
Company registered number	4070391
Registered charity number	1084861

Paws for Kids

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2021

Paws for Kids
Report of the Directors (Incorporating the Trustees Report)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Paws for Kids

Working Name: Endeavour Project

Charity registration number: 1084861

Company registration number: 4070391

Contact address: 340 Chorley Old Road, Bolton, BL1 4JU

Directors

Maura Jackson
Jean Thompson
Jane Boast
Carrol Bibby (until 02/02/2021)
Ceri Thomas
Shauna Morton
Paula Connaughton
Louise Morris
Gail Wilson
Caroline Tosal-Suprun
Lauren Heyes-Mullan
Jenna Atkinson
Carol Marsden (from 07/12/2020)

The directors are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Company Secretary Jill Caldwell

Principal Staff

Jill Caldwell, Chief Executive
Linda Charnock, Operations Manager
Angela Gray, Head of Fundraising

Independent Examiner

John Simpson & Co Ltd, 48 Bredbury Green, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 3DN

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland, Drummond House 1 Redheughs Ave Edinburgh EH12 9JN (until May 2021)

The Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6GH (from April 2021)

Status

A company limited by guarantee, first registered on 12 September 2000, number 4070391. Registered as a Charity on 1 February 2001, number 1084861.

Previously an unincorporated charity, number 1075500.

The company's governing document is its Articles and Memorandum of Association.

Mission Statement:

Paws for Kids (trading name Endeavour Project) provides a number of unique and diverse support services, making a real difference to all those affected by domestic abuse. By providing bespoke safety plans and support packages we empower people and their pets to live lives free from abuse with a positive and caring future. We remain the only UK registered charity to offer both domestic abuse support and an in house pet fostering service.

Aims:

- To empower people to live lives free from Domestic Abuse
- To provide a voice for and respond to the needs of people escaping and recovering from Domestic Abuse
- To ensure the continued safety of people experiencing all forms of Domestic Abuse.
- To help break the cycle of abuse
- To enable people to escape abusive relationships - including the temporary fostering of their pets

Policies & organisation

Paws for Kids are managed by the 12 directors of the charity. They delegate the day to day running of the work of the charity to the Chief Executive who in turn manages 12 members of staff and oversees the supervision of a team of volunteers.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo an orientation day to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet key employees and other trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role. An annual strategy day for Trustees and Management was delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions and is due to take place in October 2021.

Risk management

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the directors have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The directors meet monthly and delegate the day to day decision making to the Chief Executive to ensure that the safe and efficient delivery of all aspects of Paws for Kids work is ethically achieved. The Chief Executive liaises on a regular basis with individual directors on decision making, development and decisions concerning funding adhering to Paws for Kids financial controls.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company Law requires the directors 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 the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the accounts the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefits

To carry out the charity's aims, Paws for Kids provides a unique and specialised support service aimed at all members of families escaping Domestic Abuse: vulnerable adults, at risk youth, children and domestic pets; helping all involved physically and emotionally with both short and long term objectives.

Paws for Kids/ Endeavour Domestic Abuse Project believe:

- No one should be subject to Domestic Abuse.
- The protection of people and their pets from all forms of Domestic Abuse is our highest priority.
- We are committed and passionate in taking this cause forward empowering people to live lives free from abuse.

Day-to-day, the Paws for Kids team are guided by our values:

Respect-Empowerment-Empathy-Diversity-Compassion.

Together these express Paws for Kids way of working putting, people and their pets at the heart of everything we do. By offering practical and emotional support at the same time, this project's unique and invaluable strength is in its ability to break the cycle of abuse. In doing so it has long term benefits in helping children to develop into emotionally balanced adults less likely to be abusive to their partners, families or animals.

Paws for Kids acknowledges that families experiencing and recovering from domestic abuse are marginalised by poverty therefore we strive to provide services that are either free of any charges and costs are kept to a minimum. Our aims are to provide and deliver services to all sectors of the community irrespective of their financial status.

Review of activities

During 20/21 we supported 1,200 individuals and their families affected by abuse. Our service users range from 16 – 92 and every age in between.

We have seen a sharp increase in demand on services. The impact of lockdown has affected the wellbeing of many people from those coming into the service to those who have reached out again due to being re-traumatised, triggering PTSD and recurring anxiety. For those choosing to flee, there have been few options due to a stagnant housing market and decline in vacant properties. With refuges at capacity, many have found it harder to leave.

Our services have remained fully operational and we adapted our delivery to virtual and telephone means, continuing to provide emergency support including food parcels, safety packs, emergency mobiles, safety advice and personal alarms. We have tailored our response to the needs of each particular service user including providing transport to allow families to flee further afield.

In November 2020, we were served with notice by our Landlord to vacate our building in April 2021. We negotiated a stay until June but with limited property on the market we made a strategic decision to retain as much unrestricted income as possible to carry into the new financial year as we would have dilapidations and expense of a new premises set up. We found new premises and negotiated a fixed price lease by taking on the initial repair and decoration work ourselves.

We will end 20/21 with the surplus of £104,634 which will boost reserves to 8 months costs however we have committed expenditure of £83k in 21/22 due to our relocation, refit, dilapidations, transition of services and the changes needed to publicity and promotional materials.

Safe Haven Project:

In 2020-21 Paws for Kids continued the work of the Safe Haven Project providing home based and community support for 266 families throughout Bolton for up to 12 months. The Safe Haven Project works in partnership with Bolton Council who along with The Big Lottery Fund - Reaching Communities provided funding for the continuation of the project.

The project continues to provide bespoke support packages to women, men, children and their pets who suffer abuse in their families, helping all involved physically and emotionally with both short and long term objectives. We work with people for up to a year or until they are ready to move on to other projects or exit the service.

Safe Haven funding from Bolton Council via Adult Services has been secured until the end of March 2022 with the Big Lottery Reaching Communities grant secured until September 2022

The Haven:

In April 2018 additional funding was secured via a cross authority bid to the MHCLG working in partnership with Trafford, Salford and Stockport. Paws for Kids works alongside existing temporary homeless accommodation, B&B and dispersed properties to provide direct support to vulnerable women, men and children escaping from Domestic Abuse. The MHCLG funding came to an end in May 2021. Bolton Council will continue to fund this service until May 2022 as part of the safe accommodation duties under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

YPDVA Project:

The YPDVA bridges the gap between children's social care/safeguarding and domestic abuse services by developing a recognised Integrated care pathway which enables young people's cases to be safely referred through the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC).

The service is jointly funded by Lloyds Foundation and Bolton Community Safety to September 2021. Funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation has enabled us to extend and develop the YPDVA service to include preventative work and education for all 16-19 year olds.

YPDW Project:

The YPDW is funded by Comic Relief and is targeted at young women aged 16-21 considered to be at medium to low level risk of domestic abuse. The introduction of this project gives young women access to support at all levels of risk that they present with including the opportunity to strengthen links with community groups for those from marginalised communities.

The project lead also runs a Young People's Panel who meet regularly and feed into projects in house as well as acting in a consultancy role for other agencies including for the Greater Manchester Police Victims Service review.

Panah Project:

Launched on International Women's Day 8th March 2020, the Panah Project, supports women at risk of Forced Marriage, FGM and Honour Based Violence. The project also supports women with no recourse to public funds and works alongside local immigration services. Our thanks to Bolton at Home for sponsorship of the Panah DAV Officer post.

Panah service leaflets are available in Gujarati, Urdu, Hungarian, Arabic and Polish as these are the top five community languages of our service users.

The Panah DAV Officer is a founding member of the GM BAME Women's network

Evergreen Project

In October 2020, we launched a six month pilot project to provide specialised domestic abuse support for older service users. The pandemic has seen a spike in domestic abuse referrals for people aged over 55 with our oldest client aged 92. Many are vulnerable individuals often with long term health issues.

The abuse is often from a long term partner or an adult family member and has been happening for a while but exacerbated during lockdown. Many we have supported have had fear of the pandemic used to control them alongside financial and physical abuse and coercive control.

The pilot project had two main objectives –

- Supporting those over 55 who need dedicated help.
- Deliver awareness training and reporting pathways to local agencies and statutory services.

The pilot was successful and the need for a specific service was evidenced through the number of referrals. In 2021/22 we were successful in funding Evergreen for a further year through the Bolton's Fund.

Pets Project

Paws for Kids pet fostering service reduces this distress and pressure on families and the suffering of the animals by providing:

- A high-quality pet fostering service for all animals until their owners are re-housed.
- 31 volunteer pet foster carers who temporarily care for the animals.
- Support and advice for families on the care of animals.

In the last 12 months Paws for Kids have assisted 54 families in accessing emergency accommodation by providing temporary fostering for 74 pets.

This brings the overall total of families and animals helped since March 1999 to:

- 2,013 pets

In 2020/21 The Pet Fostering project continues to be funded by a mixture of grants from charitable trusts, gifts, donations and fundraising.

We remain the only UK specialist charity delivering community domestic abuse services and pet fostering to enable people to flee.

Volunteers:

Service volunteers have donated their time as follows: Pet Service = 156 hours, Management Group = 288 hours, In addition to this, 31 pet carers have donated an enormous amount of time, the actual number of hours being difficult to quantify.

Financial Statement 1st April 2020 -31st March 2021:

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements of the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the requirements of the Revised Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP). Copies of the accounts are available on request.

The main sources of funding for 2020-21 came from:

- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Bolton Council
- Comic Relief
- MHCLG
- Bolton at Home
- Lloyds Bank Foundation

This combination of funding has wholly funded the Safe Haven project, The Haven, YPDVA, YPDW and Panah service for the financial year to 31 March 2021

Funds towards the continued running of the Pet Fostering service have been raised from

- Bolton at Home
- On line donations via Just Giving

The monthly Paws Lottery, our own fundraising and donations also help fund the Pet Fostering Service. In 2020-21 we raised £43,373 from these sources. We believe it is essential that the Pet Service continues and we hope that the combination of small grants, gifts, donations & fundraising will help secure the future of the Pet Fostering Service.

We also continue to receive donations from supporters as a result of Paws for Kids publicity about its work, and through the 'Friends' of Paws for Kids scheme 'Friends' receive a newsletter with updates and news of the charities work. In the 2020-21 year, we were also able to claim back £1,772 via Gift Aid on eligible donations.

For the coming financial year 2021-22, funding has been secured for the Safe Haven Project, The Haven and development of the YPDVA service. However further funding still needs to be secured for the continuation of the Pet Fostering Service.

At the end of this financial year we have funds in reserve, which are held to ensure the continued running of the charity and the development of Endeavour.

Reserves policy

£283,946 was held in reserves on the 31 March 2021. The Trustees aim to have a minimum of 6 months project running costs in reserves, all reserves held are to ensure the continued running of Paws for Kids.

In the event of no funding becoming available reserves will be used to wind-up the service as directed by the trustees. All money held in reserves by Paws for Kids will go directly to benefit women, children and animals escaping domestic violence and abuse.

Approved by the directors and signed on their behalf by

Mr Jackson

Director

MARK JACKSON

Signature

26/11/21

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PAWS FOR KIDS

I report on the accounts of the company limited by guarantee for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 15. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the FRS 102 and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors (who are also the trustees) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. You consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. I have helped with the preparation of the financial statements from the accounting records made available to me by the charity. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of s 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John A Simpson
Chartered Accountant
48 Bredbury Green
Romiley
Stockport

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 31.03.21 £	Year ended 31.03.20 £
Income					
Income from					
Grants and Donations	3	89,610	0	89,610	87,456
Charitable activities	4	44,200	318,020	362,220	335,655
Other income	3a	36,815	0	36,815	0
Investments	5	504	0	504	923
Total incoming resources		<u>171,129</u>	<u>318,020</u>	<u>489,149</u>	<u>424,034</u>
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities		57	347,183	347,240	395,279
Fundraising		33,426	0	33,426	36,827
Governance costs		3,849	0	3,849	3,716
Total resources expended	8	<u>37,332</u>	<u>347,183</u>	<u>384,515</u>	<u>435,822</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	6	133,797	(29,163)	104,634	(11,788)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		182,788	(3,476)	179,312	191,100
Transfer		(32,639)	32,639	0	0
Total funds carried forward		<u>283,946</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>283,946</u>	<u>179,312</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

Fixed assets:	Notes	2021		2020	
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Tangible assets	11	0	0	0	0
Current assets:					
Debtors		0	2,634	2,634	4,230
Cash at bank and in hand		0	416,527	416,527	233,069
Total current assets		0	419,161	419,161	237,299
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	0	135,215	135,215	57,987
Net current assets or liabilities		0	283,946	283,946	179,312
Total assets less current liabilities		0	283,946	283,946	179,312
The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted income funds	13	0	283,946	283,946	182,788
Restricted funds	13		0	0	(3,476)
		0	283,946	283,946	179,312

For the year ended 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.



Directors' responsibilities:

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts

these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the management committee and signed on the date below on its behalf by:

<u></u>	Director
<u>MICHAEL JACKSON</u>	Signature
<u>LOUISE MORRIS</u>	Director
<u></u>	Signature
<u>26/11/21</u>	Date

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2021

1 & 2 Basis of preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:
the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102
- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations, legacies and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- c) Revenue grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable. Grants which are received in advance and are for an activity which will be performed at a time after the year end have been deferred.
- d) Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.
- e) Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the charitable purposes.
- f) Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.
- g) Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset
Office equipment, vehicles, pet equipment 4 years until fully written down.
- h) Equipment purchased costing less than £500 has not been capitalised
- i) The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 1 from preparing a Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

3 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	44,339	0	44,339	52,908
Fundraising	45,271	0	45,271	34,548
	<u>89,610</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,610</u>	<u>87,456</u>

3a Other income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Covid support	36,815	0	36,815	0
	<u>36,815</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,815</u>	<u>0</u>

General grants received re Covid have been treated as unrestricted. Where expenditure relating to these grants has been restricted, a transfer has been made in the SOFA.

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4 Activities for generating funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 £	2020 £
Safe Haven - Bolton Adult Services	0	0		48,000
Safe Haven - Bolton at Home	44,200	0	44,200	0
Safe Haven BMBC	0	48,000	48,000	0
The Haven	0	0	0	6,738
Lottery	0	108,063	108,063	78,447
Lloyds	0	29,974	29,974	22,390
MHCLG - The Haven	0	65,111	65,111	30,960
Y P Advocacy	0	15,000	15,000	20,000
Comic Relief	0	51,872	51,872	27,620
IDVA - Bolton	0	0	0	102,500
	<u>44,200</u>	<u>318,020</u>	<u>362,220</u>	<u>335,655</u>

5 Investment income	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>504</u>	<u>923</u>

IDVA = Independent Domestic Violence Advocate

6 Net Incoming Resources for the Year	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	0	0
Independent examination fees	1,000	1,000

7 Staff Costs and Numbers	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	265,283	323,048
Social security costs	21,443	24,262
	<u>286,726</u>	<u>347,310</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Administration	0.5	1
Development workers	2	3
Project workers	10.5	13
	<u>13</u>	<u>17</u>

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	Unrestricted	Safe Haven - BMBC	Safe Haven - Lottery	Lloyds	Lottery	MHCLG Emergency	YPDVA - BMBC	Other	Comic Relief Emergency Fund	Comic Relief	The Haven	Restricted	Total	2021	2020
8 Resources expended															
Salaries	0	42,115	80,512	22,390	16,688	24,059	15,000	36,747	6,889	23,920	33,406	286,726	286,726	286,726	347,310
Travel, transport & subsistence	0	338	575							980	761	2,654	2,654	2,654	11,154
Premises	11,155	3,174	10,343		6,019	331				2,589	1,505	23,961	35,116	35,116	21,150
Vet fees	4330											0	4,330	4,330	1,374
Kennel fees												0	0	0	198
Pet equipment, treatment & food	1,557											0	1,557	1,557	991
Training	0	417	500						300	525	866	2,608	2,608	2,608	9,007
Telephone	2,097	1,056	3,194		420					480	229	5,379	7,476	7,476	7,162
Postage stationery photocopy	0	480	200							170	168	1,018	1,018	1,018	867
Printing advertising & publicity	0	420	150		1,945	1,430			1,786	559	337	6,627	6,627	6,627	7,559
Membership & affiliation	0		200								159	359	359	359	720
Prize money & fundraising	5,612											0	5,612	5,612	6,922
Insurance	3,403											0	3,403	3,403	3,345
Volunteers expenses												0	0	0	236
Accountancy & examination	2,778											0	2,778	2,778	4,279
Consultancy												0	0	0	2,600
Emergency funds, seasonal and disbursements	0		4,667		2,250	1,860			6,505	1,849		17,131	17,131	17,131	0
IT Support	3,757				400				320			720	4,477	4,477	3,273
Miscellaneous	2,643											0	2,643	2,643	7,675
Total resources expended	37,332	46,000	80,341	22,390	27,722	27,680	15,000	36,747	15,800	36,072	37,431	347,183	384,515	384,515	435,822

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9 Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No members of the management committee received any remuneration during the year.

No trustee or any other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2020 - Nil)

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As a charity, Paws For Kids is exempt from tax on income and gains of the Taxes Acts
No gains have arisen within the charity.

11 Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1 April 2020	24,738	24,738
Additions	0	0
Disposals	11,305	11,305
At 31 March 2021	<u>13,433</u>	<u>13,433</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2020	24,738	24,738
Charge for the year	0	0
Disposals	11,305	11,305
At 31 March 2021	<u>13,433</u>	<u>13,433</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2020	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2021	2020
Accruals and deferred income	135,215	57,987
	<u>135,215</u>	<u>57,987</u>

13 Movements in Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
At 31 March 2020	182,788	(3,476)	179,312
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	133,797	(29,163)	104,634
Transfer	(32,639)	32,639	0
At 31 March 2021	<u>283,946</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>283,946</u>

- 14 The charity has the obligation to pay rent for three years amounting to a liability of £58,500. There is a facility to sub-let the premises if the situation arises thereby reducing the net liability.