



Ridgeline Trust – East Reading Horticultural Therapy and Community-Based Training Ltd

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Foreword: Ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic

The year opened with the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions and a sense of cautious optimism, in stark contrast to the previous year when the country was shutting down in response to the first wave of Covid 19. Ridgeline continued to experience the impact of the pandemic during 2021/22, however, and this report outlines the way in which we have managed these challenges. We are not alone in this, as research reported by the Charities Commission in October 2021 shows:

Nearly all charities (91%) in England and Wales have experienced some negative impact from Covid-19. The consequences have been wide-ranging and often severe, spanning service delivery, financial and staffing issues, as well as frustration and uncertainty. 72% of charities said their finances had been impacted, with lost fundraising, trading and a drop in volunteers. Many charities have had to adapt their services: 40% had dipped into reserves, and 32% had paused operations temporarily. In the medium term over half (62%) anticipate a threat to their charity's financial viability in the next 12 months, although many expect to be in the same or better position overall.¹

In practice this meant that although outdoor activities were permitted by March 2021 and we were able to start the gradual resumption of Horticultural Therapy sessions, we were not able to recover our pre-pandemic levels of participation for our adult groups this year. Continued uncertainty and high levels of infection over summer 2021 meant that we took the difficult decision not to proceed with public fundraising events such as the Plant Sale and Harvest Fete.

In other ways the pandemic created new opportunities for Ridgeline's support, as the adverse effects of lockdowns on well-being and mental health became more widely discussed. Groups most affected included young people and those with pre-existing mental health conditions. Ridgeline responded to this challenge by offering more bespoke sessions for Addington and the Avenue Schools and by developing our partnership with the University Health Centre, whereby their Social Prescribing team would refer patients whose mental health had deteriorated during the pandemic.

As a direct result of these new initiatives, we have increased the number of Horticultural Therapy sessions offered each week as well as the total numbers of clients attending. These achievements would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff and volunteers. In particular we pay tribute to our Development Manager, Sian Hooley, for making use of every opportunity to promote Ridgeline to the wider community, reaching out and working collaboratively with other partners and recruiting and supporting new volunteers to replace those who, for various reasons, decided not to return after lockdown.

Despite these achievements, however, we had to be careful to manage our expenditure prudently. This remained higher than previously because we had to maintain measures to keep our clients, staff and volunteers safe. As a result of this and a shortfall in our client fee income, our year-end accounts reported a deficit of £5,735 representing 14% of income. Efforts continue to minimise expenditure and increase income so as to restore our finances to a break-even position and this will be more important in the coming year, as we face the new challenge of increases to the cost of living.

¹ Research and analysis COVID-19 Survey 2021 Published 28 October 2021

1. Overview

1.1 What we do

Ridgeline Trust offers social and therapeutic horticulture to people with mental and/or physical disabilities and other special needs. Our professionally-trained horticultural therapists develop and lead activities to build client confidence and skills and regularly monitor and review individual progress and well-being. We offer safe gardening activities all year round in our beautiful garden near Reading town-centre, accessible by public transport. Our pavilion provides shelter and warmth for year-round operation, enabling clients to enjoy garden-themed craft activities in cold or wet weather. With our support, clients recover and develop their skills, confidence, and self-esteem and enjoy the opportunities provided for social communication in a calm, restorative environment. We have extended our services to those with conditions which may have worsened during Covid-19 and, having made our premises and activities as safe as possible for minimising the risk of infection, we welcome new and returning clients to the garden.

We foster evidence-led approaches in the provision of social and therapeutic horticulture, delivered with a firm commitment to collaboration, inclusion and professional practice. All our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

2. Main activities during the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Our activities are set out in the form of the priorities we agreed at the last AGM, with brief comments on how well we have achieved them.

2.1 To maintain vigilance of the Covid-19 pandemic context and any Government requirements/ advice, carrying out rigorous assessments to mitigate risks which might affect our clients, our staff or our volunteers.

This has been achieved:

- The year began with the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions. Outdoor activities were permitted and at the end of March 2021 we resumed the Tuesday morning sessions with a few clients who were assessed as less vulnerable to Covid.
- Our risk assessments and practice were regularly updated and communicated in accordance with government guidance, which was revised at regular intervals during this period. We continued with safety measures such as mask wearing indoors, restricting numbers and social distancing where practicable during the Spring and Summer months when the Delta variant was predominant. With the availability of mass testing, this became our main focus and we provided free test kits for use by our staff and volunteers. As the vaccine roll out progressed, we updated staff and volunteers on changes to the requirement to self-isolate for those who had been in close contact with a person who had tested positive for Covid 19.
- Ridgeline staff and support volunteers were given priority access to the vaccines, including the booster, as part of Reading Borough Council social care workforce. We provided support to staff and volunteers to enable them to access the programme.
- As infection rates from Delta subsided during the Autumn and more activities had to take place indoors, ventilation and maintaining good air flow became a priority. We purchased a CO2 monitor which enabled us to measure air quality and adjust ventilation accordingly.
- As the Omicron variant took hold in December we maintained vigilance and closed the final Horticultural Therapy sessions before Christmas to protect staff, volunteers and clients who were all looking forward to spending the festive period with family and friends. This was the only occasion this year when we had to suspend activities.

2.2 To continue to restore and expand the number of client gardening sessions delivered.

This has been achieved:

- With the lifting of lockdown restrictions, the Tuesday sessions were resumed at the end of March 2021, in the mornings initially and with a small number of client gardeners. The afternoon sessions were resumed at the end of September with a few morning gardeners opting to stay all day. The numbers increased gradually throughout the year but we were unable to recover our pre-lockdown levels of participation. This was in part due to some client gardeners not returning and to a lack of referrals from Reading Borough Council and other support agencies. We acknowledge that this was a challenge for Hannah Pritchard, who was relatively new in post, and she has done well to re-establish this group in difficult circumstances.
- We were pleased that the Avenue School returned to Ridgeline in April 2021. Prior to lockdown the School had sent a few students who joined in with the Monday group. This year we were able to offer them exclusive sessions for up to 10 pupils in the Summer and Autumn terms. Before the pandemic we had offered Liz Slocombe an opportunity to lead the school sessions but this offer had to be put on hold for a year, so we were delighted that she was still available and keen to join the Ridgeline team. Liz has led this group with great energy and enthusiasm and we have received very positive feedback from the School.
- Addington School also returned in the Summer term for three sessions per week as the site they previously used for their third session was unable to meet the required Health and Safety standards related to Covid. We were very grateful to Rachel Jarvis who agreed at short notice to lead the additional session. From September the School reverted to two sessions per week, on Thursday morning and afternoon. The pupils attending the morning session have the most severe learning and physical disabilities, so great care is taken to meet their individual needs to ensure that they get the maximum benefit from their time at Ridgeline. As with the Avenue, we have received positive feedback from the School and we acknowledge the dedication and professionalism with which Rachel has delivered these sessions to a diverse range of pupils.
- We were unable to resume the Monday afternoon sessions in the pre-Covid format as many client gardeners were either unable or unwilling to return. However in June we launched a new group for patients referred by Social Prescribers at the University Health Centre. We received funding from the Reading Dispensary Trust to pilot this venture (see below), which enabled us to employ Julie Roberts to lead this group. This was a new direction for Ridgeline as the client gardeners had mostly mental health issues, as opposed to learning disabilities, and attendance was initially irregular as they sought to establish a new routine of attendance. Under Julie's committed and sensitive stewardship this group has grown and is now well-established, with individual members reporting improvements to their general well-being.

2.3 To diversify our client base while retaining our focus on clients who will benefit from professionally-led social and therapeutic horticulture.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- Ridgeline's collaboration with the University Health Centre and Green Health Thames Valley led to the launch of a new group on Mondays for patients whose mental health had deteriorated during the pandemic. Bespoke sessions were tailored to patients referred by the Practice's Social Prescribers who supported and encouraged their attendance. We were awarded a grant of £4,774 from the Reading Dispensary Trust which funded 12 sessions at Ridgeline and 10 sessions with Green Health Thames Valley (GHTV), to which £2,150 was transferred for their participation. At the end of the pilot project our partnership with GHTV came to an end and we were successful in securing additional funding independently, which enabled the sessions to continue up until the end of the year and beyond.
- We were also granted £1,064 in funding from the Wild Being Project (part of a government grant supporting Green Social Prescribing in Reading, administered by RVA) which resourced our participation in: Waterway Wellbeing Day on 14 August; Reading Town Meal on 25

September; and part provided for continuation of our social prescribing project with the University Health Centre, for a further 10 weeks from September-November 2021. This is shown in the accounts as the Thriving Communities Fund grant and is also represented as part of Other Income.

- Further resource was granted to continue this project until May 2022, with £1,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust and £3,360 from the St Laurence Relief in Need Trust. £1,680 of the St Laurence Relief in Need Trust grant has been held over into the financial year 2022-23 to match with social prescribing costs during the months of April and May in this period.
- We participated in the Whiteknights Arts Trail event on 26 & 27 June which raised £713, and in the Pop-up flower stall and plant sale in Woodley on 29th July 2021, which raised £450.

2.4 To develop the garden to accommodate changes to its management, diversification and expansion.

This has been achieved:

- The expansion of Horticultural Therapy sessions this year highlighted the need for a new approach to managing the garden and its maintenance. The Horticultural Therapists decided the best way forward would be to allocate each group an area of the garden for which they would be responsible for its maintenance and development. This included certain areas deemed unsuitable for maintenance by client gardeners and some areas where maintenance was to be shared. This system has worked well and has reduced the amount of email communication required between the various groups.
- Initially Margaret Osborne took on responsibility for coordinating the maintenance of the garden and subsequently the Trustees decided to create a new role of Garden Coordinator, in addition. We were delighted that Rachel Jarvis took on this role.
- Towards the end of the year we received generous donations in memory of former Ridgeline client Phil Banbury and of Peter Lawlor, the father of another Ridgeline client. We have used these to purchase two new sheds, one of which will be used to store gardening tools with easy access for client gardeners.
- A group from The Conservation Volunteers painted the exterior of the Pavilion in the summer and we are grateful to Adrian Bridges for organising this project
- Another group of volunteers from Vodafone spent a day painting the inside of the Pavilion during the October half-term and we are very grateful to Barbara Ojala and Mick Fallowfield for completing the decoration of the toilets over the Christmas holiday and of the office over the Easter weekend. The garden furniture was painted by clients supervised by Hannah Pritchard.
- Reading Lions Den Community Grant funded £552 for additional garden equipment specifically for client use. This included multi-change tools to provide greater flexibility for different needs in client and school groups, and push mowers for those who find petrol mowers intimidating. Both the new tools and mowers have proved popular with all groups.
- We were sorry to lose our Horticultural Therapist Cathy Smith after 5 years of much appreciated service and wish her well in her new role at Reading's Museum of English Rural Life.

2.5 To commit energy and resources to professional practice and good governance.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- The Trustees met regularly, usually once a month throughout the year, sometimes with the wider Planning Group. At these meetings progress on our objectives was monitored and a number of policies and procedures were reviewed.
- In line with our objective of offering high quality professional Horticultural Therapy, Trustees have committed resources to staff development and training. We funded Hannah Pritchard to study for the Thrive Award in Social & Therapeutic Programme Development which she

successfully completed in May, and Liz Slocombe to study for the Thrive Certificate in Social & Therapeutic Practice which she successfully completed in January 2022.

- Graham Johnson and Faruq Bilbe stood down as Trustees at the last AGM. Ridgeline is very grateful for their many years of service. In February 2022 Jane Ruse and Stuart Donald, both active Ridgeline volunteers, were appointed as Trustees and have brought new ideas and valuable skills and experience to the Trustee Board and the wider Planning Group.

3. Brief summary of significant activities and developments since the end of the financial year, for information:

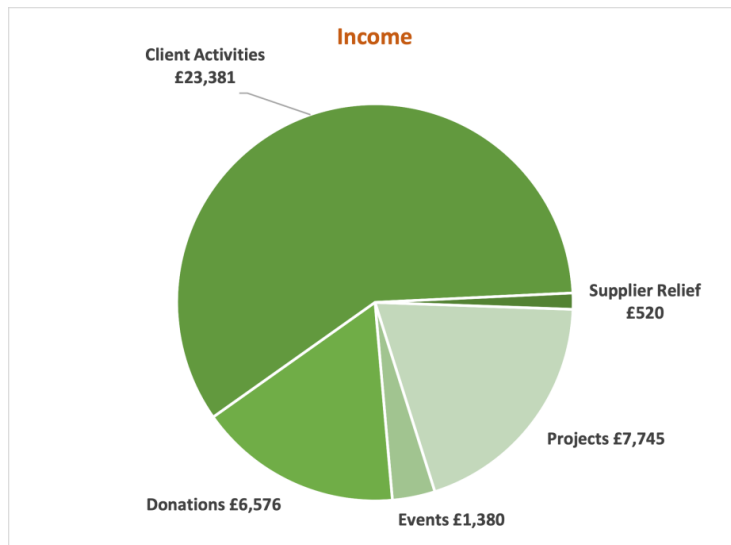
- The John Sykes Foundation granted us £1,000 towards continuation of the green social prescribing project until the end of September 2022. In addition to the £1,680 carried over from the St Laurence Relief in Need Trust for the months of April and May, Reading Dispensary Trust has provided further support amounting to £1,750 for individual patients to attend for another 6 months from October 2022 to March 2023.
- Having established that the project was of considerable benefit to and popular with the clients attending, discussions were progressed with the University Health Centre to establish a more sustainable basis for the project to continue. The Social Prescribers are successfully researching additional sources of funding for most of the clients.
- We have renewed our procedures for assessing clients to benefit from our Special Circumstances Fund and seek resource to replenish this to ensure any clients who meet the criteria can be funded.
- In June we held our first fundraising event since 2019. The Plant Sale was well attended by supporters and members of the public and raised a total of £2,431 representing our best plant sale income to date.
- The Harvest Fete in September 2022 was another success and raised a total of £4,805, which includes funds raised for Marc Bartsch's guitar-a-thon, which attracted generous personal donations of £1,200 and a corporate donation of £1,000 from his employer, Aurum investment specialists. We are very grateful to everyone who supported both events by donating, volunteering or contributing on the day. The funds raised from both events have provided a very welcome boost to our finances in these challenging times for small charities.
- The two new sheds, resourced through the generous donations mentioned in 2.4, were installed over the summer holiday providing additional storage space and better access for client gardeners.
- We have been pleased to welcome a number of new client gardeners to our Tuesday sessions since the start of the year. The Monday afternoon sessions have also expanded with the numbers attending on a regular basis increasing over the past few months.

4. Finance

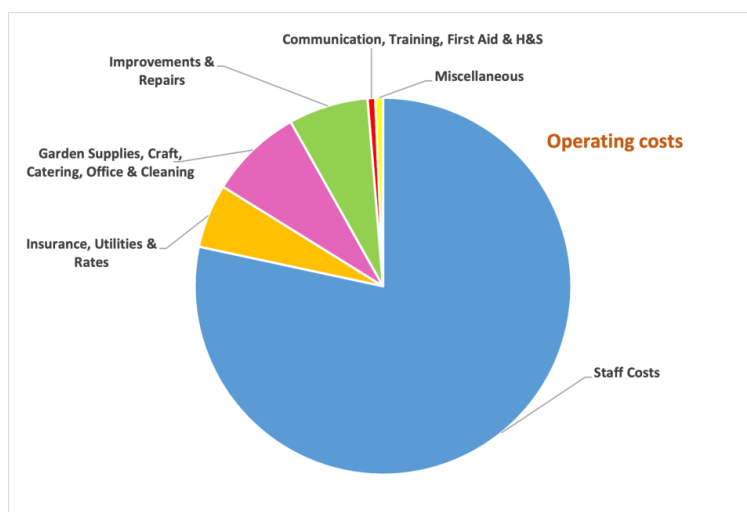
4.1 Accounts for 2021-2022

The accounts have been circulated prior to the AGM. All figures quoted here will be subject to Independent Certification. Last year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison.

- In summary, our income for the period was £39,602 (compared with £29,211 in 2020-21). £7,745 (£12,623) came from project grants and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, £7,956 (£7,983) from fundraising activities and donations and £23,901 (£8,604) from charges for our services and supplier relief payments.



- We spent £6,496 (£9,020) on grant-funded projects, including gardening equipment for client use, the Social Prescribing Project with the University Health Centre, and on usage of our Special Circumstances Fund.
- General operating costs were £36,006 (£17,900), of which £28,218 (£13,339) were employment costs (less staff costs attributed to the Social Prescribing Project). Depreciation on the building was £2,123 (£2,123), making total expenditure for accounting purposes £45,338 (£29,042).



- Expenditure exceeded income by £5,735 (in 2020-21 a small surplus of £168 was recorded).
- Total assets at 31 March 2022 stood at £61,698 (£67,433 at 31 March 2021). The Pavilion building is a fixed asset, currently valued at £31,839 after depreciation. Net current assets totalled £29,858 (£33,471). Of these current funds, £2,430 were treated as restricted with the remaining £27,428 being available in reserves for running costs, general garden development and contingencies.
- We continued to benefit from £1,489 in payments from the government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and we welcomed supplier relief support payments from Reading Borough council of £520, making a contribution to our ongoing costs. Since the year-end, grants

totalling £2,750 have been received. At the end of September our cash reserves stood at £29,914 (compared to £32,504 at the end of September 2021).

4.2 Grants from Organisations during the financial year 2021-22:

Organisation	Purpose	Amount £
Reading Dispensary Trust	To pilot Social Prescribing Project with University Health Centre and Green Health Thames Valley (GHTV)	£4,774 of which £2,624 to Ridgeline
Reading Lions	To fund gardening equipment for client use	£552
Thriving Communities Wildbeing Funding	To continue Social Prescribing project	£400
Albert Hunt Trust	To continue Social Prescribing project	£1,000
St Laurence Relief in Need Trust	To continue and expand Social Prescribing project (£1,680 held over for use in 2022-23)	£3,360 (of which £1,680 attributed to this financial year)

4.3 Friends of Ridgeline Scheme: This encourages regular donations, providing a degree of reliability in our income. £1,834 (£2,065 in 2020-21) was contributed by a total of 14 Ridgeline Friends. We continue in our efforts to encourage more of our supporters to join this scheme.

4.4. Reserves Policy: Our aim, in which we have succeeded in the year under report, is always to maintain a balance of sufficient funds in the bank to enable us to continue to meet our ongoing obligations and to operate for at least three months (and preferably six months) in the event of unforeseen contingencies or failure to attract sufficient income or grant funding for providing our core Horticultural Therapy services. These reserves are regarded by the Trustees as virtually “ring-fenced” in the charity’s management accounts.

5. Strategy and Development

In July 2020 the Trustees agreed a new Ridgeline Strategy for 2020-2023. This provided clear direction and concrete steps for how we would resume our work in pandemic conditions, prioritising the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers. It aspires to diversify and extend our services to additional clients, including those in need of support and rehabilitation as a result of the new circumstances arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic, and it affirms our commitment to good governance and professional practice.

This Strategy continues to inform our proposals on the priorities for the coming year and may be viewed on our website via a link embedded in the *Our Mission* page.

6. Priorities for the year 2022-2023

1. To build on the achievements of the past year to restore and expand client gardening sessions by increasing participation across all our adult groups.

2. To continue to look for alternative ways of funding the adult Horticultural Therapy sessions with a view to reducing our reliance on grant funding whilst also ensuring that cost is not a barrier for those who would otherwise benefit from participation.
3. To maintain careful monitoring of our finances in view of the inflationary pressures on our budget and to identify where savings can be made that do not impact on the quality of service we offer.
4. To achieve better outcomes by working in partnership with other organisations including schools and to continue to develop existing partnerships and establish new ones in order to achieve our objectives.
5. To continue to develop the garden so that it can provide meaningful gardening activities for an increasing number of client gardeners.
6. To commit resources and energy to professional practice and good governance.

7. Governance and Organisation

7.1 Governing Document: The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 12 May 2003 and registered as a charity on 15 September 2003. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as Trustees. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the Trustees are required to retire each year by rotation in the order of the time since their appointment. Retiring Trustees may be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

7.2 Organisation: The running of the Charity is managed through the efforts of an enthusiastic but small number of regular volunteers from the local community. A brief overview of the governance arrangements is as follows:

- Members of the Charity (of whom there were 15 at 31/3/2021) who attend and are entitled to vote at all General Meetings of the Charity, are appointed by the Trustees. More Members would be very welcome.
- Trustees (currently five), appointed by the Members, of whom Sara Uren is currently the Chair. We recruited two new Trustees in 2021-22, bringing in new skills, to reduce/share the load and to ensure succession planning for the future. Their appointments are expected to be formally confirmed at the AGM in November 2022.
- The Management & Planning Team comprises all Trustees, the Treasurer, the Development Manager, and the Garden Co-ordinator. Representative Horticultural Therapists are invited to attend meetings from time-to-time. Meetings take place monthly, to which reports are submitted and any significant developments are reviewed, strategic decisions are taken, approvals are given, policies and procedures are reviewed, and finances and budget are monitored. In addition, informal Garden Planning discussions take place regularly throughout the year.
- Volunteers are invited to attend as observers at the AGM.

The Trustees continue to encourage and recruit volunteers for the essential and rewarding work of running the garden and the charity's client services. From time-to-time, we also welcome interest from volunteers who have the skills or experience to contribute to the administration of the Charity.

Our Management Structure and our policies and procedures (23 in all) are carefully reviewed, through an annual calendar of agenda items for the monthly Planning Meetings. The monitoring of risks to the Charity is undertaken, in line with the guidance of the Charity Commission, principally in terms of governance, external, regulatory and compliance, financial and operational risks. The aim is to satisfy ourselves that our identification and management of risk enable us to fulfil our duty of accountability to our stakeholders, including beneficiaries, donors, funders, employees and the general public.

The Trustees are grateful to our accountant Peter Tilbury for his assistance in certifying our accounts, providing payroll services and hosting our Registered Office.

After many years of generous service, Graham Johnson (Company Secretary from 2004-2020, Trustee from 2010 and Chair of the Trustees from 2012-2020) and Faruq Bilbe (Trustee from 2004, Treasurer from 2006-2019) retired as Trustees at the AGM in November 2021. On completing 3 years of service as a Trustee, Margaret Osborne was re-elected at the November 2021 AGM.

8. List of Trustees of the Charity (all of whom were appointed at a General Meeting under the Articles of Association, originally adopted on 10 May 2003, and were Directors of the Company) during the period under report:

- Sara Jane Uren
- Rosalind Jessie Richards
- Margaret Osborne
- Stuart Donald (to be formally confirmed at 2022 AGM)
- Jane Ruse (to be formally confirmed at 2022 AGM)

9. Companies Act requirements

For the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question, in accordance with section 476.
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Public Benefit Statement: The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The above Directors' Report was approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity on 16 November 2022

Sara Uren, Chair

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Charity No 1099441

Company limited by guarantee, number 4760734

Balance Sheet for the Year 01st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Accumulated Fund	2021/22	2020/21	Fixed Assets	2021/22	2020/21
Opening Balance as at 01st April 2021	£67,432.99	£67,264.61	Tangible Assets	£31,839.25	£33,961.86
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficit in brackets)	(£5,735.45)	£168.38	Total Fixed Assets as at 31st March 2022	<u>£31,839.25</u>	<u>£33,961.86</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>£61,697.54</u>	<u>£67,432.99</u>			
			Current Assets		
			Trade Debtors	£1,288.96	£2,279.28
			Debtors	<u>£1,288.96</u>	<u>£2,279.28</u>
			Bank Balance at 31st March 2022	£33,799.50	£31,107.32
			Cash in hand at 31st March 2022	£0.00	£146.01
			Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>£33,799.50</u>	<u>£31,253.33</u>
			Total Current Assets as at 31st March 2022	<u>£35,088.46</u>	<u>£33,532.61</u>
			Creditors	£5,230.17	£61.46
			Net Current Assets as at 31st March 2022	<u>£29,858.29</u>	<u>£33,471.13</u>
			Total Assets as at 31st March 2022	<u>£61,697.54</u>	<u>£67,432.99</u>
Fund Summary					
Of which Funds are Fixed	£31,839.25	£33,961.86			
Of which Funds are Restricted (Special Circumstances Fund/Sheds)	£2,430.10	£510.00			
Of which Funds are Unrestricted	£27,428.19	£32,961.13			
Sub-Total of Current Funds	<u>£29,858.29</u>	<u>£33,471.13</u>			
Total of Funds	<u>£61,697.54</u>	<u>£67,432.99</u>			

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Sara Uren
Director

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Margaret Osborne
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Income & Expenditure Report for the Year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income			2021/22	2020/21	Expenditure			2021/22	2020/21
Grants for Projects					Spend on Grant-funded Projects				
Gardening equipment	Reading Lions	£552.00			Sundry gardening equipment for client use		£552.00		
Social Prescribing	Albert Hunt Trust	£1,000.00							
Social Prescribing	Reading Dispensary Trust	£2,624.00			Social Prescribing		£5,704.00		
Social Prescribing	St Laurence Relief in Need Trust	£1,680.00			Special Circumstances		£240.00		
Social Prescribing	Thriving Communities Fund	£400.00							
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme		£1,489.00							
	Projects Total		£7,745.00	£12,623.27		Projects Total		£6,496.00	£9,020.00
Events					Events				
Plant Sales		£611.78			Plant Sales	Costs	£0.00		
Other income		£768.20			Other income	Costs: hosting events	£713.35		
	Events Total		£1,379.98	£2,954.85		Events Total		£713.35	£0.00
Donations					Operating Costs				
Friends		£1,834.41			Staff costs (less costs attributed to Social Prescribing project)		£28,217.57		
One off donations		£1,728.49			Insurance		£1,109.94		
One off donations in memory of 2 Ridgeline attendees (see note...)		£1,771.24			Utilities & Internet		£795.80		
Gift Aid receipts from HMRC including £388.86 in memoriam		£1,242.09			Rates		£67.58		
Private Functions		£0.00			Garden Supplies		£701.11		
	Donations Total		£6,576.23	£5,028.41	Craft items		£51.13		
Activities					Catering Supplies & Subsistence		£105.97		
Client Payments		£7,671.12			Office Supplies & Equipment		£123.20		
Addington School		£12,410.00			Cleaning		£1,898.11		
Avenue School		£3,300.00			Improvements: sheds funded by donations		£2,160.10		
Supplier Relief Reading Borough Council		£520.00			Repairs and Maintenance		£301.62		
	Activities Total		£23,901.12	£8,604.27	First Aid, Health & Safety, Fire Precautions		£56.09		
					Communications and Publicity		£0.00		
					Training		£180.00		
					Memberships		£138.00		
					Recruitment		£70.00		
					Accounting & Companies House fees		£13.00		
					Bank Charges		£16.60		
					Operating Costs Total		£36,005.82	£17,899.81	
					Depreciation	(From Fixed Assets)	£2,122.61	£2,122.61	
Total Income			£39,602.33	£29,210.80	Total Expenditure		£45,337.78	£29,042.42	
					Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficit in brackets)		(£5,735.45)	£168.38	

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Fixed Assets during the Year 01st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Fixed Assets		2021-22	2020-21
Tangible Fixed Assets	Building		
Value as at 01st April 2021	£33,961.86	£33,961.86	£36,084.47
Additions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Disposals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tangible Assets during the year	£33,961.86	£33,961.86	£36,084.47
Depreciation Basis	SL 25 years		
Depreciation Amount	£2,122.61	£2,122.61	£2,122.61
Value as at 31st March 2022	£31,839.25	£31,839.25	£33,961.86
Investments		£0.00	£0.00
Fixed Assets as at 31st March 2022		£31,839.25	£33,961.86

Creditors due within one year	2021-22	2020-21
Deferred Income	£3,040.00	£0.00
Other creditors	£2,190.17	£61.48
Total Creditors due within one year	£5,230.17	£61.48

East Reading Horticultural Therapy and Community Based Training Ltd

(Known as Ridgeline Trust)

Charity No 1099441

Company limited by guarantee, number 4760734

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Income

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts. Income includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Building	Straight line over 25 years
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Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

2 Employees

Average number of persons employed by the company

31st March 2022

4

31st March 2021

4

3 Tangible fixed assets

See Fixed Assets sheet

4 Debtors

The breakdown of Debtors is shown on the Balance Sheet. Accrued Income relates to Grants promised but not yet received.

5 Other information

East Reading Horticultural Therapy and Community Based Training Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England, no. 4760734
Its registered office is: 6 Windsor Square, Silver Street, Reading RG1 2TH

It is also Registered as a Charity, no. 1099441



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

**East Reading Horticultural Therapy and Community Based Training Limited
(known as Ridgeline Trust)**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1099441

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

23rd December 2022

Name:

Peter N. Tilbury

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

**Fellow of the Association of International Accountants (FAIA)
(Membership Number 142181)**

Address:	6 Windsor Square, Silver Street,
	Reading, Berkshire, RG1 2TH

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE