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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1081657

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
OUSEBURN TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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| TRUSTEES | Ms S Spencer (resigned 21.7.20) |
| | Mr R G Bland |
| | Dr M Giesen |
| | Mr D Cross |
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| REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER | 03147853 |
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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

As set out in our objects in the articles of association (updated 7th July 2011) as follows:

The promotion for the public benefit of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social or economic deprivation (and in particular the Lower Ouseburn Valley, bounded by the River Tyne to the south, Warwick St to the north, Newington Rd, Elizabeth St, Metro line and disused railway line to the east and Crawhall Rd and Stoddart St to the west) by all or any of the following means:

- i. the preservation of buildings and sites of historic or architectural importance
- ii. the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms
- iii. the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities
- iv. the protection and conservation of the environment
- v. the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience
- vi. the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other statutory bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing
- vii. the provision of recreation facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities
- viii. the promotion of public safety and the prevention of crime
- ix. the relief of poverty
- x. the relief of unemployment
- xi. for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion see fit from time to time

Values:

It aims to undertake a wide range of activities that deliver these objects based on strong organisational values:

- Inclusive
- Transparent
- Creative
- Sustainable
- Excellence
- Continuity
- Positive
- Responsive

Focus of our work:

The Trust works closely with an extensive range of stakeholders, including Newcastle City Council, to regenerate this historic part of central Newcastle with the intention of creating a diverse and economically successful 'urban village' that has a strong emphasis on the arts and creative industry sectors. The Trust has a comprehensive property portfolio of its own that generates income for the Trust, in addition it undertakes a number of community facing activities that support increased community engagement and participation.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The Ouseburn Trust focuses on the unique built and social heritage of Newcastle's Lower Ouseburn Valley. This is a designated conservation area with a long and varied history and is particularly noted as being integral to the story of Tyneside's industrial past.

Since the merger with Ouseburn Futures in 2017 and the establishment of sub-groups to administer the work we engage in around Planning, the Environment, Transport and Heritage, the level of engagement with people who live, work and spend their leisure time in the Ouseburn from neighbouring communities and those further afield has been incredibly encouraging. Positive enhancements to the area in terms of the influence on new developments, streetscape improvements, and pathways and green space are significant and our reputation as a credible force of good for the Valley has grown, resulting in stronger relationships with stakeholders.

We remain driven by a clear desire that heritage activities in the area should be used as part of an over-arching strategy to maintain what has become a thriving centre for cultural activity in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Our heritage-focused activities include bringing at-risk historic buildings back into long-term community and commercial use through carefully considered redevelopment with clear community benefit. This ensures that the historic aesthetic of the conservation area is maintained, whilst preventing inappropriate changes to its inimitable atmosphere and character.

Key aspects of our social heritage resource are our incredibly rich photographic and oral history archives. These comprise a collection of 60,000 images taken by Davey Pearson, ten albums of images taken by Richard Blossie, 3,000 images taken by the Trust and over fifty hours of interview recordings. We endeavour to maintain, expand and interpret these valuable assets, largely through the efforts of our heritage volunteers and associated heritage research volunteers, and we have begun to deliver themed exhibitions in local venues to promote our work. This year we completed the archiving of the Davey Pearson collection.

2020 - Covid

The Trust has for many years delivered a popular programme of guided summer walks, which are used to promote the historic environment and social history of the Lower Ouseburn Valley, and in 2019 developed and launched regular Saturday morning guided walks exploring the history of the Ouseburn Valley, its more recent regeneration story and what the future holds. We piloted a winter talks programme last year and this year moved it online, increasing attendance at the events and looked at the geology of the Ouseburn, Butterflies and Dragonflies, Hope and Opportunity and J W Carmichael once more delivered by our valuable volunteers.

We had ambitious plans to build on these successes with more opportunities for engagement in 2020, but the pandemic had a devastating effect on what we were able to deliver. For the first 3 months of the year we were able to deliver nothing in the way of walks or talks or even our award winning Victoria Tunnel Tours. Our priority was to keep both the visiting public and our guides and speakers safe.

Instead, we worked hard to secure grant funding to mitigate the loss of income from these activities and sought ways to engage our audiences virtually instead at a time when activity for the mind as much as the body was of vital importance to people. We secured grants that simply replaced the lost income but also funding from Historic England to develop our virtual offer. We used it to fund some filming and software to run virtual tours for the public and schools and to deliver a programme of online talks.

These provided us with some income but perhaps of greater importance ensured that we remained active as an organisation during the pandemic providing activity to engage with, and something for people to do.

The accounts show how the Trust has performed in economic terms during the last year, but they do not tell the whole story. As a socially responsible organisation, with a strong commitment to its values, what follows are some examples of how the organisation has successfully delivered its objectives during a challenging 12 months.

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Projects:

To a large degree, our ambition with regard to developing property was put on hold, while we addressed other more pressing priorities. We were, however, able to undertake some exploratory work in preparation for when we emerge from the pandemic and resume our plans.

26 Lime Street, Horatio Vaults and James Place Street

2020 has shone a different light on the projects we have been working on. Working practices have begun to change. We have begun to review the requirements we now have for how and where we might develop the heritage and other projects we run. We have explored the space required to do that effectively as a team and with a Board task group and through a strategic review planned for this year, expect to revise what our priorities are.

We still aspire to grow our tours, walks and talks, and plan to enhance the engagement with our archive and other resources in physical spaces but the demand for this may have changed in the context of experiences audiences have had and the risks that remain as we move into 2021/22 so we need to reflect that in our offer.

Heritage:

This is one of our most active programmes, directly involving many volunteers, active community participation and increasing the number of visitors to the Valley, but the last 12 months have seen this activity take on a very different character, with much of the engagement taking place through virtual tours, talks, and through social media

The Trust works with a dedicated group of volunteers to develop physical and digital archives of heritage material that we aim to make more publicly accessible through the internet and a fit-for-purpose visitor resource facility.

This includes oral history recordings and the photographic archive that jointly help to create a strong sense of place and value about the area. Included in these resources are a collection from local photographer Richard Blossie, who recorded the building of the Byker Wall and the physical changes that impacted local communities as a result. Some prints of Richard's photographs are displayed in the Byker Community Trust offices. Our photo archive volunteers work hard digitising and cataloguing the photo collection to help unlock its full potential.

The Victoria Tunnel remained the number one visitor attraction in Newcastle on Trip Advisor once more. There is a modest charge to cover running costs and repairs of the tunnel, but it receives no other public subsidy. 2020, however, saw a reduction in the number of visitors for the first time in 10 years. Through the dedication of staff and volunteers though, we were innovative and developed an offer that could bring the Tunnel to life through a screen, opening the opportunity up to a much broader audience than ever before, and developing a tool that we can continue to use and run in tandem with physical tours once they can resume.

Single household Tunnel tours and walks were able to resume briefly during the summer of 2020, but this was short lived and while they will resume again in Spring of 2021, we are keen to return to the experience we once offered our audiences and build on that with the other ideas in development.

Environment

In the summer of 2019, the Trust recruited an Environment Officer to provide coordination of the work we are ambitious to deliver for our green spaces in the Valley, to offer support for our existing volunteers and to recruit more volunteers and volunteer supervisors to help us deliver this programme of work.

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During the year, as with other activity, we had to prioritise the safety of our volunteers and visitors and reduce the scale of what we do significantly. We have planted some new trees, thinned out the woodland, managed litter and unwanted graffiti but not on the scale we hoped to. We have maintained the green spaces throughout the public realm in the Lower Ouseburn Valley during the pandemic to ensure that pathways remained safe and wide for public use and litter was managed as well as possible.

In partnership with Ouseburn Farm, we were successful in securing £50,000 of investment for the revitalization of the Orchard and Pond, the rejuvenation of the Stone Seating Circle beneath the Cumberland Arms and the management of the woodland between Stepney Road and the Cumberland beneath the City Stadium. This work is yet to begin (in the Autumn) but tenders have been prepared and planning has been undertaken during the winter.

The City Council are supporting this work with further investment in the green spaces with pathways to connect important through routes and to complement the work funded by the grant.

Property, Business & Enterprise:

The Trust has had another successful year in terms of property rentals, with all properties occupied, and tenants content with their premises and the service we provide. Tenants of the Trust, much like all tenants have reviewed their working practices this year, following an obligatory period of home working for many staff, and some have decided to downsize. Fortunately for the Trust others have chosen to expand so while we have experience changes, we have had no voids on our property during the year.

The Trust has received regular enquiries from businesses looking to establish or relocate in the Ouseburn Valley demonstrating the sustained demand for commercial premises locally even during the pandemic and have continued to perform a matchmaking service to match enquiries with owners who have lettable space.

We have continued to manage commercial and community tenants in-house, identifying opportunities for improvements to the properties and investment in security, fire safety, and ongoing maintenance, with a large-scale investment in one premises to remove asbestos. While this had previously been considered safe, we felt it was good practice to address the presence of it by removing all traces.

Part of the riverside walkway is owned by the Trust and is used extensively by visitors and residents. It provides a haven for wildlife, an opportunity to study the area from a different perspective and a traffic free route leading from the heart of the valley towards the River Tyne. The site next to the area containing the Liddel and Henzel glass kilns is being redeveloped and the developer has agreed to enhance the interpretation of the kilns as part of their works which will showcase better another facet of the Valley's important history.

The new card only parking meter installed in 2018, for Arches 4 and 5, with its contactless facility has come into its own this year reducing the risk of transmission. Customers can choose to pay in the office if they prefer to use cash, but usually only one or two daily take up this offer. As with other areas of the business, car parking income has fallen dramatically this year, but we expect that to rise again as activities open up again in 2021/22.

Increasing the amount of community engagement and participation:

The Trust continues to provide support to Stepney Bank Stables by charging a reduced rent, which is designed to support their commitment to delivering social value through their work. The trust retains a reversionary interest in the first and second floors of the Steenberg's property, this is occupied by two Registered Social Landlords, Home Housing and Tyne Housing Association, who are only charged a peppercorn rent for the 22 flats they occupy.

Our website and social media channels have helped us to communicate our evolving offers and projects, generate income, and effectively reach both existing and new audiences. In addition, they've also provided a much-needed platform to share heritage-based content.

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In May 2020, we launched our Ouseburn Heritage Blog, and every month since, we've invited our heritage research volunteers to contribute articles on topics they're passionate about. Whilst being a great activity to engage volunteers, particularly as many were forced to shield during lockdowns, the blog engaged 2,361 readers throughout the year.

Our online events have been well received too. After its launch in November, the Virtual Victoria Tunnel Experience was screened to 640 households and 426 pupils. Ouseburn Talks Online were watched by 262 households.

Social media was instrumental in helping us stay active and prominent in the community. Our Facebook page saw a follower increase of 49%, and each of our Virtual Victoria Tunnel Experience event pages during this period were consistently viewed by tens of thousands of people. A new Instagram page gained over 1,500 followers in this first year. What's more, over 80% of these new followers are aged 18 - 44 and represent a demographic we historically struggled to reach.

Acting as a source for quality information and advice:

Moving our office and tunnel tour base to a more public facing premises has enabled the Trust to perform more effectively as a location for providing local information and resources, and through our merger with Ouseburn Futures, and the adoption/creation of sub-groups with a focus on Planning and Development and Transport in particular, operate a forum within which our community of interest can engage in key topics and influence policy.

As part of the VCSE resilience fund we secured this year, we worked with Peter Deans on a report of our Impact across all areas of our work, which was a very insightful and rewarding piece of work, the outcomes of which will be published in our Annual Report in the summer.

We have used the website to raise money for crowdfunding schemes, and for adding value to consultations we conduct in person, working with local attractions to help shape it into a resource for driving traffic to the right place for visitors so they can acquire the information they require more easily.

Our Ouseburn Valley News publication, this year produced as an e-newsletter, continues to act as an important source of information about what is happening in and around the Ouseburn Valley. We could not what we do without the dedicated help and support of our volunteers, for whom we are extremely grateful.

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Public benefit:

Public benefit is achieved by undertaking a wide range of activities. During the last year the Trust has been involved in:

- Delivering a heritage programme, drawing on the Trust's assets such as archive materials, oral histories, volunteering, Victoria Tunnel tours, publications, heritage walks & talks.
- Maximising the Ouseburn Trust's intellectual and physical assets in order to create a viable and sustainable organisation. Encouraging enterprise and supporting entrepreneurial behaviour internally and externally to improve the business and arts cluster that is emerging within the Ouseburn Valley.
- Increasing the amount of community participation and influencing the local regeneration process through more active volunteering and better quality participation in the local governance process. The purpose being to increase the amount of social and economic capital generated in the Ouseburn Valley.
- Providing information and resources for the local community.
- Acting as a trusted intermediary and source of advice for people wanting to find out more about the area and working with others to increase the number of visitors and services to those who want to visit the valley.
- Simultaneously it has worked to maintain effective internal governance and internal efficiencies through a process of continuous improvement.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The financial position for the year shows a deficit for the year of (£6,333) (2020: £36,318), including income and expenditure in respect of restricted funds. The Trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

The Trust retained full occupancy of its properties throughout the year. We have performed well enough to increase staff resource while simultaneously improving our financial position through a commitment to investment in new initiatives while closely monitoring spend across the organisation. Through the merger and the decision to engage once again in activities with a greater community focus we have successfully raised our profile as a guardian for the Valley.

The Board remains vigilant and closely monitors financial performance and operational activity on a regular basis through 6 bi monthly Board meetings and 4 Finance Group meetings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

How finance has helped to deliver the charitable objects

The Trust relies on a mix of income to deliver its objectives. This comes from property it owns, projects it manages, and grant funding support. The Trust is proud to no longer be reliant on grant funding but makes applications to launch new initiatives or add value to existing work.

Reserves policy

The charity held at the end of the period £1,371,633 (2020: £1,377,966) in reserves of which £16,789 (2020: £16,789) was in respect of restricted funds and £1,354,844 (2020: £1,361,177) in respect of unrestricted funds.

Unrestricted funds include the buildings and property the charity owns in the Ouseburn area. At the year-end, the properties were valued at £1,198,000 (2020: £1,198,000), excluding depreciation.

Free reserves, excluding reserves used for fixed assets, designated or restricted purposes amounted to £196,020 (2020: £193,424) at the end of the year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Going concern

As at 31st March 2021 the charity has a surplus of assets of £1,371,633. Based upon this factor, the trustees consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The company was incorporated on 18 January 1996, it is limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association, which were revised on 7 July 2011. The company is a Registered Charity - number 1081657. It obtained charitable status on 20 July 2000.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Directors may also be co-opted by the Board in which case they are required to stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The charity is managed by a committee of up to 12 trustees drawn from within the Trust's membership. Directors retire by rotation on a three-year basis. The Board is responsible for overall strategy and policy, organisational health and management of risk. It meets bi-monthly and assesses actual performance against forecast.

Since the convergence with Ouseburn Futures in 2017, the governance structure has been altered to operate in addition to the Board through sub-groups with thematic focuses such as Planning and Development, Environment and Transport and Heritage.

Membership of the sub-groups is open to any Board member, resident, employee of the Valley or anyone with an interest in the place. Those with specific interests are encouraged to participate. These groups provide an opportunity for people with specialist skills or experience to join the Trust.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees undertake a formal induction when they are appointed. They are provided with a role description, Charities Commission disclaimer and registration documents, a copy of the latest accounts and the up to date financial position of the Trust, the latest annual report, the risk register, details of the history of the Trust and a list of the property owned by the Trust. They are also shown a map of the area, a meetings schedule, and also one to one meetings are held with the Trust manager, Chair and head of each internal sub group. A pack is given containing Trust policies and procedures and a forward business plan. Two way questions are encouraged.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ouseburn Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

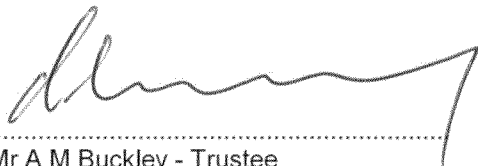
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Robson Laidler Accountants Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr A M Buckley - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF OUSEBURN TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ouseburn Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF OUSEBURN TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

[1]The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud is deemed to be low within the entity as the charity operate strong internal controls to mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

[1]Manual journal entries are scrutinised by data analytics software used as part of the audit.

[1]The laws and regulations which are considered to be significant to the entity relate to health and safety. Discussions are held with management to determine whether any breaches have occurred as well as legal expenditure being scrutinised for any evidence on non-compliance.

[1]The audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities only to the extent of the substantive testing performed and from discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Date: 25 June 2021

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

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
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| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 96,502 | 18,245 | 114,747 | 25,136 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | 232 | - | 232 | 233 |
| Other trading activities | 3 | 127,080 | - | 127,080 | 222,510 |
| Investment income | 4 | 38 | - | 38 | 164 |
| Total | | 223,852 | 18,245 | 242,097 | 248,043 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | |
| Raising funds | | 25,242 | 3,450 | 28,692 | 19,772 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | 204,943 | 14,795 | 219,738 | 191,953 |
| Total | | 230,185 | 18,245 | 248,430 | 211,725 |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (6,333) | - | (6,333) | 36,318 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 1,361,177 | 16,789 | 1,377,966 | 1,341,648 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 1,354,844 | 16,789 | 1,371,633 | 1,377,966 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

OUSEBURN TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03147853)

**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2021**

| | Notes | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 7 | 262,520 | 268,402 |
| Investment property | 8 | 928,000 | 928,000 |
| | | 1,190,520 | 1,196,402 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Stocks | 9 | 2,572 | 2,039 |
| Debtors | 10 | 31,870 | 35,947 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 181,155 | 173,185 |
| | | 215,597 | 211,171 |
| CREDITORS | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 11 | (34,484) | (29,607) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 181,113 | 181,564 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 1,371,633 | 1,377,966 |
| NET ASSETS | | 1,371,633 | 1,377,966 |
| FUNDS | 14 | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 1,354,844 | 1,361,177 |
| Restricted funds | | 16,789 | 16,789 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | 1,371,633 | 1,377,966 |

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 25 JUNE 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

 25 June 2021
Mr A M Buckley - Trustee

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Statement of compliance

Ouseburn Trust is an incorporated charity (charity number: 1081657). The registered office and other statutory information is detailed on the contents page.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the ground that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. The Trustees have considered a period of 12 months from the balance sheet date and consider no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made.

Ouseburn Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity entry under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

The financial accounts are prepared in Sterling (£).

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Ouseburn Trust as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company has taken the option under Section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated financial statements as the company's subsidiaries are considered to be immaterial.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs allocated to activities comprise those costs incurred which directly relate to that activity, together with an appropriate proportion of support costs.

Tangible fixed assets

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

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold property - 2% on straight line basis
Office equipment - 20% on reducing balance

Investment property

Freehold investment properties are valued on an open market valuation basis assuming vacant possession.

Stocks

Stocks, which represent stocks of books relating to the Ouseburn Valley, are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Corporate taxation

As a charity, the company is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial accounts.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

Trade debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account 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.

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| Donations | 1,505 | 7,786 |
| Grants | 113,242 | 17,350 |
| | <u>114,747</u> | <u>25,136</u> |

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

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Esmee Fairbairn | - | 15,000 |
| KPS Qube | - | 1,750 |
| Neighbourly Limited | - | 200 |
| Alpkit Foundation | - | 400 |
| Historic England | 18,245 | - |
| Covid JRS | 29,689 | - |
| NCC - Covid Winter Relief | 21,308 | - |
| Power To Change | 25,000 | - |
| NCC- VCSE Resilience Fund | 19,000 | - |
| | <u>113,242</u> | <u>17,350</u> |

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rental income | 92,284 | 91,424 |
| Parking meter and sundry income | 23,607 | 35,943 |
| Victoria tunnel museum income | 11,189 | 95,143 |
| | <u>127,080</u> | <u>222,510</u> |

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Deposit account interest | 38 | 164 |
| | <u>38</u> | <u>164</u> |

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Depreciation - owned assets | 8,930 | 7,910 |
| Auditors remuneration | 3,238 | 2,390 |
| | <u>12,168</u> | <u>10,300</u> |

OUSEBURN TRUST

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

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31st March 2020 and 31st March 2021 no expenses were reimbursed to the trustees of the charity.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold property £ | Office equipment £ | Totals £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| COST | | | |
| At 1 April 2020 | 270,000 | 33,583 | 303,583 |
| Additions | - | 3,048 | 3,048 |
| At 31 March 2021 | 270,000 | 36,631 | 306,631 |
| DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 April 2020 | 16,200 | 18,981 | 35,181 |
| Charge for year | 5,400 | 3,530 | 8,930 |
| At 31 March 2021 | 21,600 | 22,511 | 44,111 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 March 2021 | 248,400 | 14,120 | 262,520 |
| At 31 March 2020 | 253,800 | 14,602 | 268,402 |

Freehold property was revalued by the trustees on an open market basis at 31 March 2017. The trustees took into account rental yields in the area in forming their valuation.

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

| | £ |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| FAIR VALUE | |
| At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 | 928,000 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31 March 2021 | 928,000 |
| At 31 March 2020 | 928,000 |

Subsequent improvement work undertaken on investment property has been included at cost.

The Lime Street Warehouse Flats reversionary interest has been included at a value of £1. The trust also owns a riverside walkway in the Lower Ouseburn Valley for the enjoyment of the general public. This has not been valued in the accounts given difficulties in establishing a market value, as is permitted by the SORP.

OUSEBURN TRUST

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

9. STOCKS

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Stocks | <u>2,572</u> | <u>2,039</u> |

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 16,268 | 24,696 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | <u>15,602</u> | <u>11,251</u> |
| | <u>31,870</u> | <u>35,947</u> |

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other loans (see note 12) | - | 8,918 |
| Trade creditors | 13,608 | 10,933 |
| Other creditors | <u>13,251</u> | <u>130</u> |
| Accruals and deferred income | 7,625 | 9,626 |
| | <u>34,484</u> | <u>29,607</u> |

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year on demand: | | |
| Other loans | <u>-</u> | <u>8,918</u> |

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | 2021 Total funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fixed assets | 262,520 | - | 262,520 | 268,402 |
| Investments | 928,000 | - | 928,000 | 928,000 |
| Current assets | 198,808 | 16,789 | 215,597 | 211,171 |
| Current liabilities | <u>(34,484)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(34,484)</u> | <u>(29,607)</u> |
| | <u>1,354,844</u> | <u>16,789</u> | <u>1,371,633</u> | <u>1,377,966</u> |

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

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.4.20 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.3.21 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 193,423 | 2,597 | 196,020 |
| Capital Reserve | 1,167,754 | (8,930) | 1,158,824 |
| | <u>1,361,177</u> | <u>(6,333)</u> | <u>1,354,844</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Ouseburn Futures | 16,114 | - | 16,114 |
| Maling Fund | 675 | - | 675 |
| | <u>16,789</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16,789</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>1,377,966</u> | <u>(6,333)</u> | <u>1,371,633</u> |

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

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 223,852 | (221,255) | 2,597 |
| Capital Reserve | - | (8,930) | (8,930) |
| | <u>223,852</u> | <u>(230,185)</u> | <u>(6,333)</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Virtual tours | 18,245 | (18,245) | - |
| | <u>18,245</u> | <u>(18,245)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>242,097</u> | <u>(248,430)</u> | <u>(6,333)</u> |

Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1.4.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | At 31.3.20 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 142,984 | 50,440 | 193,424 |
| Capital Reserve | 1,175,661 | (7,908) | 1,167,753 |
| | <u>1,318,645</u> | <u>42,532</u> | <u>1,361,177</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Ouseburn Futures | 19,503 | (3,389) | 16,114 |
| Environment Officer | 3,500 | (3,500) | - |
| Maling Fund | - | 675 | 675 |
| | <u>23,003</u> | <u>(6,214)</u> | <u>16,789</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>1,341,648</u> | <u>36,318</u> | <u>1,377,966</u> |

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

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | |
| General fund | 245,693 | (195,253) | 50,440 |
| Capital Reserve | - | (7,908) | (7,908) |
| | <u>245,693</u> | <u>(203,161)</u> | <u>42,532</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | |
| Ouseburn Futures | - | (3,389) | (3,389) |
| Environment Officer | 600 | (4,100) | (3,500) |
| Maling Fund | 1,750 | (1,075) | 675 |
| | <u>2,350</u> | <u>(8,564)</u> | <u>(6,214)</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>248,043</u> | <u>(211,725)</u> | <u>36,318</u> |

Restricted funds of the charity are separately identified on receipt and relate to specific projects for which funding was applied. The funds can only be expended on the specific projects. A split of the restricted funds between separate projects can be seen above.

Ouseburn Futures

Newcastle City Council have agreed that the money the Trust holds for Ouseburn Futures, following the convergence of Ouseburn Trust and Ouseburn Futures will remain under the financial control of the Ouseburn Trust and remain ring fenced as a restricted fund for the same use - delivering the objectives of the Ouseburn Regeneration Plan.

Environment Officer

The trust has secured financial support for the creation of an Environment Officer post to manage and develop green space initiatives for the Lower Ouseburn Valley, to include maintenance and enhancement of the in-between spaces key to overall appearance and experience of the place for residents, workers and visitors.

Maling Fund

The Trust has secured contributions for heritage, environment and the building of the bandstand.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

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

16. LEGAL STATUS OF THE TRUST

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. 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.