



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

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Foreword: navigating challenging times

The national context

The cautious optimism we embraced as we emerged from pandemic concerns in April 2022 has been somewhat tempered by the challenges all voluntary organisations have faced this year as a result of steep rises in the cost of living. The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) identifies these to include rising energy prices, costly consumables, increases in fuel prices, and more expensive staff. They note that as these core costs rise, income streams are at risk including both constraints on individual giving and public sector income. All of this puts pressure on the sustainability of voluntary service delivery, while demand from service users increases as inequities deepen.

At Ridgeline Trust

The dedication of staff and volunteers deserves recognition as they doubled down, undaunted, to mitigate the after effects of the pandemic and the worsening cost of living crisis. Their commitment and hard work brought about a valued increase in the number of client gardeners and we enjoyed welcoming a wide cross-section of the community to our sessions again, including many young people from local Special Needs schools. Some excellent developments were made to the garden to make the activities more meaningful, accessible and enjoyable for our client gardeners while maintaining a beautiful and peaceful environment for all who visited as regular attendees or for our popular fundraising events. We very much welcomed the opportunity to return to our annual plant sales, curtailed since 2019 because of the Covid pandemic. With renewed enthusiasm and a lot of time generously given by staff, volunteers and supporters, we resumed our popular Plant Sale in June and the Harvest Fete in September and delighted in welcoming the local community through our gates once more. We continued to be grateful to local charities for supporting our social prescribing activities, essential to their delivery, and for supporting some significant garden equipment purchases. We also gratefully acknowledged generous donations and legacies to Ridgeline Trust during 2022-23, which made a very positive contribution to creating an enjoyable and purpose-led environment for all to enjoy.

Managing our expenditure prudently remained a strong imperative in both the national and local context. We had ended the financial year 2021-22 with an annual deficit of £5,735 because of a post pandemic shortfall in fee income and the additional costs of maintaining measures for keeping our clients, staff and volunteers safe. This year we focused again on minimising expenditure and increasing income to restore our finances to a break-even position, and we are pleased to report we succeeded in this, with a small annual year-end surplus of £2,730.

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 offer safe gardening activities all year round in our beautiful garden near Reading town centre. With our support, beneficiaries recover and develop their skills, confidence, and self-esteem and enjoy the opportunities provided for social communication in a calm, restorative environment.

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 2022 to 31 March 2023

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

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

This has been achieved and is ongoing, restoring our pre-pandemic levels of participation:

- We helped 55 people to enjoy the benefits of horticultural therapy
- We ran 166 horticultural therapy sessions
- We provided over 3,000 hours of horticultural therapy

2.2 To continue to look for alternative ways of funding the adult Horticultural Therapy sessions with a view to reducing our reliance on grant funding and ensuring that all those who are eligible are able to attend.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- The John Sykes Foundation granted us £1,000 towards continuation of our 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 2022, Reading Dispensary Trust provided further support amounting to £2,000 for individual patients to attend the Monday sessions for another 6 months from October 2022 to March 2023.
- The Social Prescribers at the University Health Centre took on the commitment to successfully research sources of funding for most of the Monday client gardeners, and secured £500 from the Berkshire Nurses Relief Fund as well as continued support from Reading Dispensary Trust.
- We renewed our procedures for assessing clients to benefit from our Special Circumstances Fund and sought resources to replenish this to ensure any clients who met the criteria could be funded. This led to preparing and submitting a bid at the end of the financial year for a fundraising event with Big Give in May 2023, to coincide with the 20th Anniversary event at the garden, the proceeds for which would support mental health via the Kind2Mind match funding initiative.
- One of our Horticultural Therapists, Hannah Pritchard, secured £1,000 from the Lakeland Staff Managed Charity Fund for partial funding of a new greenhouse (spend for which was incurred in the year 2023-24).
- Building on the success of our initial "Daffodil Day" in 2021, it was decided that we should run an expanded event with indoor and seasonal plants and refreshments. This event raised £503, and with the agreement from the trustees it was decided that these funds should be used for garden development.

- We were grateful recipients of donations (£760) made at the funeral of the grandmother of Mr Stephen Dilley. These paid for the base, threshold and staging for the new greenhouse, purchased from the grant awarded by Lakeland.
- Generous donations in the memory of former Ridgeline client Phil Banbury and of Peter Lawlor, the father of another Ridgeline client, allowed us to purchase and erect two locally-made sheds. One of these is accessible to wheelchair users, with the other smaller shed dedicated for storing sharp tools.

2.3. 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.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- We increased our current reserves by £4,852 through careful management of income and expenditure.
- Ridgeline continued to work as sustainably as possible - reusing, repurposing and minimizing all waste. With the support and help of two volunteers the very effective composting system continued to work well. Leaf mould was also produced by using our own leaves and supplemented by those gathered by our neighbour, Lakeside Residential Care Home. Both these practices kept down costs, contributed to the biodiversity of the garden and enhanced a sustainable way of working. An award of compost from Reading Borough Council also helped to minimize our compost costs, as did reusing compost when we could. We also bought compostable plates and cups for our plant sale refreshments.
- In preparation for the new greenhouse with polycarbonate windows, we approached the neighbouring allotment holders to see if they would like to reuse the old glass greenhouse. The removal of the greenhouse was subsequently arranged with the recipient making a substantial donation to the garden in lieu of a purchase price.
- Problems with the Pavilion roof and the plumbing were dealt with by local firms after research by the Garden Coordinator to find competitive quotes, being always mindful of the cost to the charity.
- We also saved costs by carefully reducing the frequency of paid cleaning in the wake of the pandemic, while always maintaining a safe and clean environment for all our garden users.
- Fundraising at the gate via bucket donations continued to be a successful means of fundraising for specific items, such as a transportation cart and staging for the greenhouse. Visitors enjoy seeing what their donations help us provide.
- Our Wednesday maintenance volunteers continued, as ever, to support the work of the horticultural therapists and to maintain the garden to a high standard, given time constraints and the numbers involved. They remain the backbone of the garden.
- In August 2022 the role of Garden Coordinator was divided into two, creating a role of Horticultural Therapist Coordinator for the previous incumbent of the Garden Coordinator's role. The garden coordination role was taken on by one of the trustees, Margaret Osborne, which proved a successful division of labour and avoided the need for additional staff costs.
- To further maintain control over costs we used a broker for the annual insurance renewal, which resulted in a saving of £309 on the annual premium from the previous year.

2.4. To achieve better outcomes by working in partnership with other organisations including schools by continuing to develop existing partnerships and establishing new ones in order to achieve our objectives.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- As members of RGWN we enjoyed free access to staff and volunteer training sessions from Reading Physical Activity Mental Health Partnership from October 2022-March 2023, which a few members of staff attended. This included First Aid training for Rachel Jarvis, and First Aid Mental Health training for Hannah Pritchard and Julie Roberts.
- We were also able to benefit from our membership of RGWN in having an excellent video made by Real Time Video in July 2022, funded by Reading Borough Council. This is now uploaded on the homepage of our website and very effectively promotes what we do at Ridgeline.
- The representative of Reading Borough Council (RBC) who manages our contract visited the garden in March 2023, enabling him to appreciate first hand the quality of what we offer in a beautiful environment, both which benefit the referrals made by RBC.

2.5. To continue to develop the garden so that it can provide meaningful gardening activities for an increasing number of client gardeners.

This has been achieved and is ongoing:

- The new approach to managing the garden and its maintenance by allocating each gardening group an area for which they are responsible for its maintenance and development continued to work well.
- Margaret Osborne led the development and maintenance of the garden and established the new Garden Coordinator role, which Rachel Jarvis embraced with enthusiasm and success.
- Daffodil Day funds allowed us to regenerate the grass border as well as renew the lavender planting in the Long Border. This provided opportunities for the school students to participate in a bigger and very visible project.
- The two new sheds erected in June/July 2022 proved a positive development. One is now used to store gardening tools with easy access for client gardeners and the larger shed has enhanced the garden experience for school students in particular, as they are able to choose their own tools. The shed is now well ordered and uncluttered, meaning safer and easier access for everyone.
- Volunteers with DIY skills continue to make a very valuable contribution to the general maintenance of the garden, for example mending benches and tables and fixing water butts.
- The clock was erected on the Pavilion during summer 2022.

2.6. To commit resources and energy 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.
- Our finances were closely monitored by our volunteer Treasurer, Gillian Charles, and through her excellent reporting and helpful financial analysis we were able to achieve a positive year-end outturn.
- In line with our objective of offering high quality professional Horticultural Therapy, Trustees committed to staff development through the training provided by Reading Physical Activity Mental Health Partnership.
- 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:

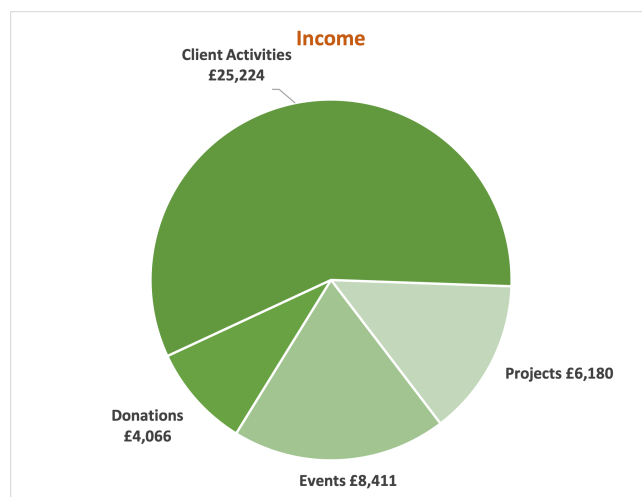
- We celebrated Ridgeline's 20th Anniversary with an enjoyable garden party on 21 May coupled with a successful fundraising initiative. Generous donations to the Big Give Kind2 Mind campaign for our Special Circumstances Fund exceeded the £5,000 target, meaning the additional income and all the gift aid (in total £6,898) is unrestricted in terms of how we use it.
- We were delighted to make a presentation in July to Jill Grainger and Carol Woodward for their dedicated and committed work since the garden's founding.
- Our annual Friends event was hosted by Graham and Angela Johnson on 3 September. Ridgeline's 20th anniversary was marked with an illustrated summary Graham had prepared of Ridgeline's first 20 years, with the many Friends who have contributed over the years appreciated through this acknowledgement.
- The popular annual Plant Sale held in July this year was well attended as ever, and raised £2,622.
- The new greenhouse was erected in July 2023, giving more growing space and extending the growing season. It is wheelchair accessible and safety is enhanced by the toughened safety glass.
- The Harvest Fete in September raised a record £2,867 plus significant donations of over £2,000 from Aurum investment specialists, in response to Marc Bartsch's guitarathon. Visitors to the garden enjoyed Marc's talented playing as they browsed the stalls and enjoyed tea and homemade cakes donated by our many volunteers and supporters.
- We attended the Pepsico Volunteering Fayre organised by Connect Reading in October 2023, to promote Ridgeline and to network with the local business community for their support.
- In the garden, the Goat Willow has been pruned for safety and three new steps have been created from the Welcome Bed to improve access. These were built by one of our new volunteers, using repurposed materials. Client gardeners who are unsteady can now fully access the bed and as the steps are light-coloured, this also enables those who have sight difficulties to see them clearly.
- We were very sad to say goodbye to Rachel Jarvis who has resigned from her roles as Horticultural Therapy Coordinator and lead for the Addington School Groups. We are very grateful to Rachel for her contribution to Ridgeline's development over the past few years and she will be missed. Rachel is planning to move out of the area but fortunately she has agreed to stay on as a volunteer until her move is completed.
- We are also pleased to have appointed Julie Roberts as the new Horticultural Therapy Coordinator and to welcome Catherine Watkins as the lead for Addington School.
- We have received an increased number of enquiries about Horticultural Therapy sessions in recent months, with a few potential client gardeners attending for a trial session. We are now looking at the possibility of opening a new session on Monday mornings in the New Year, but this will depend on us having enough client gardeners for this to be financially viable.

4. Finance

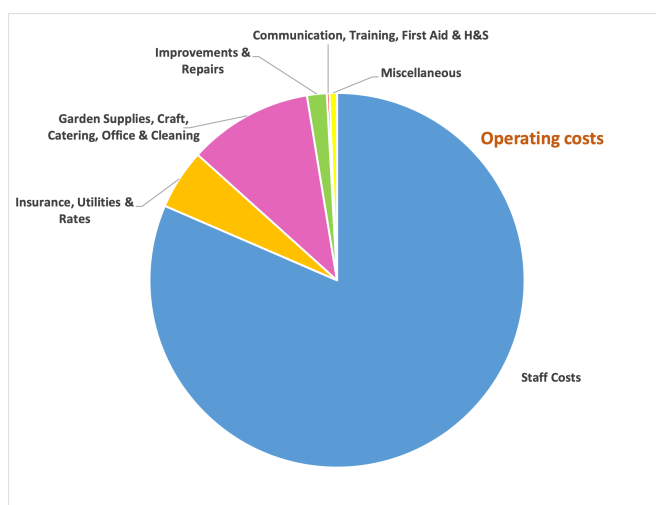
4.1 Accounts for 2022-2023

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 £43,882 (compared with £39,602 in 2021-22). £6,180 (£7,745) came from project grants (including the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme in 2021-22), £12,477 (£7,956) from fundraising activities and donations and £25,224 (£23,901) from charges for our services (and supplier relief payments in 2021-22).



- We spent £5,330 (£6,496) on grant-funded projects, including the Social Prescribing Project with the University Health Centre, and on usage of our Special Circumstances Fund.
- General operating costs were £33,700 (£36,006), of which £27,465 (£28,218) 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 £41,152 (£45,338).



- Income exceeded expenditure by £2,730 (in 2021-22 a deficit of £5,735 was recorded).
- Total assets at 31 March 2023 stood at £64,427 (£61,698 at 31 March 2022). The Pavilion building is a fixed asset, currently valued at £29,717 (£31,839) after depreciation. Net current assets totalled £34,710 (£29,858). Of these current funds, £1,562 (£2,430) were treated as restricted with the remaining £33,148 (£27,428) being available in reserves for running costs, general garden development and contingencies.
- Since the year-end, grants totalling £1,000 have been received. At the end of September 2023 our cash reserves stood at £42,637 (compared to £29,914 at the end of September 2022).

4.2 Grants from Organisations during the financial year 2022-23:

Organisation	Purpose	Amount
Reading Dispensary Trust	For Social Prescribing client gardeners	£2,000
Berkshire Nurses Relief Fund	For Social Prescribing client gardeners	£500
John Sykes Foundation	To continue Social Prescribing project	£1,000
Lakeland Staff Managed Charity Fund	Towards purchase of new Greenhouse	£1,000 (to be attributed to next financial year)
St Laurence Relief in Need Trust	To continue and expand Social Prescribing project	(£1,680 attributed to this financial year from donation of £3,360 in 2021-22)

4.3 Friends of Ridgeline Scheme: This encourages regular donations, providing a degree of reliability in our income. £2,269 (£1,834 in 2021-22) was contributed by a total of 12 Ridgeline Friends. We continue in our efforts to encourage more of our supporters to join this scheme.

A further £1,797 was raised in one-off donations from generous supporters of Ridgeline Trust.

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. Three months’ funding at current levels is approximately £12,000.

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.

A new strategy is being developed in 2023-24 to determine our development priorities going forward.

6. Priorities for the year 2023-2024 (no change, carried over from 2022-23)

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 31/3/2023) 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 has been 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 were formally confirmed at the AGM in November 2022.
- The Planning Group comprises all Trustees and the Development Manager. Representative Horticultural Therapists are invited to attend meetings from time-to-time. Meetings take place every two months, to which reports are submitted and any significant developments are reviewed, so that operational decisions can be taken. In Trustee meetings, strategic decisions are taken, approvals are given, policies and procedures are reviewed, and finances and budget are monitored with attendance of the Treasurer. 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.

Ros Richards was re-elected at the November 2022 AGM via resignation and reappointment of one third of Trustee by rotation, as required by Articles of Association.

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
- Jane Ruse

9. Companies Act requirements

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 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 is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Charity on 15 November 2023

Board of Directors/Trustees

East Reading Horticultural Therapy and Community- Based Training Ltd (The Charity known as Ridgeline Trust)

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Balance Sheet for the Year 01st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	2022/23	2021/22		2022/23	2021/22
Accumulated Fund			Fixed Assets		
Opening Balance as at 01st April 2022	£61,697.54	£67,432.99	Tangible Assets	£29,716.64	£31,839.25
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficit in brackets)	£2,729.59	(£5,735.45)	Total Fixed Assets as at 31st March 2023	£29,716.64	£31,839.25
Balance carried forward	£64,427.13	£61,697.54	Current Assets		
			Trade Debtors	£6,240.32	£1,288.96
			Debtors	£6,240.32	£1,288.96
			Bank Balance at 31st March 2023	£34,460.41	£33,799.50
			Cash in hand at 31st March 2023	£0.00	£0.00
			Cash at Bank and in Hand	£34,460.41	£33,799.50
Fund Summary			Total Current Assets as at 31st March 2023	£40,700.73	£35,088.46
Of which Funds are Fixed	£29,716.64	£31,839.25			
Of which Funds are Restricted (Special Circumstances Fund/ Sheds/ Social Prescribing Fund)	£1,562.00	£2,430.10			
Of which Funds are Unrestricted	£33,148.49	£27,428.19	Creditors	£5,990.24	£5,230.17
Sub-Total of Current Funds	£34,710.49	£29,858.29	Net Current Assets as at 31st March 2023	£34,710.49	£29,858.29
Total of Funds	£64,427.13	£61,697.54	Total Assets as at 31st March 2023	£64,427.13	£61,697.54

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Accounts for the financial year 2022-2023 approved at Annual General Meeting dated 15 November 2023
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Stuart Donald
Director



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Margaret Osborn
Director



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Income & Expenditure Report for the Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Income		2022/23	2021/22	Expenditure		2022/23	2021/22
Grants for Projects	Social Prescribing	£2,000.00		Spend on Grant-funded Projects	Matched to grant income	£5,180.00	
	Social Prescribing	£1,680.00			Social Prescribing	£150.00	
	Social Prescribing	£500.00			Special Circumstances	£0.00	
	Social Prescribing	£1,000.00			Greenhouse		
	Greenhouse	£1,000.00			Spend to come in 2023/24		
Projects Total		£6,180.00	£7,745.00	Projects Total		£5,330.00	£6,496.00
Events	Plant Sales	£2,581.12		Events	Costs	£0.00	
	Plant Sales	£4,805.28			Plant Sales	£0.00	
	Harvest Sale	£502.84			Harvest Sale	£0.00	
	Daffodil Day	£522.08			Daffodil Day	£0.00	
	Other income				Other income	£0.00	
Events Total		£8,411.32	£1,379.98	Events Total		£0.00	£713.35
Donations	Friends	£2,268.84		Operating Costs	Staff costs (less costs attributed to Social Prescribing project)	£27,464.96	
	One off donations	£1,797.28			Staff costs	£801.12	
					Insurance	£877.82	
Donations Total		£4,066.12	£6,576.23		Utilities & Internet	£67.58	
Activities	Client Payments	£12,529.35			Rates	£1,137.44	
	Addingdon School	£9,500.00			Garden Supplies	£30.56	
	Avenue School	£3,195.00			Craft Items	£78.93	
					Catering Supplies & Subsistence	£201.25	
					Office Supplies & Equipment	£1,825.15	
					Cleaning	£491.90	
					Improvements: shed costs in excess of donations in 2021-22	£81.16	
Activities Total		£26,224.35	£23,901.12		Repairs and Maintenance	£75.00	
Depreciation					First Aid, Health & Safety, Fire Precautions	£348.44	
					Waste collections	£0.00	
					Training	£50.00	
					Memberships	£60.00	
					DBS Checks	£13.00	
					Accounting & Companies House fees	£95.28	
					Bank Charges		
				Operating Costs Total		£33,699.69	£36,005.82
				Total Expenditure	(From Fixed Assets)	£2,122.61	£2,122.61
Total Income		£43,881.79	£39,602.33	Total Expenditure		£41,152.20	£45,337.78
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficit in brackets)				Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficit in brackets)		£2,729.59	(£5,735.45)

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Fixed Assets during the Year 01st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Fixed Assets	2022/23	2021/22
Tangible Fixed Assets	Building	
Value as at 01st April 2022	£31,839.25	£31,839.25
Additions	£0.00	£0.00
Disposals	£0.00	£0.00
Tangible Assets during the year	£31,839.25	£33,961.86
Depreciation Basis	SL 25 years	
Depreciation Amount	£2,122.61	£2,122.61
Value as at 31st March 2023	£29,716.64	£31,839.25
Investments	£0.00	£0.00
Fixed Assets as at 31st March 2023	£29,716.64	£31,839.25
Creditors due within one year	2022/23	2021/22
Deferred Income	£5,365.00	£3,040.00
Accruals	£585.00	£0.00
Other creditors	£40.24	£2,190.17
Total Creditors due within one year	£5,990.24	£5,230.17

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

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.

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Employees

Average number of persons employed by the company

	31st March 2023	31st March 2022
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Tangible fixed assets

See Fixed Assets sheet

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Debtors

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

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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 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1099441

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(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 / 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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:

21st December 2023

Name:

Peter N. Tilbury

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

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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