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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1112657

Safer Communities Limited
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
31 March 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Safer Communities Limited

Charity registration number 1112657

Company registration number 3186535

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Structure, governance and management

Change of Name

On 14th February 2020, the charity changed its name from Safe In Tees Valley Limited to Safer Communities Limited

Governance and Accountability

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated as a company on 16th April 1996 and registered as a charity on 9th January 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which was revised to accommodate and clarify charitable status.

Governance Arrangements

Overall responsibility for Safer Communities rests with the directors of the company. The number of directors should not normally exceed ten and be representative of local authorities, the business community, and organisations working in the field of crime prevention and community safety.

The directors have the power to appoint any person as a director as long as the conditions above are satisfied.

All directors are provided with information regarding their responsibilities and participate in an annual development day to consider progress of the organisation and agree future priorities.

Day to day management is delegated to the Chief Executive who is responsible for operational matters including the work programme, ongoing financial management, safeguarding and human resource matters.

Safer Communities - Our Vision

To work in partnership to make communities safer, support victims of crime and create opportunities to change people's lives for the better.

Our ambition is to be a centre of excellence in community safety. We aim to develop and deliver local programmes, assess the impact and success of our work and offer evidence based models of best practice to other partners and organisations.

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Objectives and activities

The objectives for which the company is established are the advancement of public safety by the promotion of crime prevention and community safety and by the promotion of public, private and voluntary participation in planned and co-ordinated approaches to the development of crime prevention and community safety in England and Wales.

Safer Communities achieves these objects by:

- Identifying areas of common concern, gaps in service and providing leadership to develop area-wide solutions;
- Raising awareness of community safety and, wherever possible, attracting additional resources; and
- Providing services and support to local partnerships through project management, research and consultancy.

Statement from the Chief Executive

2020 was an unrepresented year for all of us as we responded to the COVID 19 pandemic. In the first quarter of the year as lockdown measures were introduced, we made use of the Government job retention scheme to protect employees working in corporate roles and in our youth services team. As lockdown restrictions eased our staff were both flexible and resilient in the way they continuously adapted their services to meet the needs of our clients. Our staff noticed increased demand in the areas of fraud, violence and anti-social behaviour.

At Christmas in partnership with the Cohen Trust we distributed hampers to 22 families in need in the Middlesbrough area benefiting 57 individuals and providing a lifeline to those particularly impacted by COVID this year.

Our work gained local recognition, In November 2020 Safer Communities were highly commended in the North East Charity Awards for the Outstanding Social Enterprise Award. In March 2021 Safer Communities were shortlisted for a Continuous Improvements to Tackling Hate Crime, LGBT Alliance Award with Stockton-based organisation, Hart Gables.

We are extremely grateful to all our funders and investors. NHS England and the Police and Crime Commissioners from Cleveland, Northumbria, County Durham and Darlington. We are proud of the additional investment we have achieved this year through the National Youth Endowment Fund and the Lt Colonel Nat Cohen Trust. This new investment has enabled Safer Communities to establish exciting and new models of working in Trauma Informed Practice with families in Middlesbrough. With additional investment from the Home Office Safer Streets Fund we were able to set up a mediation service in response to a rise in the number of neighbourhood disputes and anti social behaviour reported.

Chief Executive Officer Joanne Hodgkinson

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Achievements and performance

The following summarises the main achievements of the organisation for the period covered by this audit.

Providing a positive future for children and young people

Lt Colonel Nat Cohen Trust - Seen Heard Believed Programme

In June 2020 we established a new programme, working in partnership with Middlesbrough Council's early help team to provide direct support to families, particularly those who won't engage with statutory services. We have developed a trauma informed approach to our work and use this to support children, young people and their families to move forward.

'Working with Family Practitioners from Safer Communities ensured I was set up in a new house to care for my children with them coming back into my care for the first time in their lives. The support allowed me to develop my parenting style to teenagers with no judgement or fear of making mistakes, they really made the transition for me and my children easy. I am really grateful for the support they have offered.' Client Testimonial

Cleveland Police Cadets

Our programme run by a team of volunteers, supported by Safer Communities staff provides 120 young people aged 13 - 17 opportunities to take part in key community activities and support the work of Cleveland Police. At the beginning of the pandemic the weekly cadet meetings were paused following National Youth Agency Guidance. However the cadets in partnership with Age UK were able to provide a much needed pen pal service to isolated and lonely residents who were living alone during the pandemic. The cadets also created online awareness raising campaigns including a video created to highlight how to get help and support for those experiencing domestic abuse. The video received national recognition and was featured on Sky News.

'Police Cadets opened doors and helped me achieve things I never thought I would've been capable of. At the time of joining, I was struggling with social anxiety and feeling like I didn't fit in at school, I remember my first session and the happiness I felt as I told my mam I had finally found 'my people' who shared the same interests as me. Not only has cadets helped me feel comfortable in being myself, it also helped me find my voice and the confidence I had lost.'

Cadet Testimonial

'I've been a Cadet for four years now and three years of them I have been a Senior Cadet. In this time I have been awarded the Chief Constable Commendation, which I wouldn't have been able to do without the confidence I have gained from being a part of the cadet program. Alongside this I have gained new skills and loads of experience. I have met new people who have helped me get to where I am now and where I want to be. Being a cadet is the most rewarding thing I could have done. I am so honoured to be a part of the Cadet Programme and I wouldn't change it for the world. I can't wait to get back to meeting up with everyone.'

Cadet Testimonial

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

Youth Endowment Fund - COVID Relief Fund

The positive pathways project delivered a range of pop-up activities: sports, music, social action, 1:1, group work and health & wellbeing projects as an approach to altering behaviour and raising aspirations beyond gang and crime culture. The project was delivered across Middlesbrough over a 12 month period. Where national lockdown restrictions prohibited our street based youth outreach, we moved delivery to twice weekly virtual youth clubs. Outcomes from this project will inform the Government 'what works' in reducing serious violence' policies and decision making.

Transform the lives of victims of crime and supporting them to recover Victim Care and Advice Service

Safer Communities have delivered the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) since 2016. The service is available to all victims 'of crime' across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington. The Victim Care and Advice Service provide a free, independent and confidential service that responds to individual circumstances helping victims to cope with the initial impact and make a full recovery. During the audit period the Cleveland Victim Care and Advice Service team offered support to 8440 victims of crime and anti social behaviour. In County Durham and Darlington we offered support to 6978 victims of crime. Where lockdown restrictions prevented delivery of our services in victims homes we adapted provision to outdoor walks, door step visits and telephone or virtual support.

Restorative Justice and Mediation Services

Our vision for Restorative Cleveland is to work in partnership to offer a high quality Restorative Justice Service. Restorative Justice is an opportunity for victims to seek answers to any questions they have about the crime such as 'we me?' in order to help them move forward. It ensures offenders are held accountable for their actions, in addition to providing an opportunity to understand the true impact of their behaviour on others. During the audit period, Restorative Cleveland supported 45 victims and 63 offenders.

'My experience with Restorative Justice was refreshingly positive, the way the team treat me like a normal person despite being incarcerated at the time had a profound effect on the remainder of my sentence and beyond. It's a crucial service on the path to a fresh start at life and a Clean Slate.'

Client Testimonial

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

North East SARC Support Service and SARC Teesside

The North East SARC Support Service provides a 24 hour, seven days a week service for anyone who has experienced rape, sexual assault or other sexual abuse. Over the period 1st April 2020- 31st March 2021, 1033 clients have been supported across Northumbria, Durham and Teesside. Our service continued to operate throughout COVID 19.

Create safe and sustainable communities

Fraud Prevention

Call blockers and Scambassadors

Our aim is to prevent victims of fraud from repeat victimisation. We offer call blockers through our team of dedicated volunteers. During the COVID pandemic we adapted our services by carrying out door step visits to clients and offering telephone based support.

Country Durham and Darlington Community Peer Mentors Project

The Peer Mentor programme was designed in response to pressure on frontline emergency services, and local councils by those who make frequent calls for help. The aim of the programme is to make people feel safe and improve the circumstances they have found themselves in as well as reduce the demand on frontline services. During the COVID pandemic the team changed their referral criteria to enable support to be given to those adversely affected by COVID 19. During the audit period demands for the service increased and 613 clients were supported by the service.

'Being a volunteer peer mentor is truly amazing, it's helped me develop skills in organising my day, workload and all the amazing online courses I got invited to do and still doing. It gives me a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that I've helped my clients. A very depressed and lonely client of mine tells me 'I'm their hope and security blanket, the light at the end of tunnel, a voice in my ear, a smile and giggle warms my heart, this makes me proud.'

Testimonial from a Client, who became a Volunteer

COVID 19

Our organisational response to the COVID 19 pandemic was to remain resilient, flexible and responsive. Our priority throughout the year was to put in place effort and measures to ensure our clients continued to receive excellent services whilst keeping them, our staff and volunteer safe. We invested heavily in our IT hardware and security, achieving Cyber Essential Plus accreditation. This enabled our staff greater access to devices from multiple locations including home working without compromising our information governance standards. We introduced new software to ensure staff were able to access virtual meetings from multiple platforms such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, facetime and whatapp. We introduced more stringent standards for cleaning and infection control, investing more funding in cleaning, PPE, thermometers and COVID screens.

Safer Communities Plans for the Future:

- Develop partnership and join working arrangements with Mitie Care and Custody to further improve our Sexual Assault Model across the north east.
- Development of Corvette House as a Charity Hub in partnership with the Tees Valley Community Foundation.
- Develop and expand our trauma informed approaches together with Middlesbrough's family Partnership Team, the Cohen Trust and KPMG Foundation.
- Sustain and enhance our Victim Care and Advice Service.
- Further develop and expand our restorative justice and mediation services.

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Financial review

Reserves policy

On 31st March 2020 Safe in Tees Valley held unrestricted reserves of £341,995. General reserves includes fixed assets of £233,183. It is considered that reserves of the order are required for the following reasons:

These are very uncertain times and with most contracts operating on an annual basis significant funding can be lost at short notice. Reserves are vital to ensure that the organisation has the capacity to find alternative funding and/or meet all outstanding obligations.

Reserves at this level provide for 6 months running costs and sufficient funds to cover all contractual liabilities and when required can support cash flow where payments are made in arrears.

Funding Sources

The principle sources of funding received by Safer Communities are:

The Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner
The Durham Police Crime and Victim Commissioner
NHS England

During the year the charity purchased the property Corvette House, a property from which the charity operates. The cost of the property amounted to £234,356, on which a 1st charge loan of £168,615 is secured. The trustees consider the current market value of the property based on like properties in the area to be £300,000.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:


- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 2 July 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



I Hayton
Trustee

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Safer Communities Limited

Year ended 31 March 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Safer Communities Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Karen Harrison (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

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Chartered accountant & statutory auditor

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3 July 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

31 March 2021

		Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	28,948	2,087,354	2,116,302	1,994,378
Charitable activities	6	24,693	2,887	27,580	10,549
Other trading activities	7	2,790	201,487	204,277	178,009
Investment income	8	126	—	126	646
Other income	9	—	—	—	675
Total income		<u>56,557</u>	<u>2,291,728</u>	<u>2,348,285</u>	<u>2,184,257</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	10	—	2,067,520	2,067,520	2,327,313
Total expenditure		<u>—</u>	<u>2,067,520</u>	<u>2,067,520</u>	<u>2,327,313</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>56,557</u>	<u>224,208</u>	<u>280,765</u>	<u>(143,056)</u>
Transfers between funds		8,778	(8,778)	—	—
Net movement in funds		<u>65,335</u>	<u>215,430</u>	<u>280,765</u>	<u>(143,056)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		276,660	25,331	301,991	445,047
Total funds carried forward		<u>341,995</u>	<u>240,761</u>	<u>582,756</u>	<u>301,991</u>

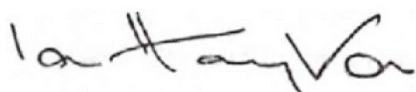
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
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		2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	16		233,183	235,043
Current assets				
Debtors	17	33,398		60,893
Cash at bank and in hand		579,778		302,555
		<u>613,176</u>		<u>363,448</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>121,255</u>		<u>140,543</u>
Net current assets			<u>491,921</u>	<u>222,905</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			725,104	457,948
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		142,348	155,957
Net assets			<u>582,756</u>	<u>301,991</u>
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			240,761	25,331
Unrestricted funds			<u>341,995</u>	<u>276,660</u>
Total charity funds	21		<u>582,756</u>	<u>301,991</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 July 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



I Hayton
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)	280,765	(143,056)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,130	137
Other interest receivable and similar income	(126)	(646)
Interest payable and similar charges	9,715	7,221
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed assets	–	(675)
Accrued expenses/(income)	13,200	(54,274)
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	14,295	84,767
Trade and other creditors	(19,288)	(12,333)
Cash generated from operations	311,691	(118,859)
Interest paid	(9,715)	(7,221)
Interest received	126	646
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>302,102</u>	<u>(125,434)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(11,270)	(235,176)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	–	675
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(11,270)</u>	<u>(234,501)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(13,609)	168,615
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	<u>(13,609)</u>	<u>168,615</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	277,223	(191,320)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	302,555	493,875
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>579,778</u>	<u>302,555</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. General information

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Corvette House, Falcon Court, Preston Farm, Stockton on Tees, TS18 3TX.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

3 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

4 Fund accounting

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

5 Incoming resources

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.
- Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

6 Resources expended

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as set out in the notes to the accounts.

7 Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

8 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

	-	5% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-	33% straight line

9 Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date. For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

10 Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

11 Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

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Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Limited by guarantee

Safer Communities is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	948	1,370	2,318
Grants			
Cleveland PCC -Safer Streets	—	63,700	63,700
Cleveland PCC	—	778,918	778,918
Job Retention Scheme	—	36,903	36,903
Kindlink	—	1,259	1,259
Durham & Tees Valley CRC Ltd	—	30,000	30,000
Middlesbrough Borough Council	—	43,960	43,960
Small Busines Rate Relief Grant	25,000	4,730	29,730
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	—	2,825	2,825
NHS England	—	527,009	527,009
Durham PCC	—	337,062	337,062
MOJ Covid	—	119,461	119,461
SIBF YEF	—	55,993	55,993
Tees Valley Community Foundation	1,000	—	1,000
Clarion	—	2,579	2,579
Colonel Cohen Trust	2,000	75,000	77,000
North Yorkshire Domestic Violence	—	2,576	2,576
Youth Focus	—	4,009	4,009
	<u>28,948</u>	<u>2,087,354</u>	<u>2,116,302</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £

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5. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Donations	2,559	7,534	10,093
Grants			
NCS Trust	—	195,071	195,071
UK Youth	—	5,260	5,260
Cleveland PCC	—	908,802	908,802
Stronger Communities	—	539	539
NCS Network	—	3,045	3,045
Kindlink	—	901	901
Middlesbrough College	—	1,204	1,204
Middlesbrough Borough Council	—	54,500	54,500
NHS England	—	462,467	462,467
Durham PCC	—	294,500	294,500
Northstar Housing Group	—	1,400	1,400
Home Office	—	29,652	29,652
Tees Valley Community Foundation	—	1,000	1,000
Step Forward Tees Valley	—	17,170	17,170
Clarion	—	8,274	8,274
Durham County Council	500	—	500
	<u>3,059</u>	<u>1,991,319</u>	<u>1,994,378</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Room hire	4,533	—	4,533
Cleveland Police Cadet Programme	—	1,055	1,055
Northumbria SARC Screening	—	1,832	1,832
Digital Sessions	20,160	—	20,160
	<u>24,693</u>	<u>2,887</u>	<u>27,580</u>

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6. Charitable activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Cleveland Police Cadet Programme	–	10,444	10,444
Digital Sessions	–	105	105
	<u>–</u>	<u>10,549</u>	<u>10,549</u>

7. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
DBS and other checks	2,311	–	2,311
Seconded salary recharges	–	201,254	201,254
Other	479	233	712
	<u>2,790</u>	<u>201,487</u>	<u>204,277</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
DBS and other checks	2,903	–	2,903
Seconded salary recharges	–	173,888	173,888
Other	–	1,218	1,218
	<u>2,903</u>	<u>175,106</u>	<u>178,009</u>

8. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest received	<u>126</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>646</u>

9. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>675</u>

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10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2021	Total fund 2020
	£	£	£	£
NCS Programme	–	–	–	351,860
VCAS	614,464	126,875	741,339	695,851
Police Cadets	11,455	8,433	19,888	47,533
Preventative Services	–	–	–	1,720
Restorative Justice	104,715	24,550	129,265	101,410
Clarion	1,318	260	1,578	–
Musinc	–	–	–	(439)
Colonel Cohen Trust	40,535	1,300	41,835	–
YEF	28,805	9,712	38,517	–
Peer Mentor	172,764	40,054	212,818	173,063
The Big Local Project	1,215	1,401	2,616	–
SARC	686,487	108,670	795,157	808,011
PAYP	14,988	4,525	19,513	37,085
Ups Road Code	–	–	–	5,260
Policy Support & Research Officer	12,490	–	12,490	20,413
Step Forward Tees Valley	–	–	–	22,922
COVID	37,544	–	37,544	2,734
Project Adder	9,000	5,960	14,960	27,439
Governance costs	–	–	–	32,451
	<u>1,735,780</u>	<u>331,740</u>	<u>2,067,520</u>	<u>2,327,313</u>

11. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Staff costs	191,744	191,744	194,479
Premises	37,112	37,112	36,282
Communications and IT	41,057	41,057	8,849
General office	30,533	30,533	45,190
Human resources	2,149	2,149	2,457
Finance costs	9,715	9,715	7,221
Governance costs	6,300	6,300	6,300
Depreciation	13,130	13,130	137
	<u>331,740</u>	<u>331,740</u>	<u>300,915</u>

12. Net income/(expenditure)

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	13,130	137
Gains on disposal of tangible fixed assets	–	(675)

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13. Auditors remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	6,000	6,000
Fees payable to the charity's auditor and its associates for other services: Taxation compliance services	300	300

14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,285,677	1,486,333
Social security costs	107,653	108,920
Employer contributions to pension plans	77,981	52,055
	1,471,311	1,647,308

The average head count of employees during the year was 78 (2020: 310). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	66	58
Management and administration	12	55
NCS project	–	92
	78	205

The number of employees whose remuneration for the year fell within the following bands, were:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
£70,000 to £79,999	1	1

15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

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16. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	234,356	20,491	254,847
Additions	–	11,270	11,270
At 31 March 2021	234,356	31,761	266,117
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	–	19,804	19,804
Charge for the year	11,718	1,412	13,130
At 31 March 2021	11,718	21,216	32,934
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2021	222,638	10,545	233,183
At 31 March 2020	234,356	687	235,043

17. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	33,398	38,766
Prepayments and accrued income	–	22,097
Other debtors	–	30
	33,398	60,893

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	12,658	12,658
Trade creditors	44,616	60,962
Accruals and deferred income	6,200	6,200
Social security and other taxes	43,962	42,395
Other creditors	13,819	18,328
	121,255	140,543

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19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>142,348</u>	<u>155,957</u>

Included in bank loans is an amount of £168,615; the loan is secured against the freehold property of the charity.

The loan is repayable over 10 years with interest charged at 6% per annum. Outstanding loan greater than 5 years amounts to £91,716.

20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £77,981 (2020: £52,055).

21. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2021 £
General and Corporate Fund	<u>276,660</u>	<u>56,557</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>8,778</u>	<u>341,995</u>

General and Corporate Fund

The general and corporate fund represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for any particular purpose.

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21. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
VCAS	7,576	820,970	(741,339)	(20,546)	66,661
Police Cadets	9,634	22,056	(19,888)	–	11,802
Preventative Services	(1,720)	–	–	1,720	–
Restorative Justice	8,641	160,350	(129,265)	(5,474)	34,252
Clarion	–	2,579	(1,578)	(1,001)	–
Musinc	(776)	–	–	776	–
Colonel Cohen Trust	–	75,000	(41,835)	–	33,165
YEF	–	55,993	(38,517)	–	17,476
Peer Mentor	337	217,543	(212,818)	334	5,396
SARC	(888)	838,566	(795,157)	6,248	48,769
PAYP	11,359	28,999	(19,513)	1,001	21,846
Policy Support & Research Officer	(668)	13,159	(12,490)	(1)	–
Community Ambassador Programme	(234)	–	–	234	–
Home Office Knife Crime	2,213	–	–	(2,213)	–
Step Forward Tees Valley	(10,143)	–	–	10,143	–
The Big Local Project	–	4,009	(2,616)	1	1,394
Project Adder	–	14,960	(14,960)	–	–
Covid	–	37,544	(37,544)	–	–
	<u>25,331</u>	<u>2,291,728</u>	<u>(2,067,520)</u>	<u>(8,778)</u>	<u>240,761</u>

Victim Care and Advice Service

To deliver care and advice for vulnerable victims of crime in both the Cleveland and Durham Police areas.

Police Cadets

Administration of police cadet scheme.

Restorative Justice

A restorative programme focused on persistent offenders with complex needs.

Home Office Knife Crime

A programme focused on young persons identified at risk wishing to learn how to keep themselves safe and not to be involved in knife crime.

North East SARC Support

Providing 24 hour, 7 days a week service to anyone who has experienced rape, sexual assault or other sexual abuse.

Peer Mentors programme

A programme designed to respond to the pressure of frontline emergency services. The aim is to make people feel safe and improve the as well as reduce the demand on frontline services.

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22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	233,183	–	233,183	235,043
Current assets	372,415	240,761	613,176	363,448
Creditors less than 1 year	(121,255)	–	(121,255)	(140,543)
Creditors greater than 1 year	(142,348)	–	(142,348)	(155,957)
Net assets	<u>341,995</u>	<u>240,761</u>	<u>582,756</u>	<u>301,991</u>

23. Financial instruments

Included in bank loans and overdrafts is a loan from Northstar Ventures, the loan is a short term loan, repayable on demand, on which no security is held.

24. Related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Transaction value		Balance owed by/(owed to)	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Endeavour Partnership	–	1,617	–	(584)
Razorblue Ltd	<u>51,697</u>	<u>12,591</u>	<u>(3,810)</u>	<u>(9,783)</u>

The charity engaged the services of organisations in which two of the trustees are

Endeavour Partnership - Managing partners

Razorblue Ltd - Director

Services were provided under normal commercial terms.