

Welcome to Taking Part's Annual Report giving a view of what has happened over the past year.

It's a huge understatement to say it's been a challenging time. The spectre of Covid has touched us all to a greater or lesser extent – sometimes in tragic ways and sometimes in just plain frustrating ways.

On the positive side, this period of time has allowed us all to reconnect with what is important to us as individuals and as part of our peer groups. Good examples perhaps being the huge number of ad hoc groups set up to watch out for neighbours, do a group shop run, combat loneliness, keeping a check on each other's mental and wellbeing health. This is where Taking Part came into its own – continuing to deliver under difficult circumstances, demonstrating an ability to adapt and demonstrate our value to our communities in all areas. Taking Part has continued to deliver core services of information, advocacy, advice and guidance and has seen a higher demand in these services. We have also been able to take on new projects to ensure that our communities are able to deal with the challenges of COVID 19 and enable our most vulnerable people to feel safe, remain in contact with each other and know where to obtain all the information and guidance they need to deal with the pandemic.

Taking Part's our volunteers and Experts by Experience who have all contributed mightily. Without them this would all be so much harder. Our Citizen Advocacy Volunteers have given more time to ensure that they keep in touch with the people they support giving reassurance and reducing the feeling of isolation and loneliness.

As Trustees John and Sue, myself and our two newest members Jean Harris and Paul Hume Miller have kept the well being of the team front and centre in our actions. We have been particularly proud of how well the staff team have dealt with the changes of working, increased challenges and their adaptability.

We are delighted to welcome aboard Paul Hume Miller – a busy man with very current business experience who wants to bring those skills and others to the table to play his part in ensuring our charity continues to move forward in a positive, cost effective and relevant manner.

Taking Part have had a successful year financially, so we are in a strong position going forward. We have also gained new opportunities and forged new relationships and collaborative partnership working with other voluntary sector organisations.

Taking Part staff and volunteers have taken on the opportunities to keep up their personal development and training by using on line training courses and webinars.

To conclude, Taking Part is emerging from this last couple of years leaner, fitter and well able to handle whatever the future throws at us. These past 2 years have been a learning curve for many organisations and Taking Part has risen well to the challenges and continues to strive and deliver.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Peter Simmons", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Peter Simmons

Chair of Board of Trustees

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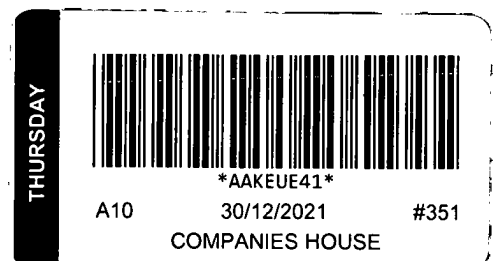
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Unaudited Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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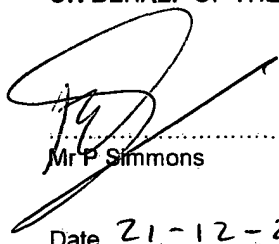
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD


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Mr P Simmons

Date 21-12-21.....

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts to the trustees of Taking part
On the Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Taking Part

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Taking Part for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Taking Part**Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	2	188,037	91	188,128	210,627
Total incoming resources		<u>188,037</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>188,128</u>	<u>210,627</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities		189,721	-	189,721	205,393
Total resources expended	3	<u>189,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,721</u>	<u>205,393</u>
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources		<u>(1,684)</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>(1,593)</u>	<u>5,234</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	4	9,751	-	9,751	16,375
Cash at bank and in hand		163,397	151,265	314,662	312,393
Total current assets		173,148	151,265	324,413	328,768
Creditors					
	5	1,260	-	1,260	4,022
Net current assets		171,888	151,265	323,153	324,746
Net assets		171,888	151,265	323,153	324,746
Funds of the Charity					
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Opening Funds		173,572	151,174	324,746	319,512
Net incoming resources		(1,684)	91	(1,593)	5,234
Total funds		171,888	151,265	323,153	324,746

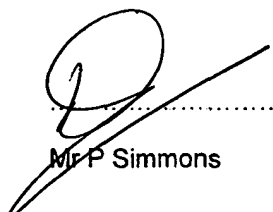
For the year ended 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on21/12/21
and were signed on its behalf
by:


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Notes to the financial statements for the period 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	20,551	17,003
Other Income	166,737	193,624
	<u>187,288</u>	<u>210,627</u>

3 Total resources expended

	Charitable Activities 2021	Charitable Activities 2020
	£	£
Wages	156,896	145,930
Expenses	4,495	32,011
Telephone	2,132	1,750
Postage & Stationery	8,364	6,041
Computer Expenses	8,055	5,544
Staff training	3,179	1,776
Sundry expenses	1,335	1,766
Accountancy and professional charges	672	715
Travelling	442	5,545
Rent and premises costs	2,087	2,099
Insurance	2,004	2,127
Bank Charges	60	89
	<u>189,721</u>	<u>205,393</u>

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4 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade Debtors	9,751	16,375
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5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
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Trade creditors	-	2,762
Other creditors and accruals	1,260	1,260
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6 Taxation status

The company is a registered charity and, under sections 478 and 479 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

7 Reserves policy

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

Designated funds comprise restricted funds that have been set aside by Trustees for particular purposes.

Reserves will be used to continue with the running of the service until other funds are obtained in the case of future lost income from statutory sources.

Funds in reserves will have to take into consideration payments required for staff redundancies and expenditure associated with the closure of the service if further funding is not forthcoming in the future. This expenditure will all be overseen by the board of Trustees.

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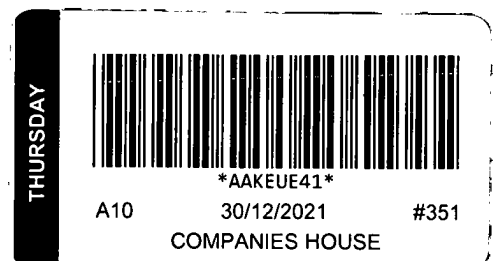
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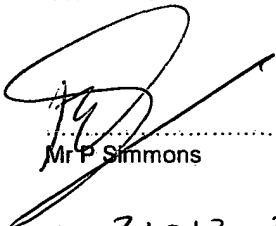
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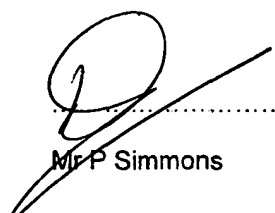
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