



GAP - A THANET COMMUNITY PROJECT

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND EXAMINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**Charity Registration Number**

1084622

Principal Address

Queens Road Baptist Church
Queens Road
Broadstairs
Kent
CT10 1NU

Key Management Personnel***Trustees (executive committee)***

Rev S Hearle	Ex Officio Trustee (from 7/11/22 until 1/9/23)
Rev C Matthewman	Ex Officio Trustee (from 1/9/23)
Rev R Bonner	Chair
Mrs J Shepherd	
Mr D Groves	Treasurer
Mr B Watson	
Mr J Jervis	Secretary
Mr M Jupp	

Staff

Mrs O Bull	Operations Manager
Mrs A Pratt	Deputy Operations Manager

Volunteers

Mrs J Harris

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc
CCLA Investment Management Limited

Independent Examiner

Mr S J Wren FCCA
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The GAP Project was registered as a charity on 11 January 2001 and serves the deprived community of Thanet in East Kent. The Project is inclusive and engages with all ages and backgrounds. The charity is an unincorporated association governed by its Constitution formulated on 26 September 2000 and amended 7 February 2005.

Trustees are appointed by the executive committee and meet on a monthly basis with further ad-hoc meetings being called as necessary. The responsibility for all operational activity, service quality and development, within a budget set and monitored by the board of Trustees was held by the Operations Manager assisted by the Deputy Operations Manager, which are considered to be the charity's Key Management Personnel.

The Gap Project employs 4 salaried staff who are all part-time: an Operations Manager, a Deputy Operations Manager, A Café Manager and a Children's & Family Co-Ordinator. There are also 4 sessional workers supporting the groups and activities.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As recorded in the constitution The Gap Project's charity objectives are:-

To run a community project which will promote and further the well-being and quality of life, relieve poverty where possible, improve family relationships and advance educational opportunities of a wide age range of people, particularly the disadvantaged and vulnerable in the Thanet community? It is based on Christian principles, non-judgemental and holistic in its purposes. In these objects it seeks to work with other agencies, both statutory and voluntary.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing their aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the charity's aims and objectives.

The Gap Project serves the deprived community of Thanet in East Kent which is the most deprived local authority in Kent. The Project is inclusive and engages with all ages and backgrounds.

Our full weekly programme fulfils seven key areas:

1. Families & the under 5's - One subsidised crèche sessions, a parent and toddler and baby focus group, home visits and and a new Down with Friends group for babies and toddlers with Down's Syndrome. A Family Café on the first Monday of every month. Activity days during the school holidays. A yearly family camping weekend.

2. Young people - Supporting our local youth by working in partnership with other youth organizations. A new Wellbeing for Youth group. Working with schools and colleges to place students in work placements

3. Older people - A Friday club with a range of activities including craft, games & guest speakers. Armchair exercise classes on Mondays and Thursdays. Music4Wellbing group is open to everyone but focuses on supporting individuals with Dementia.

4. Additional needs - 'Web' (Welcome Everybody) meets twice a month in the evening for adults with learning disabilities. They enjoy physical, vocational, creative and recreational activities. We also provide many work placements in the Café and volunteering opportunities across the project.

5. Education & Training - IT help Support & advice, certificated sessions twice a week. Accessed by adults in the community especially older and vulnerable people and those isolated from technology. We also have adult literacy and numeracy classes for people who struggle in these areas.

6. Homeless/Community Support Drop-In - A drop-in 2 weekday afternoons, (2:30-4:30pm), offering a hot meal, shower, laundry and resettlement/addiction support in partnership with two local charities.

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7. Wellbeing Café - A group where we focus on physical, emotional, social, spiritual and intellectual well-being. This group is diverse in age, ethnicity, gender and ability. Meets weekly on a Monday.

There are two Social Enterprises:

1. Gap Community Café - Open Monday to Saturday 9am-2pm. A popular hub located at the heart of the local community serving hot and cold food and beverages. Two thirds of the volunteers have additional needs or long-term health conditions. All profits are used by the charity for the benefit of the GAP Project.

2. Gap in the Market Shop - A shop (a company owned by the charity called Gap Project Trading Company Limited, incorporated in England & Wales with company number 9696909) located in Broadstairs High Street selling high quality used clothes and bric-a-brack. The charity owns 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in this company which are held in the name of Christopher Matthewman on behalf of the charity. The company statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 show a profit of £25,297 all of which has been gifted to the Gap Project charity.

Social Investment & Contribution of Volunteers

There are 140 volunteers working in the Gap Project and a further 18 in the Gap in the Market shop. 40% of the volunteers have a learning disability or a long-term condition.

Staff offer one-to-one support when required and are often involved in advocacy, attending appointments, advice and support.

Volunteers support all the groups and activities. Many bring a wealth of skills and experience that enables the project to function with a high level of expertise.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Over the past year the Gap Project has :-

- Provided support each day to a wide range of vulnerable people
- Provided advice and support to people in crisis daily
- Kept close contact with our volunteers and project users
- Started a Mental Health Wellbeing for youth.
- Started a new group for babies with Down's Syndrome
- Worked closely with local agencies, both voluntary and statutory, schools and other community groups, including the Hearing clinic, local counselling Health Charity, The RISE team, Citizens Advice Bureau, PACT, Fare-share Kent, Forward Trust, Porchlight and Thanet Volunteer Bureau.
- Rebranded to look fresh and welcoming to new clients

Numbers reached:

Families & under 5's	182 families, 165 children
Young People	31
Older People	118 – Armchair exercises
	26 – Friday club & other groups
	35 – Music group
Special Needs	28
Education & IT	15 – Numeracy & Literacy
	15 - IT
Homeless	18 average daily numbers
	156 – during the year
Well-being	11 – 17 average weekly numbers
	35 – during the year

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Financial position**

The results of the charity for the year are set out in the Financial Statements. Overall the total income for the year was £197,240 (2023 - £168,495) and expenditure was £178,540 (2023 - £158,072) giving a surplus for the year of £18,700 (2023 - £10,423). We continue to prepare the accounts on an accruals basis as we feel that this better represents the financial status of the charity and gives clarity to funders.

Principal funding sources

Principal funding for the year was from grants and the Gap Shop. Additional gifts, fees and individual donations resulted in a total income of £197,240. Expenditure of £178,540 for the year has supported the key objectives of each group and activity in the Gap Project as well as individual support for the deprived community of Thanet.

Reserves Policy and going concern

The trustees review the level of reserves periodically to ensure the charity is managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services. It is their policy to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to between three and six months expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and running costs

DEVELOPMENT PLANS

These include:

- Continue to develop our support for the elderly.
- Develop a group for teenagers with Special Educational Needs
- Develop our youth by starting a youth-drop in
- Develop an art's for wellbeing group
- Hire a community youth worker
- Develop a creative writing for wellbeing group
- Improve our provisions for the homeless

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by :

Rev R Bonner -Chairman

Date : 30 November 2024

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 17.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**S J Wren FCCA
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Chartered Certified Accountants
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CT12 6FA**

Date : 2 December 2024

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

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	57,048	44,526	101,574	93,428
Charitable activities	3	94,076	-	94,076	74,221
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investment income	5	1,590	-	1,590	846
TOTAL INCOME		152,714	44,526	197,240	168,495
EXPENDITURE					
Cost of raising funds		17,364	-	17,364	7,330
Charitable activities		149,398	11,778	161,176	150,742
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6	166,762	11,778	178,540	158,072
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS		(14,048)	32,748	18,700	10,423
Transfers between funds	13	23,890	(23,890)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		9,842	8,858	18,700	10,423
Balance as at 1 August 2023		77,577	15,859	93,436	83,013
BALANCE AT 31 JULY 2024		87,419	24,717	112,136	93,436

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	5,687	1,321
Investments	9	-	-
		<u>5,687</u>	<u>1,321</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		800	757
Debtors and prepayments	10	22,530	1,730
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>88,796</u>	<u>96,122</u>
		112,126	98,609
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>5,677</u>	<u>6,494</u>
		106,449	92,115
NET ASSETS	12	<u>112,136</u>	<u>93,436</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted general fund	13	87,419	77,577
Designated fund	13	-	-
Restricted funds	13	<u>24,717</u>	<u>15,859</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>112,136</u>	<u>93,436</u>

Represented by:

Approved and signed for issue by the Trustees on 30 November 2024.

Mr D Groves - Treasurer

Rev R Bonner - Chairman

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

GAP - A Thanet Community Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Due to the availability of reserves carried forward as at the end of the financial year, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

c) Income

Grants receivable - grants made to finance the activities of the Charity are credited to the statement of financial activities (SOFA) accounting in the period to which they relate.

Other income - other income, including donations, gifts and bank interest are included as they were received.

Deferred income - income received before the balance sheet date in respect of contract activities to be carried out after the balance sheet date will be reflected within deferred income on the balance sheet.

d) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes VAT where applicable. Expenditure has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

Charitable expenditure - comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for beneficiaries. It includes both those costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them, including governance costs (costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and includes the Independent Examiners fee).

e) Depreciation of fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life of 4 years.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**f) Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other incoming resources receivable by the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The aim of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

h) Significant judgements and estimates

No significant judgements or estimates have had to be made by the Trustees in preparing these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Donations				
Gap Project Trading Co. Ltd - Donation	25,297	-	25,297	25,746
Queens Road Baptist Church	7,520	-	7,520	3,842
Other donations	11,231	-	11,231	10,291
Grants :				
Kent Community Foundation	8,000	-	8,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	9,893
Philip & Connie Phillips Foundation	-	-	-	9,906
The Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust	-	-	-	8,250
Thanet District Council	-	-	-	6,500
Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council	-	1,550	1,550	2,000
Kent County Council	-	1,050	1,050	2,000
Asda Foundation	-	600	600	-
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	7,000	7,000	-
CTIO Parochial Charities	-	2,426	2,426	-
Nationwide	-	12,200	12,200	-
Lawson Trust	-	8,000	8,000	-
Souter Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
Woodroffe Benton Foundation	-	1,250	1,250	-
The Woodward Charitable Trust	-	1,250	1,250	-
The Clothworkers' Foundation	-	5,200	5,200	-
The Barchester Charitable Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>57,048</u>	<u>44,526</u>	<u>101,574</u>	<u>93,428</u>

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Café income	78,266	-	78,266	61,785
Creche	3,841	-	3,841	5,732
Work Placements	-	-	-	-
Other fees receivable	11,969	-	11,969	6,704
	<u>94,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,076</u>	<u>74,221</u>

4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

Summer Fayre	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

Bank interest receivable	1,590	-	1,590	846
	<u>1,590</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>846</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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6 EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Cost of raising funds				
Card transaction charges	683	-	683	31
Wages and salaries	15,519	-	15,519	6,282
Equipment support	754	-	754	609
Publicity	408	-	408	408
	<u>17,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,364</u>	<u>7,330</u>
Charitable activities costs				
Wages and salaries	54,204	-	54,204	55,075
Café costs (adjusted for stock)	30,354	2,384	32,738	23,708
Other Community Centre activities	2,395	8,573	10,968	8,165
Household Support Fund	80	-	80	5,850
Travel and volunteer costs	1,712	821	2,533	1,487
Training	145	-	145	835
Repairs and renewals	1,023	-	1,023	1,086
Use of premises	17,340	-	17,340	15,803
Insurance	1,445	-	1,445	1,791
Subscriptions	1,595	-	1,595	1,374
Sundries	26	-	26	12
Cleaning	553	-	553	-
Depreciation	2,187	-	2,187	769
Support costs				
Wages and salaries	20,216	-	20,216	22,301
Professional fees	5,685	-	5,685	3,258
Printing, Postage and stationery	2,742	-	2,742	1,744
Telephone	1,102	-	1,102	843
Bank charges	658	-	658	536
Governance costs				
Wages and salaries	5,024	-	5,024	5,116
AGM costs	-	-	-	113
Independent Examiner's fee	912	-	912	876
	<u>149,398</u>	<u>11,778</u>	<u>161,176</u>	<u>150,742</u>
Total expenditure	<u><u>166,762</u></u>	<u><u>11,778</u></u>	<u><u>178,540</u></u>	<u><u>158,072</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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7 INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYEES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	90,784	86,300
Redundancy	-	1,250
Sub contract	2,123	-
Social security costs	5,315	4,204
Employer pension contributions	1,495	1,224
Employment Allowance	(4,754)	(4,204)
	<u>94,963</u>	<u>88,774</u>

The average monthly head count was 8 (2023 - 10) staff.

The average number of employees based on full time equivalents was 4 (2023 - 4).

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year.

No Trustees received remuneration or were reimbursed expenses during the year.

The total employee benefits (including employers national insurance) of the key management personnel of the charity were £46,214 (2023 - £37,994).

8 FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & fittings	Computers & equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 August 2023	5,697	929	6,626
Additions	<u>6,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,553</u>
As at 31 July 2024	<u>12,250</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>13,179</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 August 2023	4,538	767	5,305
Charge for the year	<u>2,025</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>2,187</u>
As at 31 July 2024	<u>6,563</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>7,492</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 July 2024	<u>5,687</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,687</u>
As at 31 July 2023	<u>1,159</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>1,321</u>

9 INVESTMENTS

The charity owns 5,000 (2023 - 5,000) ordinary shares of £1 each in its wholly owned subsidiary company Gap Project Trading Company Limited which is incorporated in the United Kingdom (Company Reg No. 9696909). The shares are held in the name of Christopher Matthewman on behalf of the charity. The company's statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 show a profit of £25,297 (31.12.22 - £25,746) with total funds of £30,297 (31.12.22 - £30,746). As at 31 July 2024, profits of £25,297 (31.7.23 - £25,746) have been gifted to the charity.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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10 DEBTORS	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,996	419
Other debtors	-	70
Accrued income	-	-
Prepayments	18,534	1,241
	<u>22,530</u>	<u>1,730</u>

11 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,106	2,408
Taxation and social security	1,094	1,139
Other creditors	-	286
Accruals	2,477	2,661
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>5,677</u>	<u>6,494</u>

12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUND

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	5,687	-	-	5,687
Current assets	87,409	-	24,717	112,126
Current liabilities	(5,677)	-	-	(5,677)
Net assets as at 31 July 2024	<u>87,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,717</u>	<u>112,136</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUND - PREVIOUS YEAR

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,321	-	-	1,321
Current assets	82,750	-	15,859	98,609
Current liabilities	(6,494)	-	-	(6,494)
Net assets as at 31 July 2023	<u>77,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,859</u>	<u>93,436</u>

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13 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	As at 1 08 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 07 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Senior Citizens	9,906	-	(2,625)	(7,281)	-
Homeless & Insecure Housing	-	19,200	(2,360)	(7,493)	9,347
Families and Under 5's fund	-	9,250	(1,021)	-	8,229
Well-being Café	4,110	3,000	(1,143)	(2,536)	3,431
Family Café	-	2,150	(1,230)	-	920
Community Café	-	5,200	-	(5,200)	-
Ukraine Drop In/support	1,600	-	-	(1,600)	-
Web Group fund	243	1,250	(1,123)	(370)	-
Wellbeing For Youth	-	2,426	-	(63)	2,363
Down With Friends	-	1,050	(623)	-	427
Friday Club	-	1,000	(1,653)	653	-
Total Restricted funds	15,859	44,526	(11,778)	(23,890)	24,717
Designated fund	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted general funds	77,577	152,714	(166,762)	23,890	87,419
Total funds	93,436	197,240	(178,540)	-	112,136

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Senior Citizens

A grant of £9,906 was received in the previous year from Philip & Connie Phillips Foundation. This provided funding towards the costs of salary, therapist fees and rents for our Friday Club, Singing 4 Wellbeing (dementia friendly) and Sit & Be Fit classes. These groups are essential for those suffering from loneliness, isolation, bereavement, illness and health issues. the transfer to unrestricted funds represents a contribution towards the rent and salary costs for running these projects.

Homeless & Insecure Housed Drop in

We received a grant of £7,000 from The Albert Hunt Trust towards all costs associated with this twice a week drop-in (Operation Manager's salary, rent, food, clothing costs etc.). Hot meals and desserts are provided, while offering shower and laundry facilities and a food parcel once a week. A £12,200 grant was also received from Nationwide towards all the core costs, consumables etc as per above, to ensure the continued running of our essential drop-in sessions.

Families and Under 5's fund

A grant was received from The Lawson Trust for £8,000 again, supporting all our Families and Under 5's groups with essential care cost funding. A £1,250 grant received from The Woodward Trust was also used to support all the Families and Under 5's work with core cost support.

Well-being Café

Grants were received in a previous year from the Phillips Foundation (£4,200) and The National Lottery Community Fund (£9,550) and a grant of £3,000 was received in the current year from Souter Charitable Trust to support the running of a wellbeing café for people struggling with isolation/mental health issues, loneliness, isolation, bereavement etc.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - Cont'd**Family Café**

Asda Foundation provided us with a £600 grant that was used towards the cost of providing free hot meals and desserts for all children and parents attending monthly Family Café sessions (spent over approx.4 sessions).

KCC via Broadstairs Town Council provided us with a grant of £1,550 which is being used towards healthy food vouchers and nappy costs for families struggling with the Cost-of-Living Crisis in our local community.

Café

A grant for £5,200 was received from The Clothworkers' Foundation to cover the cost of a new essential kitchen cooker hood to comply with new legislation. The cooker hood has been treated as a fixed asset and therefore is shown on the balance sheet and therefore a transfer has been made to unrestricted funds representing the cost of it.

Ukraine Drop-In

A grant was received last year from Kent County Council Homes for Ukraine for £2,000. The grant was to be used further communication and support between and for Ukraine families who sought asylum in the UK in the Thanet area. The families were able to meet together in the café area and have access to people who could help with their difficulties in communication with the authorities and understanding bills etc. There was an amount unspent of £1,600 and it was agreed with the Funder that this could be used to support the Gap Project generally and therefore this amount has been transferred to general funds.

WEB Group fund

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation provided funding of £1,250 towards all costs for our WEB group, which, meets fortnightly and is for adults with additional needs. Funds went towards the Operations Manager's salary, rental and consumables.

Wellbeing For Youth

A grant for £2,426 has been received from CT10 Charities towards all costs for our new Wellbeing for Youth group set up this year. The group supports teenagers with many wellbeing issues and this funding allows for a trained therapist to run courses and be available at drop-ins.

Down with Friends

A grant was received from KCC for £1,050 for our new Down with Friends group, started in January 2024. This group is for babies and children with Down's Syndrome, providing support, sensory play, therapy etc. for them and their families. The funding is going towards activities, speaker and refreshment costs.

Friday Club

A grant of £1,000 was provided by The Barchester Charitable Foundation, providing funds towards the cost of travel, activities and refreshments for our Friday Club.

Transfers

The transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent the cost of running the projects and a contribution towards the costs of running the charity's core activities.

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MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR

	As at 1 08 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 07 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Senior Citizens	-	9,906	-	-	9,906
Homeless fund	6,750	-	-	(6,750)	-
Families and Under 5's fund	-	18,143	-	(18,143)	-
Wellbeing café fund	5,428	-	-	(1,318)	4,110
Household Support fund	-	6,500	(5,850)	(650)	-
Ukraine Drop In/support	-	2,000	-	(400)	1,600
Web Group fund	2,139	-	-	(1,896)	243
Music Group fund	-	2,000	(2,205)	205	-
Total Restricted funds	14,317	38,549	(8,055)	(28,952)	15,859
Designated fund					
Project Development	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted general funds	68,696	129,946	(150,017)	28,952	77,577
Total funds	83,013	168,495	(158,072)	-	93,436

RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR

Senior Citizens

A grant of £9,906 was received last year from Philip & Connie Phillips Foundation in July 2023. The grant is to be used in three areas to fund social connection and fun activities between senior citizens who feel isolated or wish for more involvement through social events. Sit and be fit classes are held to promote strengthening and flexibility and musical-for-well being events are arranged especially for citizens suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's

Homeless fund

Grants were received during the year ended 31 July 2022 from The Albert Hunt Trust (£7,000) and Garfield Weston Foundation (£3,750), to support the work with adults who are homeless, insecurely housed or in financial need. Offering a shower, food, laundry and an opportunity to engage with other agencies giving resettlement/addiction support.

Families and Under 5's fund

Grants were received last year from the Maurice and Hilda Laing Trust of £8,250 and The National Lottery Community Fund of £9,893 - a total of £18,143 for the Families and Under 5s. The grants were used to provide baby focus, crèche facilities and safe play areas for toddlers.

Well-being Café

Grants were received during the year ended 31 July 2022 from the Phillips Foundation (£4,200) and The National Lottery Community Fund (£9,550) to support the running of a wellbeing café for people struggling with isolation/mental health issues to meet and engage in activities together.

Household Support Fund

A grant of £6,500 was received last year from Thanet District Council. The grant was used to assist families who were struggling financially to provide food via a food bank for their families and to help pay utility bills. There were strict rules and conditions under which help was given.

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RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR**Ukraine Drop-in**

A grant was received last year from Kent County Council Homes for Ukraine for £2,000. The grant was used to further communication and support between and for Ukraine families who sought asylum in the UK in the Thanet area. The families were able to meet together in the café area and have access to people who could help with their difficulties in communication with the authorities and understanding bills etc.

WEB Group fund

Remaining funds from the grants received in previous years were used to support activities for adults with learning disabilities.

Music Group fund

A grant was received last year from Broadstairs Town Council for £2,000, to provide music events for people suffering from Dementia . People attended with their carers and the music acts as a soothing influence and promotes memories of times past.

Transfers

The transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent the cost of running the projects and a contribution towards the costs of running the charity's core activities.

14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Other than receiving a donation of £25,297 (2023 - £25,746) from the charity's trading subsidiary (Gap Project Trading Company Limited), there were no transactions with related parties during the year under review or the preceding year.