



**Registered Charity No: 1098204**



**The Ark Trust CIO**

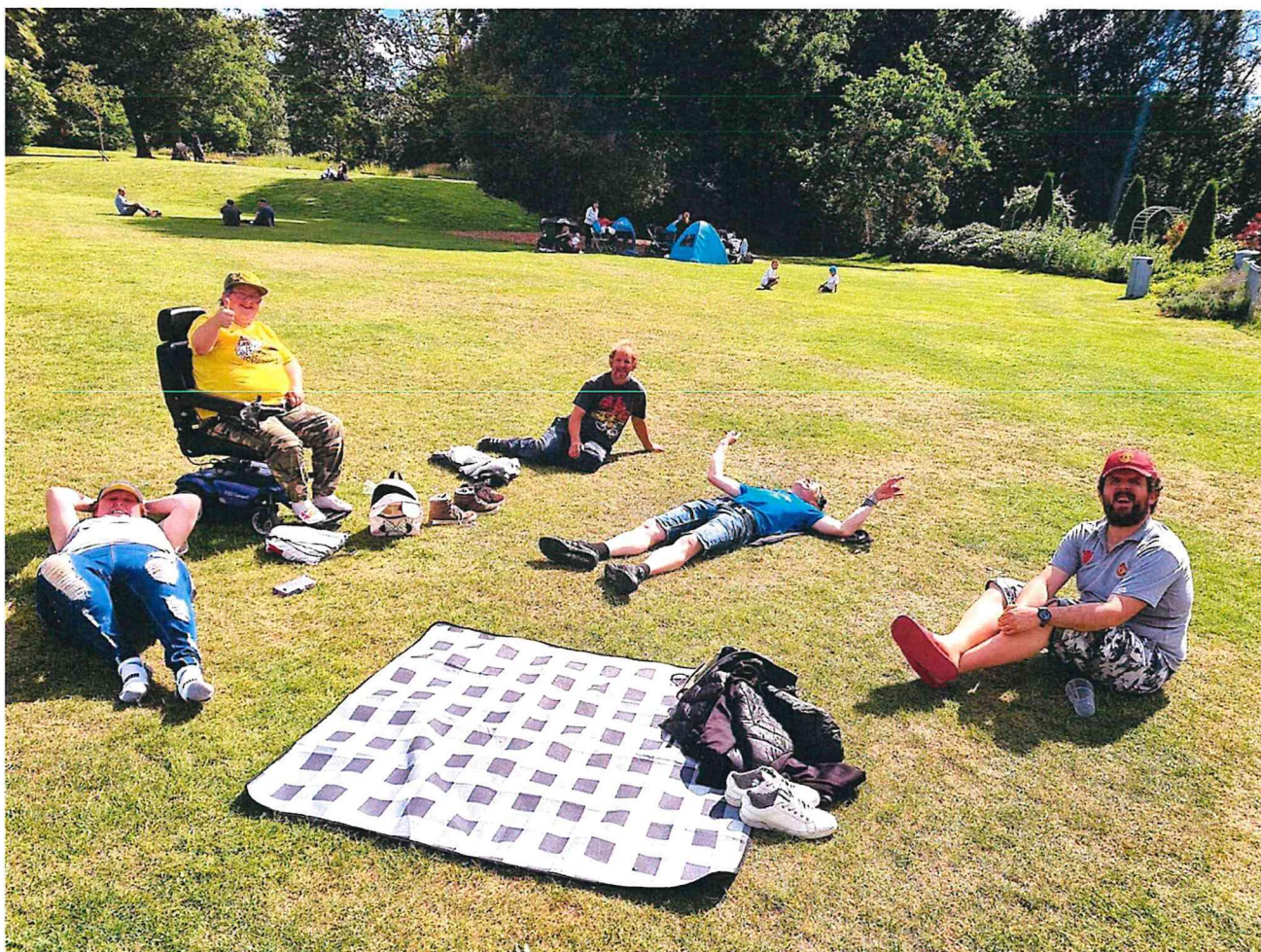
**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31st March 2021**



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## Charity Information

**Charity Number** 1098204

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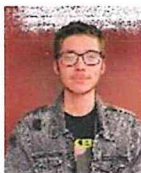
### Trustees



Simon Adams



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Peter Tobin



Susanna Tyrrell

## Management



Andrea McCombie, Chief Executive

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Banks look after our money

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Berkshire  
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## Independent Examiner

Sandra Fogwill, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 0BN

Sandra checks the money we received is spent how we said it was and that we have followed all the rules.



## Trustees' Report

### Structure, Governance and Management



In 1919 The Ark Trust Ltd, which was registered as a charity on the 25th June 2003, started the process to convert (change) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) - The Ark Trust CIO.



This was finally completed on the 25th August 2020.



The Ark has a constitution. These are the rules that say what the charity does and how it is run



The trustees delegate responsibility for the day-to-day operations and management of the charity to the Chief Executive.



Every year, at the AGM, members can put themselves forward to be appointed to the trustee board. The board can also co-opt (ask people to join) the board during the year if needed. The maximum number of trustees the charity can have is 12.



Training and support for new trustees is provided and all trustees must have a satisfactory DBS check before their appointment is finalised.



All trustees give their time for free.



As a user-led organisation, we work towards 75% of the trustee board being people who could use the charity's services or access it's activities.



Membership of The Ark costs £10 (one off payment). In the event of The Ark stopping, this membership fee is each member's maximum contribution.

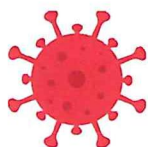
## Risk Management



Risk management means that we have thought about things that could affect The Ark and found ways to minimise any possible risk.

The most serious risks to the charity are:

- Loss of key staff
- Loss of key contracts
- Incident in the building
- Changes in legislation
- Mistake or error in the advice or support given
- Misconduct or safeguarding issue
- Data Security breach
- Fraud or theft



Early in 2020 we identified that coronavirus could be a big problem and made sure the charity was as prepared as possible and this meant we could still support people and the charity remained financially stable. Coronavirus remains the biggest threat to the charity.

## Public Benefit



The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and have kept this in mind when planning the services and activities of the charity.

## Social Value

The Ark takes into account the wider economic, social and environmental impact of its actions and, through its Social Value Policy, works towards ensuring these are positive.



## Fundraising Policy



The Ark is a member of the Fundraising Regulator—who provide advice and guidance for charities when raising funds.



The Ark does not pay professional fundraisers, individuals or companies to raise money for the charity.



When fundraising or asking for contributions towards activities, The Ark is mindful that many people who use it's services and attend activities are vulnerable and may also have a limited income.



The Ark does, when appropriate, raise funds from the public. We also have a donation button on our website.

## Volunteers



The contribution of volunteers across all of our projects and activities has always been essential—but even more so this year.



Nearly **1800** members of the community volunteered at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to help us support older people, those with disabilities and others with or vulnerable to coronavirus. At the end of March 2021 we still had **547** active community response volunteers.



Volunteers helped us support **2,548** people, performing **11,848** tasks such as shopping, collecting medication and dog walking. In December 2021 our local GPs opened a vaccination centre and The Ark agreed to deploy and manage our volunteers to support the centre—up to 40 volunteers a day were required. By the end of March 2021, our volunteers had provided **5559** hours of support to the NHS.



## Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following groups and organisations for providing funding and other support during the year.

*AmazonSmile*

*Baily Thomas Charitable Trust*

*Berkshire Community Foundation*

*Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*

*Berkshire Primary Care*

*Berkshire Safeguarding Partnership Boards*

*Bracknell Forest Council*

*Google*

*Gu Honey*

*Hollywood Bowl, Bracknell*

*iNet Telecoms Ltd*

*Kynock Vets, Crowthorne*

*Lloyds Bank*

*Microsoft*

*PayPal Giving*

*Postcode Neighbourhood Trust*

*Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead*

*Shanly Foundation*

*Tesco, Martins Heron, Bracknell*

*Waitrose & Partners*

*Warfield Parish Council*

*Winkfield Parish Council*

The charity would also like to acknowledge the financial support from government in response to the covid pandemic, administered by HMRC and the local authority.

The charity would also like to acknowledge and thank the individuals who have donated to our work during the year.

## Objectives and Aims

The Ark's objectives, our purpose, is to:



- Work with people in the South East of England with disabilities and/or long term health conditions, with carers of people with disabilities and/or long term health conditions and with young people who are not in education, employment or training.



- Support the community and voluntary sector in the area of operation of the charity, for the benefit of the public and to ensure the equality for all people to engage in citizenship.

The Ark aims to:



- Advocate the value of and to enhance the lives of children, young people and adults with disability by providing access to and engagement with creative arts, digital and new media.



- To use the creative arts, digital and new media as a means to inform and offer training to the wider community on disability issues.



- To provide information, advice and support to voluntary sector groups and individuals.



- To promote User Led Organisations.

When planning projects, services and activities we make sure they meet our objectives and aims. We also ask members and beneficiaries what help and support they need at events such as our AGM.



## Achievements and Performance





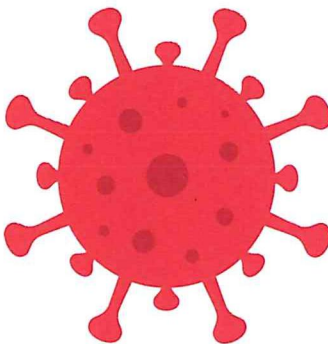
## Arts, Education & Workshops



Until September 2020 we were not able to run any of our regular sessions. As covid restrictions relaxed we were able to offer some sessions such as crafty coffee. Additional safety measures such as smaller groups and the wearing of face shields were put in place.

The drama sessions started online and as many of the original group as possible were supported to participate—and we even had some new members! The group even managed to perform a virtual show for family and friends.

## Community Hub and vaccination centre support



Initially under the Healthwatch service (which we ran until December 2020) and then directly under the management of the Ark, we worked with Bracknell Forest Council and other local charities, such as the Foodbank, CAB and Involve, to support local residents during the pandemic. Our role is to host a telephone support line, 7 days a week, 8am-10pm, manage the volunteers and allocate jobs. Since December 2020 we have also managed the volunteers for our local vaccination centre.

Although the hub is not as busy as earlier in the year, this vital work continues and we are also working with our partners to develop post-covid recovery projects.

## Day Trips and Holidays



There were no holidays during the year as, once again, the March 80s weekend break was postponed.

As soon as it was allowed, we arranged outdoor coffee meet ups, walking groups and picnics in the local area.

## Festival Green Machine



Unfortunately there were no festivals for the volunteer team to attend during this year, but we kept in contact with our volunteers and look forward to camping in a muddy field sometime in the not too distant future.

## Forget-me-Knot



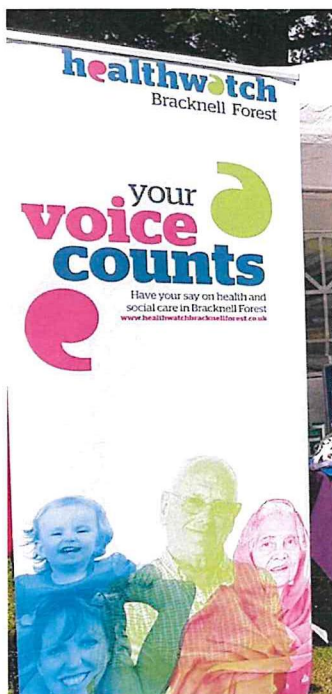
The shop remained shut during the whole year but was able to cover it's overheads due to government and local authority coronavirus financial support schemes.

## Friday Night Project



Due to coronavirus restrictions we have not been able to hold Friday Night Project during the year. Staff and volunteers broadcast live on Radio Marmalade during Friday evenings as a way to stay connected to members; people can request songs and join in on the chat.

## Local Healthwatch



A large part of a local Healthwatch service is to engage with the community and, other than online, we were not able to do this during the pandemic. In both areas we covered, Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead and Bracknell Forest, we focused on becoming a trusted source of coronavirus information and signposting and referring residents to agencies for further help and support. We also assisted public health by carrying out online surveys about people's physical and mental health during lockdown and their concerns going forward. In Bracknell Forest we also managed the community hub.

In January 2021 all of the East Berkshire services were merged into one service as part of local authority cost savings. This process started in the previous year but was temporarily put on hold during the pandemic. The new service is now provided by a large regional organisation.

## Night Owls



The group met regularly on zoom throughout the year. This did mean that some people, who often found transport difficult for community meet ups, were able to join in more.

## Project 73

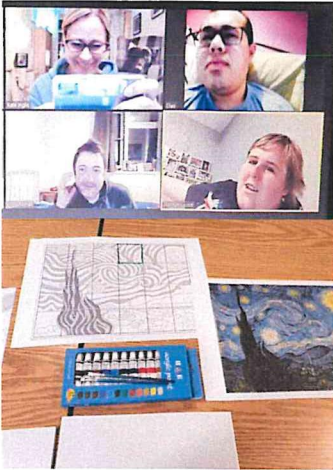


Like all our activities, the group was impacted by coronavirus. The weekly group met online during lock down but as soon as they were able to, arranged outdoor meet ups and eventually small indoor events (until the second lock down).

The group also took part in the Aviva Crowd Funding project and were able to raise some funds. Many members also joined in with Quarantine Club and always did well in the quizzes!



## Quarantine Club



At the start of the first lockdown, we set up a safe and private online group to help people who would normally come to our workshops and groups keep in touch with each other. Staff and volunteers arranged activities and made videos and got everyone involved.

We also coordinated a group art project, music video and a virtual walking challenge. Art and craft materials, activity packs and gardening sets were also delivered by staff.

At the height of the pandemic the group had almost 200 members. People tell us it helped them deal with loneliness and anxiety.

## Radio Marmalade



Although we were unable to run DJ courses and lessons, Radio Marmalade was able to broadcast throughout the year. Initially this was only on a Friday evening with Ark staff volunteering to act as regular DJs—a big thank you to Chris, Kate and Mark for keeping everyone entertained— but, when restrictions allowed, our regular DJs were able to return.

## SIGNAL4Carers



SIGNAL provides independent information, advice, support, training and other help for adult unpaid carers (friends, family) of adults with disabilities/health conditions in Bracknell Forest. Many of the activities, such as support groups and carers social events, were not able to go ahead during this year. Online sessions were provided but many of the carers are older people and some are not confident with going online.

At the start of the pandemic all carers were contacted to assess their risk of social isolation/support and offered ongoing phone calls. Agreement from partner organisations was also obtained that carers of people 'shielding' from the virus would also be supported by the community hub and response.

*"Big thank you for all your time and support. I have been grateful for your phone calls during the last year especially as this pandemic has affected all of us."*

When the covid vaccination process started, we worked with NHS colleagues to ensure all unpaid carers could access the vaccination as soon as possible and that carers medical notes were correctly coded as unpaid carers—for any future vaccinations etc.



## Future plans



Although it remains difficult in the current situation of living with coronavirus to make plans, we will focus on providing as much support as we can to our members and beneficiaries, particularly when gaps in services and support have been identified, and keeping the finances of the charity healthy.

After feedback from members and beneficiaries, gaps identified while running the covid community response and a trustee planning meeting, the following plans for the organisation are:

Area of activity	Short-term plans	Longer term plans
Arts, Education & Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get all sessions back face-to-face</li> <li>• Restart the education sessions from Umbrella (safer friendships/relationships)</li> <li>• Look at starting multisensory work again</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less focus on arts based activities</li> <li>• Look at becoming a formal/accredited education provider again</li> <li>• Retail skills</li> <li>• Communication and language skills</li> <li>• Life skills including self-advocacy</li> <li>• Digital training</li> </ul>
Community Hub and vaccination centre support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue to manage the covid community response and work with partners to support local people vulnerable to, or impacted by, coronavirus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use the experience of delivering the hub to develop the HIVE projects</li> </ul>
Day Trips and Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To start a new project '<i>Out and About</i>' which will provide day trips and short break holidays to small groups with shared interests</li> <li>• Activities should be financially sustainable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for an alternative Turkey and Tinsel venue</li> <li>• Purchase an accessible MPV</li> <li>• One-to-one buddies for community activities</li> </ul>

## Future plans continued...

Area of activity	Short-term plans	Longer term plans
Festival Green Machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To get back in a field!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental training</li> <li>Access audits and training for external festival staff</li> </ul>
Forget-me-Knot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-opening</li> <li>Recruitment of a shop manager</li> <li>Complete the community Defib project</li> <li>Online store and advertising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop the community space and partnerships</li> <li>Upcycling workshops</li> <li>Expand supported employment and volunteering</li> <li>Become profitable through sales alone</li> </ul>
Friday Night Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To open again</li> </ul>	
HIVE (community helping community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice and Inclusion Partnerships</li> <li>Community Transport</li> <li>Befriending</li> <li>Permanent community response to support disabled and older residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To work on the launched projects; evaluate and develop into long-term sustainable projects</li> </ul>
Night Owls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the variety of events (and locations)</li> <li>Volunteer transport (link to HIVE)</li> <li>Add <i>Stay up Late</i> tag to any event finishing after 9pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build up volunteer base</li> <li>Look at one-to-one activities (link up with Out and About)</li> <li>Campaigning</li> <li>Financial sustainability (membership fees etc.)</li> </ul>
Project 73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making Project 73 more accessible to those who identify as female (different activities?)</li> <li>Financial sustainability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start a new group for older age range</li> <li>Look at longer activities (weekends away etc.)</li> </ul>

## Future plans continued...

Area of activity	Short-term plans	Longer term plans
Quarantine Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To keep the group going for as long as needed. (Now known as Friends of The Ark)</li> </ul>	
Radio Marmalade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start up DJ training again as soon as safe to do so</li> <li>New website</li> <li>Podcasts (including interviews with local bands)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grow the station encouraging DJs that represent all members of our local community; varied musical tastes and types of show</li> </ul>
Signal4Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resume carer support groups and social events</li> <li>Start using the STAR outcome tool</li> <li>Work towards the Carers Trust Quality Mark</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure an extension/new contract beyond Jan 2023</li> <li>Expand service (currently adult carers of adults)</li> <li>Explore the possibility of a regulated respite care service</li> </ul>
General organisational development/business plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCVO Trusted Charity quality mark</li> <li>Seek funding for organisational development and resilience work</li> <li>Increase membership and participants in the Ark Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business plan to take the organisation through to 2027</li> </ul>





## Statement of Financial Activities



### Financial review

The financial results for the year were in line with the trustees' expectations and the global coronavirus pandemic confirms the prudence of recent years' financial policy to build up to the optimum (best) amount of unrestricted reserves. This means the charity enters the next financial year in a strong position to be able to survive any continuing negative financial impacts of the pandemic.

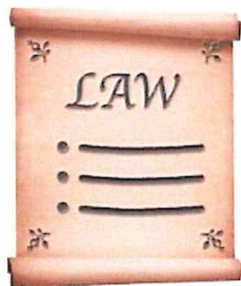


### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity's trustees must make sure that the charity keeps a record of the money it gets in and the money it spends.

Each year the charity must prepare their accounts and get them audited or examined by someone who is not part of The Ark. This means that someone who knows a lot about money, like an accountant, makes sure the accounts are okay.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees follow best practice and:



- Select suitable accounting policies and then follow them
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011

The trustees are also responsible for protecting the assets of The Ark. Assets means a useful or valuable thing.

Under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the trustees consider that although an audit is not required for this year, an independent examination is needed.



### Remuneration policy for key management personnel

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 for the reporting period.



### Investment policy

The trustees have the power to invest the charity's funds and have made the decision, at this time, to take no risks financially and have placed £80,000 into a high interest, 90 day notice account.



### **Reserves policy**

The optimum, or best, level of reserves is based on 6 months turnover (income). And no more than 9 months. Restricted reserves do not count towards this figure. We end this year with unrestricted reserves of £210,605, which puts the charity in a good position going into 2021/22—which may prove very difficult financially due to the aftermath and impact of the coronavirus pandemic.



### **Restricted funds**

Restricted funds are used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor or contracting party. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of management and support costs. Where funds are not specifically allocated against expenditure in that year the balance is deferred and added to the balance brought forward on the restricted funds. It will be used in subsequent years in line with the restrictions placed by the donor or stipulated in the contract.



### **Particulars of any outstanding Guarantee given by the charity**

The trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities other than the restricted funds detailed in the income and expenditure statement and mentioned above. This includes financial support received, through donations and grants, to the following projects: Community Defibrillator, Community Hub, Stay Up Late, Supported Employment and Workshops.



### **Particulars of any outstanding debt**

The trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.



### **Financial outlook**

2021/22 will continue to be challenging for many charities; in some ways more difficult than at the height of the pandemic. The trustees and CEO will work hard to adapt activities and seek alternative funding to subsidise charitable work streams. The charity will also continue to apply for all relevant government financial support.

## The Ark Trust CIO

### Statement of financial activities for the 12 months ended 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total funds 2021	Total funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Donations & gifts	1,447	1,882	3,329	8,898
Grants	110,911	520	111,431	4,060
Membership subs	0	60	60	0
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Activity & holiday fees	1,297	0	1,297	42,427
Contracts	7,224	178,100	185,324	326,851
<i>Other trading activities</i>				
Room hire	20	0	20	905
Interest income	711	0	711	771
Shop sales	100	0	100	11,912
Less: COGS	<u>-313</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-313</u>	<u>-3,788</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>121,397</b>	<b>180,562</b>	<b>301,959</b>	<b>392,036</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Staff & professional fees	59,756	163,984	223,740	231,977
Utilities & communications	6,454	4,967	11,421	10,508
Activity & holiday costs	6,855	10	6,865	23,066
General overheads	18,819	18,057	36,876	39,147
Equipment & repairs	6,768	2,037	8,805	6,733
Transport & vehicle costs	813	13	826	22,824
Rent, rates & insurance	<u>11,778</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>13,314</u>	<u>36,042</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>111,243</u></b>	<b><u>190,604</u></b>	<b><u>301,847</u></b>	<b><u>370,297</u></b>
Net incoming resources	200,451	40,097	240,548	
April 1, 2020				
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	
Surplus at March 31, 2021	10,154	-10,042	112	
<b>Funds at March 31, 2021</b>	<b>210,605</b>	<b>30,055</b>	<b>240,660</b>	



## The Ark Trust CIO

Balance sheet as at 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets	21,243	37,969
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	7,333	27,789
Cash at bank and in hand	219,209	180,125
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>21,054</u>	<u>26,298</u>
	247,596	234,212
<b>Creditors</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	2,760	4,842
Accruals and deferred income	<u>25,419</u>	<u>26,791</u>
	28,179	31,633
 Net Current Assets less liabilities	 219,417	 202,579
 <b>Total Assets less liabilities</b>	 <b><u>240,660</u></b>	 <b><u>240,548</u></b>
 <b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted fund	210,605	200,451
Restricted fund	30,055	<u>40,097</u>
 <b>Total reserves</b>	 <b><u>240,660</u></b>	 <b><u>240,548</u></b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements



These are the statements we have to make when we *file* (send) our accounts to the Charity Commission. They are not easy to read. If you would like to know more so you can understand them, please contact the Ark office who will arrange for you to have a briefing session.

### **Basis of preparation**

#### *Basis of accounting*

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statements 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), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1st January 2015.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### *Going concern*

These accounts are prepared on a going concern basis; the charity has sufficient resources and the trustees have no reason to believe that the charity will not continue to operate next year or for the foreseeable future.

#### *Change of accounting policy*

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted.

#### *Change to accounting estimates and material errors*

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS102 SORP)

#### *Interest receivable*

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable; this is upon notification of the interest paid/payable at the bank.

## **Income**

### *Recognition of income*

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources
- It is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

### *Offsetting*

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

### *Volunteer help*

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

## **Expenditure and liabilities**

### *Liability recognition*

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

### *Governance and support costs*

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### *Redundancy cost*

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

### *Creditors*

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less trade discounts.

### *Provisions for liabilities*

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

### *Debtors*

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash value or other consideration expected to be received.



## Assets

### *Tangible fixed assets for use by charity*

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £750.

They are valued at cost.

The depreciation method is straight line, spread across the assets' useful life taking into account any residual value.

	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment
	£	£	£
<b>Cost or Value</b>			
At 1st April 2020	24,690	20,988	11,641
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	20,940	0	0
At 31st March 2021	3,750	20,988	11,641
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1st April 2020	12,064	3,721	3,565
Charge for the period	4,688	2,998	2,852
	16,752	6,719	6,417
<b>Net Book Values</b>			
At the start of the year	12,626	17,267	8,076
At the end of the year	<b>1,750</b>	<b>14,269</b>	<b>5,224</b>
<b>Asset disposal</b>			
Cost or value	20,940		
Accumulated depreciation	(14,752)		
Proceeds from sale	<u>(3,000)</u>		
Profit/loss	<b>(3,188)</b>		

*Sale of the fixed asset—this was not planned however, as the vehicle was categorised as a HGV, our permit meant that the vehicle had to be kept in a certain location. At the start of the pandemic this was suddenly no longer available to us so we had to sell, and sell quickly, so were unable to maximise the financial return on the asset.*

## Taxation

The charitable status of the organisation has been confirmed by the Inland Revenue. This means that the charity is not liable to corporation tax on its surplus or gains to the extent that they are applied for charitable purposes.

## Trustees remuneration, expenses and related party transaction

None of the trustees received any remuneration for their role during the year and there were no related party transactions. Trustees are offered reimbursement for travel expenses incurred—to remove any barrier to prevent attendance at meetings.

## Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Ark Trust CIO is attached to this report.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity trustee board by the following trustees:**

Name: NEIL MCGIFFEN

Signature:



Date:

20.01.2022.

Name:

TONY ROBINSON

Signature:



Date:

20-1-2022



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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of "The Ark Trust Ltd"**

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity trustees as a body, for my work.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

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

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Companies Act 2011
- to prepare Financial Statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2011.

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: S Fogwill

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: 24 Woodville Close, Blackwater, Camberley, GU17 0BN

Date: 17 January 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Fogwill', with a small horizontal line at the end.