

# THE PARKS VOLUNTEER RESOURCE AND RETAIL OUTLET

England & Wales · Charity number 1076529

## Details

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**Other names** THE SHOP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [03626119](#)

**Registered** 1999-07-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF THE POVERTY AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AND OF A MEETING PLACE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS.

**Activities:** Provide clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED, IN PRACTICE PARK SOUTH, SWINDON
- Swindon
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£83,720	£80,077	-	-
2024-09-30	£90,354	£79,033	-	-
2023-09-30	£97,552	£81,477	-	-
2022-09-30	£80,332	£80,332	-	-
2021-09-30	£61,675	£60,906	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arthur Angus Mackay Vockins		2023-04-22
Darren Sweeney		2022-11-18
Melanie Butler		2020-03-18
Naseer Ahmad Orchard		2024-04-06
Rev Mark Barrett		2024-04-06
Stella Hopkins		2024-04-06

**THE PARKS VOLUNTEER RESOURCE AND RETAIL OUTLET**

England & Wales - Charity number 1076529

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03626119 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1076529

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**  
**for**  
**The Parks Volunteer Resource and**  
**Retail Outlet**

Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

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 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects per the governing document are:

The relief of poverty and the advancement of education in the designated areas by providing training and a meeting place for local community groups.

**Significant activities**

Provide clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, all at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The Shop continues to be an important hub in the community providing accessible services to the local people. These services include Bike Marking with the Police, regular Councillor surgeries, space for the Chronic Pain club and the Allsorts Group to meet. We have also offered space to VAS Swindon for public consultations.

The Shop continues to support the local community by providing affordable goods from clothes to small pieces of furniture, books and electrical goods.

We also signpost customers to other supporting agencies and outlets when we are unable to help. We have supported and used local charities and companies, so they can achieve their aims. These companies and charities include the Sandwich people, Save the Children, Macmillan, Swindon Foodbank, 19th Swindon Cub Pack, The Tree Recovery Charity, GrowBaby, The GAP community garden group, The Christmas Light up, The Donkey Sanctuary and the local colleges through work experience opportunities.

We are grateful to Swindon Borough Council for their continuous support.

The total sales and personal donations are evidence that even though there are now three charity shops in the area, The Shop is still important to and needed in the community.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

At 30 September 2024, total funds were £117,719, all held as unrestricted funds.

**Reserves policy**

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The reserves level is set at £50,000 which is broken down as follows:

- 6 months of operating costs £40,000
- Contingency £10,000

Free reserves at 30 September 2024, excluding fixed assets, are £116,131, which is above the required level. The trustees will continue to seek opportunities for The Shop to support the community.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by Companies Act 2006.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees, including details of any constitutional provisions for appointment:

- The general public are able to apply to The Management Committee at the yearly AGM.
- Trustees are recruited in line with The Shop's Constitution, which states that the Management Committee should be made up with no more than 12 people.
- The make up should be 9 representatives or members of local organisations and 3 individuals.
- We advertise through VAS, word of mouth and personal recommendations.
- A person can be opted on during the year in line with the constitution, with the intention that they may be considered for a specific job, eg Treasurer and Secretary.
- At the first Management meeting after the AGM, roles are allocated for the year.
- All relevant trustees and directors are then registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

03626119 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1076529

**Registered office**

Unit C & D  
George Hall Court  
Cavendish Square  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LZ

**Trustees**

J Broad (resigned 9.4.24)  
M Butler  
S Lewis (resigned 26.1.24)  
C Tizard  
G Reynolds (resigned 19.7.24)  
D R Sweeney  
A Vockins  
N Orchard (appointed 30.4.24)  
S Hopkins (appointed 6.4.24)  
M Barrett (appointed 30.4.24)

**Independent Examiner**

James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN2 2GA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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D R Sweeney – Chair/Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 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**

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.



James Gare

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Date: .....27 March 2025.....

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Statement of Financial Activities  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	1,709	-	1,709	7,751
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
The Shop and community activities		86,600	-	86,600	89,565
Other trading activities	4	2,045	-	2,045	-
Investment income	5	-	-	-	236
<b>Total</b>		<u>90,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,354</u>	<u>97,552</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
The Shop and community activities		<u>79,033</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,033</u>	<u>81,477</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		11,321	-	11,321	16,075
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>106,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>117,719</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>117,719</u></u>	<u><u>106,398</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	14	1,588	181
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	15	1,751	973
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>114,380</u>	<u>121,710</u>
		116,131	122,683
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	-	(1,200)
		<u>116,131</u>	<u>121,483</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>116,131</u>	<u>121,483</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		117,719	121,664
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	-	(15,266)
		<u>117,719</u>	<u>106,398</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>117,719</u>	<u>106,398</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	19		
Unrestricted funds		<u>117,719</u>	<u>106,398</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>117,719</u>	<u>106,398</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 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.

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 10th February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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A Vockins – Treasurer/Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks Volunteer Resource & Retail Outlet is a charitable company limited by guarantee, without share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address and principal activities can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**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.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Donated goods**

The Shop receives donated goods from the general public. Donated goods for resale are not recognised on receipt. The value to the charity of the donated goods sold is recognised as income when sold.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	1,709	2,751
Grants	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>1,709</u>	<u>7,751</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wiltshire Community Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rag sales	<u>2,045</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>236</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

<b>6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2024	2023
	Activity	£	£
Shop sales	The Shop and community activities	<u>86,600</u>	<u>89,565</u>
<b>7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			
	Direct Costs (see note 8)	Support costs (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£
The Shop and community activities	<u>76,856</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>79,033</u>
<b>8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2024	2023
		£	£
Staff costs		51,771	48,799
Insurance		1,603	973
Utilities		9,655	11,111
Cleaning		4,585	5,250
Repairs and bins		3,616	3,160
Office expenses		(4,420)	4,072
Woodland		2,284	1,300
Courses and activities		303	405
Volunteer expenses		4,394	2,833
Donations		2,536	1,041
Depreciation		<u>529</u>	<u>60</u>
		<u>76,856</u>	<u>79,004</u>
<b>9. SUPPORT COSTS</b>			Governance costs
			£
The Shop and community activities			<u>2,177</u>
Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:			
		2024	2023
		The Shop and community activities	Total activities
		£	£
Accountancy and legal fees		<u>2,177</u>	<u>2,473</u>
<b>10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2024	2023
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		529	61
Accountancy and independent examination		<u>1,960</u>	<u>1,737</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**12. STAFF COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	49,908	45,348
Social security costs	<u>1,863</u>	<u>3,451</u>
	<u>51,771</u>	<u>48,799</u>

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

	2024	2023
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total key management personnel remuneration is Nil.

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2,751	5,000	7,751
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	89,565	-	89,565
Investment income	<u>236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>92,552</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>97,552</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	<u>76,477</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>81,477</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	16,075	-	16,075
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>106,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,398</u>

The above figures relate to the year ended 30 September 2023.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

<b>14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>			Equipment £
	<b>COST</b>		
	At 1 October 2023		10,352
	Additions		<u>1,936</u>
	At 30 September 2024		<u>12,288</u>
	<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
	At 1 October 2023		10,171
	Charge for year		<u>529</u>
	At 30 September 2024		<u>10,700</u>
	<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
	At 30 September 2024		<u>1,588</u>
	At 30 September 2023		<u>181</u>
<b>15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other debtors	-	973
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,751</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,751</u>	<u>973</u>
<b>16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>
<b>17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>15,266</u>
<b>18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
	Fixed assets	1,588	-
	Current assets	116,131	-
	Current liabilities	-	-
	Long term liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>117,719</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>117,719</u>	<u>106,398</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	106,398	11,321	117,719
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>106,398</u>	<u>11,321</u>	<u>117,719</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	90,354	(79,033)	11,321
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>90,354</u>	<u>(79,033)</u>	<u>11,321</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	90,323	16,075	106,398
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>16,075</u>	<u>106,398</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	92,552	(76,477)	16,075
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Young people	5,000	(5,000)	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,552</u>	<u>(81,477)</u>	<u>16,075</u>

Young People - funding for the #iwill project.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024**

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Payments totalling £2,284 were paid to the trustee, D Sweeney, for providing Woodland Sessions to the charity during the year ended 30 September 2024.

**THE PARKS VOLUNTEER RESOURCE AND RETAIL OUTLET**

England & Wales - Charity number 1076529

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

**Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet April 2024**

## Thank you to all our volunteers

The Shop continues to be a community success because of the dedication and commitment of all our volunteers. Whether they volunteer for 2 hours or 10 hours a week, everyone is valued. Thank you to everyone who is involved.

Our volunteers share their skills and knowledge with other staff, students, customers and donators. They even help us to recruit new volunteers!

The Shop has been in Cavendish Square for over 25 years and in that time we have seen many volunteers. Some come for a short time before going on to paid work, college and university. Others stay with The Shop for a long time, with some of the present volunteers being with The Shop for over 10 years.

One of our oldest volunteers sadly died last year. We celebrated her life with Shop for a Day and donated £300 to the Donkey Sanctuary, a charity that was very close to her heart.

Volunteering is rewarding with lots of benefits including learning new skills, making friends and giving to others less fortunate than others.

## Thank you to everyone!

### Shop for a Day and grants

The Shop has worked with local organizations to raise funds for their cause.

Organizations who have benefited from this scheme are

The 19th Swindon Scout group

The Hub

The Donkey Sanctuary

Children in Need

Save the Children Fund

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Swindon Food Collective.

Alternative Angels

### Volunteering

If you are interested in Volunteering, then please do come in and have a chat.

Volunteering in a shop is not for everyone, but we are in contact with other organizations and may be able to direct you to them



# More than a Shop

## Courses

The Shop has held a Customer Services course and a Get Connected course to help people learn computer skills, which will help, them contact the council and book

appointments on line. which was well attended. We work closely with Swindon College and Adult Community

Learning, so that people would not have to go all the way into town.

We are arranging more courses and will keep you updated.



Helping with the flowerbed at Shaftesbury Lake in the rain.



## The Model Railway

Thanks to Steve the Railwayman, we have displayed the model railway on a regular basis. This has been very popular with all generations as they have been able to control the trains.

## Funding and Donations

Thank you to Wiltshire Community Foundation for providing us with the final instalment towards the IWILL# project.

We have also received monetary donations from individuals which will be used as directed by them.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

## The tree lighting

November 2022 was the first time a Christmas Tree had been put up in Cavendish Square after many years. We were

grateful to South Swindon Parish Council for this. Children made little lanterns and then sang some carols before the big switch on. Father Christmas was in attendance giving out sweets with Swindon Radio 105.5FM.

The Tree was greatly appreciated and remained a beautiful sight throughout the season.

### 7am Sunday morning, the tree being erected.



### The GAP (Garden Allotment Project)

One of the organizations The Shop has been working with is The Gap. The Gap is a

communal garden in Park South.

Nationwide came along and gave them a boost with the tidying up, the painting and repairing of some of the flowerbeds.

They did a great job.

Thank you to Nationwide, who continue to support local organizations in this community.



### The tree all lit up!

## 25 years of The Shop!

The idea of The Shop was realised in 1998. A number of like-minded community people shared the idea and the Shop was born. The Shop still thrives today as a result of those beliefs, ideas and commitment.

The Shop is unique and was set up to serve the local area and still does today. The Shop may have changed buildings, but the ethos, the aims and the objectives still remain the same.

Thank you to the original steering committee for your vision all those years ago.

Here is to the next 25 years !

### The Shop in the beginning



### Contact details:

At present our website is being updated..

If you would like to contact us, please call 01793 529938

Or email [theshop1@btconnect.com](mailto:theshop1@btconnect.com)

We are also on Facebook

The Shop in Cavendish Square or

Just pop in and chat to us.

### The Shop today



### Woodland Activity Sessions by Darren Sweeney

Woodland activity sessions, offered free of charge to local children by The Shop, had been funded using a Community Development grant. Since the grant was spent, The Shop has funded several sessions during each school holiday, plus the occasional Woodland Craft sessions in The Shop

itself. Staff at The Shop work hard to ensure that the minibus used to transport children to the activity sessions, is always full. It is clear from the feedback we receive from the families of those children who attend, that they recognise a huge benefit to having something for their youngsters to do during the holidays that doesn't cost them a single penny.



Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023  
for  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet

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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects per the governing document are:

The relief of the poverty and the advancement of education in the designated areas by the provision of training and a meeting place for local community groups.

**Significant activities**

Provide affordable clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The Shop continues to be a valuable asset and thrives in the area. This is reflected in the continual good quality donations received and sales, including online sales which reach an even wider community. By having 3 different charity shops in the area, customers now have more choice to shop and support different organisations.

This financial year we received funding from the Wiltshire Community Foundation for the Woodland Activities we facilitate, offering volunteering opportunities to young people to help with their college studies and to young people with disabilities who may not always get a chance to try shop work.

The impact of these opportunities are reflected in how the children's social skills are constantly improving, a higher grade for college work than expected and the way the impaired students embrace the opportunity to participate.

We have over 30 active volunteers who do a variety of different tasks in The Shop. There have been a few volunteers who have found employment due to their volunteering experience in The Shop. We regularly hold social get-togethers when The Shop is closed to focus on the volunteers' morale and well-being, without distractions. These sessions include fun activities, including crafts and quizzes and a variety of refreshments, which are proving to be very popular and beneficial to everyone.

Other agencies and organisations that have benefited from The Shop include, Wiltshire Air Ambulance; 19th Scout group; The RNIB (through used stamps); Swindon Food collective; The Sandwich People; The GAP; the local Police for bike marking; regular councillors' surgeries; Ukraine disaster fund and Oaktree Primary School.

Due to changes in the Benefits system, the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis and people's lifestyles, there is a shortage of volunteers. We are always looking at ways to combat this by researching new avenues including the Swindon Well-being team and the Harbour Project. An initial idea of sharing volunteers with another agency is the afternoon sessions held at St John's Church. The Church provides space and hot beverages, while The Shop provides other refreshments and activities, including quizzes and crafts. This group has been running since July and continues to be well supported.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

At 30 September 2023, total funds were £106,398, all held as unrestricted funds.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The reserves level is set at £60,000 which is broken down as follows:

- 6 months of operating costs £20,000
- Contingency £2,000
- Creditor (printer) £26,000
- Unspent grant funds £12,000

Free reserves at 30 September 2023, excluding fixed assets, are £106,217, which is above the required level. The trustees will continue to seek opportunities for The Shop to support the community.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees, including details of any constitutional provisions for appointment:

- The general public are able to apply to The Management Committee at the yearly AGM.
- Trustees are recruited in line with The Shop's Constitution, which states that the Management Committee should be made up with no more than 12 people.
- The make up should be '9 representatives or members of local organisations and 3 individuals.
- We advertise through VAS, word of mouth and personal recommendations.
- A person can be opted on during the year in line with the constitution, with the intention that they may be considered for a specific job, eg Treasurer and Secretary.
- At the first Management meeting after the AGM, roles are allocated for the year.
- All relevant trustees and directors are then registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
03626119 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
1076529

**Registered office**  
Unit C  
George Hall Court  
Cavendish Square  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LZ

**Trustees**

J Broad  
M Butler  
E Hayward (resigned 25.2.23)  
S Lewis  
C Tizard  
G Reynolds  
S Rawlings (resigned 25.2.23)  
D R Sweeney (appointed 25.2.23)  
A Vockins (appointed 22.4.23)

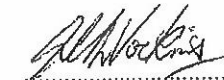
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner  
James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A Vockins – Treasurer/Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet ('the Company')  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 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**

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.



James Gare

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Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
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Date: 26 February 2024

The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,751	5,000	7,751	2,809
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
The Shop and community activities		89,565	-	89,565	78,178
Investment income	4	<u>236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>92,552</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>97,552</u>	<u>81,082</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
The Shop and community activities		<u>76,477</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>81,477</u>	<u>73,815</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		16,075	-	16,075	7,267
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>106,398</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>106,398</u></u>	<u><u>90,323</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	13	181	242
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	973	2,769
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>121,710</u>	<u>106,457</u>
		122,683	109,226
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,200)	(1,200)
		<u>121,483</u>	<u>108,026</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		121,664	108,268
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(15,266)	(17,945)
		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		106,398	90,323
<b>FUNDS</b>	18		
Unrestricted funds		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2023.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 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.

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 10th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A Vockins - Treasurer/Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks Volunteer Resource & Retail Outlet is a charitable company limited by guarantee, without share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address and principal activities can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**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.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Donated goods**

The Shop receives donated goods from the general public. Donated goods for resale are not recognised on receipt. The value to the charity of the donated goods sold is recognised as income when sold.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	2,751	2,809
Grants	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,751</u>	<u>2,809</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wiltshire Community Foundation	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>236</u>	<u>95</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

<b>5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
Shop sales	The Shop and community activities	<u>89,565</u>	<u>78,178</u>
<b>6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>		Direct Costs (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)
		£	£
The Shop and community activities		<u>79,004</u>	<u>2,473</u>
			Totals £
			<u>81,477</u>
<b>7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2023	2022
		£	£
Staff costs		48,799	37,772
Insurance		973	934
Utilities		11,111	3,990
Cleaning		5,250	4,860
Repairs and bins		3,160	7,397
Office expenses		4,072	4,208
Woodland		1,300	8,642
Courses and activities		405	720
Volunteer expenses		2,833	2,857
Donations		1,041	600
Depreciation		<u>60</u>	<u>80</u>
		<u>79,004</u>	<u>72,060</u>
<b>8. SUPPORT COSTS</b>			Governance costs
			£
The Shop and community activities			<u>2,473</u>
Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:			
		2023	2022
		The Shop and community activities	Total activities
		£	£
Accountancy and legal fees		<u>2,473</u>	<u>1,755</u>
<b>9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		61	80
Accountancy and independent examination		<u>1,737</u>	<u>1,755</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	45,348	35,097
Social security costs	<u>3,451</u>	<u>2,675</u>
	<u>48,799</u>	<u>37,772</u>

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

	2023	2022
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total key management personnel remuneration is Nil.

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2,059	750	2,809
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	78,178	-	78,178
Investment income	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>80,332</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>81,082</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	<u>61,117</u>	<u>12,698</u>	<u>73,815</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	19,215	(11,948)	7,267
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>71,108</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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13.	<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		Equipment £
	<b>COST</b>		
	At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023		<u>10,352</u>
	<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
	At 1 October 2022		10,110
	Charge for year		<u>61</u>
	At 30 September 2023		<u>10,171</u>
	<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
	At 30 September 2023		<u>181</u>
	At 30 September 2022		<u>242</u>
14.	<b>DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other debtors	<u>973</u>	<u>2,769</u>
15.	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
16.	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>15,266</u>	<u>17,945</u>
17.	<b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		
		2023	2022
		Total	Total
		funds	funds
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	£	£	£
	Fixed assets	181	-
	Current assets	122,683	-
	Current liabilities	(1,200)	-
	Long term liabilities	<u>(15,266)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>106,398</u>	<u>-</u>
	Restricted funds		
	£	£	£
	Fixed assets	-	181
	Current assets	-	122,683
	Current liabilities	-	(1,200)
	Long term liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,945)</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>
18.	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		
		At	Net
		1.10.22	movement
		£	in funds
		£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
	General fund	90,323	16,075
		<u>90,323</u>	<u>16,075</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>106,398</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	92,552	(76,477)	16,075
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Young people	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>97,552</u>	<u>(81,477)</u>	<u>16,075</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	71,108	19,215	90,323
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	7,548	(7,548)	-
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund	4,400	(4,400)	-
	<u>11,948</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>83,056</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>90,323</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	80,332	(61,117)	19,215
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	750	(8,298)	(7,548)
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund	-	(4,400)	(4,400)
	<u>750</u>	<u>(12,698)</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,082</u>	<u>(73,815)</u>	<u>7,267</u>

**WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund**

Woodland Project are woodland sessions for 11-16-year-olds run by qualified Woodland staff, the sessions take place at Shephards Farm Chiseldon and surrounding forest area. The children are bused to the venue from the Shop. The activities will enable the young people to learn new skills, have new experiences in a safe environment, be outdoors & increase their knowledge.

**WCF - Tampon Tax Community Fund**

The project is to run weekly sessions for women where they will have the opportunity to meet other women to discuss a variety of topics that effect them, including family, health, relationships, healthy eating and staying safe. Once the group is established a consultant will run further confidence building courses, a money management course run through CAP; healthy eating/cooking on a budget session as well as other courses that the group feel appropriate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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18. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Young People - funding for the #iwill project.

19. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2023  
for  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet

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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects per the governing document are:

The relief of the poverty and the advancement of education in the designated areas by the provision of training and a meeting place for local community groups.

**Significant activities**

Provide affordable clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The Shop continues to be a valuable asset and thrives in the area. This is reflected in the continual good quality donations received and sales, including online sales which reach an even wider community. By having 3 different charity shops in the area, customers now have more choice to shop and support different organisations.

This financial year we received funding from the Wiltshire Community Foundation for the Woodland Activities we facilitate, offering volunteering opportunities to young people to help with their college studies and to young people with disabilities who may not always get a chance to try shop work.

The impact of these opportunities are reflected in how the children's social skills are constantly improving, a higher grade for college work than expected and the way the impaired students embrace the opportunity to participate.

We have over 30 active volunteers who do a variety of different tasks in The Shop. There have been a few volunteers who have found employment due to their volunteering experience in The Shop. We regularly hold social get-togethers when The Shop is closed to focus on the volunteers' morale and well-being, without distractions. These sessions include fun activities, including crafts and quizzes and a variety of refreshments, which are proving to be very popular and beneficial to everyone.

Other agencies and organisations that have benefited from The Shop include, Wiltshire Air Ambulance; 19th Scout group; The RNIB (through used stamps); Swindon Food collective; The Sandwich People; The GAP; the local Police for bike marking; regular councillors' surgeries; Ukraine disaster fund and Oaktree Primary School.

Due to changes in the Benefits system, the impact of the Cost of Living Crisis and people's lifestyles, there is a shortage of volunteers. We are always looking at ways to combat this by researching new avenues including the Swindon Well-being team and the Harbour Project. An initial idea of sharing volunteers with another agency is the afternoon sessions held at St John's Church. The Church provides space and hot beverages, while The Shop provides other refreshments and activities, including quizzes and crafts. This group has been running since July and continues to be well supported.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

At 30 September 2023, total funds were £106,398, all held as unrestricted funds.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The reserves level is set at £60,000 which is broken down as follows:

- 6 months of operating costs £20,000
- Contingency £2,000
- Creditor (printer) £26,000
- Unspent grant funds £12,000

Free reserves at 30 September 2023, excluding fixed assets, are £106,217, which is above the required level. The trustees will continue to seek opportunities for The Shop to support the community.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees, including details of any constitutional provisions for appointment:

- The general public are able to apply to The Management Committee at the yearly AGM.
- Trustees are recruited in line with The Shop's Constitution, which states that the Management Committee should be made up with no more than 12 people.
- The make up should be '9 representatives or members of local organisations and 3 individuals.
- We advertise through VAS, word of mouth and personal recommendations.
- A person can be opted on during the year in line with the constitution, with the intention that they may be considered for a specific job, eg Treasurer and Secretary.
- At the first Management meeting after the AGM, roles are allocated for the year.
- All relevant trustees and directors are then registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
03626119 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
1076529

**Registered office**  
Unit C  
George Hall Court  
Cavendish Square  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LZ

**Trustees**

J Broad  
M Butler  
E Hayward (resigned 25.2.23)  
S Lewis  
C Tizard  
G Reynolds  
S Rawlings (resigned 25.2.23)  
D R Sweeney (appointed 25.2.23)  
A Vockins (appointed 22.4.23)

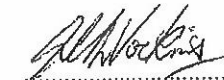
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner  
James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A Vockins – Treasurer/Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet ('the Company')  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 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**

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.



James Gare

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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 26 February 2024

The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,751	5,000	7,751	2,809
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
The Shop and community activities		89,565	-	89,565	78,178
Investment income	4	<u>236</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>92,552</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>97,552</u>	<u>81,082</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
The Shop and community activities		<u>76,477</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>81,477</u>	<u>73,815</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		16,075	-	16,075	7,267
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>106,398</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>106,398</u></u>	<u><u>90,323</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	13	181	242
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	14	973	2,769
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>121,710</u>	<u>106,457</u>
		122,683	109,226
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,200)	(1,200)
		<u>121,483</u>	<u>108,026</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		121,664	108,268
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(15,266)	(17,945)
		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		106,398	90,323
<b>FUNDS</b>	18		
Unrestricted funds		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>106,398</u>	<u>90,323</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2023.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 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.

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 10th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
A Vockins - Treasurer/Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks Volunteer Resource & Retail Outlet is a charitable company limited by guarantee, without share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address and principal activities can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**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.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Donated goods**

The Shop receives donated goods from the general public. Donated goods for resale are not recognised on receipt. The value to the charity of the donated goods sold is recognised as income when sold.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	2,751	2,809
Grants	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,751</u>	<u>2,809</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wiltshire Community Foundation	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>236</u>	<u>95</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

<b>5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2023	2022
	Activity	£	£
Shop sales	The Shop and community activities	<u>89,565</u>	<u>78,178</u>
<b>6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>		Direct Costs (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)
		£	£
The Shop and community activities		<u>79,004</u>	<u>2,473</u>
			Totals £ <u>81,477</u>
<b>7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2023	2022
		£	£
Staff costs		48,799	37,772
Insurance		973	934
Utilities		11,111	3,990
Cleaning		5,250	4,860
Repairs and bins		3,160	7,397
Office expenses		4,072	4,208
Woodland		1,300	8,642
Courses and activities		405	720
Volunteer expenses		2,833	2,857
Donations		1,041	600
Depreciation		<u>60</u>	<u>80</u>
		<u>79,004</u>	<u>72,060</u>
<b>8. SUPPORT COSTS</b>			Governance costs £
The Shop and community activities			<u>2,473</u>
Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:		2023	2022
		The Shop and community activities	Total activities
		£	£
Accountancy and legal fees		<u>2,473</u>	<u>1,755</u>
<b>9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		61	80
Accountancy and independent examination		<u>1,737</u>	<u>1,755</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**11. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	45,348	35,097
Social security costs	<u>3,451</u>	<u>2,675</u>
	<u>48,799</u>	<u>37,772</u>

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

	2023	2022
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total key management personnel remuneration is Nil.

**12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2,059	750	2,809
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	78,178	-	78,178
Investment income	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>80,332</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>81,082</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	<u>61,117</u>	<u>12,698</u>	<u>73,815</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	19,215	(11,948)	7,267
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>71,108</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>

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13.	<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		Equipment £
	<b>COST</b>		
	At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023		<u>10,352</u>
	<b>DEPRECIATION</b>		
	At 1 October 2022		10,110
	Charge for year		<u>61</u>
	At 30 September 2023		<u>10,171</u>
	<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
	At 30 September 2023		<u>181</u>
	At 30 September 2022		<u>242</u>
14.	<b>DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other debtors	<u>973</u>	<u>2,769</u>
15.	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
16.	<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Other creditors	<u>15,266</u>	<u>17,945</u>
17.	<b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
	181	-	181
	122,683	-	122,683
	(1,200)	-	(1,200)
	<u>(15,266)</u>	-	<u>(15,266)</u>
	<u>106,398</u>	-	<u>106,398</u>
			2022 Total funds £
			242
			109,226
			(1,200)
			<u>(17,945)</u>
			<u>90,323</u>
18.	<b>MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		
		At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		At 30.9.23 £
	General fund	90,323	16,075
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>16,075</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>106,398</u>

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	92,552	(76,477)	16,075
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Young people	5,000	(5,000)	-
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WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	750	(8,298)	(7,548)
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund	-	(4,400)	(4,400)
	<u>750</u>	<u>(12,698)</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,082</u>	<u>(73,815)</u>	<u>7,267</u>

**WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund**

Woodland Project are woodland sessions for 11-16-year-olds run by qualified Woodland staff, the sessions take place at Shephards Farm Chiseldon and surrounding forest area. The children are bused to the venue from the Shop. The activities will enable the young people to learn new skills, have new experiences in a safe environment, be outdoors & increase their knowledge.

**WCF - Tampon Tax Community Fund**

The project is to run weekly sessions for women where they will have the opportunity to meet other women to discuss a variety of topics that effect them, including family, health, relationships, healthy eating and staying safe. Once the group is established a consultant will run further confidence building courses, a money management course run through CAP; healthy eating/cooking on a budget session as well as other courses that the group feel appropriate.

The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

18. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Young People - funding for the #iwill project.

19. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**THE PARKS VOLUNTEER RESOURCE AND RETAIL OUTLET**

England & Wales - Charity number 1076529

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet

April 2023

## Thank you

Everyone plays a part in the success of The Shop. From volunteering, donating items, buying goods, training,

delivering and collecting small pieces of furniture, pricing, cleaning, sharing our posts on social media, recommending us to friends and family and even buying the refreshments for the volunteers.

The Shop appreciates everything everyone does whether it can be seen or one of the many activities that happen behind the scenes.

The Shop exists to support and empower the local community, businesses, volunteers, donors and funders.

Thank you for your continuous support.

## The Shop



### Activities we have funded throughout 2021-2022

*Woodland tea time, day sessions and weekly sessions for local children aged 7- 14 years old.*

*Feeding family for £5.*

*Wreath making for Christmas.*

*Fun day activities for the Community.*

*Arts and crafts for the children.*

*Easter treasure hunt.*

*Colouring competitions.*

*Afternoon tea for the residents of George Hall Court.*

## Volunteers

We have over 30

active volunteers from all walks of life including students who come in the school holidays, who volunteer between 2 hours and 15 hours per week.

With skills learnt, some of our volunteers leave when they find paid employment..

We wish them well.

### Thank you to the Management Committee 2021/2022

Emma Hayward, Julie Broad, Fred Lewis, Caroline Tizard, Darren Sweeney, Mel Butler, Graham Reynolds

# Look what has been happening in The Shop

## Donated Seeds

Phoenix rotary donated some Spring flowers to SWAP to distribute. With the help of The Shop and some creative thinking, children were given little bags of bulbs which they then distributed around Cavendish Square and the surrounding area.



## Nationwide

**In September 14 Nationwide**

**volunteers spent the day decorating the retail area, the meeting room and the reception area . They did a great job and we are very grateful for them taking the time to do it.**



We received 6 laptops from the Laptops for Charities which was organised by Robert Buckland. These have all been configured so that the community can use them to apply for jobs, fill in requests online and even update their CV. We are very grateful to all those involved so that we can offer this facility to the local community. We also offer one to one support to cater for the individual's need.

## So much more than a shop

The Shop is more than a Charity Shop. It is a place to meet and make new friends, learn new skills and find out information. The Shop works with the other businesses in Cavendish Square in order to give customers a choice to shop.

Besides offering affordable furniture, household goods and clothing, it is also a hub to make new friends, share information and stories happy and sad.

Since Covid, we have restricted our intake of furniture, to keep the volunteers safe and to store it safely. We have limited furniture donations to: bedside cabinets, chairs, tables and shelves. However, we do try and direct customers to local charities that might be able to help. Other things that have proved popular is our Bargain Table which helps to decrease our landfill by offering customers a last chance to buy items at reduced prices, after they have been on display for four weeks.

We have held regular raffles and tombolas throughout the year in order to raise money for different appeals including the Ukraine Emergency appeal, Save the Children Appeal, the local scouts group local Foodbank; tools to THE GAP, donations of bedding and equipment to Threshold Housing, excess PPE equipment to Prospect Hospice and various items of clothing and footwear to Oaktree Primary School.

We have held Nationwide and Swindon Borough Council consultation sessions for Buckhurst Micro Forest and the Oakfield Housing Development and regular councilors and police surgeries with free bike marking which have proven very popular with keen cyclists both young and old.

Thanks to South Swindon Parish Council, Cavendish Square had a Christmas Tree for the first time in many years. It was very much appreciated by the whole community. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

None of these things would be possible without the continuous belief and support of the community, the dedicated help and valuable time of the volunteers, the Management and staff!

We would like to say 'Thank You!'

### Ideas for the future

Future plans we wish to explore include celebrating The Shop's 25th anniversary in Cavendish Square, continually developing new relationships with Rev Patrick Webb at St John's Church, schools, colleges and other businesses, local Scout and Beaver groups and other charities supporting the community.

To help us celebrate The Shop's anniversary, we are asking people to bring in old photos of Cavendish Square, The Shop and share any stories that they may have, so that we can create a display for the community by the community.

Thank you for continuously believing and supporting The Shop.

Together we are making a difference to our community.

## Funding

The Shop has received the final installments of funding from Wiltshire Community Foundation.

Grants and donations have also been received from Nationwide, the

Coop, Tesco, the Hills group and members of the public,

Thank you everyone!

## Fun day

We had a Fun day during August with inflatables, tombolas, craft stalls, face painting, singalong, raffle and food.



## In the Community

The Shop has been active in the community. It was present at St John's Shortcake tea afternoon providing arts and crafts, while at the Buckhurst Fun Day we had a soft toy tombola and raised funds for The Shop



### The Gap- the community garden in Carstairs Ave.

The Shop has been involved with the creation and development of THE GAP. This project is always looking for volunteers to dig the raised beds, weeding, planting, and tidying the area. It is also an opportunity to make friends, harvest fruit and

vegetables and learn new skills. If you want to know more contact

[thegapswindon@yahoo.com](mailto:thegapswindon@yahoo.com).

### The Future

We are continually working towards maintaining established relationships and developing new ones as the needs and demands of life and the community change. We hope to hold more courses ranging from computer courses to numeracy, literacy, confidence, as well as arts and crafts.

We continually look at our methods of payments and how we can encourage people to come in and enjoy The Shop, either by volunteering, donating, browsing or buying.

### OVER TO YOU

If you have an idea for a course or something different to do in The Shop, please do not hesitate to share it with us. Ideas are always welcomed.

### Woodland Activities

The Woodland activity sessions continue to be successful. It is a wonderful way for children to make new friends, learn about nature and new skills. Over the last year we also trialled doing these activities with older children, doing a day long session and even tea time sessions. The response has been incredible and even though the funding has run out, The Shop continues to support and fund this activity. Thanks to Darren and Vicki for running these sessions that many local children have come to enjoy.

After meeting the owner of the donkeys, we successfully received a grant for £750 towards the Woodland sessions from the Hills group.



## Contact Us

Give us a call or pop in for more information about our services and products.

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Unit C & D,  
George Hall Court,  
Cavendish Square,  
Swindon, SN3 2LZ 01793  
529938

[theshop1@btconnect.com](mailto:theshop1@btconnect.com)

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

'The shop in cavendish square.'



\*At present, we are updating our website, so please bear with us.



**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**  
**for**  
**The Parks Volunteer Resource and**  
**Retail Outlet**

Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
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Swindon  
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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects per the governing document are:

The relief of the poverty and the advancement of education in the designated areas by the provision of training and a meeting place for local community groups.

### **Significant activities**

Provide affordable clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

Due to the Covid restrictions, The Shop was inventive and sold items online through Facebook and at an auction. Thank you to Maria for all her time, effort and knowledge commitment. The Shop was rewarded with funds that have been used to help with the running costs of The Shop.

After almost a year of being open, it was necessary to close The Shop due to volunteers and staff becoming ill with Covid. We reopened after reassessing our policies and prevention measures, so that everyone was reassured and could shop or volunteer safely.

Since then, The Shop has gone from strength to strength with the support of The Management Committee, staff, volunteers and the local community. This reiterated the need for The Shop in this area as a retail and resource hub. We have been able to support the public by being a collection point for free Covid tests, whilst helping and developing new groups; for example THE GAP gardening project in Park South. We worked with the South Swindon Parish Council to have a Christmas tree for the first time in 10 years in Cavendish Square. The tree was very well received by the local community and added light and colour to the area during the cold, grey, dark winter days and nights.

The Shop was very fortunate to receive a donation for £750 from Hills towards the Woodland sessions. Through raffles, tombolas and sales, The Shop raised donations ranging from £200 to £400 for Ukraine, Save the Children Fund and Wiltshire Air Ambulance; as well as support the Woodland activities and The Shop's running costs.

Other activities included were - supporting the local Scout group, The GAP, community gardening group, Wreath making, Christmas Fun Day, Cavendish Square community day, Easter Letter hunt and colouring competition, regular parish councillor and Police surgeries, bike marking events, the popular Woodland Activity sessions and even St John's shortcake teatime session.

The Shop continues to research ideas and ways to support and empower the local community, and new and established groups and organisations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

At 30 September 2022, total funds were £90,323, all held as unrestricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The reserves level is set at £60,000 which is broken down as follows:

- 6 months of operating costs £20,000
- Contingency £2,000
- Creditor (printer) £26,000
- Unspent grant funds £12,000

Free reserves at 30 September 2022, excluding fixed assets, are £90,081.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees, including details of any constitutional provisions for appointment:

- The general public are able to apply to The Management Committee at the yearly AGM.
- Trustees are recruited in line with The Shop's Constitution, which states that the Management Committee should be made up with no more than 12 people.
- The make up should be '9 representatives or members of local organisations and 3 individuals.
- We advertise through VAS, word of mouth and personal recommendations.
- A person can be opted on during the year in line with the constitution, with the intention that they may be considered for a specific job, eg Treasurer and Secretary.
- At the first Management meeting after the AGM, roles are allocated for the year.
- All relevant trustees and directors are then registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

03626119 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1076529

**Registered office**

Unit C  
George Hall Court  
Cavendish Square  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LZ

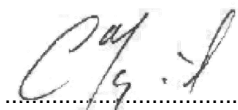
**Trustees**

J Broad  
M Butler  
E Hayward (resigned 25.2.23)  
A Smart (resigned 9.5.22)  
S Lewis  
J Talboys (resigned 10.10.21)  
C Tizard  
G Reynolds (appointed 9.5.22)  
S Rawlings (appointed 9.5.22) (resigned 25.2.23)  
D R Sweeney (appointed 25.2.23)

**Independent Examiner**

James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN2 2GA

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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C Tizard - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 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**

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.



James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN2 2GA

Date: 3 April 2023.....

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,059	750	2,809	5,563
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
The Shop and community activities		78,178	-	78,178	47,252
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	397
Investment income	5	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>80,332</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>81,082</u>	<u>53,218</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	7				
The Shop and community activities		<u>61,117</u>	<u>12,698</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>54,838</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		19,215	(11,948)	7,267	(1,620)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		71,108	11,948	83,056	84,676
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	14	242	322
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	15	2,769	572
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>106,457</u>	<u>103,507</u>
		109,226	104,079
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(1,200)	(2,200)
		<u>108,026</u>	<u>101,879</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		108,268	102,201
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(17,945)	(19,145)
		<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		90,323	71,108
<b>FUNDS</b>	19		
Unrestricted funds		90,323	71,108
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>11,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2022.

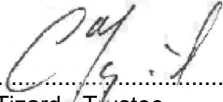
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

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 29 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
C Tizard - Trustee

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks Volunteer Resource & Retail Outlet is a charitable company limited by guarantee, without share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address and principal activities can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**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.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Donated goods**

The Shop receives donated goods from the general public. Donated goods for resale are not recognised on receipt. The value to the charity of the donated goods sold is recognised as income when sold.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	<u>2,809</u>	<u>5,563</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>397</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>95</u>	<u>6</u>

**6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
Grants	The Shop and community activities	-	8,457
Shop sales	The Shop and community activities	76,216	37,941
CTR recycling	The Shop and community activities	<u>1,962</u>	<u>854</u>
		<u>78,178</u>	<u>47,252</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>8,457</u>

Government grant income:

The charity received a grant from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The charity has not directly benefited from any other forms of government assistance.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
The Shop and community activities	<u>72,060</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>73,815</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	37,772	32,411
Insurance	934	1,566
Utilities	3,990	2,920
Cleaning	4,860	4,290
Repairs and bins	7,397	7,268
Office expenses	4,208	3,449
Consultancy	-	256
Woodland	8,642	722
Courses and activities	720	-
Volunteer expenses	2,857	509
Donations	600	260
Depreciation	80	107
	<u>72,060</u>	<u>53,758</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
The Shop and community activities	<u>1,755</u>

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	80	107
Accountancy and independent examination	<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,080</u>

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**12. STAFF COSTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>37,772</u>	<u>32,411</u>
	<u>37,772</u>	<u>32,411</u>

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

	2022	2021
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total key management personnel remuneration is Nil.

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	5,563	-	5,563
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	47,252	-	47,252
Other trading activities	397	-	397
Investment income	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>53,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,218</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	<u>53,290</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>54,838</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(72)	(1,548)	(1,620)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>71,180</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>84,676</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>71,108</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>83,056</u>

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022	<u>10,352</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 October 2021	10,030
Charge for year	<u>80</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>10,110</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30 September 2022	<u>242</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>322</u>

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<b>15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other debtors			<u>2,769</u>	<u>572</u>
<b>16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other creditors			<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>
<b>17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other creditors			<u>17,945</u>	<u>19,145</u>
<b>18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>			2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	242	-	242	322
Current assets	109,226	-	109,226	104,079
Current liabilities	(1,200)	-	(1,200)	(2,200)
Long term liabilities	<u>(17,945)</u>	-	<u>(17,945)</u>	<u>(19,145)</u>
	<u>90,323</u>	-	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>			Net movement	
		At 1.10.21	in funds	At 30.9.22
		£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund		71,108	19,215	90,323
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund		7,548	(7,548)	-
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund		<u>4,400</u>	<u>(4,400)</u>	-
		<u>11,948</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>83,056</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>90,323</u>
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:				
		Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
		£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund		80,332	(61,117)	19,215
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund		750	(8,298)	(7,548)
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund		-	<u>(4,400)</u>	<u>(4,400)</u>
		<u>750</u>	<u>(12,698)</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>81,082</u>	<u>(73,815)</u>	<u>7,267</u>

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	62,180	(72)	9,000	71,108
Designated fund	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	71,180	(72)	-	71,108
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	9,096	(1,548)	-	7,548
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund	<u>4,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,400</u>
	<u>13,496</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>84,676</u></u>	<u><u>(1,620)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>83,056</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,218	(53,290)	(72)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>53,218</u></u>	<u><u>(54,838)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,620)</u></u>

**WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund**

Woodland Project are woodland sessions for 11-16-year-olds run by qualified Woodland staff, the sessions take place at Shephards Farm Chiseldon and surrounding forest area. The children are bused to the venue from the Shop . The activities will enable the young people to learn new skills, have new experiences in a safe environment, be outdoors & increase their knowledge.

**WCF - Tampon Tax Community Fund**

The project is to run weekly sessions for women where they will have the opportunity to meet other women to discuss a variety of topics that effect them, including family, health, relationships, healthy eating and staying safe. Once the group is established a consultant will run further confidence building courses, a money management course run through CAP; healthy eating/cooking on a budget session as well as other courses that the group feel appropriate.

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**  
**for**  
**The Parks Volunteer Resource and**  
**Retail Outlet**

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**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

The charitable objects per the governing document are:

The relief of the poverty and the advancement of education in the designated areas by the provision of training and a meeting place for local community groups.

### **Significant activities**

Provide affordable clothing, household goods, bric a brac and resources, including meeting space, at affordable prices. Initially serving the local area. Empowering and working with local organisations, businesses and groups through knowledge sharing, volunteering and skill building. Providing a facility to alleviate isolation and loneliness across genders, age, abilities and ethnicities.

### **Public benefit**

The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees consider that they have acted in the public benefit.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

Due to the Covid restrictions, The Shop was inventive and sold items online through Facebook and at an auction. Thank you to Maria for all her time, effort and knowledge commitment. The Shop was rewarded with funds that have been used to help with the running costs of The Shop.

After almost a year of being open, it was necessary to close The Shop due to volunteers and staff becoming ill with Covid. We reopened after reassessing our policies and prevention measures, so that everyone was reassured and could shop or volunteer safely.

Since then, The Shop has gone from strength to strength with the support of The Management Committee, staff, volunteers and the local community. This reiterated the need for The Shop in this area as a retail and resource hub. We have been able to support the public by being a collection point for free Covid tests, whilst helping and developing new groups; for example THE GAP gardening project in Park South. We worked with the South Swindon Parish Council to have a Christmas tree for the first time in 10 years in Cavendish Square. The tree was very well received by the local community and added light and colour to the area during the cold, grey, dark winter days and nights.

The Shop was very fortunate to receive a donation for £750 from Hills towards the Woodland sessions. Through raffles, tombolas and sales, The Shop raised donations ranging from £200 to £400 for Ukraine, Save the Children Fund and Wiltshire Air Ambulance; as well as support the Woodland activities and The Shop's running costs.

Other activities included were - supporting the local Scout group, The GAP, community gardening group, Wreath making, Christmas Fun Day, Cavendish Square community day, Easter Letter hunt and colouring competition, regular parish councillor and Police surgeries, bike marking events, the popular Woodland Activity sessions and even St John's shortcake teatime session.

The Shop continues to research ideas and ways to support and empower the local community, and new and established groups and organisations.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

At 30 September 2022, total funds were £90,323, all held as unrestricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that charity's core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The reserves level is set at £60,000 which is broken down as follows:

- 6 months of operating costs £20,000
- Contingency £2,000
- Creditor (printer) £26,000
- Unspent grant funds £12,000

Free reserves at 30 September 2022, excluding fixed assets, are £90,081.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by Companies Act 2006.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees, including details of any constitutional provisions for appointment:

- The general public are able to apply to The Management Committee at the yearly AGM.
- Trustees are recruited in line with The Shop's Constitution, which states that the Management Committee should be made up with no more than 12 people.
- The make up should be '9 representatives or members of local organisations and 3 individuals.
- We advertise through VAS, word of mouth and personal recommendations.
- A person can be opted on during the year in line with the constitution, with the intention that they may be considered for a specific job, eg Treasurer and Secretary.
- At the first Management meeting after the AGM, roles are allocated for the year.
- All relevant trustees and directors are then registered with Companies House and the Charities Commission.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

03626119 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1076529

**Registered office**

Unit C  
George Hall Court  
Cavendish Square  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
SN3 2LZ

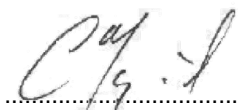
**Trustees**

J Broad  
M Butler  
E Hayward (resigned 25.2.23)  
A Smart (resigned 9.5.22)  
S Lewis  
J Talboys (resigned 10.10.21)  
C Tizard  
G Reynolds (appointed 9.5.22)  
S Rawlings (appointed 9.5.22) (resigned 25.2.23)  
D R Sweeney (appointed 25.2.23)

**Independent Examiner**

James Gare  
Monahans  
Chartered Accountants  
Hermes House  
Fire Fly Avenue  
Swindon  
Wiltshire  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
C Tizard - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Parks Volunteer Resource and Retail Outlet ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 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**

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.



James Gare  
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Date: 3 April 2023.....

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,059	750	2,809	5,563
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
The Shop and community activities		78,178	-	78,178	47,252
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	397
Investment income	5	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>80,332</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>81,082</u>	<u>53,218</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
The Shop and community activities	7	<u>61,117</u>	<u>12,698</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>54,838</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		19,215	(11,948)	7,267	(1,620)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>71,108</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>83,056</u>	<u>84,676</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>90,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet (Registered number: 03626119)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	14	242	322
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	15	2,769	572
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>106,457</u>	<u>103,507</u>
		109,226	104,079
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(1,200)	(2,200)
		<u>108,026</u>	<u>101,879</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		108,268	102,201
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(17,945)	(19,145)
		<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		90,323	71,108
<b>FUNDS</b>	19		
Unrestricted funds		90,323	71,108
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>11,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2022.

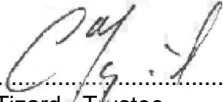
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

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 29 March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
C Tizard - Trustee

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks Volunteer Resource & Retail Outlet is a charitable company limited by guarantee, without share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address and principal activities can be found in the Trustees' Report.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

**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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Equipment - 25% on reducing balance

**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.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
Retail Outlet**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Donated goods**

The Shop receives donated goods from the general public. Donated goods for resale are not recognised on receipt. The value to the charity of the donated goods sold is recognised as income when sold.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	<u>2,809</u>	<u>5,563</u>

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising	<u>-</u>	<u>397</u>

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>95</u>	<u>6</u>

**6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
Grants	The Shop and community activities	-	8,457
Shop sales	The Shop and community activities	76,216	37,941
CTR recycling	The Shop and community activities	<u>1,962</u>	<u>854</u>
		<u>78,178</u>	<u>47,252</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>8,457</u>

Government grant income:

The charity received a grant from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

There were no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attached to these grants. The charity has not directly benefited from any other forms of government assistance.

**The Parks Volunteer Resource and  
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
The Shop and community activities	<u>72,060</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>73,815</u>

**8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	37,772	32,411
Insurance	934	1,566
Utilities	3,990	2,920
Cleaning	4,860	4,290
Repairs and bins	7,397	7,268
Office expenses	4,208	3,449
Consultancy	-	256
Woodland	8,642	722
Courses and activities	720	-
Volunteer expenses	2,857	509
Donations	600	260
Depreciation	80	107
	<u>72,060</u>	<u>53,758</u>

**9. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
The Shop and community activities	<u>1,755</u>

**10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	80	107
Accountancy and independent examination	<u>1,755</u>	<u>1,080</u>

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022**

**12. STAFF COSTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>37,772</u>	<u>32,411</u>
	<u>37,772</u>	<u>32,411</u>

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

	2022	2021
Employees	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total key management personnel remuneration is Nil.

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	5,563	-	5,563
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	47,252	-	47,252
Other trading activities	397	-	397
Investment income	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>53,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,218</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
The Shop and community activities	<u>53,290</u>	<u>1,548</u>	<u>54,838</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(72)	(1,548)	(1,620)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>71,180</u>	<u>13,496</u>	<u>84,676</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>71,108</u>	<u>11,948</u>	<u>83,056</u>

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022	<u>10,352</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 October 2021	10,030
Charge for year	<u>80</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>10,110</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30 September 2022	<u>242</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>322</u>

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<b>15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other debtors			<u>2,769</u>	<u>572</u>
<b>16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other creditors			<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>
<b>17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>			2022	2021
			£	£
Other creditors			<u>17,945</u>	<u>19,145</u>
<b>18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</b>			2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	242	-	242	322
Current assets	109,226	-	109,226	104,079
Current liabilities	(1,200)	-	(1,200)	(2,200)
Long term liabilities	<u>(17,945)</u>	-	<u>(17,945)</u>	<u>(19,145)</u>
	<u>90,323</u>	-	<u>90,323</u>	<u>83,056</u>
<b>19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>				
		At	Net	At
		1.10.21	movement	30.9.22
		£	in funds	£
			£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund		71,108	19,215	90,323
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund		7,548	(7,548)	-
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund		<u>4,400</u>	<u>(4,400)</u>	-
		<u>11,948</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>83,056</u>	<u>7,267</u>	<u>90,323</u>
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:				
		Incoming	Resources	Movement
		resources	expended	in funds
		£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund		80,332	(61,117)	19,215
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund		750	(8,298)	(7,548)
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund		-	<u>(4,400)</u>	<u>(4,400)</u>
		<u>750</u>	<u>(12,698)</u>	<u>(11,948)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>81,082</u>	<u>(73,815)</u>	<u>7,267</u>

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.9.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	62,180	(72)	9,000	71,108
Designated fund	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	71,180	(72)	-	71,108
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	9,096	(1,548)	-	7,548
WCF – Tampon Tax Community Fund	<u>4,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,400</u>
	<u>13,496</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>84,676</u></u>	<u><u>(1,620)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>83,056</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	53,218	(53,290)	(72)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>	<u>(1,548)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>53,218</u></u>	<u><u>(54,838)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,620)</u></u>

**WCF - Solar Park Community Benefit Fund**

Woodland Project are woodland sessions for 11-16-year-olds run by qualified Woodland staff, the sessions take place at Shephards Farm Chiseldon and surrounding forest area. The children are bused to the venue from the Shop . The activities will enable the young people to learn new skills, have new experiences in a safe environment, be outdoors & increase their knowledge.

**WCF - Tampon Tax Community Fund**

The project is to run weekly sessions for women where they will have the opportunity to meet other women to discuss a variety of topics that effect them, including family, health, relationships, healthy eating and staying safe. Once the group is established a consultant will run further confidence building courses, a money management course run through CAP; healthy eating/cooking on a budget session as well as other courses that the group feel appropriate.

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2022.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1076529

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# ANNUAL REPORT



## 2022

**Retail Outlet** **Parks Volunteer Resource and** **March 2022**

### Thank you for your continuous support

*It has been wonderful to see customers feel that this is a safe environment to come in for a chat and to buy things that they need. Thank you for your continuous support.*

*2020 to 2021 has been a challenging year for everyone! The Shop had to close in line with Government Covid rules, but has managed to reopen slowly and safely with many of our original volunteers coming back.*

*The Shop continues to provide a wide variety of items and keep the local community informed of activities around the square and in the Parks and Walcot areas as well.*

well. All donations had to

be booked and these were then quarantined for up to 72 hours.

The Shop would like to thank you for supporting this initiative and helping to keep everyone safe.



Opening hours  
Monday 9am-3pm  
Tuesday 9am-3pm  
Wednesday 9am-1pm  
Thursday 9am-3pm  
Friday 9am-3pm  
Saturday closed \*  
(The Shop hosts the councillors' and Police drop in surgery, but the retail side remains closed at this time)



Volunteering and acts of kindness

While The Shop was closed, people were doing other voluntary jobs and acts of kindness where they could. These included; helping at Steam with the vaccination program, delivering shopping and medical needs to vulnerable people, helping prepare allotments, Community litter picks, displaying paintings done by the local children and providing bright flowers while people queued for the shops.

October—December 2020

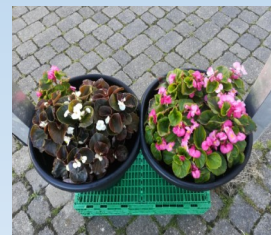
During this time The Shop had to open and close in line with Covid restrictions. After the November lock down, The Shop reopened in December with limited hours up to Christmas, just in time for people to buy Christmas trees and decorations. A Christmas Raffle was held with 20 prizes to be won. £70 was raised from the Raffle towards the up keep of The Shop.



January—April 12th 2021

The Shop was closed during this time to the general public. Therefore, this was a good opportunity to do some maintenance work including, replacing the boilers,

draining the radiators, electrical check, lights replaced, buying PPE equipment and reorganising The Shop while putting protective Covid measures in place ready for the reopening. \_





## Woodland Activity Sessions

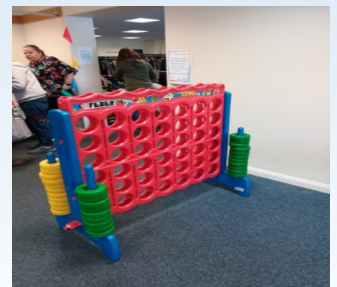
At the end of August, we were able to resume the popular Woodland sessions with 2 well attended all day sessions in Chiseldon. The youngsters enjoyed the fresh air and made dens, camp fires and crafts, while socializing and getting to know all about nature. The sessions were so popular, that we were able to hold some tea time sessions in September for the first time.

‘It was awesome!’ ‘When can we go again?’ ‘He loved it!’ ‘They went to bed quite early when they got in.’ ‘Thank you.’ These were some of the regular messages we received from the children and their parents.

## Fun for all the community

In August we held a Festive Friday Fun day for the community. This included Tombolas, raffle, giant games and refreshments of Pizza, chocolate and soft drink. The activity was well

attended and it was great to see the general public enjoying themselves. This day was also followed by the Tombola on the Cavendish Square Community Day , where money was raised for the Mind charity. In September , sales for the day raised £255 for Race for Life as a thank you to our outgoing Treasurer.



## Other achievements

The Shop is more than a Charity Shop. During this challenging year, The Shop has offered support by promoting the Covid Bus, the council's initiative of 'Pop up chat sessions on Cavi Green and a local hub to distributed free Covid tests to local less mobile people.

As a place to learn new skills, a couple of our volunteers now have paid jobs and moved on. We wish them all the best for the future. We have also offered

their Duke of Edinburgh awards opportunities to volunteer, which they have completed. Well done to Darcy and Sophie!

Although Covid has affected sales, it has also given us an opportunity to sell items on line. Well done to Maria for organizing this and giving up time to see the sales through. We have had to reduce the choice of furniture that we have not been able to offer our collection and delivery service like before.

However, we are happy to offer phone numbers of other charities or organizations that might be able to help. We continue to support :-Local schools, Alternative Angels, Donkey Sanctuary. Salvation Army, CALM, Woodland Club, Threshold Housing, Night Shelter, Mind, Food Collective, The GAP, children in Cameroon and The Scouts. We work in partnership with the other outlets and agencies in the square, including Nationwide, Danny's, Haircare, the library, Banardos and the Coop, so that the community can have a wider choice of activities and Cavendish Square can continue to be the hub of the community.

### The Future

We are continually working towards maintaining established relationships and developing new ones as the needs and demands of life and the community change. We hope to hold more courses ranging from confidence courses to craft courses, more drop-ins that will offer advice and support to the local community. We are also working with the Youth team to see what we can offer local teenagers in this area.

### Thank you

Thank you to the Coop, Tesco's and Nationwide for their donations towards Volunteers' refreshments and Wiltshire Community Foundation who gave us an extension to fulfil our grant obligations.

Thank you to Pat who did a number of deep cleans during the lock down and continues to regularly clean The Shop so that it smells lovely and welcoming. Thank you to all our valued volunteers who generously give up their time and energy to make The Shop a welcoming place and open from 10am to 3pm most days. Therefore, offering a wide variety of affordable goods. The Shop would not be able to survive without our

volunteers or you the generous local public.

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[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)



The shop in cavendish square.

\*At present , we are continually updating our website and Facebook page to share with you all that we are doing and what is happening in The Shop.

