FERRYHILL LAKES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1090005

Details

Other names	THE FERRYHILL LADDER CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03953195
Registered	2002-01-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, IN PARTICULAR BUTNOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE INHABITANTS OF FERRYHILL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD" THEREOF (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE LEARNING, RELIEVE POVERTY AND SICKNESS AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES WITH THIS OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITION OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED LAKES & DISTRICTDEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED) AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THESAME, WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER VOLUNTARYORGANISATION IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: General Charitable purposesEducation/TrainingMedical/Health/SicknessRelief of PovertyArts/culturesports/recreationEconomic/community/development/employment

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY OF DURHAM, IN PARTICULAR BUTNOT EXCLUSIVELY, THE INHABITANTS OF FERRYHILL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£346,686	£253,678	-	-
2024-03-31	£187,338	£182,931	-	-
2023-03-31	£163,588	£186,321	-	-
2022-03-31	£199,883	£157,102	-	-
2021-03-31	£209,545	£148,829	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER BERNARD ATKINSON	Chair	2016-06-24
Jacklyn Barbara McCourt		2023-07-14
Julie West		2024-07-12
Paul Howell		2025-10-21
Rita Ann Jacobs		2016-11-16

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03953195 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1090005

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

for

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Hett Mill Cottage
Hett
Durham
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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Durham, in particular but not exclusively, the inhabitants of Ferryhill and neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the"area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance learning, relieve poverty and sickness and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time activities with this object of improving condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Significant activities

To establish a community resource centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other voluntary organisation in furtherance of these objects.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
Charitable activities

Ferryhill LADDER Centre is a community resource centre based on the Lakes Estate in Ferryhill County Durham. We have been open to the public since 2002 and provide a wide range of services aimed at reducing poverty and supporting families in a holistic and welcoming environment. Providing 1:1 support, group work, play and youth work.
The focus this year has been on continued support to address the cost of living crisis, increase volunteering opportunities and support digital skills and increase financial wellbeing.
LADDER has also benefited from significant capital improvements to ensure longevity of the Centre. This report will look at the various funders and services provided by the centre during the last financial year.

UKSPF
Capital - With Support from Durham County Council, LADDER has been successful in securing funding for essential capital work and this has included the following:
New Doors and Windows
New Solar Panels
Replacement of the conservatory for an insulated room
New Play area
This work will improve the energy efficiency of the building and future proof the Centre so we can continue to deliver much needed services

IT - through UKSPF LADDER also secured funding to upgrade our IT infrastructure. This work has included a new server, switch and laptops. This now allows us to provide open access public wifi and more laptops for training, learning and internet access.

Volunteer Project - Another element of UKSPF funding has been support for volunteering. This has allowed us to fund a volunteer coordinator who has supported the centre and local people to engage with local volunteer opportunities and successfully achieve the Volunteer Kitemark.

Eldon Trust - Funding from the Eldon Trust has allowed LADDER to decorate and furnish the reception area which has created a warm and friendly atmosphere for people coming into the centre. The Eldon Trust has also supported the work of our men's and women's groups.

Food Support
Welcome Space - Funded through County Durham Community Foundation
Welcome spaces ran from April 24 to July 24 and then restarted in Jan 25 and ran until the end of March 2025. Providing an open access self service breakfast and hot drink provision with staff available to offer help and support with benefit advice, access to foodbank help and other crisis support. In addition to this we also set up tea time toast stations to support children and young people when they access the centre.
Happy Hive
LADDER's Happy Hive goes from strength to strength. Providing a free 2 course meal every Thursday with activities this group attracts in excess of 20 people each week sometimes up to 30 people. Delivered by volunteers and funded currently through private donations.
Ferryhill Food Bank
LADDER Centre remains the main referral agency to access help from Ferryhill Food Bank. We provide voucher codes and take in referrals and provide help and support with - debt referrals, benefit advice and signposting to support services.

Group Activities
Ladder Centre - Monday Men's Group

Our weekly Men's wellbeing social group has continued to be popular during the last financial year, and despite limited funding it has continued to provide a safe space for men at risk of suffering poor mental health and isolation to meet. The group has 25 active members, with new referrals being regularly received, and those attending have taken part in regular activities such as health walks, gym taster sessions, cooking lessons, social days out and our Life Through a Lens Photography Project. The group has continued to benefit from 1:1 support from the group mentor for issues such as debts, benefits support and accessing health and wellbeing services. What has been particularly pleasing over the last year is the number of the men attending the group who took advantage of the support of our volunteering project and have moved into local volunteering opportunities. This has had a positive impact upon their confidence, has built new friendships and has improved their own resilience.

Women's Ways to Wellness Project

Our Women's ways to wellness project worked with over 30 women this year. The group was developed to support women with their physical and mental health issues and to encourage group members to make better choices and improve their health and wellbeing. Our women's group meets every week and provides a safe and welcoming environment for women. During the last year we have had trips to York, The Metro Centre, Richmond, Mainsgill Farm, walks around the local area and Hardwick Park. We have had cookery sessions, seated exercises sessions. The group has continued to grow and are always looking for opportunities to take part in to further benefit their physical and mental health.

Ladder Centre AAP Funded Big Arts Project - Life Through a Lens

This very successful art project ran through the Summer of 2024 and attracted participants. The project involved residents being offered the means, skills and opportunity to take photographs of the County Durham area to celebrate the natural beauty of County Durham. They were then asked to choose one photograph which really 'meant something to them'. The project gave us the opportunity to engage a professional photographer - Scott Akoz, to work with those taking part, and photography trips were organised to a mix of locations locally. Each project participant was invited to choose one photograph which was then framed and displayed at a celebration event at The Ferryhill Ladder Centre on the 4th October 2024.

Craft and Chat

Funding for craft and chat stopped this year but LADDER took the decision to keep this group running and with support from volunteers and the centre manager the group has continued to run and delivered Christmas craft and chat long with general craft and chat sessions.

Benefits, Employability and Digital Services

Big Lottery - Digital All

The Digital All project funded by the Lottery came to an end in December 2024 following 3 years of funding for our digital champion we are very proud to exceed all targets set for this project.

Our Digital Champion worked the local community to support them access IT and online services which included:

Online benefit Calculations and applications
Employability
Online applications for housing
Online shopping
Using comparison sites to find deals on products and services.
Online banking
Printing
Connecting with family online
Social Media
Online interviews/ Work / Benefit assessments
Completing online training with external providers

This work has been delivered on both 1:1 and group training sessions and in the last 2 years the project has worked with 1364 people.
586 People reported an increase in their confidence using IT.
817 People reported an increase in their financial well-being.
221 People reported an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
251 People participated in training to improve their skills.
910 People reported an improvement in their skills and ability to job search independently and manage their own benefit claim. As you can see this was greatly more than the project targets which are shown below.

Total targets for the whole project were as follows:
300 people will feel more confident using IT.
150 people will report an improvement in their financial wellbeing.
150 people will report an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
180 People participate in training to improve their skills.
225 people report an improvement in their skills and ability to manage their benefit claims.

Benefitting All -TNLF (Started February 2025)
Benefitting all is new funding from the Lottery to continue and improve the previous Digital All project. This provides 3 years funding to allow us to continue and expand upon the benefit and digital services we provide.
Although this project only started in February we have already been working hard and are well on the way to achieving the targets set for this project which are:
300 people will have access to high quality benefits advice each year
To date 149
150 people will be supported to maximise their benefit income each year
To date 90
200 people will participate in digital training over the project lifetime
To date 26
300 people will report an improvement in their digital skills to enable them to better manage online benefit claims each year
To date 30
100 people will be supported to access online benefit services such as Blue Badge applications and housing applications each year
To date 25

AAP Recovering Futures
Our 4 Together Partnership funded Benefits Advice and Support Service - Recovering Futures has continued to make a positive impact upon the financial wellbeing of our communities. The project continues to provide excellent value for money and has again exceeded demand.
Between April 2024 and March 2025, we are delighted to report that we have assisted 870 people to maximise their income, navigate the benefits system and access essential support in times of crisis. We feel that the continued demand for face-to-face support when completing new applications for benefits, appealing benefits decisions, checking entitlement to benefits, etc. reflects how important our Benefits Advice Service remains to the community.
Regarding value for money, although difficult to calculate accurately, we estimate that the work completed during these projects continues to generate over £2 million pounds a year in extra and continuing benefit awards, a significant boost to the local economy. One client alone who worked with us received over £11,000 in back dated benefit payments after a historic mistake was discovered with her claim.

Regular referrals from our partners continue, especially in relation to some of the more vulnerable clients who require home visits to access help. We have continued to work closely with GP aligned Social Prescribing Link Workers and Care Co-ordinators to grow this area of service.
During the last financial year our Benefits service has faced several challenges linked to ongoing welfare reform, most notably changes to the Winter Fuel Payment and an increased demand for Pension Credit checks, and ongoing planned Universal Credit migration. These changes have increased our workload, and further changes are anticipated in 2026 to Personal Independence Payment entitlement and once the outcome of the ongoing government Green Paper - Pathways to Work consultation is published.
In September 2024 we were delighted to welcome Joan to the team, Joan joins the Ladder Centre Advice Team after working for the Department for Works and Pensions for over 30 years, and we welcome her knowledge and experience.
Livin - Hub with a Heart
A bespoke project established to offer targeted help to Livin tenants with a focus on improving mental health, tackling social isolation, and improving financial wellbeing. This project allowed staff the time to provide in depth and complex support to Livin tenants. Providing support to100 Livin tenants and providing £1,956,214 in social value. This funding supported LADDER to help Livin tenants increase financial wellbeing, reduce depression and anxiety, and improve health and wellbeing.
Ferryhill Town Hall Drop in - Ferryhill Town Council
In the last financial year we have provided a fortnightly drop in service from Ferryhill Town Hall and during this year we have worked with 127 local residents. Covering a variety of different topics from PIP claims, Blue Badge applications, Disabled bus pass applications, Issues with housing, Durham Key Option accounts, applications for Council Tax reduction and Housing benefit. Benefit Calculations, support with applications for driving licences and rail cards. Help with consumer issues. New claims for Employment and support allowance and Universal credit. Management of Universal credit accounts, support to request Fitnotes. Pension Credit applications, support with Job search and CV production. We will continue to provide this drop in service as we move forward through 2025 - 2026.
Chilton Town Council Drop In - Chilton Town Council & Former Cllr Julie Cairns
Between April 2024 and March 2025 our Chilton Outreach work has continued to go from strength to strength, with an average of 13 people visiting the Drop In at Chilton Town Hall every Tuesday morning. We have also provided support by means of home visits, to those Chilton residents who are housebound, and this has proved massively beneficial. This work has achieved some significant results, particularly in relation to maximising income for elderly people in Chilton who previously have had no means of accessing advice and guidance readily. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Former Councillor Julie Cairns and Chilton Town Council for the funding and ongoing support to allow us to deliver this vital service.
CDCF - Health Improvement Fund & Organisational Sustainability Fund
Welfare delivery has always been geographically limited and demand to offer help and support to people from the rural east corridor (Sedgefield, Fishburn, Trimdons) and Spennymoor have significantly increased. Working in a partnership approach with social prescribers attached to GP's we developed and now deliver a project funded through health improvement fund which is allowing us to support vulnerable clients who have been cut off from services. Providing telephone appointments and home visits, demand far outstrips capacity in these areas. This project ended December 2024 but the work from this will now continue and be funded through Benefitting All - TNLF

Children and Young Peoples Services
This year LADDER have worked with a number of funders to be able to deliver essential children and youth work, these are as follows:
Million Hours Fund - TNLF

This covers 4 youth sessions per week and we run these Monday - Thursday every week. Working with young people at risk of anti social behaviour.
AAP - LADDER Kids
This covers 3 play sessions and run Tuesday - Thursday every week and work with younger children 5 - 11 years old.
During the children and youth sessions we have worked with over 200 children and young people this year with approximately 40-50% of these children and young people having additional needs (SEN).
Fun and Food - Durham County Council
The school holidays have been funded by the fun and food funding to help us combat holiday hunger in the Ferryhill area. The funding allowed us to provide additional sessions during the: Easter Holidays, Summer Holidays and Christmas Holidays. These sessions provided every child with a hot meal during every session that they attended as well as the chance to take part in lots of fun activities, ensuring they take part in lots of physical activities and encourage a healthy lifestyle. We have provided over 700 hot meals to children over the last year thanks to the fun and food funding.
LADDER Centre AAP Big Arts Funding - Musical Theatre Mural
We also had funding from the AAP Big Art funding. This funding allowed us to work with graffiti artist Creative Ginger to create a mural on the back wall in the garden as the previous work was looking tarnished. The young people worked with him and came up with the idea of a musical theatre mural. The young people discussed and drew pictures of their favourite musicals and then voted on which ones would go onto the wall. This took place over the summer holidays and was a really good project, attracting at least 20 young people to each session.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Funding has been received in the form of grants as detailed in note 3 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity of £36250 meets this target level.

FUTURE PLANS

LADDER will be looking to deliver targeted projects along with our main delivery activities. The focus of these will be on British Values as we aim to encourage and support community cohesion. We will also be looking to deliver projects with a reuse and repurpose focus and potentially open a repair café

LADDER also will focus on securing more long term funding for play and youth delivery and look to continue to develop and improve our volunteer offer.
Further changes to the benefits system will also be prioritised as we look to mitigate any issues caused as we enter the final stages of migration to universal credit and start the process of pathways to work consultation and then implementation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of the charity are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body.

Organisational structure

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd has a Management Committee of up to 7 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A monthly meeting convenes to discuss operational and day-to-day running of the Centre.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Development Worker.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and an induction pack has been implemented to introduce new trustees and information is provided as to the extent of their responsibilities and roles.

Risk management

The Management Committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimalised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03953195 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1090005

Registered office

Ferryhill Ladder Centre Ltd
5-7 Coniston Road
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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Trustees
Mr J Birchall (resigned 12.7.24)
Mrs V A Birchall
Mrs V C Hall
Mr P B Atkinson
Ms R D Henderson
Ms R A Jacobs
Ms J B Mc Court
Ms J L West (appointed 12.7.24)

Company Secretary
Ms R A Jacobs

Independent Examiner
Peter A Hodgson
Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

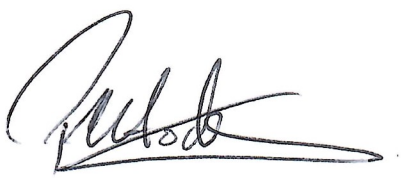
Independent examiner's statement

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 member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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.



Peter A Hodgson
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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7 July 2025

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	4,050	-	4,050	536
Charitable activities	3				
Room Hire		-	-	-	2,500
Grants Received		29,763	307,873	337,636	179,302
Other income		-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total		33,813	312,873	346,686	187,338
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Administration of Charity		37,332	216,346	253,678	182,931
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,519)	96,527	93,008	4,407
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,769	199,504	239,273	234,866
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		36,250	296,031	332,281	239,273

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Position 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	11,160	203,875	215,035	109,773
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	9,602	-	9,602	412
Cash at bank and in hand		19,920	96,214	116,134	137263
		29,522	96,214	125,736	137675
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,432)	(4,058)	(8490)	(8175)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		25,090	92,156	117,246	129,500
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		36,250	296,031	332,281	239,273
NET ASSETS		36,250	296,031	332,281	239,273
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				36,250	39,769
Restricted funds				296,031	199,504
TOTAL FUNDS				332,281	239,273

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 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.

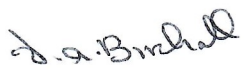
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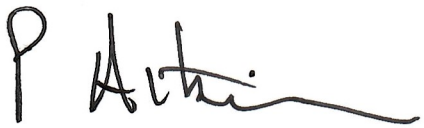
Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 March 2025

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 7 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs V A Birchall - Trustee



Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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.

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

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

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

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	4,050	536

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.25	31.3.24
	Activity	£	£
Room hire	Room Hire	-	2,500
Grants	Grants Received	337,636	179,302
		337,636	181,802

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Durham County Council	184,144	86,305
County Durham Community Foundation	22,270	27,275
Livin' Housing Ltd	10,000	1,495
The National Lottery Community Fund RC North East and Cumbria Fund	92,424	45,750
Ferryhill Town Council	2,200	6,428
Neighbourly Foundation	500	2,055
Pioneering Care Group	-	6,994
Chilton Town Council	6,500	3,000
TNLCF The Million Hours	17,692	-
Rural Design Centre	1,906	-
	337,636	179,302

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	225,478	28,200	253,678

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	23,252	128	4,820	28,200

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	8,232	7,000
Other operating leases	5,917	7,564
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	9,103	-

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	145,542	114,112
Social security costs	11,922	8,760
Other pension costs	3,047	2,459
	160,511	125,331

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

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Support Workers	10	7

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8. STAFF COSTS - continued

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

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	536	-	536
Charitable activities			
Room Hire	2,500	-	2,500
Grants Received	29,312	149,990	179,302
Other income	-	5,000	5,000
Total	32,348	154,990	187,338
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Administration of Charity	31,837	151,094	182,931
NET INCOME	511	3,896	4,407
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	39,258	195,608	234,866
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	39,769	199,504	239,273

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024	168,613	16,422	20,471	13,021	218,527
Additions	58,903	40,927	2,213	20,554	122,597
Disposals	(15,571)	(13,140)	-	(3,882)	(32,593)
At 31 March 2025	211,945	44,209	22,684	29,693	308,531
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	69,160	16,422	15,336	7,836	108,754
Charge for year	3,112	682	2,103	2,335	8,232
Eliminated on disposal	(6,468)	(13,140)	-	(3,882)	(23,490)
At 31 March 2025	65,804	3,964	17,439	6,289	93,496
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	146,141	40,245	5,245	23,404	215,035
At 31 March 2024	99,453	-	5,135	5,185	109,773

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Accruals	1,952	-
Prepayments	7,650	412
	9,602	412

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	4,058	2,924
Accrued expenses	4,432	5,251
	8,490	8,175

13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Between one and five years	16,577	21,524

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	24,767	(9,100)	15,667
Contingency fund	4,536	50	4,586
Youth	1,677	(1,677)	-
Unrestricted	2,203	8,445	10,648
Maintenance	6,586	(1,237)	5,349
	39,769	(3,519)	36,250
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	13,223	1,916	15,139
6 Support Worker	32,989	(12,412)	20,577
3 Support Worker	28,349	(4,294)	24,055
5 Support Worker	4,824	(3,466)	1,358
Fixed Assets Restricted	102,197	(15,996)	86,201
7 Support Worker	8,373	(7,437)	936
Ladies Group	675	-	675
Sport	526	(526)	-
Easter Activities	4,160	(4,160)	-
Pioneering Care Group	440	(440)	-
Craft and Chat	477	(53)	424
Kitchen/Food	2,367	(1,247)	1,120
10 Support Worker	654	(500)	154
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	250	(250)	-
County Durham COM	-	9,790	9,790
IT Systems	-	15,565	15,565
UKSPF Capital Fund	-	97,298	97,298
11 Support Worker	-	12,239	12,239
AAP 2025	-	2,000	2,000
Volunteer UKSPF	-	2,346	2,346
12 Support Worker	-	3,225	3,225
TNLCF Million Hours	-	2,399	2,399
Fun and FoodDCC	-	530	530
	199,504	96,527	296,031
TOTAL FUNDS	239,273	93,008	332,281

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	23,648	(32,748)	(9,100)
Contingency fund	50	-	50
Youth	54	(1,731)	(1,677)
Unrestricted	-	8,445	8,445
Maintenance	10,061	(11,298)	(1,237)
	33,813	(37,332)	(3,519)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	30,924	(29,008)	1,916
6 Support Worker	18,424	(30,836)	(12,412)
3 Support Worker	37,143	(41,437)	(4,294)
5 Support Worker	19,745	(23,211)	(3,466)
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(15,996)	(15,996)
7 Support Worker	14,085	(21,522)	(7,437)
Sport	-	(526)	(526)
Easter Activities	-	(4,160)	(4,160)
Pioneering Care Group	-	(440)	(440)
Craft and Chat	-	(53)	(53)
Kitchen/Food	1,220	(2,467)	(1,247)
10 Support Worker	1,425	(1,925)	(500)
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	-	(250)	(250)
County Durham COM	9,790	-	9,790
IT Systems	27,020	(11,455)	15,565
UKSPF Capital Fund	100,013	(2,715)	97,298
Welcome Space 2025	117	(117)	-
11 Support Worker	15,000	(2,761)	12,239
AAP 2025	2,000	-	2,000
Volunteer UKSPF	4,410	(2,064)	2,346
12 Support Worker	6,058	(2,833)	3,225
Christmas 2024	1,555	(1,555)	-
Group Activities	200	(200)	-
Big Art DCC	6,215	(6,215)	-
TNLCF Million Hours	9,603	(7,204)	2,399
Fun and FoodDCC	5,926	(5,396)	530
Raised Beds DCC	2,000	(2,000)	-
	312,873	(216,346)	96,527
TOTAL FUNDS	346,686	(253,678)	93,008

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	22,979	1,788	24,767
Contingency fund	4,506	30	4,536
Youth	1,002	675	1,677
Unrestricted	1,058	1,145	2,203
Maintenance	9,713	(3,127)	6,586
	39,258	511	39,769
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	12,145	1,078	13,223
6 Support Worker	15,644	17,345	32,989
3 Support Worker	31,064	(2,715)	28,349
5 Support Worker	8,326	(3,502)	4,824
Fixed Assets Restricted	99,750	2,447	102,197
7 Support Worker	9,787	(1,414)	8,373
8 Support Worker	3,399	(3,399)	-
Ladies Group	1,175	(500)	675
Sport	526	-	526
Easter Activities	-	4,160	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	-	440	440
Craft and Chat	585	(108)	477
Volunteer Fund	765	(765)	-
Platinum Fixed Assets	3,036	(3,036)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund			
	1,225	(1,225)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	600	(600)	-
Children	2,738	(2,738)	-
Kitchen/Food	3,316	(949)	2,367
10 Support Worker	1,527	(873)	654
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	-	250	250
	195,608	3,896	199,504
TOTAL FUNDS	234,866	4,407	239,273

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	31,643	(29,855)	1,788
Contingency fund	30	-	30
Youth	675	-	675
Unrestricted	-	1,145	1,145
Maintenance	-	(3,127)	(3,127)
	32,348	(31,837)	511
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	26,544	(25,466)	1,078
6 Support Worker	47,094	(29,749)	17,345
3 Support Worker	36,064	(38,779)	(2,715)
5 Support Worker	7,010	(10,512)	(3,502)
Fixed Assets Restricted	4,984	(2,537)	2,447
Livin' Housing Ltd	2,473	(2,473)	-
7 Support Worker	13,622	(15,036)	(1,414)
8 Support Worker	-	(3,399)	(3,399)
Ladies Group	-	(500)	(500)
Halloween	731	(731)	-
Easter Activities	4,160	-	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	600	(160)	440
Craft and Chat	250	(358)	(108)
Volunteer Fund	-	(765)	(765)
Platinum Fixed Assets	-	(3,036)	(3,036)
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund			
	(675)	(550)	(1,225)
Happiness Hub for Men	(85)	(515)	(600)
Children	825	(3,563)	(2,738)
Kitchen/Food	4,307	(5,256)	(949)
10 Support Worker	1,208	(2,081)	(873)
CDCF Accounts and Social Media	5,000	(5,000)	-
County Durham Com Welcome Space	628	(628)	-
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	250	-	250
	154,990	(151,094)	3,896
TOTAL FUNDS	187,338	(182,931)	4,407

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	22,979	(7,312)	15,667
Contingency fund	4,506	80	4,586
Youth	1,002	(1,002)	-
Unrestricted	1,058	9,590	10,648
Maintenance	9,713	(4,364)	5,349
	39,258	(3,008)	36,250
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	12,145	2,994	15,139
6 Support Worker	15,644	4,933	20,577
3 Support Worker	31,064	(7,009)	24,055
5 Support Worker	8,326	(6,968)	1,358
Fixed Assets Restricted	99,750	(13,549)	86,201
7 Support Worker	9,787	(8,851)	936
8 Support Worker	3,399	(3,399)	-
Ladies Group	1,175	(500)	675
Sport	526	(526)	-
Craft and Chat	585	(161)	424
Volunteer Fund	765	(765)	-
Platinum Fixed Assets	3,036	(3,036)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund	1,225	(1,225)	-
CD Com Fund	600	(600)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	2,738	(2,738)	-
Children	3,316	(2,196)	1,120
Kitchen/Food	1,527	(1,373)	154
10 Support Worker	-	9,790	9,790
County Durham COM	-	15,565	15,565
IT Systems	-	97,298	97,298
UKSPF Capital Fund	-	12,239	12,239
11 Support Worker	-	2,000	2,000
AAP 2025	-	2,346	2,346
Volunteer UKSPF	-	3,225	3,225
12 Support Worker	-	2,399	2,399
TNLCF Million Hours	-	530	530
Fun and FoodDCC	195,608	100,423	296,031
TOTAL FUNDS	234,866	97,415	332,281

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	55,291	(62,603)	(7,312)
Contingency fund	80	-	80
Youth	729	(1,731)	(1,002)
Unrestricted	-	9,590	9,590
Maintenance	10,061	(14,425)	(4,364)
	66,161	(69,169)	(3,008)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	57,468	(54,474)	2,994
6 Support Worker	65,518	(60,585)	4,933
3 Support Worker	73,207	(80,216)	(7,009)
5 Support Worker	26,755	(33,723)	(6,968)
Fixed Assets Restricted	4,984	(18,533)	(13,549)
Livin' Housing Ltd	2,473	(2,473)	-
7 Support Worker	27,707	(36,558)	(8,851)
8 Support Worker	-	(3,399)	(3,399)
Ladies Group	-	(500)	(500)
Halloween	731	(731)	-
Sport	-	(526)	(526)
Easter Activities	4,160	(4,160)	-
Pioneering Care Group	600	(600)	-
Craft and Chat	250	(411)	(161)
Volunteer Fund	-	(765)	(765)
Platinum Fixed Assets	-	(3,036)	(3,036)
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund	(675)	(550)	(1,225)
CD Com Fund	(85)	(515)	(600)
Happiness Hub for Men	825	(3,563)	(2,738)
Children	5,527	(7,723)	(2,196)
Kitchen/Food	2,633	(4,006)	(1,373)
10 Support Worker	5,000	(5,000)	-
CDCF Accounts and Social Media	628	(628)	-
County Durham Com Welcome Space	250	(250)	-
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	9,790	-	9,790
County Durham COM	27,020	(11,455)	15,565
IT Systems	100,013	(2,715)	97,298
UKSPF Capital Fund	117	(117)	-
Welcome Space 2025	15,000	(2,761)	12,239
11 Support Worker	2,000	-	2,000
AAP 2025	4,410	(2,064)	2,346
Volunteer UKSPF			

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

12 Support Worker	6,058	(2,833)	3,225
Christmas 2024	1,555	(1,555)	-
Group Activities	200	(200)	-
Big Art DCC	6,215	(6,215)	-
TNLCF Million Hours	9,603	(7,204)	2,399
Fun and FoodDCC	5,926	(5,396)	530
Raised Beds DCC	2,000	(2,000)	-
	467,863	(367,440)	100,423
TOTAL FUNDS	534,024	(436,609)	97,415

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,050	536
Charitable activities		
Room hire	-	2,500
Grants	337,636	179,302
	337,636	181,802
Other income		
Employment allowance	5,000	5,000
Total incoming resources	346,686	187,338
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	145,542	114,112
Social security	11,922	8,760
Pensions	3,047	2,459
Rates and water	819	461
Insurance	1,423	1,785
Light and heat	2,770	4,470
Telephone	5,751	3,187
Postage and stationery	772	376
Sundries	1,243	2,104
Police checks	126	52
Activity costs	34,735	15,979
Repairs and maintenance	12,267	7,319
Staff travel	354	109
Licences	761	386
Cleaning	-	426
Work clothing	495	227
Rentokil	1,012	920
Sage software	150	144
Photocopier usage	1,299	853
Staff Training Costs	990	-
	225,478	164,129
Support costs		

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	5,917	7,564
Improvements to property	3,112	3,372
Plant and machinery	682	-
Fixtures and fittings	2,103	1,998
Computer equipment	2,335	1,630
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	9,103	-
	23,252	14,564
Finance		
Bank charges	128	121
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,698	3,349
Professional fees	1,122	768
	4,820	4,117
Total resources expended	253,678	182,931
Net income	93,008	4,407

FERRYHILL LAKES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1090005

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03953195 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1090005

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

for

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Durham, in particular but not exclusively, the inhabitants of Ferryhill and neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the"area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance learning, relieve poverty and sickness and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time activities with this object of improving condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Significant activities

To establish a community resource centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other voluntary organisation in furtherance of these objects.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Ferryhill LADDER Centre is a community resource centre based on the Lakes Estate in Ferryhill Co Durham. We have been open to the public for 20 years and provide a wide range of services aimed at reducing poverty and supporting families in a holistic and welcoming environment. Providing 1:1 support, group work, play and youth work.
Focus continues this year on providing help and support to tackle the cost of living crisis that has significantly impacted our local communities and we have actively looked at projects that could help support local residents.
This report will look at the various funders and services provided by the centre during the last financial year.

Kings Coronation - Neighbourly
In May 2023 to celebrate the Kings Coronation, Ferryhill LADDER Centre with support from Neighbourly arranged a week of celebrations including afternoon teas and a children's party. This was a lovely way to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

Craft and Chat Resources - Cllr Bowron Ferryhill Town Council
Thanks to support from Cllr Bowron LADDER have been able to purchase resources to allow our craft and chat group to continue This runs every Monday morning providing a range of craft activities along with a cuppa and chat.

Welcome Space - Funded through County Durham Community Foundation
Welcome spaces started in December 2023 and ran until the end of March 2024. Providing an open access self service breakfast and hot drink provision with staff available to offer help and support with benefit advice, access to foodbank help and other crisis support. This replaced the previous warm space and was much more successful in encouraging people to use the space and access services within the centre. Providing over 1000 hot drinks and helping 82 people.

Happy Hive - Poverty Hurts & Sainsburys
LADDERs Happy Hive goes from strength to strength. Providing a free 2 course meal every Thursday with activities this group attracts in excess of 20 people each week sometime up to 30 people. Delivered by volunteers and supported with food donations and help from CDCF and the Neighbourly Foundation.

Mayors Chosen Charity
Cllr Carole Atkinson kindly chose Ferryhill LADDER Centre as one of her nominated charities and fundraised on our behalf. Carole raised an amazing £2678 and this funding has been put towards updates and improvements to the building.

Wednesday Men's Group - Happiness Hubs until 01/01/2024
Our Wednesday Men's Social Group has continued to go from strength to strength, 48 men at risk of isolation and poor mental health have engaged with the group. Either through regular attendance at the group sessions, one to one support or attending specific activities of interest to them.
Our group members have continued to benefit from:

* 1 to 1 support to address welfare and financial disadvantage
* Several health-related activities such health walks, walking football, gym taster sessions, healthy eating courses, mindfulness activities, art and music group sessions, gardening and volunteering.
* Engagement with Advice in County Durham, Mental Health Advocacy, Wellbeing for Life and Employability Durham to improve life skills, have a voice about what is happening in their communities and to feel more engaged with their lives.

* In January 2024 funding for activities ran out for our Men's Group, rather than lose the group, the men made the decision to self-fund their own group. A testament I feel of how much the group is valued by those taking part.
* We have continued to receive regular referrals from our partners into our Men's Group indicating continued need.

Women's Ways to Wellness Project
Our Women's ways to wellness project worked with over 30 women this year. The group was developed to support women with their physical and mental health issues and to encourage group members to make better choices and improve their health and wellbeing.
The group has covered a variety of different topics relating to daily life and provides group also receive a free healthy lunch as part to their session. They have taken part in a variety of trips from walks from Newton Aycliffe Railway station to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon and back and walks and we have walked around Hardwick park and had a lovely picnic We also spent a lovely day walking around the Metro Centre doing some Christmas Shopping in December.
We carried out a variety different health related activities which included health walks, seated exercise, Ready steady cook, Christmas bakes. We have had a talk from the NE First credit union and members of the group have now opened savings accounts which will allow them to save and plan their financial situation. We have had trips to Whitby and a trip to Richmond last summer as we were lucky enough to have secured funding through the Happiness Hub to continue the group this financial year.

Big Lottery - Digital All
Our Digital Champion project is a 3 year project that has worked with local people to support them access IT and online services which included:
* Online benefit Calculations and applications
* Employability
* Online applications for housing
* Online shopping
* Using comparison sites to find deals on products and services.
* Online banking
* Printing
* Connecting with family online
* Social Media
* Online interviews/ Work / Benefit assessments
* Completing online training with external providers

This work has been delivered on both 1:2:1 and group training sessions and in the last 2 years the project has worked with 903 people.
405 People reported an increase in their confidence using IT.
590 People reported an increase in their financial well-being.
130 People reported an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
166 People participated in training to improve their skills.
624 People reported an improvement in their skills and ability to job search independently and manage their own benefit claim.
Total targets for the whole project are as follows:
300 people will feel more confident using IT.
150 people will report an improvement in their financial wellbeing.
150 people will report an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
180 People participate in training to improve their skills.
225 people report an improvement in their skills and ability to manage their benefit claims.

AAP Supporting Futures
Our 4 Together Partnership funded Benefits Advice and Support Service - Supporting Futures has continued to make a positive impact upon the financial wellbeing of our communities. The project continues to provide excellent value for more and has again exceeded demand.
Please see below a breakdown of what this project has achieved and the focus points over the life of the project.
* AAP funded - offered since 2017 - over the last financial year has assisted over 1000 residents with their Benefit enquiries, new claims, appeals and completion of paperwork.
* The project has again brought a conservative estimate of £2 million pounds of extra revenue into the local economy through extra benefit awards, backdated payments, successful appeals and maximising income. Excellent value for money I am sure you will agree!
* The service has offered signposting to professional Debt Advice services for 70 residents.
* The service continues to have a positive impact upon the mental health and wellbeing of those we support. And has provided crucial support to some of the most vulnerable across our communities at very difficult times in their lives.
* We have continued our very popular outreach support services in Chilton, fortnightly at Ferryhill Town Council and Bishop Middleham. We have also completed an increasing number of home visits to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access professional advice and guidance.
* We are continuing to build strong working relationships with partners and are now the "referral agency of choice" for many of these partners.

Livin - Hub with a Heart
A bespoke project established to offer targeted help to Livin tenants with a focus on improving mental health, tackling social isolation, and improving financial wellbeing. This project allowed staff the time to provide in depth and complex support to Livin tenants. Providing support to 50 Livin tenants and providing more than £2 million in social value. This funding supported LADDER to help Livin tenants increase financial wellbeing, reduce depression and anxiety, and improve health and wellbeing.

Ferryhill Town Council Drop In - Ferryhill Town Council
With support from Ferryhill Town Council LADDER has delivered a fortnightly drop in at Ferryhill Town Hall and this has allowed us to engage with people who would not always attend the LADDER Centre. Providing advice support and sign posting to ensure residents in Ferryhill have been able to access support in a central town centre location.

Chilton Town Council Drop In - Chilton Town Council & Cllr Julie Cairns
Between April 2023 and March 2024 our Chilton Outreach work has continued to go from strength to strength, with an average of 8 people visiting the Drop In at Chilton Town Hall every Tuesday morning. We have also provided support by means of home visits, to those Chilton residents who are house bound, and this has proved massively beneficial. This work has achieved some significant results, particularly in relation to maximising income for elderly people in Chilton who previously have had no means of accessing advice and guidance readily. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Councillor Julie Cairns and Chilton Town Council for the funding and ongoing support to allow us to deliver this vital service.

AAP Funding
We have been funded by the 4 Together Partnership over the last year to work with children and young people. This has funded our generic play and youth sessions. These sessions have been essential for the children and young people of Ferryhill and have been the back bone of our delivery for children aged 5-18 years old. These sessions have ran on a night time 3 nights a week and have given the children and young people a safe place to go as a deterrent from antisocial behaviour. As well as providing the children and young people with physical activities, arts and crafts, games and project work as well as services from other agencies including C-Card and relationships/friendships advice.

DCC Fun and Food
This funding covered the school holidays: Easter, Summer 23 and Halloween. This funding was in place to ensure that children were fed over the school holidays to try and combat holiday hunger. During these sessions we provided children and young people with a hot meal as well as positive activities for them to take part in. This included: arts and craft activities, physical activities to ensure children are encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle, project work including an evening learning about the Day of the dead (dia de los Muertos) and trying Mexican food. This project worked with 90 individual children and young people. During the summer holidays we have lots of activities and we play a game of the day each day where the children get the chance to win prizes and certificates.

CDCF - Health Improvement Fund & Organisational Sustainability Fund
Welfare delivery has always been geographically limited and demand to offer help and support to people from the rural east corridor (Sedgefield, Fishburn, Trimdons) also Spennymoor have significantly increased. Working in a partnership approach with social prescribers attached to GP's we developed and now deliver a project funded through health improvement fund which is allowing us to support vulnerable clients who have been cut off from services. Providing telephone appointments and home visits, demand far outstrips capacity in these areas. This project is ongoing and the expected outcomes have already been exceeded.

BALM
Over the last 12 months we have continued to have the pleasure of BALM offering bereavement and grief support from The Ferryhill Ladder Centre both by means of group support on the first Tuesday of every month and by one-to-one appointments by arrangement. Janet Deane from BALM has kindly offered to talk about the work and successes of BALM to this year's AGM on the 12/07/2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources
Funding has been received in the form of grants as detailed in note 3 to the accounts.

Reserves policy
The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity of £39769 meets this target level.

FUTURE PLANS

Moving forward LADDER will continue to look at supporting local people through the cost of living crisis, grow the excellent work delivered by staff and secure funding for play and youth delivery so we can support all of our local residents. Services will include outreach sessions in Chilton, Ferryhill Town Hall, Bishop Middleham. Home visits and targeted work will be offered through the rural east corridor.
Benefit calculations and work to increase income and reduce outgoings will continue.
Work to reduce anti social behaviour will continue and new ideas will be implemented to support children and young people in Ferryhill. To help us with this we have successfully sourced 2 years worth of funding to work with the young people from the One Million Hours Fund. This means that we can offer more youth sessions for the young people to attend, for the next 2 years.
Volunteering will continue to be a priority and LADDER will look at new ways to encourage and support volunteers. Digital independence will also continue to be a major theme, providing people with the skills to be self-reliant and build confidence to manage independently.
Additionally funding to carry out capital work to the building and IT infrastructure will be a priority over the next 12 months.

Mary McCartin
This year LADDER lost a very important supporter, friend and trustee. To commemorate and celebrate her life we, as an organisation, from 2024 we will be identifying a member of the community and inviting them to accept The Mary McCARTIN Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to our communities. We feel that this is an apt way to ensure Mary's legacy, whilst also acknowledging the "unsung" heroes who give so much to support others.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of the charity are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body.

Organisational structure

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd has a Management Committee of up to 7 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A monthly meeting convenes to discuss operational and day-to-day running of the Centre.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Development Worker.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and an induction pack has been implemented to introduce new trustees and information is provided as to the extent of their responsibilities and roles.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The Management Committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimalised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03953195 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1090005

Registered office
Ferryhill Ladder Centre Ltd
5-7 Coniston Road
Ferryhill
Co. Durham
DL17 8EZ

Trustees
Mr J Birchall
Mrs V A Birchall
Mrs V C Hall
Mr P B Atkinson
Ms R D Henderson
Ms R A Jacobs
Ms M Mccartin (resigned 26.7.23)
Ms J B Mc Court (appointed 14.7.23)

Company Secretary
Ms R A Jacobs

Independent Examiner
Peter A Hodgson
Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Hett Mill Cottage
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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
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.



Peter A Hodgson

Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Hett Mill Cottage
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12 July 2024

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	536	-	536	1,310
Charitable activities	3				
Room Hire		2,500	-	2,500	-
Grants Received		29,312	149,990	179,302	157,278
Other income		-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total		32,348	154,990	187,338	163,588
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Administration of Charity		31,837	151,094	182,931	186,321
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		511	3,896	4,407	(22,733)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,258	195,608	234,866	257,599
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		39,769	199,504	239,273	234,866

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Position 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	7,576	102,197	109,773	111,789
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	412	-	412	1,031
Cash at bank and in hand		36,737	100,526	137,263	128,557
		37,149	100,526	137,675	129,588
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,956)	(3,219)	(8,175)	(6,511)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		32,193	97,307	129,500	123,077
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		39,769	199,504	239,273	234,866
NET ASSETS		39,769	199,504	239,273	234,866
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				39,769	39,258
Restricted funds				199,504	195,608
TOTAL FUNDS				239,273	234,866

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 March 2024

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 12 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs V A Birchall - Trustee

V. A. Birchall

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

P Atkinson

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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.

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

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

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

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	536	1,310

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Room hire	Room Hire	2,500	-
Grants	Grants Received	179,302	157,278
		181,802	157,278

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Durham County Council	86,305	34,709
County Durham Community Foundation	27,275	40,125
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,495	23,000
The National Lottery Community Fund RC North East and Cumbria Fund	45,750	48,675
Ferryhill Town Council	6,428	1,525
Neighbourly Foundation	2,055	1,000
Pioneering Care Group	6,994	6,744
Arnold Clark	-	1,000
Durham Community Action	-	500
Chilton Town Council	3,000	-
	179,302	157,278

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	164,129	18,802	182,931

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	14,564	121	4,117	18,802

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	7,000	6,488
Other operating leases	7,564	3,472

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	114,112	112,237
Social security costs	8,760	8,472
Other pension costs	2,459	2,546
	125,331	123,255

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Support Workers	7	7

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

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	155	1,155	1,310
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	19,869	137,409	157,278
Other income	-	5,000	5,000
Total	20,024	143,564	163,588
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Administration of Charity	25,881	160,440	186,321
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,857)	(16,876)	(22,733)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	45,115	212,484	257,599
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	39,258	195,608	234,866

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 April 2023	168,613	16,422	44,990	17,604	247,629
Additions	-	-	-	4,984	4,984
Disposals	-	-	(24,519)	(9,567)	(34,086)
At 31 March 2024	168,613	16,422	20,471	13,021	218,527
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	65,788	16,422	37,857	15,773	135,840
Charge for year	3,372	-	1,998	1,630	7,000
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(24,519)	(9,567)	(34,086)
At 31 March 2024	69,160	16,422	15,336	7,836	108,754
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	99,453	-	5,135	5,185	109,773
At 31 March 2023	102,825	-	7,133	1,831	111,789

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments	412	1,031

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	663
Social security and other taxes	2,924	2,715
Accrued expenses	5,251	3,133
	8,175	6,511

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Within one year	-	4,319
Between one and five years	21,524	-
	21,524	4,319

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	22,979	1,788	24,767
Contingency fund	4,506	30	4,536
Youth	1,002	675	1,677
Unrestricted	1,058	1,145	2,203
Maintenance	9,713	(3,127)	6,586
	39,258	511	39,769
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	12,145	1,078	13,223
6 Support Worker	15,644	17,345	32,989
3 Support Worker	31,064	(2,715)	28,349
5 Support Worker	8,326	(3,502)	4,824
Fixed Assets Restricted	99,750	2,447	102,197
7 Support Worker	9,787	(1,414)	8,373
8 Support Worker	3,399	(3,399)	-
Ladies Group	1,175	(500)	675
Sport	526	-	526
Easter Activities	-	4,160	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	-	440	440
Craft and Chat	585	(108)	477
Volunteer Fund	765	(765)	-
Platinum Fixed Assets	3,036	(3,036)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund	1,225	(1,225)	-
CD Com Fund	600	(600)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	2,738	(2,738)	-
Children	3,316	(949)	2,367
Kitchen/Food	1,527	(873)	654
10 Support Worker	-	250	250
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	195,608	3,896	199,504
TOTAL FUNDS	234,866	4,407	239,273

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	31,643	(29,855)	1,788
Contingency fund	30	-	30
Youth	675	-	675
Unrestricted	-	1,145	1,145
Maintenance	-	(3,127)	(3,127)
	32,348	(31,837)	511
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	26,544	(25,466)	1,078
6 Support Worker	47,094	(29,749)	17,345
3 Support Worker	36,064	(38,779)	(2,715)
5 Support Worker	7,010	(10,512)	(3,502)
Fixed Assets Restricted	4,984	(2,537)	2,447
Livin' Housing Ltd	2,473	(2,473)	-
7 Support Worker	13,622	(15,036)	(1,414)
8 Support Worker	-	(3,399)	(3,399)
Ladies Group	-	(500)	(500)
Halloween	731	(731)	-
Easter Activities	4,160	-	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	600	(160)	440
Craft and Chat	250	(358)	(108)
Volunteer Fund	-	(765)	(765)
Platinum Fixed Assets	-	(3,036)	(3,036)
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund			
	(675)	(550)	(1,225)
Happiness Hub for Men	(85)	(515)	(600)
Children	825	(3,563)	(2,738)
Kitchen/Food	4,307	(5,256)	(949)
10 Support Worker	1,208	(2,081)	(873)
CDCF Accounts and Social Media	5,000	(5,000)	-
County Durham Com Welcome Space	628	(628)	-
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	250	-	250
	154,990	(151,094)	3,896
TOTAL FUNDS	187,338	(182,931)	4,407

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,652	(7,673)	22,979
Contingency fund	10,506	(6,000)	4,506
Youth	1,216	(214)	1,002
Unrestricted	2,741	(1,683)	1,058
Maintenance	-	9,713	9,713
	45,115	(5,857)	39,258
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	28,167	(16,022)	12,145
6 Support Worker	33,887	(18,243)	15,644
3 Support Worker	9,563	21,501	31,064
5 Support Worker	1,878	6,448	8,326
Fixed Assets Restricted	104,926	(5,176)	99,750
CDCF	4,166	(4,166)	-
Awards For All	6,557	(6,557)	-
7 Support Worker	2,287	7,500	9,787
8 Support Worker	2,449	950	3,399
Ladies Group	20	1,155	1,175
Sport	-	526	526
Supportive SRC Ltd	650	(650)	-
Arnold Clark	334	(334)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	(1,215)	585
Easter	2,200	(2,200)	-
Volunteer Fund	1,100	(335)	765
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	(12,000)	-
Platinum Fixed Assets	500	2,536	3,036
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund	-	1,225	1,225
Happiness Hub for Men	-	600	600
Children	-	2,738	2,738
Kitchen/Food	-	3,316	3,316
10 Support Worker	-	1,527	1,527
	212,484	(16,876)	195,608
TOTAL FUNDS	257,599	(22,733)	234,866

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	14,857	(22,530)	(7,673)
Contingency fund	(6,000)	-	(6,000)
Youth	-	(214)	(214)
Ferryhill Town Council	100	(100)	-
Unrestricted	-	(1,683)	(1,683)
Maintenance	11,067	(1,354)	9,713
	20,024	(25,881)	(5,857)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	9,300	(25,322)	(16,022)
6 Support Worker	8,014	(26,257)	(18,243)
3 Support Worker	60,268	(38,767)	21,501
5 Support Worker	16,978	(10,530)	6,448
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(5,176)	(5,176)
CDCF	(1,637)	(2,529)	(4,166)
Awards For All	(2,163)	(4,394)	(6,557)
7 Support Worker	22,370	(14,870)	7,500
8 Support Worker	3,744	(2,794)	950
Ladies Group	1,155	-	1,155
Halloween	693	(693)	-
Sport	1,840	(1,314)	526
Supportive SRC Ltd	(322)	(328)	(650)
Arnold Clark	340	(674)	(334)
Craft and Chat	-	(1,215)	(1,215)
Easter	5,545	(7,745)	(2,200)
Volunteer Fund	-	(335)	(335)
AAP Welfare Fund	(709)	(11,291)	(12,000)
Platinum Fixed Assets	4,793	(2,257)	2,536
New ESF	236	(236)	-
Slow Cookers	918	(918)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund	1,500	(275)	1,225
Happy Hive	203	(203)	-
Warm Hub	1,196	(1,196)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	600	-	600
Children	3,049	(311)	2,738
Kitchen/Food	4,105	(789)	3,316
10 Support Worker	1,548	(21)	1,527
	143,564	(160,440)	(16,876)
TOTAL FUNDS	163,588	(186,321)	(22,733)

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,652	(5,885)	24,767
Contingency fund	10,506	(5,970)	4,536
Youth	1,216	461	1,677
Unrestricted	2,741	(538)	2,203
Maintenance	-	6,586	6,586
	45,115	(5,346)	39,769
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	28,167	(14,944)	13,223
6 Support Worker	33,887	(898)	32,989
3 Support Worker	9,563	18,786	28,349
5 Support Worker	1,878	2,946	4,824
Fixed Assets Restricted	104,926	(2,729)	102,197
CDCF	4,166	(4,166)	-
Awards For All	6,557	(6,557)	-
7 Support Worker	2,287	6,086	8,373
8 Support Worker	2,449	(2,449)	-
Ladies Group	20	655	675
Sport	-	526	526
Easter Activities	-	4,160	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	-	440	440
Supportive SRC Ltd	650	(650)	-
Arnold Clark	334	(334)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	(1,323)	477
Easter	2,200	(2,200)	-
Volunteer Fund	1,100	(1,100)	-
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	(12,000)	-
Platinum Fixed Assets	500	(500)	-
Kitchen/Food	-	2,367	2,367
10 Support Worker	-	654	654
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	-	250	250
	212,484	(12,980)	199,504
TOTAL FUNDS	257,599	(18,326)	239,273

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	46,500	(52,385)	(5,885)
Contingency fund	(5,970)	-	(5,970)
Youth	675	(214)	461
Ferryhill Town Council	100	(100)	-
Unrestricted	-	(538)	(538)
Maintenance	11,067	(4,481)	6,586
	52,372	(57,718)	(5,346)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	35,844	(50,788)	(14,944)
6 Support Worker	55,108	(56,006)	(898)
3 Support Worker	96,332	(77,546)	18,786
5 Support Worker	23,988	(21,042)	2,946
Fixed Assets Restricted	4,984	(7,713)	(2,729)
Livin' Housing Ltd	2,473	(2,473)	-
CDCF	(1,637)	(2,529)	(4,166)
Awards For All	(2,163)	(4,394)	(6,557)
7 Support Worker	35,992	(29,906)	6,086
8 Support Worker	3,744	(6,193)	(2,449)
Ladies Group	1,155	(500)	655
Halloween	1,424	(1,424)	-
Sport	1,840	(1,314)	526
Easter Activities	4,160	-	4,160
Pioneering Care Group	600	(160)	440
Supportive SRC Ltd	(322)	(328)	(650)
Arnold Clark	340	(674)	(334)
Craft and Chat	250	(1,573)	(1,323)
Easter	5,545	(7,745)	(2,200)
Volunteer Fund	-	(1,100)	(1,100)
AAP Welfare Fund	(709)	(11,291)	(12,000)
Platinum Fixed Assets	4,793	(5,293)	(500)
New ESF	236	(236)	-
Slow Cookers	918	(918)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund			
	825	(825)	-
Happy Hive	203	(203)	-
Warm Hub	1,196	(1,196)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	515	(515)	-
Children	3,874	(3,874)	-
Kitchen/Food	8,412	(6,045)	2,367
10 Support Worker	2,756	(2,102)	654

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

CDCF Accounts and Social Media	5,000	(5,000)	-
County Durham Com Welcome Space	628	(628)	-
Pioneering Care Group Curry Club	250	-	250
	298,554	(311,534)	(12,980)
TOTAL FUNDS	350,926	(369,252)	(18,326)

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	536	1,310
Charitable activities		
Room hire	2,500	-
Grants	179,302	157,278
	181,802	157,278
Other income		
Employment allowance	5,000	5,000
Total incoming resources	187,338	163,588
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	114,112	112,237
Social security	8,760	8,472
Pensions	2,459	2,546
Rates and water	461	453
Insurance	1,785	1,257
Light and heat	4,470	2,484
Telephone	3,187	4,458
Postage and stationery	376	316
Sundries	2,104	2,379
Police checks	52	52
Activity costs	15,979	30,393
Repairs and maintenance	7,319	3,606
Staff travel	109	663
Licences	386	474
Cleaning	426	1,077
Work clothing	227	424
Rentokil	920	836
Sage software	144	144
Photocopier usage	853	896
	164,129	173,167
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	7,564	3,472
Carried forward	7,564	3,472

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Management		
Brought forward	7,564	3,472
Improvements to property	3,372	3,372
Fixtures and fittings	1,998	1,720
Computer equipment	1,630	1,396
	14,564	9,960
Finance		
Bank charges	121	125
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,349	3,056
Professional fees	768	13
	4,117	3,069
Total resources expended	182,931	186,321
Net income/(expenditure)	4,407	(22,733)

FERRYHILL LAKES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1090005

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03953195 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1090005

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Durham, in particular but not exclusively, the inhabitants of Ferryhill and neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the"area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance learning, relieve poverty and sickness and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time activities with this object of improving condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Significant activities

To establish a community resource centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other voluntary organisation in furtherance of these objects.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Ferryhill LADDER Centre is a community resource centre based on the Lakes Estate in Ferryhill County Durham. We have been open to the public for 20 years and provide a wide range of services aimed at reducing poverty and supporting families in a holistic and welcoming environment, providing 1:1 support, group work, play and youth work.

The focus this year was on providing help and support to tackle the 'cost of living' crisis that has significantly impacted our local communities we have actively looked at projects that could help and support local residents.

This report will look at the various funders and services provided by the centre during the last financial year.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations - Funded through Awards for All and Ferryhill Town Council

A street party was held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. With funding from Awards for All and Ferryhill Town Council we provided afternoon tea for 110 people along with a BBQ and fun day which in total was celebrated by over 200 people. An amazing celebration LADDER Centre was proud to be a part of it. Resources were purchased to support the centre including new tables chairs and gazebos which have been well utilised and will continue to be.

Slow Cooker Project - Cllr Atkinson and Arnold Clark

Funding was secured to offer a number of slow cooker courses, these provided people with the opportunity to learn how to cook using a slow cooker and also provided both the slow cooker and the ingredients to make a range of both savoury and sweet meals. Slow cookers were provided to over 30 people who also benefited from 6 sessions where food resources were provided.

Plants - Cllr Bowron Ferryhill Town Council

Thanks to support from Cllr Bowron the Centre was able to purchase plants and compost to support the work of the LADDER gardening group.

Warm Space - Funded through County Durham Community Foundation & Livin

Warm spaces were offered from September 2022 through to the end of March 2023 to provide people with the opportunity to come into the Centre and have access to breakfast, hot drinks and a warm space. Staff were available to provide signposting to other services, help with food bank referrals and access to benefit advice and support. In addition, the daily warm space offered in December we opened up on a Saturday to offer special elves breakfasts to children so they could also benefit from support on days they were not in school.

Happy Hive - Poverty Hurts Fund CDCF

LADDER restarted its Happy Hive project in September 2022 offering a free 2 course lunch and the opportunity to enjoy a warm welcoming group. This is an ongoing project ran by volunteer kitchen staff who have gone above and beyond to make this project work. This links in with our warm space, our focus on tackling the cost of living and also the excellent benefits of volunteering. This project regularly feeds more than 20 people.

Craft and Chat - Happiness Hubs

Our Happiness Hubs funded Craft and Chat Group at the Ladder Centre has again proved to be a massive success over the last 12 months. The group has provided a safe space for a diverse range of members of the community, at risk of social isolation to access a range of crafting activities to improve their skills, confidence, and wellbeing.

Session have run weekly throughout the life of this project, the group has consistently attracted between 10 and 15 attendees every week from the Ferryhill, Chilton and West Cornforth areas. Those taking part in the project have covered a variety of craft subjects including, bottle decorating with clay and paint, knitting and crochet, making a variety of Christmas decorations including baubles, table centrepieces, felt garlands, felt angels and cross-stitch gift tags, mindfulness colouring books and puzzles, items crafted to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation.
This project has been very well received and feedback from those taking part has been excellent with over 80% of those taking part reporting feeling happier and less lonely.

Livin - Tenancy Stars
A bespoke project established to offer targeted help to Livin tenants with a focus on improving mental health and tackling social isolation. This project allowed staff the time to in depth and complex support to Livin tenants. Providing support to 46 Livin tenants and providing more than £1 million in social value.

Big Lottery - Digital All
Our Digital Champion project is a 3 year project that has worked with local people to support them access IT and online services which included:

Online benefit Calculations and applications
Employability
Online applications for housing
Online shopping
Using comparison sites to find deals on products and services.
Online banking
Printing
Connecting with family online
Social Media
Online interviews/ Work / Benefit assessments
Completing online training with external providers

This work has been delivered on both 1:2:1 and group training sessions and in this last year the project has worked with 320 people.
139 People reported an increase in their confidence using IT.
292 People reported an increase in their financial well-being.
65 People reported an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
77 People participated in training to improve their skills.
280 People reported an improvement in their skills and ability to job search independently and manage their own benefit claim.
Total targets for the whole project are as follows:
300 people will feel more confident using IT.
150 people will report an improvement in their financial wellbeing.
150 people will report an improvement in their connectivity with friends and family.
180 People participate in training to improve their skills.
225 people report an improvement in their skills and ability to manage their benefit claims.

Cllr Atkinson Cllr Bihari - Play and Youth Work
This funding covered the salary of 2 children and youth workers until the end of the financial year. This allowed us to continue to deliver children and youth sessions in the LADDER Centre giving children and young people a warm, dry, safe space where they can meet with their friends as a deterrent from antisocial behaviour. We also have a group of young people from the LGBTQIA+ community who attend these sessions regularly accessing information and guidance. As well as meeting up with other young people like themselves. Over this project we have worked with over 150 children and young people.

CDCF - Police and Crime Commissioner Funding
We are funded by the CDCF for 1 youth work and 1 children's session per week. This fund was all about keeping the young people safe. We went on a trip to Safetyworks! Where the young people took part in workshops around: water safety, hazards around the home and phoning 999, the risks of fire starting and the dangers of fireworks. This project is ongoing and continues to focus on positive activities and tackling antisocial behaviour.

DCC Fun and Food
This funding covered the school holidays: Easter, Summer 22 & Halloween. This funding was in place to ensure that children were fed over the school holidays to try and combat holiday hunger. During these sessions we provided children and young people with a hot meal as well as positive activities for them to take part in. This included: arts and craft activities, physical activities to ensure children are encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle, project work including an evening learning about the Day of the Dead (dia de los Muertos) and trying Mexican food. This project worked with 90 individual children and young people.

CDCF - Mental Health and Learning Disability Connector Grant - Stepping Forward
(Men's Mental Health Group & Women's Ways to Wellness)
Over the last financial year we have continued to benefit from funding for County Durham Community Foundation and Happiness Hubs which has allowed us to continue to be committed to supporting Men's Mental Health and Wellbeing across our communities. Our service continues to offer a safe space, wellbeing activities and wrap around support to men at risk of poor mental health, loneliness, and isolation.
Over the last 12 months we have supported 54 men from across the Ferryhill, Chilton, West Cornforth, Trimdon, Newton Aycliffe and Shildon areas.
Our weekly group continues to attract between 12 and 15 men and new referrals to the group are being received regularly.
Those taking part have continued to enjoy opportunities to take part in various social activities, health related sessions, days out, volunteering opportunities, one to one sessions with the Group Worker mainly designed to improve and ensure financial wellbeing and training/focus sessions to help those taking part to better understand their own mental health and to have the opportunity to influence how the group is taken forward.
We are delighted to report that we have managed to support 3 members of our Men's Group to return to full time employment and 8 group members to regularly take part in community volunteering.

Women's Ways to Wellness Project
Our Women's ways to wellness project worked with over 25 women this year. The group was developed to support women with their physical and mental health and to encourage group members to make better choices and improve their health and wellbeing.

The group has covered a variety of different topics and relating to daily life and provides group also receive a free healthy lunch as part to their session. They have taken part in a variety of trips from walks in South Park Darlington, walking from Newton Aycliffe Railway station to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon and back. They have walked from Hartlepool Marina to Seaton Carew had refreshments and walked back. We also spent a lovely day walking around the Metro Centre doing some Christmas Shopping in December.
We carried out a variety different health related activities which included health walks, seated exercise, Ready steady cook, Stone therapy, crafts, Christmas bakes, we had the advocacy service in which have supported the ladies to express their issues and concerns about the area in which they live from that they arranged a meeting with local counsellors, PACT and Neighbourhood wardens. They discussed their problems and received some very helpful advice and information. Many of the group members also received free security items installed in their home from the information that they received in the meeting.
We have had a talk from the NE First credit union and members of the group have now opened savings accounts which will allow them to save and plan their financial situation.
We are currently planning a trip Whitby and a trip to Richmond this summer as we have been lucky enough to have secured funding through the Happiness Hub to continue the group this financial year.

AAP Benefiting Futures
Our 4 Together Partnership funded Benefits Advice and Support Service - Benefitting Futures has made a positive impact upon the financial wellbeing of our communities.
Please see below a breakdown of what this project has achieved and the focus points over the life of the project.
AAP funded - offered since 2017 - over the last financial year has assisted 644 residents with their Benefit enquiries, new claims, appeals and completion of paperwork. The project has brought an estimated £2 million pounds of extra revenue into the local economy through extra benefit awards, backdated payments, and maximising income. Excellent value for money I am sure you will agree!
The service has offered signposting to professional Debt Advice services for 43 residents.
39 people have been supported into employment because of this project.
28 residents have been supported to access local volunteering opportunities to build skills and confidence.
The service continues to have a positive impact upon the mental health and wellbeing of those we support.
We have established very popular outreach support services in Chilton and Bishop Middleham.
£12000 has been provided to support the work of Ferryhill Foodbank and also Caring and Sharing
We are delighted to report that we have and are continuing to build strong working relationships with partners and are now the ''referral agency of choice'' for many of these partners.
We remain conscious of the need to adapt to extra demands that our benefits service places upon the organization and are currently in the process of training a volunteer and upskilling existing staff to meet this demand and ensure organizational resilience.

CDCF - Health Improvement Fund
Welfare delivery has always been geographically limited and demand to offer help and support to people from the rural east corridor (Sedgefield, Fishburn, Trimdons) and also Spennymoor have significantly increased. Working in a partnership approach with social prescribers attached to GP's we developed and now deliver a project funded through health improvement fund which is allowing us to support vulnerable clients who have been cut off from services. Providing telephone appointments and home visits, demand far outstrips capacity in these areas. This project is ongoing and the expected outcomes have already been exceeded.

Volunteer Fund - County Durham Community Foundation
Funding was secured to employ a volunteer coordinator to support the ladder centre in updating its volunteer offer and help local people engage with volunteering opportunities both at Ferryhill LADDER Centre but also in other settings. This project was a great success and has supported 28 people into volunteering opportunities during its 1 year duration.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Funding has been received in the form of grants as detailed in note 3 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity of £39258 meets this target level.

FUTURE PLANS

Moving forward LADDER will continue to look at supporting local people through the cost of living crisis, grow the excellent work delivered by staff and secure funding for play and youth delivery so we can support all of our local residents.
Services will include outreach sessions in Chilton, Ferryhill Town Hall, Bishop Middleham. Home visits and targeted work will be offered through the rural east corridor.
Benefit calculations and work to increase income and reduce outgoings will continue.
Work to reduce antisocial behaviour will continue and new ideas will be implemented to support children and young people in Ferryhill.
Volunteering will continue to be a priority and LADDER will look at new ways to encourage and support volunteers.
Digital independence will also continue to be a major theme, providing people with the skills to be self-reliant and build confidence to manage independently.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of the charity are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd has a Management Committee of up to 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A monthly meeting convenes to discuss operational and day-to-day running of the Centre.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Development Worker.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and an induction pack has been implemented to introduce new trustees and information is provided as to the extent of their responsibilities and roles.

Risk management

The Management Committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimalised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03953195 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1090005

Registered office

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5-7 Coniston Road
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DL17 8EZ

Trustees

Mr J Birchall
Mrs V A Birchall
Mrs V C Hall
Mr P B Atkinson
Ms R D Henderson
Ms R A Jacobs
Ms S Kirby (resigned 31.7.22)
Ms M Mccartin

Company Secretary

Ms R A Jacobs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 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
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.

Peter A Hodgson

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14 July 2023

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	155	1,155	1,310	182
Charitable activities	3				
Grants Received		19,869	137,409	157,278	187,712
Administration of Charity		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	5,000	5,000	11,989
Total		20,024	143,564	163,588	199,883
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Administration of Charity		25,881	160,440	186,321	157,102
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,857)	(16,876)	(22,733)	42,781
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		39,258	195,608	234,866	257,599

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	10,623	101,166	111,789	111,383
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	1,031	-	1,031	1,180
Cash at bank and in hand		34,115	94,442	128,557	149,931
		35,146	94,442	129,588	151,111
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,511)	(-)	(6,511)	(4,895)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		28,635	94,442	123,077	146,216
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		39,258	195,608	234,866	257,599
NET ASSETS		39,258	195,608	234,866	257,599
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				39,258	45,115
Restricted funds				195,608	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS				234,866	257,599

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 March 2023

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 14 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs V A Birchall - Trustee

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	-	in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	-	20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost
Computer equipment	-	20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	1,310	182

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Grants	Grants Received	157,278	187,712

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Durham County Council	34,709	97,948
County Durham Community Foundation	40,125	26,618
Livin' Housing Ltd	23,000	18,525
The Big Lottery	48,675	19,595
Ferryhill Town Council	1,525	1,000
Neighbourly Ltd	1,000	-
Pioneering Care Group	6,744	5,100
Coop Foundation	-	1,726
The Neighbourly Foundation	-	400
Main Grants	-	9,500
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	1,300
Stamp it Out	-	5,000
Arnold Clark	1,000	1,000
Durham Community Action	500	-
	157,278	187,712

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	173,167	13,154	186,321

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	9,960	125	3,069	13,154

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,488	6,627
Other operating leases	3,472	3,386

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	112,237	94,048
Social security costs	8,472	6,256
Other pension costs	2,546	2,266
	123,255	102,570

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

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Support Workers	7	6

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

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	182	-	182
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	25,111	162,601	187,712
Other income	-	11,989	11,989
Total	25,293	174,590	199,883
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Administration of Charity	29,602	127,500	157,102
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,309)	47,090	42,781
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	49,424	165,394	214,818
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	45,115	212,484	257,599

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2022	168,613	16,422	39,104	16,596	240,735
Additions	-	-	5,886	1,008	6,894
At 31 March 2023	168,613	16,422	44,990	17,604	247,629
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2022	62,416	16,422	36,137	14,377	129,352
Charge for year	3,372	-	1,720	1,396	6,488
At 31 March 2023	65,788	16,422	37,857	15,773	135,840
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2023	102,825	-	7,133	1,831	111,789
At 31 March 2022	106,197	-	2,967	2,219	111,383

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Prepayments	1,031	1,180

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade creditors	663	-
Social security and other taxes	2,715	1,971
Accrued expenses	3,133	2,924
	6,511	4,895

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Within one year	4,319	3,338

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,652	(7,673)	22,979
Contingency fund	10,506	(6,000)	4,506
Youth	1,216	(214)	1,002
Unrestricted	2,741	(1,683)	1,058
Maintenance	-	9,713	9,713
	45,115	(5,857)	39,258
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	28,167	(16,022)	12,145
6 Support Worker	33,887	(18,243)	15,644
3 Support Worker	9,563	21,501	31,064
5 Support Worker	1,878	6,448	8,326
Fixed Assets Restricted	104,926	(5,176)	99,750
CDCF	4,166	(4,166)	-
Awards For All	6,557	(6,557)	-
7 Support Worker	2,287	7,500	9,787
8 Support Worker	2,449	950	3,399
Ladies Group	20	1,155	1,175
Sport	-	526	526
Supportive SRC Ltd	650	(650)	-
Arnold Clark	334	(334)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	(1,215)	585
Easter	2,200	(2,200)	-
Volunteer Fund	1,100	(335)	765
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	(12,000)	-
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	2,536	3,036
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund	-	1,225	1,225
Happiness Hub for Men	-	600	600
Children	-	2,738	2,738
Kitchen/Food	-	3,316	3,316
10 Support Worker	-	1,527	1,527
	212,484	(16,876)	195,608
TOTAL FUNDS	257,599	(22,733)	234,866

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	14,857	(22,530)	(7,673)
Contingency fund	(6,000)	-	(6,000)
Youth	-	(214)	(214)
Ferryill Town Council	100	(100)	-
Unrestricted	-	(1,683)	(1,683)
Maintenance	11,067	(1,354)	9,713
	20,024	(25,881)	(5,857)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	9,300	(25,322)	(16,022)
6 Support Worker	8,014	(26,257)	(18,243)
3 Support Worker	60,268	(38,767)	21,501
5 Support Worker	16,978	(10,530)	6,448
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(5,176)	(5,176)
CDCF	(1,637)	(2,529)	(4,166)
Awards For All	(2,163)	(4,394)	(6,557)
7 Support Worker	22,370	(14,870)	7,500
8 Support Worker	3,744	(2,794)	950
Ladies Group	1,155	-	1,155
Halloween	693	(693)	-
Sport	1,840	(1,314)	526
Supportive SRC Ltd	(322)	(328)	(650)
Arnold Clark	340	(674)	(334)
Craft and Chat	-	(1,215)	(1,215)
Easter	5,545	(7,745)	(2,200)
Volunteer Fund	-	(335)	(335)
AAP Welfare Fund	(709)	(11,291)	(12,000)
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	4,793	(2,257)	2,536
New ESF	236	(236)	-
Slow Cookers	918	(918)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner			
CD Com Fund	1,500	(275)	1,225
Happy Hive	203	(203)	-
Warm Hub	1,196	(1,196)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	600	-	600
Children	3,049	(311)	2,738
Kitchen/Food	4,105	(789)	3,316
10 Support Worker	1,548	(21)	1,527
	143,564	(160,440)	(16,876)
TOTAL FUNDS	163,588	(186,321)	(22,733)

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,454	198	30,652
Contingency fund	12,685	(2,179)	10,506
Youth	1,916	(700)	1,216
Unrestricted	4,369	(1,628)	2,741
	49,424	(4,309)	45,115
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	15,380	12,787	28,167
Children in Need	500	(500)	-
6 Support Worker	12,294	21,593	33,887
3 Support Worker	1,866	7,697	9,563
5 Support Worker	7,936	(6,058)	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	111,018	(6,092)	104,926
CDCF	-	4,166	4,166
Awards For All	-	6,557	6,557
7 Support Worker	5,282	(2,995)	2,287
8 Support Worker	5,826	(3,377)	2,449
C Hall	20		20
Coop Foundation	1,095	(1,095)	-
Easter Activities	682	(682)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	650	650
Arnold Clark	-	334	334
Craft and Chat	-	1,800	1,800
Easter	-	2,200	2,200
Volunteer Fund	-	1,100	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	-	12,000	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	500	500
	165,394	47,090	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS	214,818	42,781	257,599

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	24,893	(24,695)	198
Contingency fund	400	(2,579)	(2,179)
Youth	-	(700)	(700)
Unrestricted	-	(1,628)	(1,628)
	25,293	(29,602)	(4,309)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	31,470	(18,683)	12,787
Children in Need	(500)	-	(500)
6 Support Worker	40,751	(19,158)	21,593
3 Support Worker	43,853	(36,156)	7,697
5 Support Worker	4,639	(10,697)	(6,058)
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(6,092)	(6,092)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
CDCF	4,720	(554)	4,166
Awards For All	8,745	(2,188)	6,557
7 Support Worker	9,081	(12,076)	(2,995)
8 Support Worker	1,479	(4,856)	(3,377)
Coop Foundation	6,726	(7,821)	(1,095)
Easter Activities	(426)	(256)	(682)
Summer Holidays	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
DCC Art	-	(995)	(995)
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	(650)	650
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	(666)	334
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	-	1,800
Easter	2,200	-	2,200
Volunteer Fund	1,100	-	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	-	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	-	500
	174,590	(127,500)	47,090
TOTAL FUNDS	199,883	(157,102)	42,781

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,454	(7,475)	22,979
Contingency fund	12,685	(8,179)	4,506
Youth	1,916	(914)	1,002
Unrestricted	4,369	(3,311)	1,058
Maintenance	-	9,713	9,713
	49,424	(10,166)	39,258
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	15,380	(3,235)	12,145
Children in Need	500	(500)	-
6 Support Worker	12,294	3,350	15,644
3 Support Worker	1,866	29,198	31,064
5 Support Worker	7,936	390	8,326
Fixed Assets Restricted	111,018	(11,268)	99,750
7 Support Worker	5,282	4,505	9,787
8 Support Worker	5,826	(2,427)	3,399
Ladies Group	20	1,155	1,175
Sport	-	526	526
Coop Foundation	1,095	(1,095)	-
Easter Activities	682	(682)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
Craft and Chat	-	585	585
Volunteer Fund	-	765	765
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	3,036	3,036
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund	-	1,225	1,225
Happiness Hub for Men	-	600	600
Children	-	2,738	2,738
Kitchen/Food	-	3,316	3,316
10 Support Worker	-	1,527	1,527
	165,394	30,214	195,608
TOTAL FUNDS	214,818	20,048	234,866

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	39,750	(47,225)	(7,475)
Contingency fund	(5,600)	(2,579)	(8,179)
Youth	-	(914)	(914)
Ferryhill Town Council	100	(100)	-
Unrestricted	-	(3,311)	(3,311)
Maintenance	11,067	(1,354)	9,713
	45,317	(55,483)	(10,166)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	40,770	(44,005)	(3,235)
Children in Need	(500)	-	(500)
6 Support Worker	48,765	(45,415)	3,350
3 Support Worker	104,121	(74,923)	29,198
5 Support Worker	21,617	(21,227)	390
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(11,268)	(11,268)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
CDCF	3,083	(3,083)	-
Awards For All	6,582	(6,582)	-
7 Support Worker	31,451	(26,946)	4,505
8 Support Worker	5,223	(7,650)	(2,427)
Ladies Group	1,155	-	1,155
Halloween	693	(693)	-
Sport	1,840	(1,314)	526
Coop Foundation	6,726	(7,821)	(1,095)
Easter Activities	(426)	(256)	(682)
Summer Holidays	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
DCC Art	-	(995)	(995)
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	978	(978)	-
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,340	(1,340)	-
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	(1,215)	585
Easter	7,745	(7,745)	-
Volunteer Fund	1,100	(335)	765
AAP Welfare Fund	11,291	(11,291)	-
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	5,293	(2,257)	3,036
New ESF	236	(236)	-
Slow Cookers	918	(918)	-
Police and Crime Commissioner Fund			
CD Com Fund			
	1,500	(275)	1,225

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Happy Hive	203	(203)	-
Warm Hub	1,196	(1,196)	-
Happiness Hub for Men	600	-	600
Children	3,049	(311)	2,738
Kitchen/Food	4,105	(789)	3,316
10 Support Worker	1,548	(21)	1,527
	318,154	(287,940)	30,214
TOTAL FUNDS	363,471	(343,423)	20,048

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,310	182
Charitable activities		
Grants	157,278	187,712
Other income		
Employment allowance	5,000	4,000
JRS Grant (Furlough)	-	7,989
	5,000	11,989
Total incoming resources	163,588	199,883
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	112,237	94,048
Social security	8,472	6,256
Pensions	2,546	2,266
Rates and water	453	387
Insurance	1,257	1,148
Light and heat	2,484	3,507
Telephone	4,458	3,444
Postage and stationery	316	556
Sundries	2379	563
Police checks	52	239
Activity costs	30,393	13,730
Repairs and maintenance	3,606	14,617
Staff travel	663	424
Licences	474	723
Cleaning	1,077	90
Work clothing	424	-
Rentokil	836	782
Sage software	144	144
Photocopier usage	896	995
	173,167	143,919
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	3,472	3,386
Carried forward	3,472	3,386

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	3,472	3,386
Sundries	-	13
Improvements to property	3,372	3,372
Plant and machinery	-	133
Fixtures and fittings	1,720	1,690
Computer equipment	1,396	1,432
	9,960	10,026
Finance		
Bank charges	125	120
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,056	2,911
Professional fees	13	126
	3,069	3,037
Total resources expended	186,321	157,102
Net (expenditure)/income	(22,733)	42,781

FERRYHILL LAKES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1090005

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03953195 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1090005

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Durham, in particular but not exclusively, the inhabitants of Ferryhill and neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the"area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance learning, relieve poverty and sickness and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time activities with this object of improving condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Significant activities

To establish a community resource centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other voluntary organisation in furtherance of these objects.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Review of Progress and Achievement

Ferryhill LADDER Centre reopened to the public in April 2021 after a year of various covid lockdowns and restrictions. Having continued to provide emergency support throughout the previous year we hit the ground running as many partner services did not reopen immediately or provide face to face support. This has had a significant impact on the workload at Ferryhill LADDER Centre as we have become the main service most statutory partners have used for their clients.

Employability

LADDER Centre continues to provide an open access job club with 1:1 support for help with CV's, application forms and interviews. Focusing on supporting independent job search and help with volunteering and training opportunities. This year has possibly been the quietest year for employability in part due to the removal of DWP requirements to job search but also due to the various lockdowns encouraging people to develop their own skills and independence when using IT. Even so LADDER Supported:

49 people into Work
45 people into Training
10 people into Volunteering

Benefit and Welfare Support - AAP Funded

Benefits wise, last financial year we saw 300 people, many of whom required one or more appointments. Our Diary indicated over 600 appointments for benefits IAG over the same period. This project continues to allow us to access some of the most vulnerable in our communities at extremely stressful times in their lives. As normal we do not offer this service as simple ''form filling'', instead if needed we take the opportunity to get to know the clients and offer intervention and support to help address the root causes of what is going wrong. This project has been invaluable as COVID has continued to impact upon or communities and we have become the referral of ''choice'' for several partners and local people due to the standard of service we provide. Moving forward we are ready to face the challenges of the increase in the cost-of-living crisis, however increased workload and uncertainty around future funding remains a challenge. We are rolling out outreach work in Chilton, West Cornforth in Bishop Middleham during 2022 and we hope that this will allow us to further increase our support to those previously unable to access our services.

Health & Wellbeing

Men's Mental Health - CDCF/Happiness Hubs/Stamp it out

LADDER Centre run an established men's mental health group that meet every Wednesday. During the last year we have worked with 28 men and regularly have 15 people engage weekly. This group have enjoyed and continue to enjoy weekly health related activities including walking, free gym sessions and walking football. As well as the benefit of one to one support from the group lead when required. We have organised several social days out for those taking part. The men taking part have also begun to engage in volunteering activities, courses to improve life skills and guidance on how to make change, connect and build positive relationships. The group continues to make a significant, positive impact to men suffering from isolation, poor mental health and low income in our area and as a result we are receiving new referrals weekly into the group from partners in particular the new Social Prescribing Link Workers.

Women's Mental Health - CDCF
Due to the success of the mens group at the LADDER the decision was made to see if a similar model could work with women. Funding was secured to pilot a women only group and this started in January 2022. Numbers have been impressive for a new group with over 18 women signed up and 12 regularly attending sessions. This group has included a health activity - including health walks and gym sessions a healthy lunch and then another activity. Focusing on health and wellbeing the group has very exciting plans moving forward with mental health, tackling isolation and building friendships.

Lottery - Awards for All
Funding was secured in May 2021 to support Ferryhill LADDER Centre to start a series of community learning activities with the aim being to support people to reengage with face to face activities. A number of courses and learning opportunities have taken place including: gardening and hanging basket making, run for health (couch 25k), walking to wellness, healthy lives healthy you, and a craft and chat project. The most successful course which LADDER ran was craft and chat and we have been successful in securing continuation funding for this social group to continue. Over the duration of this project Lottery Awards for All helped us to work with over 75 local community members.

Craft and Chat
Initially part of LADDER Centre Awards for All funding Craft and Chat has been running on a Tuesday morning since September 2021. With regular attendees of 15 + people the project grows from strength to strength. Focusing on a different craft each month the group get the opportunity to learn new skills and socialize in a warm and friendly environment. Taking in referrals from GP services and Livin. Some of the work created by the group has been exceptional and entered into local craft competitions.
Moving forward we will look to continue to grow the group, encourage those taking part to engage with something new and have a positive impact upon the mental health of those coming along.
Reaching Communities
A new project starting in January 2022 to support work around Digital Inclusion. With funding to deliver teaching for digital skills.

Livin' Housing
Livin Stars was a project delivered to support Livin tenants with more in-depth support with a focus on tackling social isolation and encouraging tenants to reengage with services. Ferryhill LADDER Centre worked with 50 tenants and provided a range of interventions This project was extremely successful and brought about significant social value to Livin' in the region on £1.3 million.

ESF
Funding for ESF was initially awarded in March 2020 just prior to COVID, due to the nature of delays the project completed in Dec 2021. This project initially planned to deliver group IT training to focus on Employability and Financial Inclusion. The project delivery changed in line with COVID requirements and Ferryhill LADDER Centre delivered 10 hours of 1:1 training to 40 people and tailored this training to meet the individual requirements of each learner. Due to the successful completion of this training Ferryhill LADDER centre was awarded further funding to deliver ESF training and this will be completed by Dec 2022.

Supportive

Funding was received from Supportive and this was a lovely opportunity to provide trips to local residents and provide positive activities to get people out and about again The aim was Covid recovery and tackling social isolation. Trips were organised to a range of places including Seaham, Hartlepool, Whitby and Richmond. Additionally funding as used to cover room hire at Ferryhill Sports and Enterprise Centre for Walking Football Sessions.

Arnold Clark
LADDER Centre approached Arnold Clark fund to seek support for cover the cost of Christmas dinner and Christmas gift packs for our various groups in the Centre. This was a great help and allowed the centre to deliver Christmas lunches to men's group, ladies group (albeit in February) and youth groups. It also allowed the Centre to provide Christmas gift packs to some of the most isolated people who work with the Centre.

COOP - Cllr Atkinson - Livin'
Funding from Coop Community Fund was was used to carryout various outdoor updates to allow the centre to offer more services when social distancing restrictions were in place. With match funding from Cllr Atkinson and Livin' the centre was able to replace rotting decking and when storm Arwin caused significant damage to fencing we were able to replace fencing and secure the building.

Ferryhill Town Council
Funding was secured to add an additional Summer Fun and Food Sessions to allow LADDER staff to deliver a youth session every week during the summer holidays. This support bolstered the existing provision and statistics for this project are mentioned in Play and Youth work section.

Play and Youth Work - CDCF Police and Crime Commissioner Fund, Sport England, Fun and Food
During 2021 /2022 Ferryhill LADDER Centre ran play and youth work with limited funding. As a core service the Centre continued to deliver 6 sessions per week supporting children from the ages of 5 to 18. With a focus on healthy life choices, being active and tackling risk taking behaviour. The staff at Ferryhill LADDER Centre worked with over 250 children and young people and provided a wide range of services and activities.
Fun and Food - supported activities during school holidays with the focus on providing a healthy and nutritious meal with fun activities. The funding provided 4 weeks of activities over the summer holidays as well as activities during Easter, Christmas and various half term holidays. This has become a core service and we are always over subscribed for the activities.

Sport England - funding from here have provided 1 multi sport session each week to young people to increase uptake in sport and encourage teenagers to be more active.
Police and Crime Funding - this funding was again targeted at young people as a way for the centre to provide diversionary activities in Ferryhill, this funded our youth delivery for the year and allowed us to engage with a range of young people throughout Ferryhill. Detached youth sessions also ran once a week targeting known areas young people congregated.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Principal funding sources
Funding has been received in the form of grants as detailed in note 3 to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity of £45115 meets this target level.

FUTURE PLANS

As we move forward into 2022/23 LADDER Centre will continue to deliver employability and benefit advice but we will also deliver this as an outreach service to local residents in neighbouring communities including Chilton and Bishop Middleham. This will be possible due to funding from 4Together AAP.

Targeted support to older residents will include work to carryout benefit checks and make new claims for pension credit and other entitlements as we look to increase income and reduce outgoings to address the cost of living crisis.

Benefit calculations will be available for anyone who wishes to ensure they are receiving the maximum entitlement to support and again help will be provided to make any new claims required.

Digital independence will also be a priority as we look to support people to take ownership of their own situation and we will aim to create more self-reliance.

Food and fuel poverty is also a major priority and The LADDER Centre will look to restart free lunch clubs at least once a week and also offer children free food when attending all sessions from September onwards. We will continue to work closely Ferryhill food bank and look to work strategically to help during this current cost of living crisis.

Play and youth staff will focus work on addressing issues of anti-social behaviour with children and young people who attend the Centre and targeted programmes of work will be embedded into delivery over the next 12 months.

Volunteering will be a focus with training and support offered to volunteers who will play a key role in centre work and we want to expand on the Centre's volunteer offer.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of the charity are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd has a Management Committee of up to 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A monthly meeting convenes to discuss operational and day-to-day running of the Centre.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Development Worker.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and an induction pack has been implemented to introduce new trustees and information is provided as to the extent of their responsibilities and roles.

Risk management

The Management Committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimalised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

03953195 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1090005

Registered office

Ferryhill Ladder Centre Ltd
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Co. Durham
DL17 8EZ

Trustees

Mr J Birchall
Mrs V A Birchall
Mrs V C Hall
Mr P B Atkinson
Ms R D Henderson
Ms R A Jacobs
Ms S Kirby
Ms M Mccartin

Company Secretary

Ms R A Jacobs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Peter A Hodgson
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Hett Mill Cottage
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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
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.

Peter A Hodgson
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Chartered Certified Accountants
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16 July 2022

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	182	-	182	516
Charitable activities	3				
Grants Received		25,111	162,601	187,712	196,007
Other income		-	11,989	11,989	13,022
Total		25,293	174,590	199,883	209,545
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Grants Received		-	-	-	-
Administration of Charity		29,602	127,500	157,102	148,829
Total		29,602	127,500	157,102	148,829
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,309)	4,7090	42,781	60,716
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		49,424	165,394	214,818	154,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	6,457	104,926	111,383	118,010
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	1,180	-	1,180	1,224
Cash at bank and in hand		42,373	107,558	149,931	100,520
		43,553	107,558	151,111	101,744
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,895)	-	(4,895)	(4,936)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,658	107,558	146,216	96,808
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818
NET ASSETS		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				45,115	49,424
Restricted funds				212,484	165,394
TOTAL FUNDS				257,599	214,818

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 March 2022

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 16 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs V A Birchall - Trustee

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	-	in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	-	20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% on cost
Computer equipment	-	20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	182	516

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Grants	Grants Received	187,712	196,007

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Children in Need	-	31,639
Durham County Council	97,948	74,694
County Durham Community Foundation	26,618	-
Livin' Housing Ltd	18,525	22,500
The Big Lottery	19,595	24,511
Ferryhill Town Council	1,000	-
Tudor Trust	-	22,000
Greggs	-	10,000
Neighbourly Ltd	-	400
Pioneering Care Group	5,100	4,768
Coop Foundation	1,726	1,095
The Cloth Workers Foundations	-	4,400
The Neighbourly Foundation	400	-
Main Grants	9,500	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	-
Stamp it Out	5,000	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-
	187,712	196,007

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	143,919	13,183	157,102

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	10,026	120	3,037	13,183

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,627	8,320
Other operating leases	3,386	2,949

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,048	97,378
Social security costs	6,256	6,444
Other pension costs	2,266	2,402
	102,570	106,224

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Support Workers	6	6

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

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	516	-	516
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	47,514	148,493	196,007
Other income	1	13,021	13,022
Total	48,031	161,514	209,545
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	-	-	-
Administration of Charity	20,002	128,827	148,829
Total	20,002	128,827	148,829
NET INCOME	28,029	32,687	60,716
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,395	132,707	154,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	49,424	165,394	214,818

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	168,613	16,422	39,104	16,596	240,735
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2021	59,044	16,289	34,447	12,945	122,725
Charge for year	3,372	133	1,690	1,432	6,627
At 31 March 2022	62,416	16,422	36,137	14,377	129,352
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2022	106,197	-	2,967	2,219	111,383
At 31 March 2021	109,569	133	4,657	3,651	118,010

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Prepayments	1,180	1,224

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Social security and other taxes	1,971	2,151
Accrued expenses	2,924	2,785
	4,895	4,936

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Within one year	3,338	1,848

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,454	198	30,652
Contingency fund	12,685	(2,179)	10,506
Youth	1,916	(700)	1,216
Unrestricted	4,369	(1,628)	2,741
	49,424	(4,309)	45,115
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	15,380	12,787	28,167
Children in Need	500	(500)	-
6 Support Worker	12,294	21,593	33,887
3 Support Worker	1,866	7,697	9,563
5 Support Worker	7,936	(6,058)	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	111,018	(6,092)	104,926
CDCF	-	4,166	4,166
Awards For All	-	6,557	6,557
7 Support Worker	5,282	(2,995)	2,287
8 Support Worker	5,826	(3,377)	2,449
C Hall	20	-	20
Coop Foundation	1,095	(1,095)	-
Easter Activities	682	(682)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	650	650
Arnold Clark	-	334	334
Craft and Chat	-	1,800	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	-	2,200	2,200
Volunteer Fund	-	1,100	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	-	12,000	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	500	500
	165,394	47,090	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS	214,818	42,781	257,599

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	24,893	(24,695)	198
Contingency fund	400	(2,579)	(2,179)
Youth	-	(700)	(700)
Unrestricted	-	(1,628)	(1,628)
	25,293	(29,602)	(4,309)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	31,470	(18,683)	12,787
Children in Need	(500)	-	(500)
6 Support Worker	40,751	(19,158)	21,593
3 Support Worker	43,853	(36,156)	7,697
5 Support Worker	4,639	(10,697)	(6,058)
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(6,092)	(6,092)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
CDCF	4,720	(554)	4,166
Awards For All	8,745	(2,188)	6,557
7 Support Worker	9,081	(12,076)	(2,995)
8 Support Worker	1,479	(4,856)	(3,377)
Coop Foundation	6,726	(7,821)	(1,095)
Easter Activities	(426)	(256)	(682)
Summer Holidays	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
DCC Art	-	(995)	(995)
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	(650)	650
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	(666)	334
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	-	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	2,200	-	2,200
Volunteer Fund	1,100	-	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	-	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	-	500
	174,590	(127,500)	47,090
TOTAL FUNDS	199,883	(157,102)	42,781

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	-	30,454	30,454
Contingency fund	-	12,685	12,685
Youth	-	1,916	1,916
Unrestricted	21,395	(17,026)	4,369
	21,395	28,029	49,424
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	-	15,380	15,380
Children in Need	-	500	500
6 Support Worker	-	12,294	12,294
Durham County Council AAP	4,118	(4,118)	-
3 Support Worker	-	1,866	1,866
5 Support Worker	-	7,936	7,936
Fixed Assets Restricted	115,365	(4,347)	111,018
Tudor	9,961	(9,961)	-
CDCF	3,263	(3,263)	-
7 Support Worker	-	5,282	5,282
8 Support Worker	-	5,826	5,826
C Hall	-	20	20
Coop Foundation	-	1,095	1,095
Easter Activities	-	682	682
Summer Holidays	-	2,500	2,500
DCC Art	-	995	995
	132,707	32,687	165,394
TOTAL FUNDS	154,102	60,716	214,818

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	49,369	(18,915)	30,454
Contingency fund	13,151	(466)	12,685
Youth	1,916	-	1,916
Unrestricted	(16,405)	(621)	(17,026)
	48,031	(20,002)	28,029
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	33,974	(18,594)	15,380
Children in Need	918	(418)	500
6 Support Worker	30,788	(18,494)	12,294
Durham County Council AAP	(3,682)	(436)	(4,118)
3 Support Worker	38,029	(36,163)	1,866
5 Support Worker	22,068	(14,132)	7,936
Fixed Assets Restricted	3,440	(7,787)	(4,347)
Tudor	(9,961)	-	(9,961)
CDCF	(3,263)	-	(3,263)
7 Support Worker	16,999	(11,717)	5,282
8 Support Worker	12,950	(7,124)	5,826
C Hall	20	-	20
Halloween	603	(603)	-
The Cloth Workers Foundation	960	(960)	-
Coop Foundation	1,095	-	1,095
Garden	1,732	(1,732)	-
Easter Activities	1,085	(403)	682
Summer Holidays	2,500	-	2,500
DCC Food Packs	7,557	(7,557)	-
DCC Covid Sport	156	(156)	-
DCC Art	995	-	995
DCC Flooring	2,551	(2,551)	-
	161,514	(128,827)	32,687
TOTAL FUNDS	209,545	(148,829)	60,716

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	-	30,652	30,652
Contingency fund	-	10,506	10,506
Youth	-	1,216	1,216
Unrestricted	21,395	(18,654)	2,741
	21,395	23,720	45,115
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	-	28,167	28,167
6 Support Worker	-	33,887	33,887
Durham County Council AAP	4,118	(4,118)	-
3 Support Worker	-	9,563	9,563
5 Support Worker	-	1,878	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	115,365	(10,439)	104,926
Tudor	9,961	(9,961)	-
CDCF	3,263	903	4,166
Awards For All	-	6,557	6,557
7 Support Worker	-	2,287	2,287
8 Support Worker	-	2,449	2,449
C Hall	-	20	20
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	650	650
Arnold Clark	-	334	334
Craft and Chat	-	1,800	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	-	2,200	2,200
Volunteer Fund	-	1,100	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	-	12,000	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	500	500
	132,707	79,777	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS	154,102	103,497	257,599

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	74,262	(43,610)	30,652
Contingency fund	13,551	(3,045)	10,506
Youth	1,916	(700)	1,216
Unrestricted	(16,405)	(2,249)	(18,654)
	73,324	(49,604)	23,720
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	65,444	(37,277)	28,167
Children in Need	418	(418)	-
6 Support Worker	71,539	(37,652)	33,887
Durham County Council AAP	(3,682)	(436)	(4,118)
3 Support Worker	81,882	(72,319)	9,563
5 Support Worker	26,707	(24,829)	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	3,440	(13,879)	(10,439)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
Tudor	(9,961)	-	(9,961)
CDCF	1,457	(554)	903
Awards For All	8,745	(2,188)	6,557
7 Support Worker	26,080	(23,793)	2,287
8 Support Worker	14,429	(11,980)	2,449
C Hall	20	-	20
Halloween	603	(603)	-
The Cloth Workers Foundation	960	(960)	-
Coop Foundation	7,821	(7,821)	-
Garden	1,732	(1,732)	-
Easter Activities	659	(659)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Food Packs	7,557	(7,557)	-
DCC Covid Sport	156	(156)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
DCC Flooring	2,551	(2,551)	-
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	(650)	650
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	(666)	334
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	-	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	2,200	-	2,200
Volunteer Fund	1,100	-	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	-	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	-	500
	336,104	(256,327)	79,777

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

TOTAL FUNDS	409,428	(305,931)	103,497

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development
Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	182	516
Charitable activities		
Grants	187,712	196,007
Other income		
Employment allowance	4,000	4,000
JRS Grant (Furlough)	7,989	9,022
	11,989	13,022
Total incoming resources	199,883	209,545
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	94,048	97,378
Social security	6,256	6,444
Pensions	2,266	2,402
Rates and water	387	371
Insurance	1,148	1,066
Light and heat	3,507	1,937
Telephone	3,444	2,032
Postage and stationery	556	1,217
Sundries	563	13
Police checks	239	-
Activity costs	13,730	11,533
Repairs and maintenance	14,617	3,745
Staff travel	424	-
Licences	723	222
Cleaning	90	51
Rentokil	782	732
Sage software	144	144
Photocopier usage	995	870
Covid Safety Expenditure	-	4,267
Staff Training Costs	-	235
	143,919	134,659
Support costs		

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	3,386	2,949
Sundries	13	13
Improvements to property	3,372	3,372
Plant and machinery	133	600
Fixtures and fittings	1,690	2,125
Computer equipment	1,432	2,224
	10,026	11,283
Finance		
Bank charges	120	115
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,911	2,772
Professional fees	126	-
	3,037	2,772
Total resources expended	157,102	148,829
Net income	42,781	60,716

FERRYHILL LAKES AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1090005

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 03953195 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1090005

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Peter A Hodgson & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Hett Mill Cottage
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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

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Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. 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

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the County of Durham, in particular but not exclusively, the inhabitants of Ferryhill and neighbourhood thereof (hereinafter called the"area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance learning, relieve poverty and sickness and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time activities with this object of improving condition of life for the said inhabitants.

Significant activities

To establish a community resource centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other voluntary organisation in furtherance of these objects.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance on public benefit and fee charging.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Review of Progress and Achievement

Ferryhill LADDER Centre reopened to the public in April 2021 after a year of various covid lockdowns and restrictions. Having continued to provide emergency support throughout the previous year we hit the ground running as many partner services did not reopen immediately or provide face to face support. This has had a significant impact on the workload at Ferryhill LADDER Centre as we have become the main service most statutory partners have used for their clients.

Employability

LADDER Centre continues to provide an open access job club with 1:1 support for help with CV's, application forms and interviews. Focusing on supporting independent job search and help with volunteering and training opportunities. This year has possibly been the quietest year for employability in part due to the removal of DWP requirements to job search but also due to the various lockdowns encouraging people to develop their own skills and independence when using IT. Even so LADDER Supported:

49 people into Work
45 people into Training
10 people into Volunteering

Benefit and Welfare Support - AAP Funded

Benefits wise, last financial year we saw 300 people, many of whom required one or more appointments. Our Diary indicated over 600 appointments for benefits IAG over the same period. This project continues to allow us to access some of the most vulnerable in our communities at extremely stressful times in their lives. As normal we do not offer this service as simple "form filling", instead if needed we take the opportunity to get to know the clients and offer intervention and support to help address the root causes of what is going wrong. This project has been invaluable as COVID has continued to impact upon or communities and we have become the referral of "choice" for several partners and local people due to the standard of service we provide. Moving forward we are ready to face the challenges of the increase in the cost-of-living crisis, however increased workload and uncertainty around future funding remains a challenge. We are rolling out outreach work in Chilton, West Cornforth in Bishop Middleham during 2022 and we hope that this will allow us to further increase our support to those previously unable to access our services.

Health & Wellbeing

Men's Mental Health - CDCF/Happiness Hubs/Stamp it out

LADDER Centre run an established men's mental health group that meet every Wednesday. During the last year we have worked with 28 men and regularly have 15 people engage weekly. This group have enjoyed and continue to enjoy weekly health related activities including walking, free gym sessions and walking football. As well as the benefit of one to one support from the group lead when required. We have organised several social days out for those taking part. The men taking part have also begun to engage in volunteering activities, courses to improve life skills and guidance on how to make change, connect and build positive relationships. The group continues to make a significant, positive impact to men suffering from isolation, poor mental health and low income in our area and as a result we are receiving new referrals weekly into the group from partners in particular the new Social Prescribing Link Workers.

Women's Mental Health - CDCF
Due to the success of the mens group at the LADDER the decision was made to see if a similar model could work with women. Funding was secured to pilot a women only group and this started in January 2022. Numbers have been impressive for a new group with over 18 women signed up and 12 regularly attending sessions. This group has included a health activity - including health walks and gym sessions a healthy lunch and then another activity. Focusing on health and wellbeing the group has very exciting plans moving forward with mental health, tackling isolation and building friendships.

Lottery - Awards for All
Funding was secured in May 2021 to support Ferryhill LADDER Centre to start a series of community learning activities with the aim being to support people to reengage with face to face activities. A number of courses and learning opportunities have taken place including: gardening and hanging basket making, run for health (couch 25k), walking to wellness, healthy lives healthy you, and a craft and chat project. The most successful course which LADDER ran was craft and chat and we have been successful in securing continuation funding for this social group to continue. Over the duration of this project Lottery Awards for All helped us to work with over 75 local community members.

Craft and Chat
Initially part of LADDER Centre Awards for All funding Craft and Chat has been running on a Tuesday morning since September 2021. With regular attendees of 15 + people the project grows from strength to strength. Focusing on a different craft each month the group get the opportunity to learn new skills and socialize in a warm and friendly environment. Taking in referrals from GP services and Livin. Some of the work created by the group has been exceptional and entered into local craft competitions.
Moving forward we will look to continue to grow the group, encourage those taking part to engage with something new and have a positive impact upon the mental health of those coming along.
Reaching Communities
A new project starting in January 2022 to support work around Digital Inclusion. With funding to deliver teaching for digital skills.

Livin' Housing
Livin Stars was a project delivered to support Livin tenants with more in-depth support with a focus on tackling social isolation and encouraging tenants to reengage with services. Ferryhill LADDER Centre worked with 50 tenants and provided a range of interventions This project was extremely successful and brought about significant social value to Livin' in the region on £1.3 million.

ESF
Funding for ESF was initially awarded in March 2020 just prior to COVID, due to the nature of delays the project completed in Dec 2021. This project initially planned to deliver group IT training to focus on Employability and Financial Inclusion. The project delivery changed in line with COVID requirements and Ferryhill LADDER Centre delivered 10 hours of 1:1 training to 40 people and tailored this training to meet the individual requirements of each learner. Due to the successful completion of this training Ferryhill LADDER centre was awarded further funding to deliver ESF training and this will be completed by Dec 2022.

Supportive

Funding was received from Supportive and this was a lovely opportunity to provide trips to local residents and provide positive activities to get people out and about again The aim was Covid recovery and tackling social isolation. Trips were organised to a range of places including Seaham, Hartlepool, Whitby and Richmond. Additionally funding as used to cover room hire at Ferryhill Sports and Enterprise Centre for Walking Football Sessions.

Arnold Clark
LADDER Centre approached Arnold Clark fund to seek support for cover the cost of Christmas dinner and Christmas gift packs for our various groups in the Centre. This was a great help and allowed the centre to deliver Christmas lunches to men's group, ladies group (albeit in February) and youth groups. It also allowed the Centre to provide Christmas gift packs to some of the most isolated people who work with the Centre.

COOP - Cllr Atkinson - Livin'
Funding from Coop Community Fund was was used to carryout various outdoor updates to allow the centre to offer more services when social distancing restrictions were in place. With match funding from Cllr Atkinson and Livin' the centre was able to replace rotting decking and when storm Arwin caused significant damage to fencing we were able to replace fencing and secure the building.

Ferryhill Town Council
Funding was secured to add an additional Summer Fun and Food Sessions to allow LADDER staff to deliver a youth session every week during the summer holidays. This support bolstered the existing provision and statistics for this project are mentioned in Play and Youth work section.

Play and Youth Work - CDCF Police and Crime Commissioner Fund, Sport England, Fun and Food
During 2021 /2022 Ferryhill LADDER Centre ran play and youth work with limited funding. As a core service the Centre continued to deliver 6 sessions per week supporting children from the ages of 5 to 18. With a focus on healthy life choices, being active and tackling risk taking behaviour. The staff at Ferryhill LADDER Centre worked with over 250 children and young people and provided a wide range of services and activities.
Fun and Food - supported activities during school holidays with the focus on providing a healthy and nutritious meal with fun activities. The funding provided 4 weeks of activities over the summer holidays as well as activities during Easter, Christmas and various half term holidays. This has become a core service and we are always over subscribed for the activities.

Sport England - funding from here have provided 1 multi sport session each week to young people to increase uptake in sport and encourage teenagers to be more active.
Police and Crime Funding - this funding was again targeted at young people as a way for the centre to provide diversionary activities in Ferryhill, this funded our youth delivery for the year and allowed us to engage with a range of young people throughout Ferryhill. Detached youth sessions also ran once a week targeting known areas young people congregated.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Principal funding sources
Funding has been received in the form of grants as detailed in note 3 to the accounts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. The present level of reserves available to the charity of £45115 meets this target level.

FUTURE PLANS

As we move forward into 2022/23 LADDER Centre will continue to deliver employability and benefit advice but we will also deliver this as an outreach service to local residents in neighbouring communities including Chilton and Bishop Middleham. This will be possible due to funding from 4Together AAP.

Targeted support to older residents will include work to carryout benefit checks and make new claims for pension credit and other entitlements as we look to increase income and reduce outgoings to address the cost of living crisis.

Benefit calculations will be available for anyone who wishes to ensure they are receiving the maximum entitlement to support and again help will be provided to make any new claims required.

Digital independence will also be a priority as we look to support people to take ownership of their own situation and we will aim to create more self-reliance.

Food and fuel poverty is also a major priority and The LADDER Centre will look to restart free lunch clubs at least once a week and also offer children free food when attending all sessions from September onwards. We will continue to work closely Ferryhill food bank and look to work strategically to help during this current cost of living crisis.

Play and youth staff will focus work on addressing issues of anti-social behaviour with children and young people who attend the Centre and targeted programmes of work will be embedded into delivery over the next 12 months.

Volunteering will be a focus with training and support offered to volunteers who will play a key role in centre work and we want to expand on the Centre's volunteer offer.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of 1 year after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee seeks to ensure that the needs of the charity are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre Ltd has a Management Committee of up to 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. A monthly meeting convenes to discuss operational and day-to-day running of the Centre.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day-to-day responsibility for the provision of the services rests with the Development Worker.

Induction and training of new trustees

Most trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity and an induction pack has been implemented to introduce new trustees and information is provided as to the extent of their responsibilities and roles.

Risk management

The Management Committee has concluded its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimalised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03953195 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1090005

Registered office
Ferryhill Ladder Centre Ltd
5-7 Coniston Road
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DL17 8EZ

Trustees
Mr J Birchall
Mrs V A Birchall
Mrs V C Hall
Mr P B Atkinson
Ms R D Henderson
Ms R A Jacobs
Ms S Kirby
Ms M Mccartin

Company Secretary
Ms R A Jacobs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Peter A Hodgson
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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

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.



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16 July 2022

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	182	-	182	516
Charitable activities	3				
Grants Received		25,111	162,601	187,712	196,007
Other income		-	11,989	11,989	13,022
Total		25,293	174,590	199,883	209,545
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Grants Received		-	-	-	-
Administration of Charity		29,602	127,500	157,102	148,829
Total		29,602	127,500	157,102	148,829
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,309)	4,7090	42,781	60,716
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		49,424	165,394	214,818	154,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Statement of Financial Position 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	6,457	104,926	111,383	118,010
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	1,180	-	1,180	1,224
Cash at bank and in hand		42,373	107,558	149,931	100,520
		43,553	107,558	151,111	101,744
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,895)	-	(4,895)	(4,936)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,658	107,558	146,216	96,808
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818
NET ASSETS		45,115	212,484	257,599	214,818
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds				45,115	49,424
Restricted funds				212,484	165,394
TOTAL FUNDS				257,599	214,818

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 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.

The notes form part of these financial statements

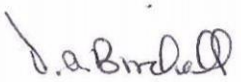
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Statement of Financial Position - continued
31 March 2022

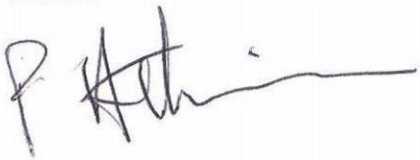
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs V A Birchall - Trustee



Mr P B Atkinson - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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.

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

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

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

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	182	516

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Grants	Grants Received	187,712	196,007

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Children in Need	-	31,639
Durham County Council	97,948	74,694
County Durham Community Foundation	26,618	-
Livin' Housing Ltd	18,525	22,500
The Big Lottery	19,595	24,511
Ferryhill Town Council	1,000	-
Tudor Trust	-	22,000
Greggs	-	10,000
Neighbourly Ltd	-	400
Pioneering Care Group	5,100	4,768
Coop Foundation	1,726	1,095
The Cloth Workers Foundations	-	4,400
The Neighbourly Foundation	400	-
Main Grants	9,500	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	-
Stamp it Out	5,000	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-
	187,712	196,007

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	143,919	13,183	157,102

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Administration of Charity	10,026	120	3,037	13,183

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,627	8,320
Other operating leases	3,386	2,949

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,048	97,378
Social security costs	6,256	6,444
Other pension costs	2,266	2,402
	102,570	106,224

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

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Support Workers	6	6

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

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	516	-	516
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	47,514	148,493	196,007
Other income	1	13,021	13,022
Total	48,031	161,514	209,545
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Grants Received	-	-	-
Administration of Charity	20,002	128,827	148,829
Total	20,002	128,827	148,829
NET INCOME	28,029	32,687	60,716
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	21,395	132,707	154,102
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	49,424	165,394	214,818

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	168,613	16,422	39,104	16,596	240,735
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2021	59,044	16,289	34,447	12,945	122,725
Charge for year	3,372	133	1,690	1,432	6,627
At 31 March 2022	62,416	16,422	36,137	14,377	129,352
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2022	106,197	-	2,967	2,219	111,383
At 31 March 2021	109,569	133	4,657	3,651	118,010

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Prepayments	1,180	1,224

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Social security and other taxes	1,971	2,151
Accrued expenses	2,924	2,785
	4,895	4,936

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13. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Within one year	3,338	1,848

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	30,454	198	30,652
Contingency fund	12,685	(2,179)	10,506
Youth	1,916	(700)	1,216
Unrestricted	4,369	(1,628)	2,741
	49,424	(4,309)	45,115
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	15,380	12,787	28,167
Children in Need	500	(500)	-
6 Support Worker	12,294	21,593	33,887
3 Support Worker	1,866	7,697	9,563
5 Support Worker	7,936	(6,058)	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	111,018	(6,092)	104,926
CDCF	-	4,166	4,166
Awards For All	-	6,557	6,557
7 Support Worker	5,282	(2,995)	2,287
8 Support Worker	5,826	(3,377)	2,449
C Hall	20	-	20
Coop Foundation	1,095	(1,095)	-
Easter Activities	682	(682)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	650	650
Arnold Clark	-	334	334
Craft and Chat	-	1,800	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	-	2,200	2,200
Volunteer Fund	-	1,100	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	-	12,000	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	500	500
	165,394	47,090	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS	214,818	42,781	257,599

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	24,893	(24,695)	198
Contingency fund	400	(2,579)	(2,179)
Youth	-	(700)	(700)
Unrestricted	-	(1,628)	(1,628)
	25,293	(29,602)	(4,309)
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	31,470	(18,683)	12,787
Children in Need	(500)	-	(500)
6 Support Worker	40,751	(19,158)	21,593
3 Support Worker	43,853	(36,156)	7,697
5 Support Worker	4,639	(10,697)	(6,058)
Fixed Assets Restricted	-	(6,092)	(6,092)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
CDCF	4,720	(554)	4,166
Awards For All	8,745	(2,188)	6,557
7 Support Worker	9,081	(12,076)	(2,995)
8 Support Worker	1,479	(4,856)	(3,377)
Coop Foundation	6,726	(7,821)	(1,095)
Easter Activities	(426)	(256)	(682)
Summer Holidays	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
DCC Art	-	(995)	(995)
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	(650)	650
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	(666)	334
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	-	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	2,200	-	2,200
Volunteer Fund	1,100	-	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	-	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	-	500
	174,590	(127,500)	47,090
TOTAL FUNDS	199,883	(157,102)	42,781

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	-	30,454	30,454
Contingency fund	-	12,685	12,685
Youth	-	1,916	1,916
Unrestricted	21,395	(17,026)	4,369
	21,395	28,029	49,424
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	-	15,380	15,380
Children in Need	-	500	500
6 Support Worker	-	12,294	12,294
Durham County Council AAP	4,118	(4,118)	-
3 Support Worker	-	1,866	1,866
5 Support Worker	-	7,936	7,936
Fixed Assets Restricted	115,365	(4,347)	111,018
Tudor	9,961	(9,961)	-
CDCF	3,263	(3,263)	-
7 Support Worker	-	5,282	5,282
8 Support Worker	-	5,826	5,826
C Hall	-	20	20
Coop Foundation	-	1,095	1,095
Easter Activities	-	682	682
Summer Holidays	-	2,500	2,500
DCC Art	-	995	995
	132,707	32,687	165,394
TOTAL FUNDS	154,102	60,716	214,818

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	49,369	(18,915)	30,454
Contingency fund	13,151	(466)	12,685
Youth	1,916	-	1,916
Unrestricted	(16,405)	(621)	(17,026)
	48,031	(20,002)	28,029
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	33,974	(18,594)	15,380
Children in Need	918	(418)	500
6 Support Worker	30,788	(18,494)	12,294
Durham County Council AAP	(3,682)	(436)	(4,118)
3 Support Worker	38,029	(36,163)	1,866
5 Support Worker	22,068	(14,132)	7,936
Fixed Assets Restricted	3,440	(7,787)	(4,347)
Tudor	(9,961)	-	(9,961)
CDCF	(3,263)	-	(3,263)
7 Support Worker	16,999	(11,717)	5,282
8 Support Worker	12,950	(7,124)	5,826
C Hall	20	-	20
Halloween	603	(603)	-
The Cloth Workers Foundation	960	(960)	-
Coop Foundation	1,095	-	1,095
Garden	1,732	(1,732)	-
Easter Activities	1,085	(403)	682
Summer Holidays	2,500	-	2,500
DCC Food Packs	7,557	(7,557)	-
DCC Covid Sport	156	(156)	-
DCC Art	995	-	995
DCC Flooring	2,551	(2,551)	-
	161,514	(128,827)	32,687
TOTAL FUNDS	209,545	(148,829)	60,716

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	-	30,652	30,652
Contingency fund	-	10,506	10,506
Youth	-	1,216	1,216
Unrestricted	21,395	(18,654)	2,741
	21,395	23,720	45,115
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	-	28,167	28,167
6 Support Worker	-	33,887	33,887
Durham County Council AAP	4,118	(4,118)	-
3 Support Worker	-	9,563	9,563
5 Support Worker	-	1,878	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	115,365	(10,439)	104,926
Tudor	9,961	(9,961)	-
CDCF	3,263	903	4,166
Awards For All	-	6,557	6,557
7 Support Worker	-	2,287	2,287
8 Support Worker	-	2,449	2,449
C Hall	-	20	20
Supportive SRC Ltd	-	650	650
Arnold Clark	-	334	334
Craft and Chat	-	1,800	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	-	2,200	2,200
Volunteer Fund	-	1,100	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	-	12,000	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	-	500	500
	132,707	79,777	212,484
TOTAL FUNDS	154,102	103,497	257,599

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
2 Running/redundancy costs	74,262	(43,610)	30,652
Contingency fund	13,551	(3,045)	10,506
Youth	1,916	(700)	1,216
Unrestricted	(16,405)	(2,249)	(18,654)
	73,324	(49,604)	23,720
Restricted funds			
4 Support Worker	65,444	(37,277)	28,167
Children in Need	418	(418)	-
6 Support Worker	71,539	(37,652)	33,887
Durham County Council AAP	(3,682)	(436)	(4,118)
3 Support Worker	81,882	(72,319)	9,563
5 Support Worker	26,707	(24,829)	1,878
Fixed Assets Restricted	3,440	(13,879)	(10,439)
Livin' Housing Ltd	1,500	(1,500)	-
Tudor	(9,961)	-	(9,961)
CDCF	1,457	(554)	903
Awards For All	8,745	(2,188)	6,557
7 Support Worker	26,080	(23,793)	2,287
8 Support Worker	14,429	(11,980)	2,449
C Hall	20	-	20
Halloween	603	(603)	-
The Cloth Workers Foundation	960	(960)	-
Coop Foundation	7,821	(7,821)	-
Garden	1,732	(1,732)	-
Easter Activities	659	(659)	-
Summer Holidays	2,500	(2,500)	-
DCC Food Packs	7,557	(7,557)	-
DCC Covid Sport	156	(156)	-
DCC Art	995	(995)	-
DCC Flooring	2,551	(2,551)	-
May 2022 Half Term	473	(473)	-
Supportive SRC Ltd	1,300	(650)	650
October 2021 half term	384	(384)	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	(666)	334
Christmas 2021 Activities	1,795	(1,795)	-
Craft and Chat	1,800	-	1,800
Living Easter and Summer 2012	2,200	-	2,200
Volunteer Fund	1,100	-	1,100
AAP Welfare Fund	12,000	-	12,000
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	500	-	500
	336,104	(256,327)	79,777

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

TOTAL FUNDS	409,428	(305,931)	103,497

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

Ferryhill Lakes And District Development Education Resource Centre Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	182	516
Charitable activities		
Grants	187,712	196,007
Other income		
Employment allowance	4,000	4,000
JRS Grant (Furlough)	7,989	9,022
	11,989	13,022
Total incoming resources	199,883	209,545
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	94,048	97,378
Social security	6,256	6,444
Pensions	2,266	2,402
Rates and water	387	371
Insurance	1,148	1,066
Light and heat	3,507	1,937
Telephone	3,444	2,032
Postage and stationery	556	1,217
Sundries	563	13
Police checks	239	-
Activity costs	13,730	11,533
Repairs and maintenance	14,617	3,745
Staff travel	424	-
Licences	723	222
Cleaning	90	51
Rentokil	782	732
Sage software	144	144
Photocopier usage	995	870
Covid Safety Expenditure	-	4,267
Staff Training Costs	-	235
	143,919	134,659
Support costs		

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	3,386	2,949
Sundries	13	13
Improvements to property	3,372	3,372
Plant and machinery	133	600
Fixtures and fittings	1,690	2,125
Computer equipment	1,432	2,224
	10,026	11,283
Finance		
Bank charges	120	115
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,911	2,772
Professional fees	126	-
	3,037	2,772
Total resources expended	157,102	148,829
Net income	42,781	60,716