs	6,671	8,373
	<u>270,096</u>	<u>316,705</u>

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

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Volunteer co-ordinators	6	8
Office and administrative staff	4	14
Farm workers	4	-
	<u>14</u>	<u>22</u>

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

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	30,064	285,853	315,917
Other trading activities	205,030	9,513	214,543
Investment income	1,186	-	1,186
Other income	(59)	-	(59)
Total	<u>236,221</u>	<u>295,366</u>	<u>531,587</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,448	88	1,536
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable expenditure	235,854	268,453	504,307
Other	405	-	405
Total	<u>237,707</u>	<u>268,541</u>	<u>506,248</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(1,486)</u>	<u>26,825</u>	<u>25,339</u>

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	243,972	132,750	376,722
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>242,486</u>	<u>159,575</u>	<u>402,061</u>

13. FEES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE ACCOUNTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiners fees	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2020	147,124	-	10,909	48,114	206,147
Additions	<u>35,820</u>	<u>25,285</u>	<u>5,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,329</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>182,944</u>	<u>25,285</u>	<u>16,133</u>	<u>48,114</u>	<u>272,476</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2020	41,705	-	8,174	31,608	81,487
Charge for year	<u>15,444</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>1,215</u>	<u>5,061</u>	<u>25,956</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>57,149</u>	<u>4,236</u>	<u>9,389</u>	<u>36,669</u>	<u>107,443</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2021	<u>125,795</u>	<u>21,049</u>	<u>6,744</u>	<u>11,445</u>	<u>165,033</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>105,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,735</u>	<u>16,506</u>	<u>124,660</u>

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15. STOCKS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Stocks	4,500	4,500
	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	837	11,492
VAT	3,058	3,286
Accrued income	9,338	-
Prepayments	1,878	1,889
	<u>15,111</u>	<u>16,667</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,163	2,723
Social security and other taxes	4,343	4,589
Other creditors	1,295	1,573
Accrued expenses	4,631	14,871
	<u>12,432</u>	<u>23,756</u>

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31.3.21
		£	funds	£
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	242,487	124,867	11,508	378,862
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	159,574	37,733	(11,508)	185,799
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>402,061</u>	<u>162,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,661</u>

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

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	338,453	(213,586)	124,867
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	205,328	(167,595)	37,733
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>543,781</u>	<u>(381,181)</u>	<u>162,600</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	243,972	(1,485)	242,487
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	132,750	26,824	159,574
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,722</u>	<u>25,339</u>	<u>402,061</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	236,221	(237,706)	(1,485)
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	295,366	(268,542)	26,824
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>531,587</u>	<u>(506,248)</u>	<u>25,339</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	243,972	123,382	11,508	378,862
Restricted funds				
Restricted funds	132,750	64,557	(11,508)	185,799
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>376,722</u>	<u>187,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564,661</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted funds	574,674	(451,292)	123,382
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	500,694	(436,137)	64,557
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,075,368</u>	<u>(887,429)</u>	<u>187,939</u>

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	5,833	30,064
Grants receivable	202,828	285,853
	208,661	315,917
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	3,277	11,487
Merchandise and other income	801	10,022
Membership income	60,683	109,765
Workshops and activity income	-	589
Spot purchasing subscriptions	117,181	79,680
Employer NI allowance	4,000	3,000
	185,942	214,543
Investment income		
Interest on UK cash deposits	234	1,186
Other income		
DBS checks	271	(59)
Furlough claims (CJRS)	55,510	-
Business rates grant (COVID)	10,000	-
Other COVID related grants	83,163	-
	148,944	(59)
Total incoming resources	543,781	531,587
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	396	1,536
Charitable activities		
Wages	246,690	288,369
Employer NI	16,735	19,963
Employer pension contributions	6,671	8,373
Rent and rates	16,209	35,787
Carried forward	286,305	352,492

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	286,305	352,492
Insurance	2,301	2,250
Light and heat	4,706	3,761
Telephone	4,788	4,703
Office stationery, postage and software	11,757	6,116
Advertising and marketing	939	7,435
Training costs	-	749
Staff/volunteer travelling and expenses	3,535	23,590
Internal staff training	571	1,014
Repairs and renewals	2,744	839
Beneficiary costs	11,818	49,965
Computer expenses	5,202	3,779
Assington farm animal costs	4,143	3,675
Mini bus running costs	1,240	-
	340,049	460,368
Other		
Trustees' expenses	-	405
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	139	364
Governance costs		
Sundry expenses	8,656	10,868
Accountancy fees	2,400	2,400
Professional fees	2,327	7,570
Subscriptions	1,259	1,170
Depreciation - leasehold improvements	15,444	12,866
Depreciation - fixtures and fittings	10,511	6,703
(Profit)/loss on asset sales	-	1,998
	40,597	43,575
Total resources expended		
	381,181	506,248
Net income		
	162,600	25,339

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