

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2022**

**BENCH
OUTREACH**

(A company limited by guarantee)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1077933

COMPANY REGISTRATION No: 3751509

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1077933
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	3751509
DATE OF INCORPORATION	13 April 1999
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1 July 2021
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	30 June 2022
DIRECTORS AT 30 JUNE 2022	Paul Chapman (Chair) Errol Chambers Stephen Mathers Shaun Simon Jodie Wilkinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	Declan Flynn
COMPANY SECRETARY	Jannet Mathers
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS	Memorandum & Articles of Association, incorporated 13 April 1999 Articles of Association updated 16 November 2015

OBJECTS

- A)** Advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Directors of the charity (herein called the Trustees) may from time to time think fit,
- B)** To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick or who are homeless and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- C)** To advance education in accordance with Christian principles by such means as the Trustees may consider appropriate including by means of establishing and operating any educational establishment or establishments in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- D)** To promote the rehabilitation of persons affected by drugs, alcohol and other substance addiction and abuse in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- E)** To relieve persons who are experiencing mental or emotional suffering in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- F)** To advance the provision of training and the development of skills for employment for those in financial and economic need in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit,
- G)** To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

REGISTERED ADDRESS	14 New King Street Deptford London SE8 3HS	INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Dominique Wells FCA 10 Lakeswood Road Petts Wood Kent BR5 1BJ
BANKERS	HSBC Bank Plc 85 Lewisham High Street London SE13 6BE		

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of Company Law, present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in pages 11 and 12 and with applicable UK accounting standards, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, 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 2015) and the Charity's governing document.

The legal and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report.

Structure, Governance and Management

Bench Outreach is a registered charity (No. 1077933) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 3751509). Our operations are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association adopted on 13 April 1999 and amended by a special resolution of the members on 16 November 2015.

The Board meets between 4 and 6 times a year and is responsible for the good governance of the organisation and its strategic direction including approving the annual budget. The CEO attends all meetings. New trustees are appointed by the trustees and are recruited taking regard of the Board's need for a range of skills, experience, and diversity. Prospective trustees will attend a Board meeting before being put forward for appointment and are provided with copies of the Articles of Association, latest accounts, and the minutes of recent trustee meetings.

Vision and Mission

Bench Outreach's vision is a society where homelessness, hunger, inequality, and exclusion are the exception rather than the rule and where people have the resources to lead lives of meaning and purpose.

To achieve this, we:

- Help our clients into housing and provide them with support to sustain their tenancies,
- Offer them advice and advocacy to obtain their full benefit entitlements,
- Refer them to specialist treatment services where appropriate,
- Help them establish support networks in their communities,
- Build relationships with local authorities, other charities, businesses and the community, challenging stereotypes and increasing understanding and empathy towards our clients,
- Seek to empower our clients to have their voices heard and to influence policy.

Our service delivery is informed by an understanding of trauma, and we subscribe to the person-centred approach, believing empathy, congruence and unconditional positive regard will create the necessary conditions for the actualisation of the individual.

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Needs in the local community

Situated in the heart of Deptford in North Lewisham, Bench Outreach is surrounded by seven 'Lower Layer Super Output Areas' (LSOA) in the 2nd decile of deprivation as measured by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities. LSOAs are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales and report on seven domains –

- Income
- Employment
- Education, skills and training
- Health and disability
- Crime
- Living environment
- Barriers to housing and services

Levels of deprivation currently experienced in Lewisham and surrounding areas contribute to multiple and interlocking exclusion. Inequality is the over-arching cause of need. Etched into the fabric of the community is the impact of a decade of austerity preceded by many years of underinvestment and neglect.

For people in work, salaries are below the UK average. A paucity of employment opportunities, and a reliance on poorly paid "gig economy" jobs, negatively impacts income levels. This is evident across the spectrum, from the ubiquitous fast food delivery rider to the development of a "precariat" – short-term contract workers – among teaching staff in our local university. Reductions in Universal Credit have plunged people who cannot find work and are reliant on benefits into poverty – this before the cost-of-living crisis. We have the highest proportion of working-age residents in London on out-of-work benefits at 9.1%, child poverty rates in excess of 35%, and reliance on food banks increasing by 20% annually for unemployed and employed alike.

The link between poverty and ill-health, particularly mental ill-health, is well established and Lewisham residents are more likely to have a long-term mental health problem than the London or England average. Mental health issues contribute to increased substance abuse and the area has higher than average heroin use, with crack cocaine use double the national average. Premature mortality is higher than the national average with physical health impacted by low income, poor diet, and lack of engagement with health services.

Increased substance abuse is correlated with higher levels of street crime and violence. The borough of Lewisham has the fourth-highest rate of domestic violence in London.

While the area scores better in education, skills and training, the local further education college has experienced swingeing cuts in recent years and has been forced to reduce the number and quality of courses available. Educational achievement is lower in Lewisham than the national average, with 41.3% of 19-year-olds without a level 3 qualification. Almost half the population (47%) is black or minority ethnic with large numbers of first-generation migrants. There are over 170 mother tongue languages spoken by pupils in Lewisham schools and education provision does not reflect the opportunities this diversity presents with a reduction in ESOL provision across the borough.

The local authority, which has seen its budget reduced by around 60% since 2010 can no longer invest in local organisations engaged in community development, with the burden to provide a vibrant cultural life falling on the charitable and faith sectors.

Nowhere is exclusion better observed than in the housing market. Mean property rental costs in Lewisham are £1,465 compared with the national average of £959. Properties in Lewisham costs on average £501,114, or nearly 17 times the average income. The area has the 12th highest homelessness rate in England.

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Services and activities

We adopt an integrated approach to tackling the inequality affecting our clients. We support over 1000 people annually, by offering signposting, advice, advocacy, housing, tenancy sustainment support, and help to combat food and fuel poverty.

Our core service - Access to Housing and Benefits service – helps people obtain their housing and benefit entitlements. Austerity has created a hostile environment for people relying on the welfare system as a safety net. Through our advisers, people who are homeless or vulnerably housed, living in poverty, and struggling to deal with the demands of housing providers or the social welfare system, receive a range of support from signposting right through to advocacy at tribunal or court level. This service now operates at four locations in Lewisham and Greenwich.

Our acclaimed Housing First service - Bench Housing First - helps people with histories of rough sleeping, living in hostels, or with multiple experiences of imprisonment to live independently. Started in 2014, this project has established the Housing First approach as an effective housing solution for homeless people in the London Borough of Lewisham. It is based on the principle that housing is a basic human right. Placing people in their own independent accommodation and providing them with the support they need to keep their it, breaks the cycle of homelessness and exclusion. This service has been recommissioned by Lewisham Council until 2024.

Bench's Supported Housing service helps people with histories of homelessness who are preparing to move on to live independently. We provide housing and support to five people – the short-term aim being to alleviate homelessness, the longer-term goal being to help people resettle in the community. Working in partnership with Open Book, a Goldsmiths University project breaking down barriers to higher education, this project now houses ex-offenders engaging in third-level studies.

The Evening Service, our oldest service and a partnership with the Bear Church in Deptford, addresses food poverty and serves as an entry point for people to engage with our other services or those of our partner organisations. Operating thirty-six nights a year and mainly delivered by volunteers, it offers people from different circumstances and backgrounds the opportunity to meet and get to know each other, breaking down barriers and stimulating community cohesion.

Partnerships

Alongside our statutory partner, the London Borough of Lewisham, we enjoy the support of many third-sector colleagues, locally and nationally. Through our participation in Lewisham and Greenwich Homelessness Forums and our input into Lewisham's Vulnerable Adult's Pathway Planning Group and the Rough Sleepers' Task and Targeting Group, we maintain relationships with several housing providers and local and national charities including Lewisham Homes, Dinardo, L&Q, Phoenix Community Housing, LRMN, 2000 CAC, Deptford Reach, the 999 Club, the Jericho Road Project, SHP, St Mungo's, Greenwich Winter Night Shelter, and Thames Reach.

We are grateful to all the local faith communities who help our clients, especially the Bear Church in Deptford and Kings Church in Catford.

Risk Assessment

The trustees actively review the major risks that the charity faces on a regular basis. We believe that the major risk is if insufficient funds are raised to meet our planned expenditure. This year, unlike previous years, the organisation has not been successful in fully funding the Housing First project, raising 86% and 68% of the ACCESS project and would need to double down on fundraising to meet the level of previous years. The trustees have

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looked at new/other funding sources to meet the projects needs amidst the challenges and hopefully will sustain a continuous funding process of the projects. The trustees also conduct an annual review of the controls.

Financial Review

Post COVID-19. The scourge of the covid-19 pandemic left a devastation of life and livelihood in its wake across almost the entire economy and the world, with the global supply chain crisis and increase in inflation topping the list of increasingly rising global problems. Despite these challenges, it was another year of growth for Bench Outreach with a total staff count of 19. Expenditure increased by 27% to £668,870 (2021 £528,500), though income dropped slightly by 6% to £629,259 (2021 £668,463). However, there was a marginal increase in unrestricted donations by 1% to £69,798 (2021 £69,111). Consequently, unrestricted reserves at the end of the year took the hit, and decreased to £171,798 (2021 £280,909).

Bench Housing First has continued to enjoy being a commissioned service (which began in April 2020) within the London Borough of Lewisham and the contract was renewed in 2021. This is part of a four-year grant awarded in October 2020 by Henry Smith Charity, which includes the salary of a specialist women's worker.

In 2022, the Henry Smith Charity also awarded the ACCESS project a three-year grant. We have retained the continuous support of most of our major funders.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs, based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. We consider this to be unrestricted funds equivalent to a minimum of three months' total expenditure and a maximum of twelve months' total expenditure. This should enable the trustees to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfill its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or additional unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The Future

The numbers now approaching us for help indicate the need for our services to continue and to expand. Our plans include an increase to the capacity of Bench Supported Housing in partnership with Open Book at Goldsmiths, the expansion of our Housing First service to work with people leaving care, and the addition of another satellite service to our Access to Housing and benefits service.

Like all small charities, we are experiencing increasing difficulty in procuring funding. As local authorities reduce funding, the pressure on grant-making trust funding the third sector increases. To mitigate the impact of this tightening of the purse strings, we are finalising our new five-year plan which will consolidate our funding base to allow us to continue to develop novel approaches to help our clients overcome the disadvantages they face. For the first time since our foundation, we have employed a fundraiser to work with our senior leadership team to create sustainable funding pipelines for our services and develop our core funding. We also plan to increase our income from individual donations and fundraising events.

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Acknowledgements

We continue to rely on the generosity of funders and are fortunate to have the support of several renowned grant-making trusts including the Henry Smith Charity, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Leathersellers' Charity, the Drapers' Charitable Fund, the Tudor Trust, the Deptford Challenge Trust, the Lee Charity, and the Big Lottery Fund.

We are especially thankful to the Jessica Mathers Trust. This local charity has supported us for many years and makes much of what we do possible.

To our clients, volunteers, staff, donors, and stakeholders, we thank you and request your continuing support until such times as we are no longer required. Our vision, still unachieved and as remote as ever, remains a world of equality, where people feel empowered, involved, and treasured.

Trustees Responsibilities

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

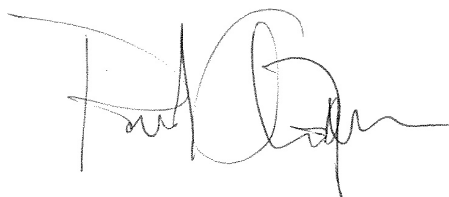
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and taking reasonable steps to prevent or detect fraud and breaches of law and regulation.

So far as each of the trustees is aware, there is no relevant information that has not been disclosed to the charity's examiner and each of the trustees believes that all steps have been taken to make her aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the examiner has been made aware of this information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Date: 26 March 2023



P Chapman

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
INCOME					
Donations and Legacies	2	69,798	226,970	296,768	335,823
Income from Charitable Activities	3	99,191	232,694	331,885	332,051
Income from Investments		606	-	606	589
TOTAL INCOME		169,595	459,664	629,259	668,463
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Raising Funds		257	-	257	230
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	4	278,449	390,164	668,613	528,270
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		278,706	390,164	668,870	528,500
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(109,111)	69,500	(39,611)	139,963
Total Funds Brought Forward		280,909	147,913	428,822	288,859
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		171,798	217,413	389,211	428,822

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	5	-	734	734	1,566
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	7	168,514	164,106	332,620	464,124
Debtors	8	3,673	98,169	101,842	81,717
		172,187	262,275	434,462	545,841
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(389)	(27,596)	(27,985)	(101,585)
Net Current Assets		171,798	234,679	406,477	444,256
Total Assets less Current		171,798	235,413	407,211	445,822
Liabilities Provisions for Liabilities	10	-	(18,000)	(18,000)	(17,000)
NET ASSETS		171,798	217,413	389,211	428,822
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		171,798	-	171,798	280,909
Restricted Funds	6b	-	217,413	217,413	147,913
TOTAL FUNDS		171,798	217,413	389,211	428,822

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') relating to small companies, and with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

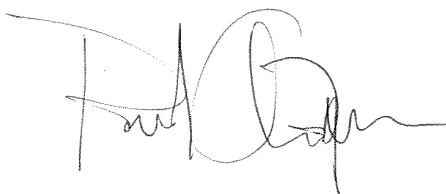
For the year ended 30 June 2022, the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under Section 477(2) of the Act. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for this financial period in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- 1 ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
- 2 preparing accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its net incoming resources for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, insofar as they are applicable to the company.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the Trustees on 26 March 2023

and signed on their behalf by Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The charity is a public benefit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a statement of Cash Flows as per Update Bulletin 1 of the Charity SORP (FRS 102) February 2016.

Income

Recognition of Income

This is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- ♦ the charity becomes entitled to the income;
- ♦ the income is expected to be received; and
- ♦ the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with Related Expenditure

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are included in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the income.

Where a grant is awarded for use against expenditure over a specified period, only that proportion of the grant relating to the financial period is recognised in the SOFA.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SOFA in the same financial period as the gift to which it relates.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at the lower of a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity and the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale are included as gifts on receipt at fair value.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Annual Report.

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Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of the resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Provisions for Liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset.

Fixed Assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum is as follows:

- Fixtures and Fittings 25%
- Office Equipment 25%

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2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	69,798	226,970	296,768	335,823
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
	69,798	226,970	296,768	335,823

See Note 6a regarding Donations for Unrestricted Funds of £69,798.

See Note 6b regarding Donations for Restricted Funds of £226,970.

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Contracts	-	232,694	232,694	227,777
RB Greenwich	64,344	-	64,344	69,220
Nyon Grove	34,847	-	34,847	34,804
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	250
	99,191	232,694	331,885	332,051

See Note 6b regarding Contracts for Restricted Funds of £232,694.

4 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
	Notes				
Catering		1,635	846	2,481	883
Client Welfare		17,218	19,015	36,233	23,249
Depreciation		-	832	832	832
Computer Softwares & Accessories		2,603	2,126	4,729	4,027
Licences & Subscriptions		175	4,490	4,665	5,192
Postage, Printing & Stationery		328	977	1,305	1,284
Office Costs		-	40,500	40,500	38,500
Nyon Grove - Client Accommodation		34,401	-	34,401	36,762
Professional Fees		10,678	26,217	36,895	40,660
Staff	11	202,697	275,730	478,427	351,702
Sundry Expenses		828	440	1,268	949
Telephone & Internet		3,647	10,236	13,883	13,351
Training		2,617	2,024	4,641	3,159
Travel & Subsistence		1,179	1,382	2,561	1,401
Volunteer Expenses		351	227	578	227
Bank Charges		42	81	123	108
Insurance	10	(250)	3,841	3,591	4,484
Independent Examiner's Fees		300	1,200	1,500	1,500
		278,449	390,164	668,613	528,270

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5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Office Equipment £	TOTAL £
Cost as at 1 July 2021	-	3,329	3,329
Additions	-	-	-
Cost as at 30 June 2022	-	3,329	3,329
Depreciation as at 1 July 2021	-	1,763	1,763
Charge	-	832	832
Depreciation as at 30 June 2022	-	2,595	2,595
Net Book Value as at 30 June 2021	-	1,566	1,566
Net Book Value as at 30 June 2022	-	734	734

The annual commitments under irrevocable operating leases and capital commitments are £Nil (2021 £Nil).

6a UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Income 2022 £	Income 2021 £
Bear Church	1,875	1,800
Deptford Challenge Trust	20,000	30,000
Ecclesia Church	-	500
Jessica Mathers Trust	24,000	24,000
Jubilee Resource Ltd	1,500	1,500
Leathersellers	10,000	-
Prendergast School	875	-
Rushey Green Time	1,000	-
Regular Individual Donations	9,543	9,772
Other Individual Donations	1,005	1,539
Total	69,798	69,111

Individual Donations include £3,000 donated by trustees (2021 £3,000).

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6b RESTRICTED FUNDS

Grant	B/f 1 July 2021 £	Deferred Income 2021 £	Grants Receivable £	Deferred Income 2022 (Note 9) £	Income £	Expenditure £	C/f 30 June 2022 £
Big Lottery	45,962	20,417	14,583	-	35,000	(3,999)	76,963
Drapers	949	11,250	-	-	11,250	(12,199)	-
Henry Smith	67,500	22,500	67,500	-	90,000	-	157,500
Henry Smith	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Garfield Weston	-	13,333	20,000	(13,333)	20,000	(20,000)	-
LB Lewisham	-	-	1,600	-	1,600	(1,600)	-
Tudor Trust	48,502	17,500	-	-	17,500	(66,002)	-
Tudor Trust	2,000	-	-	-	-	(1,050)	950
Jessica Mathers Trust	-	-	40,500	-	40,500	(40,500)	-
Various small grants	-	-	1,120	-	1,120	(1,120)	-
Total Restricted Grants	164,913	85,000	155,303	(13,333)	226,970	(156,470)	235,413
Contracts							
LB Lewisham	-	-	207,875	-	207,875	(207,875)	-
Lewisham Refugee & Migrant Net.			24,819	-	24,819	(24,819)	-
Total Contracts	-	-	232,694	-	232,694	(232,694)	-
Total Restricted Funds	164,913	85,000	387,997	(13,333)	459,664	(389,164)	235,413

Grants for specific purposes during the year were:-

- 1) A grant of £35,000 from the Big Lottery Fund towards the Housing First project.
- 2) A grant of £11,250 from The Drapers' Charitable Fund towards the creation of an online platform for the Outreach ACCESS service.
- 3) A grant of £90,000 towards the Housing First project, to include the salary of a specialist Housing First women's worker, and a second grant of £10,000 (part of a £120,000 grant over three years) from the Henry Smith Charity towards the Access to Housing and Benefits service project.
- 4) A grant of £1,600 towards work force retention was received from Lewisham.

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6b RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

- 5) A grant of £20,000 from Garfield Weston towards the ACCESS service.
- 6) A third grant of £35,000 from the Tudor Trust towards the continuation of the Housing First project, and an extra grant of £2,000 to support staff, volunteer and trustee wellbeing during Covid-19.
- 7) The Jessica Mathers Trust has donated the use of office space and related services at Jessica's Heart, 14 New King St, Deptford, London SE8 3HS. This has been included at its estimated value.

Contracts entered into during the year

- 1) The contract with LB Lewisham to provide a Housing First Service was renewed. The aim is to support homeless clients with high needs to move into housing. Then to support these clients to successfully maintain their tenancies through a personalised support package.
- 2) A new contract with Lewisham Refugee & Migrant Network for the delivery of immigration advice for rough sleepers.

7 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Cash at Bank	165,284	164,106	329,390	463,211
Cash in Hand	3,230	-	3,230	913
	168,514	164,106	332,620	464,124

8 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Income Receivable	991	97,083	98,074	78,627
Tax Refund on Gift Aid	1,572	-	1,572	1,590
Prepayments	1,110	1,086	2,196	1,500
	3,673	98,169	101,842	81,717

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9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
Deferred Income	-	13,333	13,333	85,000
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	389	14,263	14,652	16,585
	389	27,596	27,985	101,585

See Note 6b regarding Deferred Income for Restricted Funds of £13,333.

10 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Restricted Funds £
As at June 2021	17,000
Charge to Insurance Expenditure	1,000
As at 30 June 2022	18,000

The provision is for the estimated cost of additional professional indemnity insurance required by LB Lewisham for the twelve years following the expiry of their contract.

11 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	433,495	319,248
Employer's National Insurance Costs	32,220	22,996
Pension Costs	12,712	9,458
	478,427	351,702

Employees who were engaged in furtherance of the charity's objectives:

2022	2021
19	15

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

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12 TAXATION

The charitable company is a registered charity and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

13 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to Trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period.
No other material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of Bench Outreach on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 set out on pages 9 to 18.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees for my examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's total income exceeds £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having been satisfied that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to show that:
 - accounting records are kept (in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011), and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102)
- or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 26 March 2023