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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**  
**FOR**  
**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

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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 31st March 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**

As Brighton & Hove's loneliness charity, our objective is to create connections to change lives in the city. We do this through award winning befriending, social prescribing, and a range of volunteering programmes. Our work would not be possible without the support of 500 volunteers who give 16,500+ hours a year. We help people increase their independence, confidence and wellbeing. 97% of clients report a positive change in their lives. In a city of nearly 300,000, no one should be lonely or socially isolated. Together, we can make sure no one is.

In 2022-23 we continued to deliver critical services to people living in Brighton & Hove, using our core delivery of befriending and social prescribing to reach individuals and communities most affected by the cost-of-living crisis and those recovering from the pandemic. This landscape has plunged more people into isolation as they make choices about whether to heat, eat or go out. We heard first-hand about the challenges some of our members and volunteers are now facing, with anxiety and mental health as the main reasons for referral. We're proud to have so strongly fulfilled our organisational purpose and celebrate the fact that despite operating under challenging circumstances, we have had yet another year of expanding our reach.

### **Public benefit**

During 2022-23, Together Co delivered services that prevented and alleviated loneliness and social isolation, positively supporting people's health and wellbeing. We continued to adapt the delivery of our services to test and pilot new ways of engaging with our community and were able to respond with flexibility to the changing needs of those accessing services.

Our programmes continued to retain a strong focus on the needs of those we supported and services were provided free of charge to individuals. Removing red tape for volunteer engagement remains a core priority, and the team supported volunteers to access provision for expenses and training. Access is monitored based on the Brighton & Hove City Council equalities monitoring framework and our internal processes. Our single access point for referrals enables us to assess the right place for each person. We built a network of groups and people who can support the access and promotion of our work within different communities to widen our reach and reduce barriers.

### **Staffing**

Together Co's staff continue to be key to the organisation's strength and the reason it can consistently deliver high quality services to so many. The period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 saw considerable change and restructure. The aim was to improve efficiency, value for money and make sure that each individual member of staff could work to their fullest potential and feel fulfilled in their job roles. On 31st March 2023, Together Co had 21 members of staff, of whom 8 were full time employees (35 hours per week) and the remainder worked a variety of part time hours. During this period there were a total of 5 leavers; 2 of these were resignations and 3 were related to redundancy of post. There were 3 new members of staff recruited: Together Co's new permanent CEO and 2 new members in the communications/engagement team. This was the same number of people that had been recruited in the previous 12-month period. This was a turnover rate of 9% (not including the redundancies). This compares favourably to a total of 12 leavers during the previous 12-month period.

The recruitment of Together Co's new CEO has assisted with the delivery and development of a clear new organisational strategy. They have effectively guided teams with a clear purpose to achieve the overall aims of the organisation. They have developed effective line managers to ensure each member of staff will be supported and encouraged to deliver effective outputs. Alongside this, there has been greater emphasis given to employee wellbeing.



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## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

#### **Together Co Social Prescribing**

As social connections are key to being happy and healthy, social prescribing (SP) is about finding the support people want and need, especially after losing out on social and community connections during the pandemic. People are referred to SP by their GP, or they self-refer, and trained Together Co Link Workers work with them to understand the challenges they face. They help clients think about their goals and how to achieve them. Our volunteers step in where clients need help accessing services or groups. We know that through supporting people to connect with their community, their health and wellbeing is improved. This may be going to a new lunch club or choir practice, or for a walk around the park after a long period of self-isolation in their home.

In 2022-23, we focused on getting back into the community and on developing our connections, to improve support for our clients and reduce barriers to access. Through a programme of targeted outreach, the team has increased their presence in local neighbourhoods and delivered social prescribing support in the community in a variety of settings. This has included Link Workers attending food banks, local pharmacies, libraries, art groups, community venues such as the Bevy, The Real Junk Food Project and community safety initiatives such as fire blanket testing. Our outreach work allowed Link Workers to provide both on-the-spot and in-depth social prescribing support to people who may otherwise not know about, or feel able to, access our service. Link Workers engaged with over 300 people through outreach during the year.

Being present and visible meant that Together Co remained connected to what was happening in neighbourhoods. It meant we could encourage clients to make use of the resources within their local communities while they looked to make changes to their situation or improve their wellbeing. Our SP Champion programme began, helping us to build community links and raise awareness of services through sharing of resources.

Increasing access has also been a focus of our partnerships, pathways, and professional links this year. We linked with the Job Centre, Lunch Positive, Speak Out, Possibility People, Healthy Lifestyles Team and hospital acute teams. This further developed referral pathways and enabled us to explore how social prescribing can support service users to address their wider social, emotional and practical needs. In some cases, Link Workers attended groups and services on a regular basis - to develop trust and create opportunities for conversations with people about the support they need.

“Being in a trusted and familiar setting makes people feel more confident to have a chat and to ask questions about the service, and to then also consider what things they may want to have support with, for example social activities, groups and advice.” **Link Worker attending Lunch Positive**

Link Workers continued to develop relationships and pathways within our two Primary Care Networks. They increased the number of people being referred to social prescribing through their GP practice and supported engagement of patients through targeted work e.g. with carers, patients with learning disabilities and those with digital access needs. Undertaking the role of Digital Ambassadors, our Link Workers in West Hove collaborated with the Hangleton & Knoll Project, and volunteers, to link clients to digital support within the community and GP practices.

Targeted outreach and pathways enabled us to help address local health inequalities and increase access for groups and individuals facing more barriers. Our work within neighbourhoods and primary care supports access to social prescribing wherever people are and when the time is right for them.

"I've come such a long way from where I was when I started. Social Prescribing helped me to push myself and think that everything was going to be alright - my Link Worker made me realise that. It helped me through a tough time in a big way. I'm very grateful for the support you gave me." **Social Prescribing client**



Working in partnership with Sussex Interpreting Services, we provided tailored social prescribing support to Ukrainians arriving in the city. Additional capacity meant we could work flexibly and creatively, utilising the strengths and skills within the partnership to respond to people's needs. We adapted our approach based on learning and feedback from the community. We offered support within familiar settings, in spaces Ukrainians were already accessing, to maximise opportunities for support.

This year we reinstated in-person meetings of the Brighton & Hove Social Prescribing Network, which we host. The network of 23 organisations delivers a range of social prescribing in the city and meets quarterly to share good practice and knowledge on services and support available for clients.

"It's helpful that social prescribing can link in with lots of different expertise and knowledge because no one person or organisation has all the information. The Living Well programme helped me feel less alone - the most beneficial thing about it is connecting with people who understand what you are going through, which is rare."

"Together Co changed my life. I wouldn't be here without your support." **Social Prescribing clients**

Interest in social prescribing and its impact continues to grow. This year we were invited to talk about our SP services to a variety of audiences at over 10 events; including at the Campaign to End Loneliness International Conference, NHS personalised care webinar, DCMS focus group and Action for Happiness Brighton event.

#### **Social Prescribing Plus (SP Plus)**

Our SP Plus service continues to offer specialist social prescribing via our collaboration with four other delivery partners: LGBT Switchboard offer Trans and Non-Binary SP; Trust for Developing Communities offer outreach SP with ethnically diverse communities; Sussex Interpreting Services support people with language needs via their Bilingual Community Navigators; and Friends, Families & Travellers offer SP via active outreach to Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.

249 people were supported by SP Plus partners, 1,196 SP sessions were delivered, along with 674 onward referrals being made. This year the SP Plus Partnership won the National Association of Link Workers (NALW) award for 'Social Prescribing Partnership of the Year'. The Judges said: "Together Co's Brighton & Hove Social Prescribing Plus Partnership is a strong example of using social prescribing to address health inequalities, and an inspiration for integrated social prescribing partnerships. The breadth of Partnership, the recruitment of Social Prescribing Link Workers with lived experience to reach people from minority groups, the focus on those groups that find it hardest to engage positively with conventional services, and the qualitative and quantitative evidence demonstrating the impact of this approach, made them outstanding."

This work enabled us to champion good practice and widened the inclusiveness and accessibility of social prescribing in Brighton & Hove, addressing health inequalities. In 2023-24, our SP Plus partnership will grow as we work with new, (Robin Hood Health Foundation) and existing partners (SIS and TDC), who will be delivering the Newcomers Social Prescribing service. This will expand support for asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants in our city.

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#### **Social Prescribing Impact**

Overall, 1,750 referrals were made into Together Co social prescribing and SP Plus partner services (22% increase on the previous year). The number of people supported during the year was 1,423, (an increase of 9% on the previous year). 4,211 sessions were provided to clients. Link Workers made 3,258 onward referrals to over 325 different agencies.

#### **Increasing demand for our services**

At Together Co we saw referral numbers and those supported increase across all our pathways, compared with the previous year:

- Citywide referrals increased by 151% and clients supported by 101%
- SP Plus referrals increased by 88% and clients supported by 49%
- PCN (West Hove and Deans & Central Brighton PCNs) referrals increased by 41% and clients supported by 35%, including 113 Digital Access and Learning Disability engagements

Clients continued to report very positive outcomes following social prescribing support from Together Co.

99% of clients surveyed reported a positive change in at least one area of their lives including:

- 44% said their satisfaction with the amount they socialise had improved
- 54% said they were more able to access local activities
- 93% felt better informed about what was available to them
- 46% said they had more of the support they needed than before
- 59% felt they needed less support to cope with issues than before
- 67% reported improved wellbeing.

We sought feedback from our clients through evaluation calls. They provided opportunities to listen and consider how we could adapt and improve our service. They also gave us a chance to assess clients' progress and any remaining support needs. On average, service users rated the usefulness of the SP service as 4.5 out of 5.



### **Together Co Befriending**

Together Co befriending matches people with people to create friendships that make life better, all through the simple power of human connection. Our programme is one of the country's largest, longest running 'good neighbour' befriending services. Befriending Coordinators take into account people's preferences, skills, interests, and availability to match them with the right volunteer and provide appropriate support. We know that the befriending visits done in 2022-23 addressed a diverse range of needs, from falls and scams prevention to accompanying to medical appointments, meal sharing, café visits and simple DIY. Clients expressed needs relating to loneliness, lack of hope, low mood, and isolation. Regular interaction with their befriender goes a long way to address this, especially now, as the older people we support are amongst those suffering most from the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We have supported people ranging in age from 18 years to 102 years old.

"I couldn't be without Together Co or my volunteers. I am so thankful to my Coordinator who gets my matches exactly right thank you."

"Life is much better, having a chat and laughing is lovely and I look forward to seeing my volunteer."  
**Befriending matches**

In 2022-23, we continued to provide a range of befriending services including one-to-one in-person befriending, telephone befriending, group befriending, and short-term befriending. Throughout the year, we saw a return to more face-to-face befriending following the pandemic, with over 70% of people currently receiving in-person support.

We were delighted to receive reaccreditation for the Quality in Befriending Award, with the recognition that we continue to offer a high-quality service. Together Co befriending is also proud to be a member of the Ageing Well Partnership and the lead partner for the Brighton & Hove City Council Befriending Links Partnership. Both partnerships provided opportunities for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and learning with our partners. They enabled us to work together to support people in accessing the services that best fit their needs.

We continue to work closely with Together Co social prescribing so that everyone coming to Together Co can be offered wrap-around support, including information and further opportunities to make connections.

This service remains in high demand, so we recently expanded our befriending social groups and now operate in three locations across the city. We also organised events to bring people together. In May 2022, we hosted a Platinum Jubilee party, and in December 2022, our Christmas/winter party. We were delighted that partner organisations attended these events. We collaborated with the RSPCA to encourage our clients and volunteers to foster and adopt animals, promoting a "therapeutic" relationship to combat isolation. In February 2023, we held an event on the Palace Pier to promote this collaboration, with TV personality Gail Porter and Celebrity Vet Marc Abraham supporting us.

"The people at the group are very friendly and I have made new friends."

"It's been a life changer, since having my befriender I feel more positive and optimistic." Befriending matches

As well as providing opportunities for social connection, we also supported people facing financial difficulties by signposting them to financial assistance, including food shopping vouchers, energy support, and Money Advice for financial hardship. The service continued to serve as a valuable link and source of advice and information for many vulnerable people living alone in the city e.g. we were able to personally deliver several "Warm Packs" containing a £50 voucher and helpful items to our scheme members, which were so gratefully received in Autumn 2022.

We are proud of the work we did in 2022-23 and look forward to continuing to support the local community through our befriending services.



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#### **Together Co Befriending Impact**

176 referrals were made into Together Co befriending with 444 people supported during the year.

- 205 supported through face-to-face befriending
- 9 supported through Casserole Club, food sharing befriending
- 152 supported through telephone befriending
- 78 supported through group befriending

Clients continue to report very positive outcomes. 98% of people using this service said they were satisfied with their experience. Since receiving support from Together Co:

- 67% report feeling more connected to the local community
- 93% report feeling less lonely
- 91% report feeling more positive
- 90% report experiencing an improvement in mood

#### **Together Co Buddying**

Some people need extra support accessing local services and activities - they know what's needed but are not confident enough to walk through the door and need accompaniment and encouragement. This is where buddying helped. It connected them with the outside world and their community. Buddying offered people a trained volunteer to go with them to a group, service or activity, or achieve a specific goal. In 2022-23, buddy volunteers supported clients to gain the confidence to leave their homes and connect with a range of community activities. This included art groups, leisure centres, a bridge club, walks in the park and along the sea front. Sessions lasted between 1-6 hours. A trained Together Co Buddy Connector is the vital person needed to make the connection between those who need help and a volunteer to 'buddy'.

"My Social Prescribing Link Worker got me a buddy who went out with me and helped me build my confidence. The buddy got me on the bus and we stayed on it for four stops. It felt really good, and I could not have done it without support."

"Since meeting up with my buddy volunteer I have found more confidence to go out, recently I visited the seafront to enjoy the sea views with a friend." **Buddying client**

The buddy service works closely with the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership and other members of the Green Wellbeing Alliance to provide participants support from a trained volunteer. This enables people to connect and engage with the therapeutic outdoor activities of the projects.

#### **Together Co Buddying Impact**

45 clients were referred to the Buddy Project during 2022-23 and supported to achieve their identified goal.

## **Together Co Volunteering**

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do. They extend our reach, skills, knowledge, and diversity - we could not do what we do without them.

This year we have expanded the range of volunteer positions available and engaged a diverse group of individuals across all areas of our operations. We have aided individuals seeking to acquire new skills and knowledge, and encouraged the use of pre-existing talents and expertise in areas where they are most valuable. Volunteers range in age from 16 years to 88 years.

"I am very grateful for giving me this opportunity. I love helping people so I do really enjoy volunteering for you." **Buddying volunteer**

In 2022-23, befriending volunteers created friendships through visiting people at home, meeting people in the local community, connecting over the phone and at our social groups. As well as offering connection, they were a source of information, promoting public health messages, as well as local events, activities, and services to the people they supported. They looked out for the people they supported.

We have continued to trial our innovative buddy service, supporting people to connect with their community by accompanying them to a group, service, or activity. Buddy volunteers have also supported our Social Prescribing Ukraine project, welcoming people to drop-in sessions in the city. In addition, nature buddy volunteers have supported people to access green and blue spaces across the city.

We hosted placements for Social Work students at the University of Brighton, as well as those on the Philosophy, Politics, Ethics (BA Hons) course and the School of Business. We worked with Sussex University on their intergenerational research study programme and facilitated befriending matches with students.

Volunteers were involved in different ways in 2022-23, contributing to fundraising efforts, communications, advice on data collection, data analysis and IT systems. We grew funding relationships and volunteers from our corporate partnerships were involved in our befriending social groups and events. We offered opportunities for volunteers to connect with staff and other volunteers at social events and supported sessions, and hosted in person celebratory events to mark National Volunteers Week in June 2022, and National Befriending Week in November 2022.

"I love being part of this charity!"

"It has been an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone who has spare time or feels lonely." Volunteers

Our volunteer induction programme was complemented with online training sessions covering dementia awareness, mental health awareness, and falls prevention. Regular volunteer newsletters passed on useful information and resources, including other opportunities for training, to volunteers.

We recognise the importance in creating a community for our volunteers, as many of them cite this as a reason for stepping forward. They enjoyed the opportunities we provided to bring people together socially, to thank them for all they do and to foster new friendships within our volunteer community. Moving forward, we hope to offer volunteers wider involvement in our activities and more opportunities for them to connect with each other.



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#### **Together Co Volunteering Impact**

- 492 volunteers were involved in Together Co, of whom 130 joined during the year.
- Volunteers gave Together Co an amazing 16,500 hours of support
- Befriending Volunteers made 18,300 contacts with the people they supported
- Buddy Volunteers completed 45 buddy tasks

Volunteers continued to report positive outcomes from their volunteering experience. 96% of volunteers reported being satisfied with the support they received from Together Co. Since volunteering with Together Co:

- 74% of volunteers report feeling more connected to the local community
- 64% of volunteers report feeling less lonely

#### **Together Co wider impact and influence**

Together Co transformed its communication and PR strategy over the past 12 months. Connecting with like-minded organisations, corporate partners, schools and businesses across Brighton & Hove was a huge part of getting our name out there. We developed working partnerships with major businesses across the city, including The Grand Hotel, DoubleTree by Hilton Brighton Metropole, and Bupa Global. Brighton Palace Pier, the most iconic location in the city, chose us as their charity of the year and we worked with them on campaigns. We were The Grand's chosen charity, a relationship which will continue into 2022-23, and Bupa Global raised money through its charity football matches.

Moving from our offices to Projects The Lanes has proved advantageous not only in location, but for the diverse range of businesses, which are also based there. Projects made us their charity of the year and regularly run events to raise money. We collaborated with businesses in the building including the Learning Technologies Group, Fizzbox and Gamely, and integrated seamlessly into the Projects community. It is a place of connection and many of the organisations there have taken a great interest in what we do, with some of their staff signing up to become befriending volunteers.

Our corporate offering was a major area of development for us in 2022-23 and we now have a corporate pack and assets to help businesses wanting to improve their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) activities. This has been well received.

Two new ambassadors came on board to help support us and spread our message: TV presenter and mental health advocate Gail Porter, and Brighton-based celebrity vet Dr Marc Abraham OBE. Both campaign tirelessly for causes they care about and are heavily involved in our Paws2Connect campaign - fostering pets through our partnership with RSPCA Brighton to help alleviate loneliness and social isolation through connection and companionship with animals. In February, they helped to launch the campaign at Brighton Palace Pier, and both Gail and Marc have been generous with their time and support for campaigns. Marc attended our Christmas social at the Brighthelm Centre which saw more than 100 people from across the city join each other to celebrate togetherness. This includes the people who use our services, our supporters, volunteers, staff, trustees and partners.

Our external comms were high on our agenda with articles secured in national and regional press. Our CEO featured in an interview in the national Psychologies Magazine, and our Paws2Connect campaign received coverage on BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey, the Sussex Express and GScene. They also interviewed on: BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey, podcasts with Connected Brighton and Don't be a Stranger, as well as featuring in online interviews with Brighton Chamber and Animo Leadership.

Our newsletter reach continued to expand and hit more than 900 subscribers a month, with an average open rate of 47%. Our social media following continued to grow. Many of our new partnerships have not only been developed through word of mouth, but because our social media is having a greater impact and people are seeing more about the work we do.



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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

We reported incoming resources of £746,462 (2021-22: £769,148) for the year; a decrease of £22,686. Expenditure in the year was £775,906 (2021-22: £798,225); giving a deficit of £29,444 (2020-21: deficit £29,107).

### **Principal funding sources - Grants**

Together Co received a range of funding from statutory sources (both grants and commissions) and from trusts and foundations. In 2022-23, we were grateful for funding from Digital Lift, Awards for All - National Lottery Community Fund, Arnold Clark Community Fund, Ukraine BHCC, Humanity at Heart, Henry Smith Charity, The Sobell Foundation, The Dodgson Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Sussex Community Foundation, The Edward Gostling Foundation, Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust, The Chalk Cliff Trust, Mrs A Lacey Tate Trust and Brighton District Nursing Association Trust.

### **Donations**

As a small but agile fundraising team, we developed strategies to diversify income. 2022-23 saw a rapid growth and meaningful development in our corporate partnerships.

As mentioned above, we were the chosen charity for several organisations across the city, including The Grand Hotel and Brighton Palace Pier. We were supported by Creative Blend who offered pro-bono digital support and Connected Brighton chose us as one of their charity partners. We partnered with local will-writing service, Cloveroak Wills, to offer our supporters the opportunity to make their will in exchange for a donation to Together Co. Kineo and Storytagger provided much needed support for our online volunteer induction training and Co-op Local Community Fund supported our buddy project. A range of local organisations also offered fundraising, raffle prizes, and rewards throughout the year. These included: The Mercure Hotel, Creature Clothes, Purezza, Lost in the Lanes, and St Christopher's Prep.

Edo Midas provided invaluable support for us throughout the year, sponsoring our Christmas social which gathered over 100 supporters. It was important to celebrate together at a time when some people feel most lonely. Brighton Lions kindly provided the food, entertainment, raffle and a donation. Morrisons provided a Christmas tree to create a festive feeling in the room.

Loneliness Awareness Week was one of the most important times in the year for us to raise awareness around loneliness and social isolation. We were excited to have support from local businesses including Boho Gelato and The Well, with a portion of profits donated to us. Both collaborations raised essential funds to support our work, as well as helping raise awareness of the impact of loneliness across the city.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those individuals who make regular donations, and to those who have donated to our events and online over the past year. Your generosity makes a huge difference to us and allows us to continue our vital work.

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#### **Designated Funds**

##### **Contingency Reserve**

This reserve is in place to provide for the cost of staff redundancies alongside other closure costs upon closure of the business and is recalculated each year end.

##### **Legacy Reserve**

The Legacy Reserve is set aside for key projects, which were identified during the year as:

1. Upgrade of the organisation's IT systems including integrated digital approach to services, communications, and fundraising
2. Compliance with GDPR and maximising benefits of integrated digital systems-
3. Contract contingency to ensure that staff can continue to be employed in situations where successful funding has been secured but the contract commencement has been delayed by a short period.
4. Strategic corporate projects

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

We aim to hold surplus cash in accordance with our Reserves Policy, with the equivalent of approximately 3 months running costs maintained as cash deposits across current and deposit accounts held with banks covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Funds in excess of 3 months running costs may be invested in charity specific Common Investment Funds, the income from which is used in furtherance of our Objects.

##### **Reserves policy**

The level of unrestricted reserves at the end of the year was £173,417 (2022: £202,861; and restricted reserves were £nil (2022: £nil). Grants are recognised as restricted funds, whereas funds received through service-level agreements are treated as unrestricted, though they are designated to specific services or projects to deliver a contracted service.

Included in these reserves is an element of contingency reserve, which we set aside to cover project termination costs. The total in the contingency fund amounted to £56,134 (2022: £42,500).

The total reserves of £173,417 represented 2.7 months of annual expenditure. Our policy sets the guide level of reserves that we aim to have on hand at around three months of annual expenditure.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

During 2022-23 we delivered the first year of the Together Co 'Our future, together' 3-year strategic plan. The plan set out our ambition to ensure that Together Co can continue to deliver our transformative impact in tackling loneliness and social isolation in Brighton & Hove, and continue to meet the increasing need for community connection following the pandemic and on-going cost of living crisis.

The three strategy pillars - Ignite community connectedness, Develop the best in everyone and Renew operational stability - are anchored in our organisational values and members across Together Co's community are supporting in the delivery of plans within each area.

In 2022-23, actions were taken in all three areas and we are looking to build on this in 2023-24. There will be further scoping of collaborations and innovative pilots, alongside listening and being led more by those who give their time and access our services, to ignite community connectedness. There are further developments for learning across the organisation to develop the best in everyone. There will be a focus on working in a more agile and project focused way and reviewing systems and processes to renew operational stability.



## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Together Collective, operating as Together Co, is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated in December 1999 and is governed by its Articles of Association.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing Together Co. In November 2022, the Board of Trustees took steps to amend Together Co's Articles of Association in their entirety. The changes updated Together Co's membership structure, reflecting the low attendance of existing members at annual general meetings (AGMs). As a result of the changes, Together Co is no longer required to hold an AGM and Trustees are the only voting members of the charity. Non-Trustee members of Together Co automatically became Supporter Members on 30 November 2022. The Board continues to value the contribution of Supporter Members. In addition, the Articles of Association were modernised to reflect current charity law, so that references to legislation are up to date, and best practice in areas such as Trustee powers and proceedings. Copies of the revised Articles of Association are available from the CEO.

The Trustees also proposed to amend Together Co's objects to extend the geographical area of benefit to include East and West Sussex, as well as Brighton & Hove. The Trustees applied to the Charity Commission for consent to change Together Co's objects and were given that consent in January 2023.

Under the new Articles of Association, Together Co must have at least five and not more than 12 Trustees, each appointed for a term of three years and eligible for re-appointment for up to three consecutive terms. Trustees are appointed or re-appointed by a resolution of the Trustees.

Trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no benefits from Together Co. Details of expenses claimed are in the notes to the accounts.

### **Recruitment and induction of new trustees**

To recruit trustees, we identified gaps in the Board's expertise, conducted community outreach and/or advertised and appointed candidates based on a written application and interview.

New trustees were given an information pack about Together Co, attend briefing sessions with the CEO and service managers, and are encouraged to attend courses on topics such as governance, safeguarding, voluntary sector developments and equality, diversity, and inclusion. During the year four Trustees resigned and six new Trustees were appointed.

### **Organisational structure**

The Board of Trustees meets regularly to provide direction for Together Co's work. Responsibility for day-to-day running of Together Co is vested in the CEO, who reports to the Chair of the Board. Responsibility for the operation of individual services is delegated to service managers.

The Board updates the Together Co business plan, reviews strategic objectives, and sets targets with the CEO to focus on the charity's stated aims and objectives. The Board and staff team started to implement Together Co's 3-year strategic plan 2022-25 in April 2022. The Board received quarterly reports and worked with the CEO to set targets and ensure activities focused on achieving our goals.

Together Co is committed to the highest standards of governance and believes that good governance should be understood and embedded throughout the organisation. Board meetings and Finance & Risk Subcommittee meetings ensure strong Board oversight of the activities delivered and the financial accountability surrounding contracts and grants.



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#### **Networks and accreditation**

Together Co is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Befriending Networks, the National Association of Link Workers, Brighton & Hove Community Works and Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce. Together Co is committed to delivering the highest quality services, and our Quality Marks and membership of professional bodies and networks helps us achieve this. We hold the Befriending Network's Quality in Befriending Award.

#### **Risk management**

The Board examines the risks to which Together Co is exposed and has set up arrangements to maintain oversight of finance, risk management, business development, IT and people and culture issues. Risk management arrangements include documented internal financial controls and procedures to ensure the health and safety of staff, volunteers, service users and commercial insurance covers normal business risks, including professional indemnity, employee, and volunteer liability.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Company number**

03895574 (England and Wales)

#### **Registered Charity number**

1083390

#### **Registered office**

Projects the Lanes  
Nile House  
Nile Street  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN1 1HW

#### **Trustees**

Ms E A French (resigned 30/11/2022)  
Mrs M C Hughes (resigned 30/11/2022)  
Miss N Orringe  
R D T Johnston (resigned 30/11/2022)  
J D Hyman  
Ms R Bradley  
D Cundy  
Dr L Tester (resigned 29/9/2022)  
Ms E-L Naef (appointed 30/11/2022)  
A Tindal (appointed 30/11/2022)  
Ms G Baldwin (appointed 30/11/2022)  
Ms V Benson (appointed 22/2/2023)  
Ms A Grant (appointed 22/2/2023)  
S Parker (appointed 22/2/2023)

#### **Company Secretary**

Ms A Baker

## **TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Independent Examiner**

John Thacker FCA DChA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

##### **Bankers**

Co-Operative Bank plc  
164-165 Western Road  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN1 2BB

Shawbrook Bank Limited  
Lutea House  
Warley Hill Business Park  
The Drive  
Great Warley  
Brentwood  
Essex  
CM13 3BE

CAF Bank Ltd  
25 Kings Hill Avenue  
Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4JQ

East Sussex Credit Union now known as Wave Community Bank  
Hove Town Hall  
Tisbury Road  
Hove  
East Sussex  
BN3 3BQ

##### **Working name**

Together Co

## TOGETHER COLLECTIVE

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Together Collective 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).

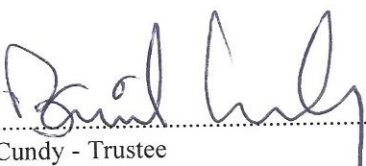
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that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

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.

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 ..... 27-7-23 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
D Cundy - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Together Collective ('the Company')**

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

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

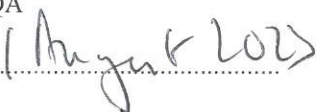
1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts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

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



John Thacker FCA DChA  
Chariot House Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
44 Grand Parade  
Brighton  
East Sussex  
BN2 9QA

Date: .....



**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	579,253	126,722	705,975	699,599
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Charitable Activities		24,476	-	24,476	44,788
Other trading activities	3	15,423	-	15,423	24,483
Investment income	4	<u>588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>278</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>619,740</u>	<u>126,722</u>	<u>746,462</u>	<u>769,148</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		89,310	-	89,310	73,761
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Charitable Activities		<u>559,874</u>	<u>126,722</u>	<u>686,596</u>	<u>724,494</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>649,184</u>	<u>126,722</u>	<u>775,906</u>	<u>798,255</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(29,444)	-	(29,444)	(29,107)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		202,861	-	202,861	231,968
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>173,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,417</u>	<u>202,861</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31ST MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	4,193	-	4,193	7,787
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	77,644	-	77,644	39,377
Cash at bank		<u>237,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,206</u>	<u>238,259</u>
		314,850	-	314,850	277,636
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(145,626)	-	(145,626)	(82,562)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>169,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,224</u>	<u>195,074</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>173,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,417</u>	<u>202,861</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>173,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,417</u>	<u>202,861</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				<u>173,417</u>	<u>202,861</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>173,417</u>	<u>202,861</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

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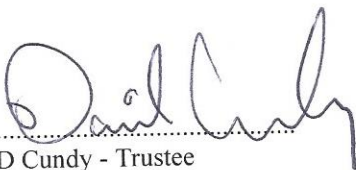
**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03895574)**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
**31ST MARCH 2023**

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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 .....27-7-23..... and were signed on its behalf by:

  
D Cundy - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(1,641)</u>	<u>(13,847)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(1,641)</u>	<u>(13,847)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(10,782)
Interest received		<u>588</u>	<u>278</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>588</u>	<u>(10,504)</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(1,053)	(24,351)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>238,259</u>	<u>262,610</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>237,206</u>	<u>238,259</u>

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**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

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

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(29,444)	(29,107)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,594	3,744
Interest received	(588)	(278)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(38,263)	34,070
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>63,060</u>	<u>(22,276)</u>
Net cash used in operations	<u>(1,641)</u>	<u>(13,847)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>238,259</u>	<u>(1,053)</u>	<u>237,206</u>
	<u>238,259</u>	<u>(1,053)</u>	<u>237,206</u>
Total	<u>238,259</u>	<u>(1,053)</u>	<u>237,206</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and on that basis the charity is considered to be 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.

Donations are accounted for as they are received by the charity. Donations received in the year that relate to specific purposes have been included in restricted funds.

Grants are recognised on an accruals basis, accounted for in relation to the period to which they relate. Where grants are received during the year under review but relate to a later period, the amount is deferred under Grants in Advance in the Balance Sheet.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

All other income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

**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, including attributable VAT which cannot be recovered 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.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in the related cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff on those activities (for salary costs) and based on a proportion of the total activities by the charity for other costs.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration on each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned on a basis which is an estimate, based on the proportion of cost of each activity to the total income of all activities.

## **TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Fixtures and fittings - 33% on cost

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

The charity has a policy to capitalise assets over £1,000.

##### **Recognition and measurement**

Fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

##### **Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes. No direct tax charges have arisen in the charity.

##### **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.

##### **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.

#### **2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	4,960	6,113
Grants	<u>701,015</u>	<u>693,486</u>
	<u>705,975</u>	<u>699,599</u>

**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued**

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Brighton & Hove CCG	242,695	193,000
Henry Smith	35,000	-
Derek & Eileen Dodgson Foundation	4,000	3,000
Brighton & Hove City Council	67,935	66,002
Big Lottery	8,773	5,850
Other	-	48,577
Department of Health and Social Care	5,735	65,990
Sobell Foundation	10,000	-
Sussex Community Foundation	3,333	-
Impact Initiatives	136,516	136,516
Primary Care Network	145,838	174,551
Arnold Clark	2,000	-
Humanity at Heart	1,440	-
Edward Gostling	25,000	-
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust	7,500	-
Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-
Lacy-Tate Trust	250	-
	<u>701,015</u>	<u>693,486</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
Received from Brighton & Hove CCG/Department of Health and Social Care	353,892	160,392
Less: Contributions to Partners	<u>111,197</u>	<u>94,402</u>
Net figure above	<u>242,695</u>	<u>65,990</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Activities for generating fund	<u>15,423</u>	<u>24,483</u>



**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

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<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>		2023	2022
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>588</u>	<u>278</u>
<b>5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		2023	2022
		£	£
Other incoming resources	Activity Charitable Activities	<u>24,476</u>	<u>44,788</u>
<b>6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS</b>			Direct Costs £
Charitable Activities			<u>686,596</u>
<b>7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>			
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		3,594	3,744
Independent examiner's fee		<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,700</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

In the year no trustees received any reimbursements for travel expenses in this or the previous year.

**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****9. STAFF COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	453,437	525,486
Social security costs	43,312	45,088
Other pension costs	<u>13,650</u>	<u>13,813</u>
	<u>510,399</u>	<u>584,387</u>

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

	2023	2022
	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>
Total		

On a Full Time Equivalent basis, the average number of employees was 18 (2022: 20)

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

Key Management Personnel remuneration in the year amounted to £59,764 (2022: £54,302)

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	678,750	20,849	699,599
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	44,788	-	44,788
Other trading activities	24,483	-	24,483
Investment income	<u>278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>278</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>748,299</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>769,148</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	73,761	-	73,761
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable Activities	<u>703,645</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>724,494</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>777,406</u>	<u>20,849</u>	<u>798,255</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(29,107)	-	(29,107)

**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	231,968	-	231,968
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>202,861</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,861</u>

**11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023	<u>10,639</u>	<u>24,749</u>	<u>35,388</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st April 2022	10,639	16,962	27,601
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>3,594</u>	<u>3,594</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>10,639</u>	<u>20,556</u>	<u>31,195</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,193</u>	<u>4,193</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>7,787</u>	<u>7,787</u>

**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	71,328	29,126
Other debtors	2,500	2,756
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,816</u>	<u>7,495</u>
	<u>77,644</u>	<u>39,377</u>



**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,988	27,550
Social security and other taxes	11,632	13,989
Other creditors	2,634	2,955
Accruals and deferred income	<u>124,372</u>	<u>38,068</u>
	<u>145,626</u>	<u>82,562</u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/3/23
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	100,777	(20,325)	(13,634)	66,818
Designated fund - Contingency reserve	42,500	-	13,634	56,134
Designated fund - Legacy Reserve	<u>59,584</u>	<u>(9,119)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,465</u>
	<u>202,861</u>	<u>(29,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,417</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>202,861</u>	<u>(29,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,417</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	619,740	(640,065)	(20,325)
Designated fund - Legacy Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,119)</u>	<u>(9,119)</u>
	619,740	(649,184)	(29,444)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Befriending	39,772	(39,772)	-
Social Prescribing	<u>86,950</u>	<u>(86,950)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>126,722</u>	<u>(126,722)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>746,462</u>	<u>(775,906)</u>	<u>(29,444)</u>

**TOGETHER COLLECTIVE****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023****14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	131,157	(26,112)	(4,268)	100,777
Designated fund - Contingency reserve	38,232	-	4,268	42,500
Designated fund - Legacy Reserve	<u>62,579</u>	<u>(2,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,584</u>
	<u>231,968</u>	<u>(29,107)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,861</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>231,968</u>	<u>(29,107)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,861</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	748,299	(774,411)	(26,112)
Designated fund - Legacy Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,995)</u>	<u>(2,995)</u>
	748,299	(777,406)	(29,107)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Befriending	8,850	(8,850)	-
Communications	2,150	(2,150)	-
Central	<u>9,849</u>	<u>(9,849)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20,849</u>	<u>(20,849)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>769,148</u>	<u>(798,255)</u>	<u>(29,107)</u>

**Designated Funds****Contingency Reserve**

This reserve is in place to provide for the cost of staff redundancies upon closure of the business and is recalculated each year end.

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Legacy Reserve**

The Legacy Reserve is to be used for key operational projects, which are currently identified as:

1. Upgrade of the organisation's IT systems including integrated digital approach to services, communications and fundraising;
2. Compliance with GDPR and maximising benefits of integrated digital systems;
3. Contract contingency to ensure that staff can continue to be employed in situations where successful funding has been secured but the contract commencement has been delayed by a short period;
4. Strategic corporate projects.

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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



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

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	4,960	6,113
Grants	<u>701,015</u>	<u>693,486</u>
	705,975	699,599
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Activities for generating fund	15,423	24,483
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	588	278
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Other incoming resources	<u>24,476</u>	<u>44,788</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	746,462	769,148
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Costs of generating funds	89,310	73,761
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	453,437	525,486
Social security	43,312	45,088
Pensions	13,650	13,813
Direct costs	72,121	29,474
Staff costs	-	16,770
Establishment costs	29,451	37,587
Office costs	71,625	53,576
Accountancy	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,700</u>
	686,596	724,494
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>775,906</u>	<u>798,255</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(29,444)</u>	<u>(29,107)</u>

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