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**GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 published in October 2019.

Chairman's statement

The last twelve months has seen Groundwork Northamptonshire continue to evolve and adapt to meet the growing needs of the community we serve. There has been a clear emphasis on controlled high quality growth and everyone involved can look back with an enormous amount of pride and satisfaction.

Whilst the restrictions of COVID are no longer in place, the aftermath is still with us as people who were struggling try and get back to a different form of normality. We have seen significant increases in people needing our help and the need for volunteers to support these people has never been greater. We have worked hard at supporting people's physical and mental health needs and have continued to adapt and find new ways of bringing our services to those that need it most. The climate we operate in is changing rapidly with food and fuel poverty now being more prominent so we will need to support this more strongly in the coming year.

We have received so much positive recognition from the public and our partners about the huge progress we have made. In October 2021 Twywell Hills and Dales won Nature Space of the Year and was commended for Community Space of the Year at the national Land Trust Awards. In January 2022 our Greenpatch won the Kettering Civic Society Rose Bowl Award and a few weeks later they received the Greenflag Award for the 5th year running. We are growing in every sense of the word! Growing our people, growing our sites and growing in confidence that we can do more in the community and fulfil some urgent needs across our geographical reach.

If we single out one programme in the last year that has been hugely successful it has to be the Green Recovery Challenge Fund and our Kickstarters who have done so much to improve both the Greenpatch and Twywell Hills and Dales. Under new high quality leadership we gave significant numbers of unemployed youths, often with mental health issues, much needed construction, landscaping and conservation skills, how to work as a team, but most importantly confidence in their own ability. We have seen some of them get jobs as a result of this investment or have been able to signpost these young people towards further educational and mental development services. Although government funding for this is ceasing we believe strategically there is a strong need for similar programmes. We will therefore need to seek funding opportunities to support this activity in the future. We have full confidence that we can work with partners to grow this model and help and support our local young people and provide valuable support to our Community Garden Hubs in the future.

The two new Unitary Authorities have now settled into position and we have worked hard over the last year to introduce their leadership team to our charity and update them on our progress. A good example of this was getting several Councillors to our Heritage Orchard planting session at Twywell Hills and Dales in February 2022 as part of the Queens Green Canopy tree planting campaign. We have been able to demonstrate that we have a quality portfolio of robust transportable models that can provide innovative solutions to community action. Our reputation is strong and a good example of confidence in us was being asked by North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority to expand our Kettering Volunteer Network into Corby. Our aim is to grow into West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority and behind the scenes we have been working hard to put in place new sites for the future. These are expected to be up and running later this year.

All this activity and a desire to grow out our repeatable models requires us to invest in our people and ensure they have the right skills and confidence to deliver. We have asked staff to step up and they have seized this opportunity with great enthusiasm. Some of our part time staff with substantial experience are moving to full time working to support new contracts and are working hard to build new and innovative plans to support new contracts and our planned growth.

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Our 2021/22 Financial Year results continue to show that through a lot of hard work and dedication we have the right controls in place and decision making around utilisation of our funding is strong. Over the last few years we have been building back reserves to meet any future needs and this financial year is no exception. These reserves are a vital part of our controlled growth and gives us significant confidence that we could call on these if the need arises to support new areas of delivery. As we expand our reach across the community there is a need to provide some form of transportation to move staff, our volunteers and tools to different sites. We intend to explore the best option to meet our needs and better understand how we can fund a vehicle and its running costs in the future.

Our marketing and communication is improving and we have enlisted the help and support of external consultants who have been helping us identify areas of opportunity. We have needed to better communicate all the great things that go on and we will be improving our website and social media forums over the coming months. We have secured short term funding to help us and over time we anticipate being able to be more self sufficient in this area. Our 'Seeds of Hope' campaign of Prepare, Plant, Prosper and Provide is a quality example of our improving marketing and communication.

Our Board is strong and we are very lucky to have hugely talented Trustees who are determined to support all areas of activity and look for new ways of funding and identify local needs. We have finalised the change of our Articles of Association to enable us to increase the involvement of more community led Trustees but we still need to add a few new members and our search to build out our strength continues. We are committed to working with Groundwork UK and other Groundwork Federations to support a central England approach. Good progress is being made in this area and behind the scenes this is helping us to bid and obtain funding in a more cohesive and coordinated way.

Our volunteers are at the heart of Groundwork Northamptonshire and post pandemic we have needed more to help us with our work. Those that have returned to us have worked so hard to get us back to the new normal but like every charity we always need more help! Huge thanks go to all our volunteers as well as our Service Users, Funders and Partners. Groundwork is truly a partnership organisation and we are trusted and well respected. Our reputation on delivery is strong and this is down to a lot of hard work, dedication and skill. Finally my thanks go to the Trustees, the Senior Management Team and all the staff who continue to work tirelessly to find new and innovative ways to ensure our organisation continues to move forward and provides quality solutions to enrich and support the local people and the community we serve. We are rightly proud of everything we have achieved this financial year but will be redoubling our efforts to ensure we can expand our reach to the needs of so many people who need our help.

Stuart Bonham
Chair Groundwork Northamptonshire

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Objectives and activities

Groundwork Northamptonshire's charitable objectives are set down in its Memorandum of Association and as amended from time to time at annual general meetings or by elective special resolutions. They commit the Trust to the following activities and actions:

- to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in Corby Borough, East Northamptonshire District and Kettering Borough and the rest of the county of Northamptonshire (the beneficial area).
- provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving conditions of life for those living and working in or utilising the beneficial area.
- to advance public education in environmental matters and other ways of better conserving, protecting and improving the same wheresoever.
- to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the effective use of charitable resources for the benefit of the public within the beneficial area.
- promote, for the public benefit, urban and rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation in Corby Borough; East Northamptonshire District; Kettering Borough and the rest of the county of Northamptonshire (area of benefit) by:
 - the relief of poverty
 - the advancement of education, training or re-training, particularly amongst unemployed people and providing unemployed people with work experience
 - the maintenance, improvement or provision of public amenities
 - the provision of assistance in the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large and/or those who, by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities
 - the protection or conservation of the environment
 - the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime
 - such other means as may, from time to time, be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

The Trust continues to work with, and for, local people, and all sectors to create better places to live and work. It frequently relies on and encourages partnership work and appropriate collaboration to secure robust delivery and strong and sustainable impact. The Trust continues to improve the quality of life for people and the places where they live, having a focus on the most disadvantaged areas and communities in greatest need.

Aims and missions

Through the delivery of projects and partnership work the Trust continues to deliver practical community development plans.

Based around the priorities of local communities, projects fall under three main streams, although increasingly interlinking. These streams embrace Youth Work, the Environment and the Community.

Working in line with public policy, national trends and local priorities, the Trust offers a wide range of opportunities to people wanting to improve their current circumstances. Combining excellent management skills, fundraising capabilities and specific expertise and knowledge, the projects the Trust offers are unique to the county and in some areas are nationally acclaimed for excellence and creative delivery.

Public benefit

As a principle the trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives and planning future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to its charitable objectives.

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Charitable activities, achievements and performance

The journey for Groundwork Northamptonshire, is, as ever, led by what those we are here to support, need us to do. It's with that sentiment at the heart of our actions, we have delivered an incredible year of activity, for both people, places and the environment.

With the challenges of the previous year now almost overtaken by busy schedules again, we have taken the time to understand the impact the previous year has had on those we support. We can see in the young people we work with, the isolated and vulnerable, the communities and organizations - there has been a level of both community spirit like never before but equally isolation and trauma on a scale still being uncovered.

As an organization we have taken the time to ensure that our work is pitched to offer extra support, nurture and care, listening and involving those we are working with to ensure people connect and benefit from our services. Further to that we want to build on the learning from the extraordinary Covid period, working smartly and ensuring wellbeing is at the core of what we do. We have benefitted from wonderful staff and volunteers who continue to be the backbone of our success and who we can't thank enough.

Two particular projects which have worked hand in hand to deliver incredible outcomes this year are the Green Recovery Challenge Fund and the Kickstart program. Administered by Groundwork UK the Green Recovery Challenge Fund has brought particular recognition to our local green spaces and the part they played in helping us cope and survive during lock down. Both celebration and recognition of the areas has seen a work stream of activity that has brought significant improvements and investment to those sites. For us, that has meant The Green Patch and Twywell Hills and Dales Nature Reserve, projects have included a living green roof installation, a floating pontoon and pond restoration project, the installation of a new grey water system, planting heritage fruit tree orchards and the replacement of some very well used and rather tired raised beds for growing. Not only have these projects had a huge impact on the natural environment and our overall contribution to bio-diversity and climate change but they have introduced an element of training and skills for our Kickstart team. Recruited from unemployed young people the Kickstart programme has seen over twenty Young People benefit from regular work and income, training and on the job skills, mentoring and support bringing friendship, laughter, comradery and confidence to a group who particularly needed it. A new relationship with Balfour Beatty amongst other local employers has meant we have been able to support progression onto full time employment – which is a huge success.

Our Positive Difference project funded by Anglian Water, saw a series of activities, events and sessions arranged to support people to reconnect, recognizing how nervous and cautious covid had made many people. Activities have included community murals and mosaics, coffee mornings, stay and play groups, health walks, lunchtime cook ups at Green Patch and much more. We were able to introduce Wellies in the Woods sessions for preschoolers and families – encouraging them to explore the green space adventures on their doorsteps and hosted over 1000 toddlers at The Green Patch for a series of summer Rhyme Times in partnership with the Library.

Youth Groups, Holiday Activity Clubs, Short Break Sessions and School work have gone from strength to strength and the team have been able to re-instate our after school provision, in school learning and Green Leaders.

As a Trust we have known that celebrating and recognizing the amazing work we deliver on a daily basis, still goes under the radar and does not reach as far as it could. It was with that in mind that we embarked on a new relationship with a PR and Communications company in Northamptonshire, and launched our Seeds of Hope 2022 campaign. It's a great result for the Trust and will ensure that our reach continues to grow, building our database of interested parties, reaching new partners and funders and celebrating the stories of success.

We continue to be the host organization for Made With Many and the Locally Trusted Organization for Kingswood and Hazel Leys Big Local – enabling resources, and grass root community activity to flourish. The Made with Many programme has continued to build in profile and strength, successfully working to engage communities who are least active in creative or cultural life and breaking down the barriers to that remaining the case.

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Our Local Authority partners are settling into the new structures and arrangements for two Unitary councils within Northamptonshire and our profile and understanding of the upcoming agendas and strategies is strong. An active part of Leveling Up, Integrated Care Systems and new wellbeing structures we look forward to the year ahead and being part of collaborative work to support communities.

This year has realized a small surplus for the Trust, which ensures that we continue to move in the direction of strengthening and planning for future years, but also recognizes the investment we have made into places, projects and communities this year.

We are looking ahead with positivity and commitment to ensure that our work and place in the community remain strong, purposeful and supportive. Our programmes linked to wellbeing, green spaces, skills, cooking and growing, youth work and wider community action are powerful. We will continue to ensure that we listen to everyone we work with, building outcomes and impact that will have a lasting legacy.

Financial review

The Trust recorded a surplus of £14,118 for the year, following a previous surplus of £30,807. This has come from a year of incredible hard work from the team, as we have also managed to secure and deliver several infrastructure improvements at the sites we manage. We have established an enterprise development plan for our main site (The Green Patch), delivering measurable outcomes for earned income increases over the next three years.

Our continued connection between communities and funders brings confidence that we will be able to support those most in need as we head into the challenging times ahead.

Reserves Policy

Year-end unrestricted funds totalled £171,148 of which £4,800 supported fixed assets, leaving free reserves of £166,348 (2021: £149,830).

The Trust is aiming to secure and maintain six months of running costs as a reserve.

The board has recently reviewed the reserves policy and a current target of £240,000 has been set. This will be realised over a 5 year period in line with growth plans and strategic developments.

Risk management

All the Trust's activities are risk assessed, within the framework of board approved policies, to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The SMT continually reviews the financial and operational risks to which the Trust is exposed in the delivery of its projects and satisfies itself appropriate measures are in place to minimise and mitigate those risks.

Project activities are risk assessed at outset and at regular intervals to ensure any changing circumstances are recognised and reflected in the assessments.

Unusual activities are referred to insurers for advice and confirmation of cover and if this is not forthcoming then the activity is not pursued.

The Trust is insured for public, employer, trustee and professional liability as well as normal business activities. Financially, legally and in respect of strategic and charitable object fit, an assessment of all projects is undertaken before they are commenced and compared with bid documentation.

Projects are monitored on a monthly basis throughout their duration to ensure control of income and expenditure and identify the need for repeat funding with continuing activities.

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Future developments

As we look ahead to 2023 and beyond Groundwork Northamptonshire is able to plan to solidify and strengthen our work streams, with ever increasing input from the communities we work alongside.

The Climate Change crisis still remains a subject not easily or practically spoken about in terms of behaviour and significant impact. Our strategies and new work streams will work hard to bring those conversations to an ever increasing number, whilst also acknowledging the cost of living crisis we are facing and the ever tighter squeeze on family's income.

New projects in Northampton will focus on food production, green space renewal and community engagement. They will be led by our Green Team and will create sustainable sites for communities to access, learn about and enjoy growing their own food.

We continue to see the legacy of covid, particularly in our young people who face challenges they have not been equipped for due to the lockdowns and isolation. Our trauma informed practice work will be able to focus on needs and be led by what will support young people. Further to that our schools programme and Holiday Activity Fund program remain strong, as needs remain high we must be able to sustain outcomes for the young people we support.

The Green Patch will benefit from a bespoke workshop space this year, to build on the enterprise and creativity sessions planned. A significant amount of work has been done to build the sustainability for the Green Patch, setting ambitious targets for income to then be re-invested in the site. The Green Patch continues to see really significant interest from the wider communities and is able to offer a space of fun, education, therapy and sanctuary for so many people. Our profile with health professionals continues to strengthen as do ongoing partnerships with other voluntary sector organisations.

As a Trust we are ambitious for the coming year, understanding our role to support communities and create wider engagement in the climate crisis conversation, the skills, knowledge and experience we have built within the team and Board will ensure we can respond to forthcoming challenges and reach further to new areas, delivering outcomes for all.

Structure, governance and management

Groundwork is a Federation of Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Groundwork Northamptonshire is a regulated charity and a company limited by guarantee. It has its own Board of Trustees, who are also directors, and is independent of all other trusts within the Federation. It, therefore, decides its own priorities governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which was last updated on 28 September 2021.

The Trust operates within the public, private and voluntary sectors of Northamptonshire.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Memorandum and Articles specify a minimum of six and a maximum of eighteen trustees, to include no more than six nominated trustees and no more than twelve co-opted trustees (subject to variation in the event that the Trust is or intends to be in receipt of funding through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme).

Each founder member institution (or any successor institution) may nominate one or more trustees as follows:

The Federation of Groundwork Trusts	2
Northamptonshire County Council	1
Kettering Borough Council	1
Corby Borough Council	1
East Northamptonshire District Council	1

Nominated trustees may hold office for a fixed or indeterminate period not exceeding three years, but so that the nominated trustee shall be eligible for renomination.

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The Board has the power of appointing and removing any co-opted trustee and shall seek so far as possible a balanced and representative co-option reflecting the main interest groups in Corby Borough, Kettering Borough, East Northamptonshire District and the rest of the County of Northamptonshire and giving representation where appropriate to individuals with special interests in the objects of the Trust.

A co-opted trustee will serve until the end of the first annual general meeting after his or her appointment and will only remain in office thereafter if at least half of the members entitled to attend pass a resolution approving their appointment.

No trustee may serve for more than three years unless re-nominated by his or her appointing institution or re co-opted by the Board.

The Trust operates an induction policy for all new trustees, supported by an established integration process, which seeks to inform them of their legal obligations and responsibilities and their need to act independently and in the best interests of the Trust. It also makes them aware of the activities of the Trust and in particular those aspects of Trust work for which they have been appointed.

The Board appointed Stuart Bonham as Chair at the AGM in December 2019.

In order to support the governance and management of the Trust the Board agreed to the creation of 2 sub-groups (Finance & Business Development) and to ensure a Trustee attended the consortium of Made with Many to satisfy Groundworks role as Accountable Body.

The Board of Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

A H Robbs (Resigned 28 September 2021)

S D Bonham

Cllr G L Mercer

Cllr A M B Lee

Cllr A L De Capel Brooke (Resigned 11 November 2021)

Cllr P Chauhan

Cllr K Lawal

J Buckingham (Resigned 23 August 2021)

None of the Board of Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Board of Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Organisational structure

Internally the Trust conducts its affairs within a framework of Board approved policies, with operational activities delegated to the Executive Director and the Senior Management Team (SMT) working within this framework and seeking Board direction on issues of policy interpretation and in line with the Performance Sub group. The establishment of a further finance sub group and business development sub group mean that Board members are meeting more regularly and we are benefitting from the right skills in the right places.

The Board meets quarterly with senior management team members in attendance when required. The Executive Director maintains a frequent dialogue with board members and this enables the Board to remain appraised of current issues. Board members are also very active in our relationship with Groundwork UK and fundraising activity.

The trustees consider that they and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the Trust.

The senior management team at 31 March 2022 comprises executive director Kate Williams, operations director Kimberley Lawson and Made with Many programme director Helen Willmott supported by Georgia Vickers, Finance Director.

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No remuneration is paid to the Trustees who can reclaim approved expenditure incurred on behalf of Trust business. The pay of any key management personnel is reviewed annually and any increase is awarded based on various factors, including an assessment of affordability.

The Trust has always recognised the contribution all members of staff make to its activities and aims. Their dedication and professionalism has ensured the Trust's standing within the communities it serves and their continuing commitment is reflected in many ways both within and outside the Trust.

Team meetings are held during the year with an open agenda and have proved an effective way of ensuring an openness of communication and a platform for involvement in all aspects of the Trust's activities. As the Trust has grown, so have the importance of individual programme area team meetings. These meetings are held to enable all staff members to participate, providing opportunity for more focused and involved discussion, also providing opportunity to highlight issues to SMT and full team meetings as well as providing opportunity for members of SMT to talk directly to specific programme issues. SMT meetings are scheduled every month.

The Trust has available to it, monthly management accounts showing the current financial status and detail of both unrestricted funds and individual project funding. This combined with the use of the project management system gives the Trust an accurate and up to date financial view of all its activities enabling financial guidance to be exercised.

Quarterly, the Board receives a summary of the Trust's financial and non-financial performance and status together with any specific information felt appropriate.

Auditor

The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Board of Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

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

The Board of Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees.



S D Bonham

Trustee

Dated: 27/9/22

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STATEMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Board of Trustees, who are also the directors of Groundwork Northamptonshire for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Board Of 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 Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Board of Trustees are required to:

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

The Board of Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust 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 Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Groundwork Northamptonshire (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including 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).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Trust 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 Board of Trustees' 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 Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

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 Board of Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 our audit:

- the information given in the Board of Trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Board of Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the Board of Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 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 Board of Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Board of Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Board of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Board of Trustees' responsibilities, the Board of Trustees, who are also the directors of the Trust for the purpose 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 Board of 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 Board of Trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 Board of Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company 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.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we 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. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. 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.



Richard Monkhouse (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

29/9/22

Chartered Accountants
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GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	4	10,653	-	10,653	22,765	9,100	31,865
Charitable activities	3	118,966	1,257,353	1,376,319	73,406	961,666	1,035,072
Investments	5	33	-	33	95	-	95
Total income		129,652	1,257,353	1,387,005	96,266	970,766	1,067,032
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	105,297	1,267,590	1,372,887	51,738	984,487	1,036,225
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers		24,355	(10,237)	14,118	44,528	(13,721)	30,807
Gross transfers between funds		(10,237)	10,237	-	(13,721)	13,721	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		14,118	-	14,118	30,807	-	30,807
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		157,030	-	157,030	126,223	-	126,223
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		171,148	-	171,148	157,030	-	157,030

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		4,800		7,200
Current assets					
Debtors	13	131,849		105,150	
Cash at bank and in hand		414,608		570,634	
		546,457		675,784	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(380,109)		(481,787)	
Net current assets			166,348		193,997
Total assets less current liabilities			171,148		201,197
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		-		(44,167)
Net assets			171,148		157,030
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			171,148		157,030
			171,148		157,030

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board Of Trustees on 27/9/22


S D Bonham
Trustee

Company Registration No. 05679933

GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	21		(106,059)		251,421
Investing activities					
Investment income received		33		95	
Net cash generated from investing activities			33		95
Financing activities					
Proceeds of new bank loans		-		50,000	
Repayment of bank loans		(50,000)		-	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities			(50,000)		50,000
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(156,026)		301,516
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			570,634		269,118
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			414,608		570,634

GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Groundwork Northamptonshire is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Business Exchange, Rockingham Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN16 8JX, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. The company's accounts present information about it as an individual undertaking.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, the trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Trust, considering all reasonably foreseeable potential scenarios and uncertainties in relation to revenue and expenditure, including the potential impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Based on this information, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the Trust can meet its liabilities as they fall due, for at least the next 12 to 18 months, and the trustees have therefore concluded that it is appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on the going concern basis.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income from donations and legacies comprises grants of a general nature, provided by national and local government, charitable foundations and other organisations, which are not conditional on delivering certain levels of a service. The income is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Income from charitable activities includes income received both from the supply of services under contractual arrangements and from performance-related grants which have conditions that specify the provision of particular services.

Where grants are considered to be performance-related, income is recognised to the extent that the activities outlined in the funding agreement have been performed by the period end. Where income has been received but the related activities have not been completed by the period end, a balance of income proportional to the outstanding activities to be performed is carried forward to the next period as deferred income.

Where donors specify grants are to be used in a future accounting period, the income is deferred until that period.

1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, and it is probable a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

All costs are allocated between the activity categories on the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on the basis of estimated usage.

With the exception of governance costs, all expenditure incurred is classified as direct costs on the basis that, in the opinion of the trustees, it results directly from undertaking the charity's activities. That part of expenditure which relates to support costs, including general management, administration and similar costs, is not considered material.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured initially on the balance sheet at their historical cost.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives. As summarised below, the Green Patch Cabin is being written off over its estimated useful life of seven years. Residual computer equipment and fixtures and fittings were not depreciated in the year and remain valued at £2,401.

Green Patch Cabin	7 years
Fixtures and fittings	None
Equipment	None

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price.

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Employee benefits

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.10 Donated services and facilities

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be measured reliably.

As explained in the notes to the financial statements the charity rents land from Kettering Borough Council for a nominal charge of £1 per annum. In the successful delivery of its activities the charity also benefits from significant levels of help with bigger projects from the workforces of local employers, as well as regular support from volunteers within local communities.

In the opinion of the trustees it is impractical for the value to the charity of these services and facilities to be measured reliably and no income or equivalent expenditure has been recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Similarly, the value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in the financial statements.

1.11 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, the Board of Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3 Charitable activities

	Communities	Worklessness/ Education	Youth	Total	Communities	Worklessness/ Education	Youth	Total
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Services provided under contract	1,100,975	23,242	252,102	1,376,319	820,304	29,638	185,130	1,035,072
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds	95,724	23,242	-	118,966	43,768	29,638	-	73,406
Restricted funds	1,005,251	-	252,102	1,257,353	776,536	-	185,130	961,666
	1,100,975	23,242	252,102	1,376,319	820,304	29,638	185,130	1,035,072

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £
Donations and legacies	10,653	22,765	9,100	31,865

Unrestricted fund donations and legacies include coronavirus job retention scheme grants of £516 (2021: £12,722).

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable	33	95

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £
Staff costs	614,526	480,832
Depreciation and impairment	2,400	2,400
Communities	591,245	430,450
Worklessness/Education	13,904	15,984
Youth	150,812	106,559
	<u>1,372,887</u>	<u>1,036,225</u>
	<u>1,372,887</u>	<u>1,036,225</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	105,297	51,738
Restricted funds	1,267,590	984,487
	<u>1,372,887</u>	<u>1,036,225</u>

Activity costs include allocated governance costs totalling £17,018 (2021: £15,000) as follows:

- Communities £13,310 (2021: £11,676).
- Worklessness/Education £313 (2021: £434).
- Youth £3,395 (2021: £2,890)

7 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Legal and professional fees	1,440	1,200
Auditors remuneration	7,800	7,800
Other professional services	7,778	6,000
	<u>17,018</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Governance costs totalling £17,018 (2021: £15,000) are included in expenditure on charitable activities and are apportioned pro rata to the total costs incurred in delivering each activity. Governance costs are met from unrestricted funds with the exception of auditor's remuneration where an appropriate proportion is allocated to specific projects.

Governance costs include payments of £7,800 (2021: £7,800) to the auditors comprising £6,500 (2021 - £6,600) for audit fees and £1,300 (2021: £1,300) of unrecoverable VAT.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8	Net movement in funds	2022	2021
		£	£
	Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,400	2,400

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
	29	20

Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	569,213	441,515
Social security costs	36,104	30,605
Other pension costs	9,209	8,712
	614,526	480,832

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The charity considers that its key management personnel comprise the trustees and Senior Management Team. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of key management personnel were £124,503 (2021: £117,785).

The average number of employees disclosed above is the average number of full time equivalent employees. The actual average number of staff employed during the year was 40 (2021: 28).

10 Board Of Trustees

None of the Board of Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Trust during the year.

During the year, no trustees were reimbursed expenses (2021: £nil)

11 Donated facilities

The Trust rents land from Kettering Borough Council (KBC) for a nominal charge of £1 per annum. This land is used as a community allotment known as The Green Patch and provides horticultural and learning facilities for an increasingly diverse range of user groups. The trust greatly values this resource which enables it to have a physical presence within the community and is grateful to KBC for its generous consideration.

The Trust also benefits from significant levels of help on bigger projects from the workforces of local employers as well as regular support from volunteers from within local communities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Green Patch Cabin £	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	16,800	832	43,794	61,426
At 31 March 2022	16,800	832	43,794	61,426
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	12,001	432	41,793	54,226
Depreciation charged in the year	2,400	-	-	2,400
At 31 March 2022	14,401	432	41,793	56,626
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	2,399	400	2,001	4,800
At 31 March 2021	4,799	400	2,001	7,200

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	131,429	82,472
Prepayments and accrued income	420	22,678
	131,849	105,150

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	16	-	5,833
Other taxation and social security		23,967	30,350
Deferred income	17	289,150	373,248
Trade creditors		58,192	42,157
Accruals		8,800	30,199
		380,109	481,787

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	16	-	44,167

16 Loans and overdrafts

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	-	50,000
Payable within one year	-	5,833
Payable after one year	-	44,167
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments	-	(4,167)

During 2020 the trust benefited from a bounce back loan, for which the lender receives a 100% Government-backed guarantee, which covers both capital and interest. The term of the loan was 6 years, and the Government funds the first 12 months interest payments and fees.

This loan was repaid in full during the period.

17 Deferred income

	2022 £	2021 £
Other deferred income	289,150	373,248

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

Year ended 31 March 2022

Deferred income brought forward	£373,248
Income deferred in the year	£289,150
Amount released from previous period	(£373,248)
Deferred income carried forward	£289,150

Year ended 31 March 2021

Deferred income brought forward	£157,495
Income deferred in the year	£336,715
Amount released from previous period	(£120,962)
Deferred income carried forward	£373,248

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

18 Restricted funds

During the year, the income funds of the charity included restricted funds comprising the following donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2022 £
	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
Communities	785,636	(765,993)	(19,643)	-	1,005,251	(995,042)	(10,209)
Worklessness/Education	-	(30,889)	30,889	-	-	(23,006)	23,006
Youth	185,130	(187,605)	2,475	-	252,102	(249,542)	(2,560)
	970,766	(984,487)	13,721	-	1,257,353	(1,267,590)	10,237
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GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

19 Details of restricted funds

Restricted funds are used for the following programmes:

Communities

Helping local communities through capacity building and support to take actions which improve their quality of life.

Worklessness/Education

Improving employment, volunteering and educational opportunities through training, learning and work experience.

Youth

Engaging with young people, particularly those at risk of exclusion or from disadvantaged background and using interventions to divert them from anti social behaviour and provide them with better life opportunities.

Transfers

An amount has been transferred from unrestricted funds to restricted funds in respect of certain project costs met from unrestricted funds.

Restricted deferred income

The Communities and the Youth restricted funds include grants received in advance of expenditure. These grants are fully refundable until qualifying expenditure is incurred and as such unspent grants at the year end are deferred. Details are set out below:

1. Local Trust Award: Kingswood Hazel Leys

Deferred income at 1 April 2021	£ 42,436
Grant received	£ 64,352
Resources expended	(£ 73,531)
Deferred income at 31 March 2022	£ 33,230

2. Other

Deferred income at 1 April 2021	£ 32,470
Grant received	£442,995
Resources expended	(£441,507)
Deferred income at 31 March 2022	£ 33,958

3. Arts Council England Funding - Creative People and Places: Made With Many

Deferred income at 1 April 2021	£ 298,342
Grant received	£553,767
Resources expended	(£630,147)
Deferred income at 31 March 2022	£221,962

The charity is lead member of a consortium of local organisations participating in the Creative People and Places project. Following the award of a grant of £1,000,000 in the year ended 31 March 2014, a further grant of £885,325 was awarded in the year ended 31 March 2018. Details of the income deferred, amounts received and amounts expended in the year are disclosed above.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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20 Related party transactions

The Federation of Groundwork Trusts, Northamptonshire County Council, Northampton Borough Council, Kettering Borough Council, Corby Borough Council and East Northamptonshire Council nominate trustees to serve on the Board. The Trust is also a member of The Federation of Groundwork Trusts.

The Trust has material transactions with The Federation of Groundwork Trusts and the local authorities listed above. However, none of the nominated trustees of the charity has a controlling interest or a material beneficial interest in these entities. In the trustees' opinion therefore, the transactions do not fall within the definition of related parties given in the Charities SORP and no separate disclosure of the transactions between the Trust and these entities, which were carried out under normal commercial terms, is required.

There were no other related party transactions that require disclosure.

21 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	14,118	30,807
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(33)	(95)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	2,400	2,400
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(26,699)	(18,295)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(11,747)	20,851
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(84,098)	215,753
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(106,059)	251,421