THE LANTERN TRUST WEYMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1114979

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05577019
Registered	2006-06-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THOSE PERSONS IN NEED, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO MAY BE VULNERABLE DUE TO AGE, INFIRMITY, DISABLEMENT AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.IN FURTHERING THE OBJECTS, DUE REGARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Activities: The Lantern is an independent charity, founded in 1983 which seeks to benefit vulnerable and marginised people in the Weymouth and Portland area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The Lantern offers a range of services including advocacy,housing, benefits advice, counselling, support groups, crisis response, frontline practical support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE WEYMOUTH AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,423,694	£1,248,634	£1,052,024	35
2024-03-31	£1,226,976	£933,955	£876,964	26
2023-03-31	£757,804	£684,788	£583,943	19
2022-03-31	£592,863	£524,331	£510,927	16
2021-03-31	£594,672	£477,970	£442,395	12

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN WALTON	Chair	2007-12-03
AVIS JANE BAZELL		
Dr Jonathan Martin Orrell		2019-02-05
Dr Sarita de Kretser		2023-02-07
Elizabeth Ireland		2014-03-03
Julia Cherry Clarke		2019-04-02
Lee Richard Button		2024-02-05

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell Mr I Walton FCA Mrs E Ireland Dr J Orrell Mrs J Clarke Dr S De Kretser Mr L Button
Company registered number	05577019
Charity registered number	1114979
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ
Company secretary	Mr I Walton FCA
Chief executive officer	M Graham
Independent auditors	Xeinadin Audit Limited Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) for the 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice and support, benefit advice, outreach, crisis response, mental health wellbeing support and frontline practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

c. Achievements and performance

The 2024/2025 financial year has again been very busy for the Lantern with record numbers of people presenting to the Lantern for assistance and once again seeing an expansion in the services on offer.

A fuller description of the various activities and the services offered by the Lantern together with outcomes are attached in the accompanying report.

As regards the financial results and as disclosed in the accounts, consolidated net income for the year was £175,060 (2023/2024 - £293,021).

It should be noted that 2023/2024 did include a one-off donation of £170,000 and on that basis there was an increase in net income of just over £52,000 in the 2024/2025 year if you exclude that donation.

In terms of the economic situation and general uncertainties being experienced by the Third sector during the year we consider our net income for 2024/2025 to be a very satisfactory result.

The result is largely due to an increase in the income from charitable activities and services provided under contract which amounted to £1134809 in the year which compared to £837,923 in the previous year.

This in turn was largely due to a full year of our Access Wellbeing contract as part of the transformative approach to mental health services under Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust.

This contract commenced on 1 April 2024, having been a pilot project only for part of the previous year.

Otherwise, there were reasonable increases in donations (£63,441) compared to the previous year, excluding the special donation of £170,000, and the net income from our HMO properties as more properties came fully on stream in the 2024/2025 year.

On the basis of the net income for the year, our Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025 advanced to a net funds position of £1,052,024 including restricted funds of £4,193.

This increase to our net funds, and particularly our working capital, has enabled us to purchase a 6 bedroom HMO property next to our head office premises in Ranelagh Road in June 2025.

This is in line with our strategic plans to acquire further properties as funds allow, as we have found over time that inadequate accommodation is a major factor in the wellbeing of many of the people who present to the Lantern and we feel that suitable accommodation with appropriate support from the Lantern staff can work as a good base to help recovery from the problems experienced.

We were able to contribute approximately £200,000 to the purchase and obtained a mortgage loan of £200,000 for the balance of the purchase price and costs.

Finally, we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us during this year and beyond in whatever way and we hope that this support can continue given the work that is happening at the Lantern and the numbers of people who are being helped in their time of need.

In particular our thanks go to the following who have provided grants and other funding during the year:

National Lottery Community Fund
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation
Hall and Woodhouse Limited
Weymouth Town Council
Dorset County Council
Albert Hunt Trust
Tudor Trust
Janet Bligh
Medisave (UK) Limited
Weymouth Rotary Club
All Souls Masonic Charities Association
Dorchestra
Weymouth Carnival
Titan Manufacturing Limited
Weymouth Precision Engineers Limited
Weymouth College
Gascoyne Estate
Weyline Taxis
John Lewis PLC
Joan Turner Foundation
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
Green Rewards

And as well all of our private donors and Churches who have also been so generous.

Of course, none of the above would have been achieved without our wonderful team of staff and volunteers including our charity shop at Chapelhay Weymouth under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham.

This year once again they have managed the increased demand and the expansion in our services and have gone above and beyond to help the people who have presented at the Lantern at their point of need.

They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and compassion to their work which encapsulates the very ethos and reason for the existence of the Lantern where every person is treated as special and with respect and where with the right help each person has the capacity and the hope of making positive changes to their life however long that may take.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to :
- continue with our basic services for our clients
- meet contractual obligations
- be good and fair employers
- build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- protect and maintain the Charity's assets.

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 4 to 8 months of future operating costs. Based on the figures in the financial review above our reserves after allowing for restricted funds of £4,193 and tangible fixed assets of £518,828 stand at £529,003 which is consistent with our policy.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979. Its registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ and its principal office is 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7JD.

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs A Bazell
Mr I Walton
Mrs E Ireland
Rev P Elliott (resigned 30 September 2024)
Dr J Orrell
Mrs J Clarke
Dr S De Kretser
Mr L Button

The trustees delegate day-to-day management of the charitable company to the Chief Executive, Mike Graham, with access to a Designated trustee for any required advice.

The Trustee Board meet at least 5 times each year and are ultimately responsible for the governance, financial management, strategy and formulation of the Business Plan of the charity at all times ensuring best practice.

A Remuneration sub-committee meets at least once a year and as required to review policy and consider salary levels. All salaries are set at rates which have regard to comparable levels for work undertaken in the area of operation with reference to outside sources such as the NHS and like charities where applicable.

New Trustees go through a set induction process which provides relevant information on the constitution aims and operation of the charity.

All Trustees are provided with necessary training and information sufficient for them to carry out their role.
Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

b. Fundraising standards information

The charity does not engage any professional fundraiser / commercial participator for the purpose of fundraising.

The approach taken by the charity for the purpose of fundraising is to engage with grant making trusts and other large funders companies institutions and individuals who identify with the aims of the charity and wish to contribute funds to its work.

Neither the charity or any person acting on behalf of the charity is subject to any undertaking to be bound by any voluntary scheme for regulating fundraising or voluntary standard for fundraising in respect of activities on behalf of the charity.

There have been no complaints received by the charity or any person acting on its behalf about the activities of the charity or by a person acting on behalf of the charity for the purpose of fundraising.

In carrying out its fundraising activities the charity has not unreasonably intruded on a persons privacy made unreasonable persistent approaches for procuring or soliciting money or property for the charity or placed undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Small Company

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)
Date:

A message from our Chief Executive

We believe all of our customers can thrive with the right support in a location within their community



Mike Graham
Chief Executive Officer

What a year it has been for all at the Lantern Trust. I wanted to start by thanking all our staff teams for their hard work and dedication, in what has been another busy year. We have seen over 1200 people approach our services needing support. We are often the last place that people can turn to. We have seen the year present many developments with our REN (Research, Education Network) approach being used as best practice as our lived experience researchers have been used by Dorset Council and Bournemouth University. The approach places the voice of lived experience at the center of service creation and system change as the researchers are all people with a lived experience of homelessness. This is key to all of the Lanterns support services in the sense that our customer voice groups drive the creation of all of our current and new services. The project has seen me and staff members being co-authors on academic papers in partnership with Bournemouth University. My passion has always been that the voice of our customers will be heard at the highest tables and that the Lanterns unique Hub approach is seen as the delivery model for the best outcomes for their communities.

At the very heart of the Lanterns offer is an integrated neighborhood team, where our teams as well as colleagues are located at our hubs. Our model is one of collaboration and that by providing physical/ mental health support in the community itself, people will gain access to services that they haven't been able to before. Support is delivered where the individual feels the most comfortable and is led by them. The teams look to support at the earliest opportunity to enable our customers to once again thrive. Our hubs are divided into 3 locations with our Crisis, Recovery and Prevention hubs to offer an extensive range of services and outreach. The range of support covers every aspect of our customers' lives and is available with the least amount of referral red tape. A quote I love from a customer "just ordinary buildings, in ordinary street where extra ordinary things happen" Thank you to colleague from the NHS, Dorset Council, Shelter, Julian House, CAB, Weymouth Town Council, STARS Domestic Abuse Services, Probation, CMHT, S2W, REACH and everyone who is based at our hubs. Together, we are truly changing lives.

I was invited to 10 Downing Street this year as part of the Prime

Ministers Reception to share our unique approach to supporting people, alongside other community icons. The event was an incredible opportunity to share and learn with other fellow leaders and CEO's. I am proud to chair both the REACH Out project for complex addiction support and also the Mental Health Partnership Board which leads in the transformation of mental health services across Dorset. Our newly commissioned Access Wellbeing Service has now created several drop in spaces across the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester areas which act as more community access points outside of our main hub provision. This growth has further strengthened the "no wrong door approach" that the Lantern has championed for over 40 years.

The Lantern has continued to grow our portfolio this year with the additions of Melcombe Mews and 3 Ranelagh Road properties. These are in addition to our existing units that aim to create supported housing to meet the needs of our broad customer groups needs. I am proud as a landlord at the level of support we offer and the standard of our units. I wanted to thank all of the landlord's that work with us to give our customers an opportunity to once again thrive.

The next year will bring more services as we work on a new oral health program as well as strengthen our links with health locally and nationally. Our Rough Sleepers Initiative teams continue to offer lifesaving interventions for people whom are experiencing homelessness and our customers continue to maintain their tenancies. Our Housing Team have had their busiest year on record and have once again housed record numbers via our assisted rent deposit scheme. The Supported Accommodation Officers continue to work with mental health services to help people from hospital settings into their accommodation and able to live independently. Our REACH Out worker and team lead the way on intensive ways to support people facing addiction as is complimented by our Employment and Education Worker to help explore what life could hold for them.

I would like to thank my Senior Management Team of Kelly, Katie, Meg and Jo for their support and being the engine room to our whole operation. I would also like to thank our trustee's, supporters, customers and our communities for supporting our work and enabling the growth the last year has seen. Here is to the Lanterns services reaching more people areas across Dorset and leading the way on Integrated Neighborhood working.

Thank you.



"To build a multi agency support offer that removes the barriers our customers face and to deliver the support at the earliest opportunity in a community location that suits our customers."

Chairman's Impact Report



Ian Walton
Chair of Trustees

Another record year in terms of the number of people seeking help through the services on offer at the Lantern!

A significant reason for that growth is obviously that there has been an increase in the need generally in our community for those services but also that at the Lantern we have endeavoured over the years to listen to our customers , monitor closely their needs and where possible seek to tailor our services to address those needs.

A few years back we identified that many of the people who approached the Lantern for help were being lost in the system as they were sent between various agencies and quite often were not seen again.

With that in mind we determined that we should establish a Hub or "one stop shop" where people could find assistance with most of the difficulties and problems they were experiencing.

We were fortunate to be able to acquire premises in Queen Street Weymouth adjoining our main premises in Ranelagh Road and our Crisis and Recovery and Prevention Hubs were established with other agencies either housed within our extended premises or visiting on a regular basis to complement the services provided directly through the Lantern.

These Hubs were therefore then able to offer that wrap-around provision and in subsequent years the services on offer have been tailored and refined to continue to meet most of our customers needs and you will see in the balance of this Report the breadth and significance of those services.

In the meantime we also identified that many of the people who presented to us came with problems that were either caused through or exacerbated by a lack of safe and secure accommodation.

To that end over recent years we have leased and are now looking to acquire properties to provide that necessary accommodation and we have supplemented that with suitable dedicated support including the wrap-around services provided through our Hubs.

Looking forward and very much as part of our strategic plans we will continue to tailor the direction of our services according to what we perceive from listening to our customers and monitoring their needs .

In this regard we are extremely grateful that our CEO Mike Graham is now very much involved in the upper levels of the NHS in Dorset which sets policy on mental health provision in our County and this means that the Lantern has a voice at that level and particularly that Mike can table the particular needs that we see from listening to and monitoring the needs of our customers.

Also as part of our strategic plans we see a real need to increase our accommodation offer and so we will endeavour to acquire further properties or enter into leasing or management arrangements so that we can provide more suitable accommodation units where people can receive the focused assistance they need to address their problems and difficulties.

Of course I should also refer particularly to the Access Wellbeing project which commenced on 1 April 2024 following on from a pilot project which was carried out by the Lantern in the previous year and which demonstrated the demand for such a service and the efficacy of meeting this demand through such a service.

The project forms a new and transformative approach to mental health services throughout Dorset under the auspices of Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust and from a Lantern perspective it has settled extremely well

at our various locations in Weymouth Portland and Dorchester and from our experience to date does certainly meet a very large need in our community.

It is a significant development for the Lantern and for our future and we are very pleased to be involved in this initiative with our partners headed by BCHA and Help and Care.

None of the above work of the Lantern could be achieved without our wonderful very competent and dedicated team of people under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham and on behalf of all those who we serve I offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

I also thank our patron, our ambassadors, our volunteers - including the wonderful team at our charity shop in Chapelhay - and all those public bodies organisations agencies, businesses, churches and individuals who have contributed to the work of the Lantern with grants and donations or in many other ways. The breadth and success of the work of the Lantern would not be possible without your contribution.

Finally may I offer my thanks to my fellow Trustees/Directors for their tireless work and contribution to the work of the Lantern and which derives in every case from a deep desire to help those in our community who at a certain stage in their lives need to seek the help and hope which we offer.

Finance Managers Report



Megan Revell
Finance Manager

As we close out the financial year, I am pleased to share some updates from a busy year in the Finance Team.

In June 2024, we bid farewell to Ann Baker, our Finance Manager, who retired after six years with the Lantern. Ann was instrumental in establishing strong financial systems and processes, ensuring a smooth transition as I took over the role.

This year marked a significant milestone as we successfully completed our first annual audit. The process provided valuable insights and affirmed our commitment to maintaining strong internal controls and compliance standards.

As we step into 2025, our focus remains on continuous improvement. We aim to build upon this year's successes by further refining our financial practices and addressing any areas for growth identified during the audit.

Thank you to all who contributed to the work of the Finance Team this year. We look forward to continuing this progress as we move into 2025.

Project Development Manager Report



Jo Hurst
Project Development Manager

2025 marks my 20 th anniversary of working for The Lantern Trust. Throughout this time, I have seen our charity grow from strength to strength, helping increased numbers of beneficiaries each year and developing new projects in response to growing client need. Having worked for years on the front line in the housing, benefits and tribunal areas, my role as Project Development Manager sits firmly in the "engine room" of our operations. Over the last year I have applied to numerous grant-making trusts for core costs and project funding and our fundraising strategy is currently under development. An important element of my work involves monitoring our Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) contracts and producing reports on the work undertaken by our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) and Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE). I also produce monitoring reports for our Dorset Integrated Prevention Partnership Service (DIPPS). I produce Lantern Trust Yearbooks for both the calendar and financial year and provide information needed to produce our Impact Reports. Other reports are written throughout the year, highlighting the work of other Lantern Trust teams and projects, as required. Much of the data used for my reports comes from our evidence-based case management system but over the last year, we have been developing use of Outcome Star reporting, which enables us to measure client progress and more effectively use our data (and systems) to measure and articulate our impact. Together with impact, I hope to better articulate the value we provide to a range of stakeholders and to use this clarity to build a longer-term strategic approach to external relationships and income streams. Our work is challenging, rewarding and truly beneficiary led. I feel proud to have been part of our organisation's journey over the last 20 years and I look forward to what the future brings for The Lantern Trust and the people we serve.

Access Wellbeing Manager Impact Report



Katie Turner
Access Wellbeing Manager

We are now a year into our Access Wellbeing contract, as part of NHS England long term plan to transform Mental Health services. Our team of Wellbeing co-ordinators based at our Access Wellbeing Hub at Hope House, within the grounds of St John's church, Weymouth, have provided 1:1 mental health & wellbeing support to over 2,600 customers within the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester community since February 2024.

We continue to work alongside other mental health professionals within our community, to offer our hub model from Hope House, in particular our onsite Specialist Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and local Community Mental Health Team's (CMHT), this has allowed for person centred wrap around care and 'warm handovers' to take place within the hub, ensuring that our customers are supported in a person-centred way that is right for them.

Alongside the 1:1 support being offered by the wellbeing co-ordinator team, we are able to offer space at Hope House, for a multitude of group activities, such as Yoga, chair yoga and art based, peer led sessions. These groups have supported over 2,400 people within the community and given them a safe space to attend a meaningful activity alongside their peers, and enabled friendships to form.

Alongside our main hub, we have over the year, seen the opening of our Access Wellbeing 'Drop in' spaces across, Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester. We have our main Weymouth drop in space which runs 3 days a week from St Mary's street within the town centre. I would like to thank Cassie and the Wellco team for the care & support that they are offering to our local community and for the support around the setting up of these Drop in spaces, which has allowed more people to get early interventions and support in spaces where they feel seen, heard and part of their community.

As part of the Access Wellbeing provision, our staff team are trained in the Peer Open Dialogue approach, ensuring that people and their networks are at the centre of any decision making or discussions regarding their care.

We are extremely proud of the Open Dialogue offer within our Access wellbeing Hub. Our lead wellbeing co-ordinator, Cassie, is part of the 'train the trainer' cohort of 6 practitioners across Dorset, that are training to be able to offer inhouse Open dialogue training to staff across the county in the future. I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Open Dialogue can have on customers and their wider, network and families, it is heart-warming to hear individual stories of how this work has transformed their lives.

As our offer continues to grow, I would like to personally thank the whole of the access wellbeing team, for their ongoing care, support and commitment to the community and the service, it has been a busy year, but one that we can all share a sense of pride about.

Operations Manager Report



Kelly Fernley
Operations Manager

During this last year It's been a pleasure to see the Lantern grow in customer support, community opportunities and housing options.

When looking at the barriers that our customers experience we see how lack of tenancy support impacts them to manage a tenancy as well as their emotional and physical wellbeing.

I manage various teams including a team that triage customers that come into our service. We offer a welcoming safe space that has recently been refurbished for customers to visit for refreshments and during these visits to our service we do our best work by supporting them to identify what their needs are and collaboratively put in place support plans to achieve their goals. The drop in and coffee bar runs from our flexible space to offer other services such as housing, benefits and various health and wellbeing clinics. We welcome both new and returning customers , a space where they feel heard and when leaving the Lantern services feel more confident.

We have a team of Supported Accommodation Officers (SAO) that provide support in getting customers tenancy ready and supporting them for a period of time after their move to encourage management of their tenancies. This last year the SAO project has seen an increase of numbers to their caseload, in addition it has been a pleasure to see many clients move into their forever homes. This last year we reached record numbers of customers under the SAO service whether they have approached us directly or have been referred by other services.

In addition our Wellbeing , Accommodation and Sustainment Project (WASP) provide support to customer with multiple needs The WASP team have been introduced to us via the rough sleepers initiative (RSI) a service with Dorset Council. It's been a pleasure last year to see so many customers brave the challenges of living independently with support from the WASP team.

The work that the SAO and WASP team do is bespoke to the customer and our aim is always to work with customers to help them gain the tools they need to encourage and increase confidence and ability with all aspects of their lives.

Our Employment, Training and Education (ETE) specialist has continued to grow the offer of various groups and opportunities to encourage inclusion for those that are under the RSI pathway. These opportunities enable customers to build on and identify further learning and employment engagement.

"Your Voice" is held regularly, it's an opportunity to hold workshop sessions with our customers so that they can share their experiences of various topics. last year just to name some of the topics that we covered: discussions around mental health, local community opportunities, cancer screening and research for those that are often forgotten in research. Attendance to these workshops is increasing and it has been a pleasure to experience our customers open discussions around subjects they often don't get included in.

Housing availability in Dorset is an ongoing concern. The Lantern have always been keen to engage with local landlords to build a stronger housing offer for our customers. Last year we also purchased 2 properties which has provided housing with a support offer and we will continue to build on this.

What an amazing year spent with our customers and I'm looking forward to more fantastic wins in 2025!



What do Lantern do?

Helping vulnerable and marginalised people

The Lantern is an independent registered charity which was founded in 1983 to benefit vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area and we now serve the wider Dorset area.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through providing a dedicated service meeting people's practical, emotional and personal care need. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency.

A key aspect of The Lantern's success is working closely and professionally with other agencies and we view collaboration as key to achieving the outcomes our beneficiaries require.

Our customers approach us with a varied range of personal concerns including mental health problems, offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness and personal crises.

We aim to meet these needs through providing a wide range of services including advocacy, crisis response, front line practical assistance, housing and accommodation support, an assisted rent deposit scheme, welfare benefit advice and mental health and wellbeing services.

We have developed a unique service delivery model which is based in Crisis, Recovery and Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs and includes outreach into the community.

Our ethos throughout our work is to empower the individual and always encourage personal choice and responsibility. The building of lasting trusting relationships with our customers is the foundation on which all our work is built, the Lantern continues to be a place where laughter, friendship and hope are very apparent.

Our customers remain central to all that we do. We believe that support should be something that we are all able to access when we need it most.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives

Lantern Hubs

Pathways to Improved Health and Wellbeing



Crisis Hub

Based at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD, our Crisis Hub is home to our Drop-In Centre, which is the gateway to all Lantern Hub and partner agency services. Our Service Coordinators operate a triage system, offering light-touch support and advice and referrals into specialist services where appropriate.

Our Housing and Benefits Team, Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator and Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker and Supported Accommodation Officers are based here.



Recovery Hub

Based at 1 Queen Street, Weymouth, DT4 7HZ, our Recovery Hub is equipped with an NHS standard clinical room which hosts our own GP Outreach Service twice a week. Hub partner agencies Julian House and Shelter Housing First are permanently based at this location.

Other agencies currently providing services include the NHS Homeless Health Service, NHS Podiatry, Catch22, Interventions Alliance and a Domestic Abuse Service. Showers, lockers and clothes washing facilities are also available here.



Access Wellbeing Hub, Hope House

Based at Hope House, 2 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JS, our Access Wellbeing main Hub offers a range of services to our local community.

Our Wellbeing Coordinator team can meet with customers on a 1:1 basis at the Hub to offer ongoing person-centred support, help and advice across a wide range of areas. They have the time to listen, and can help people to access support on topics including:

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Social connections and activities
- Grief and loss/bereavement
- Work, money, housing, benefits support
- Support for carers and family members
- Volunteering

We are also able to provide a range of group activities from the Access Wellbeing Hub, which include Yoga, chair yoga, art based, peer led sessions, men's walking group and a Women's Group, which help to support individuals with their wellbeing and give them a sense of community.

Our Support

Drop-In Support

Our drop-in support and guidance service assists people towards managing more successful in their own homes or other types of accommodation.

We provide drop-in support to individuals experiencing a range of needs including mental health, offending behaviour, addiction and homelessness as well as a variety of personal crises. We also work with the community to bring them together via our on-site coffee shop.

Support is person centred and fully tailored to individuals: the service provides a supportive environment that assists with a broad range of daily tasks and responsibilities including relationship building, community involvement, medical, dental and general welfare as well as benefits signposting.

Wellbeing Support

Various factors can have a negative impact on an individual's emotional and mental well-being. Abuse, anger, bereavement, bullying, depression, and self-harm, to name a few — all of these things can prevent them from living life fully. Our employees have been trained to offer emotional support to each of our customers.

Our team is available to listen, provide information, and offer feedback. They can assist individuals in making sense of their difficulties, discussing their options, and establishing a sense of control over their life. By speaking with us, they can get things off their chest, work through any issues.

Housing Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy and numeracy.

If an individual is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless we can help by evaluating their current housing situation, working out what their needs are and giving them advice on the next steps to take. We will work with them to create a unique housing and wellbeing plan that outlines the steps we will take together to prevent or alleviate their homelessness.

Older Persons Income Maximisation Service

We can advise older persons on benefits including all pension age benefits including Attendance Allowance. Our dedicated worker will undertake benefit checks to ensure that customers are not missing out on any available benefits, assist them in completing the necessary forms and assist and advise if their benefit claim is denied or they do not receive the amount expected. Many of these appointments are done on an outreach basis to support the needs of the older community.


624
clients received
Drop-In
assistance

Our Impact: Customer Stories



Adrian's Story

I arrived at The Lantern's Safe Sleep Project Homeless and didn't know what to do. I was able to see a GP for the first time in ages and felt respected and listened to. I moved into a hostel they run and have started gardening again. I am now living in my own flat and have hope for the future.



Dan and Laura's Story

We couldn't afford to pay the deposit needed for our flat. The Lantern offered help when we had no more options.



Bill's Story

Life had hit the buffers. I was sleeping on a beach with nowhere to go. The Lantern listened, housed me and I began to see a future for myself. I am now back fishing and love where I live as it's like a community where we support each other.



Dave's Story

I didn't need lots of support. I just needed a place where I could go where I could chat through my concerns and needed help with my benefits.

Ben's Story

Ben (not his real name) was referred to our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) when he was placed in temporary accommodation by Dorset Council. He needed intensive support due to his complex needs, which included mental health issues.

Whilst working with us, he stabilized his medication and his mental health improved considerably. We supported him in many ways, including attending appointments with other agencies such as the Community Mental Health Team. At times he struggled with anxiety due to triggers, but we always managed to find common ground and retrieve the situation.

After assisting him with a Housing Application, he successfully secured accommodation in the social housing sector, leaving his temporary accommodation. We assisted him with the move, sourcing removals and items needed for his new home. We made sure that he was registered for all utilities, Council Tax and a TV license, and helped him settle into his new accommodation. He told his WASP worker that, when the day came that he no longer needed our support that he would miss him as he had "been a diamond." He also said; "thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

He successfully exited our WASP and no longer requires our intensive support. However, he knows he can always come into The Lantern and receive assistance from our Service Coordinator team.

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Who does Lantern support?

We are based in an area which is in the top 20% most deprived areas nationally regarding multiple deprivation. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors and face associated barriers to housing, benefits, health care, practical and emotional support which our services seek to address.

Who benefits from our work?

A total of 1203 unique clients were assisted by The Lantern Trust in 2024/25. 714 clients were male, 488 were female and 1 was non-binary. 628 clients were deemed to have complex needs. 852 were new referrals and 351 were pre-existing clients. Our services are unique in approach when considering local provision, in that we offer a complete range of services under one roof. We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage.

Number of People Experiencing each Social Exclusion Factor	
Social Exclusion	Number
Mental Illness	507
Alcohol misuse	216
Substance misuse	208
Physical Disability	231
Chronic/Terminal Illness	68
Learning disabilities	87
Ex-offenders	164
Gambling issues	5
Refugees	0
Men at risk of violence	18
Women at risk of violence	42
Special needs elderly requiring extra care	7
Vulnerable mother & baby	10
Young people at risk/leaving care	9
Vulnerable ex-service personnel	13
Street homeless	86
Sofa-surfing	86
Homeless in another setting	75
Repeat homelessness	87
Threatened with homelessness	133

Number of People Experiencing each Mental Health Issue	
Mental Health	Number
Depression	365
Anxiety	330
Self-harm	52
Suicidal ideation/suicide attempts	132
ADHD	66
OCD	22
Autism	55
PTSD	111
Schizophrenia	29
Bi-polar Disorder	31
Personality Disorder	70
Eating Disorder	11
Epilepsy	5
Psychosis	6
Dual Diagnosis	34
Agoraphobia	8
Mental health issues from brain injury	12
Under CMHT assessment	12





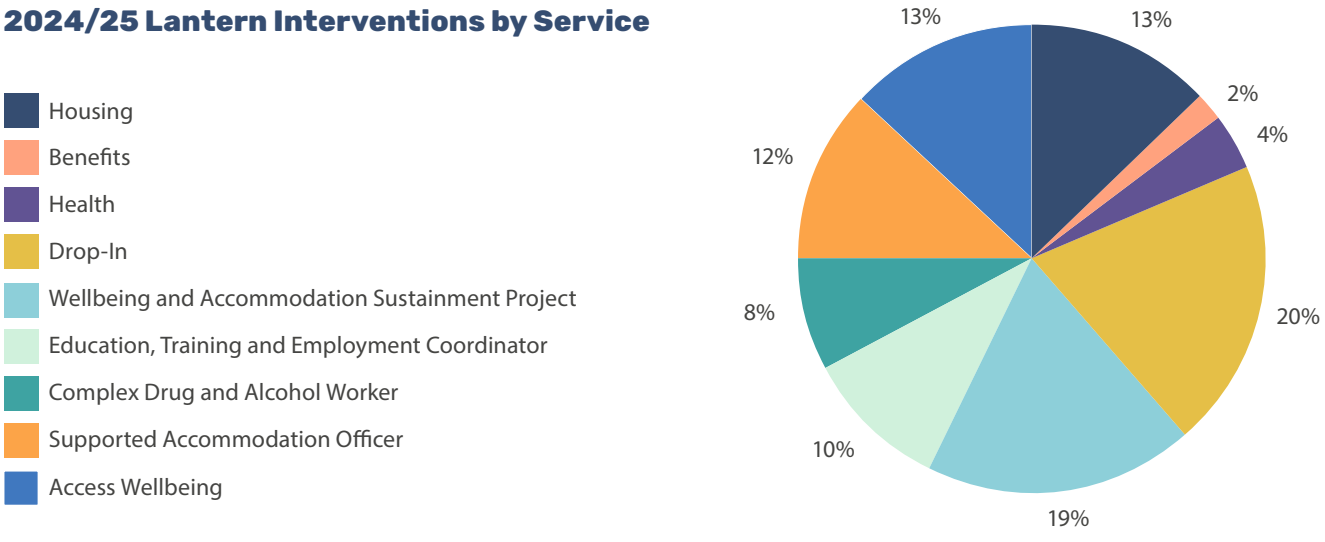
The Lantern charity shop in Weymouth, Dorset.

How do we Measure Success?

The following figures show the number of people we have reached, the number we have housed and the interventions delivered to meet people's needs over a five-year period, showing service growth:

2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
395 people assisted	517 people assisted	822 people assisted	952 people assisted	1203 people assisted
53 people housed	109 people housed	148 people housed	119 people housed	65 people housed
3796 outcomes	6615 outcomes	11407 outcomes	13720 outcomes	15113 outcomes

2024/25 Lantern Interventions by Service



How are we doing?

In 2024/25

221
clients received benefit assistance

65 unique clients were housed and 9 clients were housed in more than one setting

1804
Supported Accommodation Officer interventions

511
clients received housing assistance

300
Benefits interventions

624
clients received Drop-In assistance

1474
Education, Training and Employment Coordinator interventions

213
clients received health assistance

1948
Housing interventions

285
clients received Wellbeing at Hope House assistance

81
clients received assistance from our Supported Accommodation Officers

98
clients received Education, Training and Employment Coordinator assistance

2028
Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project interventions

570
Health interventions

2955
Drop-In interventions

Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub is a new Lantern initiative which has been created in response to an identified need for an accessible mental health pathway with provision for outreach into the wider community across Dorset.

Access Wellbeing service within our main Hub at Hope House is a new Lantern initiative which has been created in response to an identified need for an accessible mental health pathway with provision for outreach into the wider community across Dorset. This plan is in line with the national NHS England long-term plan to transform mental health services. The basis of our planned health and wellbeing offer is to carry on our already established, evidence-based model of basing multiple agencies at one location in order to avoid duplication and red tape in accessing services. After completing our Crisis and Recovery Hub models, a gap in provision was identified, whereby some people found it difficult to access statutory primary and secondary mental health services. As, in our current location we could not be all things to all people, we built an offer of a "Lantern Lite" building at Hope House, located away from our Lantern Hub location. Our idea is to help us establish a community-based asset offering primary and secondary mental health service and drop-ins which will facilitate people's outreach into the wider community across Dorset.





It is our belief that, in integrating both primary and secondary mental health care alongside colleagues from the third sector, we can build a new service model, bridging a gap which exists through having multiple care systems in place and a single point of access. It will also carry on the clearly defined working model of the Lantern's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach, which not only tracks, minutes and evidence client need but enables us to grow services in a way which is integrated and avoids duplication, ensuring that true collaboration is at the heart of all we're doing. This not only reflects best practice but, as a Hub together, we grow based on need. The Access Wellbeing service run on Open Dialogue methodology,

ensuring that people are central to decision making regarding their care.



Our approach will be based on taking time to building lasting, trusting relationships with our clients, taking a holistic view of treating mental health & wellbeing issues, not in isolation but with an understanding of how all aspects of life are for the client and how support networks regarding family and friends can be utilised to the best advantage.

In partnership with our colleagues at BCHA, Help & Care, Harmony and Dorset Mind, we have been awarded the new Access Wellbeing contract for the next 5 years. What a moment for us all to be proud as we are part of the formation of the new mental health system.

Lantern Housing Portfolio

This year has seen the Lantern grow its property portfolio with the purchase of 3 Ranelagh Road, which will become a 6 unit HMO.

GWe believe that every person has the right to a home and we deliver high quality, well maintained units of accommodation. We also work with landlords who lease properties to us to provide our customers with a roof and a chance to thrive. The plan is that we build a varied portfolio with a range of unit sizes and support to meet our customers needs and provide move on options. We continue to work with Green Pasture in providing two units with them, one is a 7 bed HMO and the other is a two bed flat move on flat. For all of our units the aim is for our customers to maintain their tenancies and for us to provide the right support at the right time. Our units offer 19 bed spaces in total and our ambition is to increase our portfolio over the coming 12 months to over 25 bed spaces. Our commitment is to increase our units yearly to ensure a varied range of housing options for our community.





Tumbledown Farm

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realise the importance of our community spaces and, more specifically, how we use them.



Tumbledown in Weymouth is a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, which is being developed into a community asset in partnership with Weymouth Area Development Trust (WADT).

Tumbledown Farm is a project run by Weymouth Town Council, who are working in partnership with Dorset Council, Public Health and Natural England. Following public consultations at the end of 2019, several key themes emerged which expressed how local people felt the land and its natural capital might be repurposed to meet the needs of the community, and its vulnerable members.

Our mission with the community grow-space is to give people a purpose and routine to their week. The Lantern prides itself on its sense of community, and it is our desire to carry this on into the project at Tumbledown. We also want to draw on the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor work and being in nature and green spaces. For many this will create a therapeutic atmosphere to escape the isolation and boredom people sometimes experience at home.

As a result of this, there will be the chance for participants to take the produce they have helped grow home to use themselves, reaping the benefits of their hard work. We offer a non-judgmental atmosphere for all people from all walks of life to be involved, giving people the opportunity to join a new community of like-minded and enthusiastic people ready to learn new skills and put their minds to new challenges.

There are a wide range of activities and lots of planned projects for Tumbledown, including: Volunteer Days, Community Grow Spaces and veggie boxes. Future prospective projects include a Community Kitchen, making jams and chutneys, cooking courses, a Café and a Farm Shop.

Service Coordinators (SCO) and Hub Services

Drop-In and Coffee Bar

Our Drop-In is often the first point of contact for clients approaching our service and our Service Coordinators triage and signpost them to relevant agencies, whether that be in-house, Hub partner or external agencies. Our SCOs are trained and offer light-touch interventions, from helping with energy bills, logging on to Universal Credit Journals and providing Food Bank vouchers to referrals into our GP Outreach Service, Dentaid, podiatry services and Specsavers, signposting including domestic abuse and violence and general benefits.

Our coffee bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am – 2pm and offers a safe space for many of our clients. We serve refreshments at a reasonable cost, and clients are made to feel welcome whether they are approaching for assistance or just popping in to socialise and relax.

We believe that offering this "front room" environment encourages the growth of trusting relationships with our clients and breaks down barriers to accessing appropriate support.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Our Hub offers a CAB advisor, who work specifically with customers that are homeless, at risk of homelessness or those that have recently moved into new accommodation specialises in benefit queries and debt advice and can help with Universal Credit, Limited Capability For Work Questionnaires and other disability claim forms such as those for Personal Independence Payment. An Income Maximisation Service is also offered in order to check that customers are in receipt of the correct benefits. We offer a variety of appointments from Monday to Thursday.

Interventions Alliance

Interventions Alliance is based in our Hub on Wednesdays, supporting clients on a license or Community Order, with a focus on community reintegration.

Catch22

Catch22 offender management service is based in our Hub on Mondays, pre arranged appointment providing a rehabilitation service and long-term support needed for positive outcomes and to reduce reoffending.

Food Bank

We work closely with Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport Food Banks, offering referral codes and informing clients of opening times, either in person or over the phone. We always ask for the underlying reasons behind the need to ensure that further support can be offered where appropriate.

STARS

We understand the extra support needed for those that have experienced or are experiencing sexual assault, abuse or harm. We have tried to make this easy as possible for our clients by offering a drop in service every other Thursday from 10-12.

Housing Team

The Lantern Housing & Resettlement Project, in funding partnership with Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council, continues to provide a specialised service for those in housing need as part of the Integrated Prevention and Support (IPS) Service, endeavouring to meet the complex needs and wishes of our customers with a flexible and holistic approach.

The Lantern values inter-agency working very highly and acts as a direct and easily accessible gateway to many other services within the area of Weymouth and Portland, whilst retaining its position as an in-house provider of a comprehensive Housing & Resettlement Project with provision for internal referrals to other Lantern services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs.

During 2023/24, the project assisted vulnerable members of society with varying levels of need. Accommodation has been sourced, loans for rent deposits, rent in advance provided as well as discretionary housing payments applied for management of arrears , homelessness has been prevented and tenancies have been sustained through intensive ongoing support.

Services

At the Lantern we know how important it is for our clients to improve their housing situations with a minimum of delay. The team works alongside Hub and external partner agencies including Julian House Dorset Assertive Homeless Outreach Team, Shelter, Shelter Housing First, The Bus Shelter Dorset and Dorset Council, to help navigate the client's housing journey.

They offer housing appointments 5 days a week and are due to increase this offer in April 2023 to 5 days a week. Referrals are regularly made to supported accommodation and our own accommodation is utilised when vacancies permit.

In addition to a general housing advice service, the Team also assists with more specialised casework, such as Mandatory Reconsiderations and Reviews against intentionally homeless and non-priority need decisions.



Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes

Our clients are often in receipt of welfare benefits or on a low income and struggle to meet the considerable costs involved in securing accommodation. In order to remove this particular barrier to housing, we offer means tested Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes. For those unable to secure funding from other sources, we remain a last port of call.

WASP

Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project

In October 2022, the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) was remodeled as the Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP), delivering a dedicated tenancy and wellbeing support service to clients needing a more intensive support offer than is offered by our Housing Team.

As with the RRP, the WASP forms part of Dorset Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative, and we work in partnership with the local authority and partner agencies to provide a well-rounded support offer to this complex cohort.

The WASP provides trauma-informed and person-centred ongoing support to clients, building lasting and trusting relationships which allows for honest, open dialogue and mutually agreed support pathways development.

Support focuses on developing life skills and increasing motivation to improve client prospects of accessing and maintaining accommodation and becoming tenancy ready for successful move-on into permanent accommodation.

We have great experience in working with a range of housing providers in the private sector and the team have worked to develop a robust landlord offer which has led to new units of accommodation becoming available.



We are now also landlords in our own right, in partnership with Green Pastures and are currently in the process of expanding our property portfolio.

"I need a place of hope that has been missing from my life. My WASP Worker enabled me to feel listened to and maintain my accommodation, but also allowed me to explore what life might hold for me."



CDAW

Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker Project

Our Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) post provides clients with specialised drug and alcohol interventions, complementing support given by The Lantern and working with the Dorset RSDATG[1] team and local partners to provide coordinated support to our clients. The role supports close partnership working with housing, health and wellbeing services, police, Criminal Justice and other relevant partners.

Trusting and professional partnerships are developed with and work undertaken alongside other support providers, statutory and voluntary sectors, prisons and hospitals to embed co-production and involvement.

The CDAW role is key to achieving the Public Health England objective to improve the lives of vulnerable people and will be part of our growing partnership of homelessness, support and rough sleeping services in the county, ensuring delivery of a seamless and collaborative approach which places the individual at the heart of all decisions.

[1]RSDATG – Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant.

SAO

Supported Accommodation Office Project

The Lantern Supported Accommodation Officer (SAO) roles were created in response to an increased need for tenancy support which had been identified in our client group.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 01/04/22, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project offers residents tailored packages of tenancy support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of sustaining their accommodation.

We also promote social reablement, supporting clients with access to health and wellbeing services and also supporting them to engage in meaningful occupation within the community. We draw on the many available resources found within our Hub Services. The purpose of the SAO role is to support people who are facing challenges in their lives and to help them overcome them by delivering tailored support which improves emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence.

The SAOs support individuals who have experienced vulnerable housing in the past, enabling our clients to obtain the life skills necessary to move on into more independent living. Support is provided to a range of clients in Lantern accommodation, permanent settled housing as well as temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact and whole person support offer.

ETE

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project

Encouragement, trust and enabling. Okay, so that's not what ETE officially stands for, however, these are the elements that must co-exist alongside this work if it's to genuinely benefit the people we support.

The important thing to consider about any ETE role, whatever professional environment you are working within, is to be mindful of the human beings you are supporting, the first being: how can I open the possibilities of education, training and employment and what does each of these areas mean personally, and uniquely to each person I encounter.

The role at the Lantern has developed over time to provide various activities and support that enables people to access opportunities and experiences for their personal development and their holistic health and well-being.

Meaningful activities can provide clients safe spaces to explore life skills, emotions, social connection and trying new experiences to develop their confidence, resilience and taking positive action to help people explore their limitless potential.

Providing both consistency and one-off activities, the Lantern offers an eclectic mix of learning and participation sessions including creative writing, art projects, walking groups, fitness sessions and other bespoke art and culture opportunities.

"The ETE project continues to provide access to opportunities to engage clients in a variety of activities including life skills, learning and access to learning and personal development."

Tanya Bailey, ETE Coordinator







The Lantern GP Outreach Service

Our GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices.

Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services. Many people engaging with The Lantern need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care.

Clients are booked in for Thursday and Friday appointments upon request by Lantern staff throughout the week and seen in our clinical room. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification. An average of 5 to 6 clients are seen during each surgery. Many clients are street homeless and people experiencing housing vulnerabilities and poverty. By its very nature, an outreach project breaks down barriers through meeting people on their own terms.

The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.





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Your Voice

Our service users are stakeholders and therefore all our services are client-led and driven by the needs of our local community.

We have formed a sub-group entitled "Your Voice," which is comprised of our Operations Manager and Education ,Training and Employment worker, which feed up into the Chair of Trustee's and CEO for wider linking into strategic developments and to ensure the voice of our customers is the driving force for the organisation

Client involvement and engagement in developing wider service provision relevant to presenting needs is actively encouraged via discussion and the opportunity to take part in Lantern "Your Voice" sessions where appropriate. "Your Voice" was developed in order to give our clients the opportunity to raise, respond to and discuss presenting issues and service delivery. In this way they can play a valuable part in shaping future development of our services and assist us in identifying gaps in service provision. We also hope to engender a positive sense of empowerment in those who participate in "Your Voice" sessions.

The feedback gathered is shared and discussed during established stakeholder meetings and, where appropriate, fed into development plans. As an example during a "Your Voice" session the topic of women's community needs was discussed.

Participants felt that women would benefit from a collaborative approach with services and a peer led system to engage in developing a regular group to explore areas of needs for our female community including workshops, wellbeing sessions including female safety, life skills, crafts and learning new skills.

The participants were a huge part in deciding where the sessions would be and also what the monthly schedule would look like. The women felt heard and action on their real needs were met. The women's group has been running weekly since 2023 and is a very successful group at the Lantern.

The group has different subject matters which then ask our customers to put themselves forward for meetings which interest them. We have already covered a range of subjects including homelessness, health inequalities and excluded groups. The session's content is rich and provides a safe space for customers to feed into the Lanterns work and share their experiences, where they are comfortable too.





Case Study

SL is a 47 year old Male, who uses drugs on/off, historic use of spice and cocaine. More recently when SL uses, which since moving is rare is cannabis with the very occasional heroin.

SL was referred to Lantern services through Dorset council and was accepted onto the RSI pathway back in June 2019.

SL was a very chaotic individual, under Weymouth CMHT and AOT with mental health diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia. SL was living within his own accommodation, 1 bed flat, close to local town centre. There was involvement with county lines, which were using his accommodation. This heavy involvement caused him to lose his tenancy through the courts. SL mental health declined for some time, he disengaged with services on/off including the Lantern, whilst in and out of various temporary accommodations. The council moved SL out of area for a short while to safeguard him against county lines, SL never saw the county lines as anything other than friends at the time and couldn't understand the issues/ASB they caused.

I began working with SL September 2023, SL at the time was independently bidding on home choice. They bid on a property in quiet a rural area and was successful. SL didn't initially realise how rural the location was as he bid on everything to get out of temp, without fully understanding the consequences around turning properties down if offered following his own bidding. However, he moved in during Jan 2024 and this has appeared to be hugely beneficial to SL mental health, at one point he stated "because its so quiet here my head feels like theres less human traffic, everything is still and peaceful "

By moving here SL is now able to pay all his bills without any financial issues, as the location has no public transport this makes getting around very tricky for him, SL decided to be paying out for Sky TV package as this is now affordable without life temptations in front of him.

Due to the location SL local shop (a small basic shop) was 3 miles away and the main town a 20 min drive, we discussed the potential need for online shopping, but SL did have some trust issues around this, convincing himself scammers would take all his money so would never pay online for anything. I supported him to look for secure sites and how to stay safe online when making purchases, after some time we were able to complete small purchases online to build his confidence and knowledge around internet, to now being able to complete full food shops, still requiring support with these tasks, but feel more for a reassurance element.

SL has successfully maintained his tenancy for over a year now with Stonewater and continuing to engage with them directly when maintenance is required.

After roughly 6 months of SL moving into his new accommodation Weymouth AOT transferred SL over to Sherbourne CMHT due to SL successfully maintaining his mental health so well and now requiring lower level of mental health support. Sherbourne CMHT visit SL every few months and this works well for SL.

My support has recently reduced to monthly/6 weekly face to face visits which works well for SL, we do speak on the phone generally more as a way for SL to have some form of interaction now and again. He is looking to move to somewhere still remote/outskirts but with some public transport, so he is able to gain back some independence but remaining 'out the way'

SL does feel his future is looking bright and its possible he may regain his driving license back in the near future, now his medication has been able to change due to his mental health stabilising and improving.

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N is a 64-year-old gentleman from Weymouth.

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N is a Heroin addict and alcoholic, however, currently not using heroin and stable on his prescription, 35ml of methadone weekly.

N has been engaged with Reach since 2014.

N accessed The Lantern following a pending eviction from his property. N was issued a section 8 notice after falling into arrears.

N's case was investigated by Conor Madden from The Lantern Housing team and more information was gathered. It was deemed that in all probability, an eviction would be hard to challenge and avoid, rendering N intentionally homeless.

The lantern housing team (Conor Madden) raised concerns about N's health, mobility and alcoholism.

Conor asked to me to meet N and have a chat with him. It was immediately clear that N needed a more holistic, collaborative approach and intervention. I requested N works with myself on Reach Out as this allows me the autonomy and freedom to create a collaborative approach and support and address all aspects of N's lifestyle, needs, obstacles and help overcome social barriers.

I was able to work and liaise with The Lantern Housing team, DCC, the landlord and the Family.

Conor Madden submitted a homeless application and placed N on the housing register. This was submitted following a possession date issued.

Temporary accommodation was applied for and granted; we were able to avoid bailiffs.

Conor Madden and myself were able to assist and support N with clearing his accommodation and arranging removals and storage.

I liaised with N's two Sisters who actively helped with some transport of possessions. Also, once the Lantern housing team and DCC identified a suitable temporary placement, I supported N and his sisters in moving him in and liaised with his new landlord.

Once N was housed and felt safe, together we were able to discuss his addictions, underlying issues such as feeling detached from society (N's words), social capabilities, health and mental wellbeing.

N said "I want to be free of addiction, I have used and drank all my life, my alcoholism is the hardest to combat but I think I can do this now that I have all this support" N also reflected "leading up to my eviction I think I was having a breakdown."

I made an appointment with the senior nurse practitioner, Heidi Crompton who assessed N. N was referred to DCH for an endoscopy and Weymouth hospital for an X Ray. I supported N to both these appointments.

To break the cycle of isolation and explore N's social capabilities, we discussed involvement with Tanya Bailey, Lantern ETE (Education, Training and employment). I introduced N to Tanya, and they discussed activities, ideas and goals. Together, we devised a plan. N now attends creative writing, Tumbledown farm and Men's mental health walks. N has become an important member of these activities. Which have also helped his physical and mental health, boosted his self esteem and created a feeling of inclusion.

Alongside these areas of change, N engages with myself weekly where we discuss and explore his addictions and recovery from these. N has remained abstinent from all class A drugs and devised an alcohol reduction plan. I supported N to Reach offices for his methadone script review. N's prescriber commented that she has known N for "10 years and never seen him looking so well"

I approached the subject of alcohol detox, and we explored N's feelings about this. N said "it is scary, but I need to do it as my mental and physical health is deteriorating"

I sourced, supported and applied to PHE for detox funding and was successful. I then put an application into Dame Carol Black detox unit. N is now in detox.

I have supported N in making regular rent top up payments to DCC finance team whilst in Temporary accommodation.

In continuing to work with local authority and the Lantern housing team, N was nominated for social housing with ASTER, and successfully moved into the property on the 29th August.

I supported this move and sourced all furniture and arranged delivery.

N was introduced to a Lantern SAO (Supported Accommodation Officer- Alison Brown) who's role will be to support N once he has gained independent accommodation. I was also able to apply for a bus pass, with medical testimony to support, which promotes N's independence.

N has an Archaeology background and, historically, well known in this field. With this in mind, N has been asked to do some research and talks at our Tumbledown farm project, supported by Tanya Bailey and the volunteers.

Case Study

G is a 35-year-old female from Weymouth.

G whole life has been chaotic from being a small child. G is a drug user and drinker but does go long periods without using either.

G was found in 2021 to be a Non-Priority Need by her housing officer at the time.

In 2022 G was housed at Hardy House in TA with support but was the only female living there she was moved out of this accommodation due to the TA not being suited to her needs and caused her great distress with her mental health, G seriously self-harmed during her stay here at Hardy House. She was even taken to St Ann's asking to be sectioned during this time for her own safety.

In 2022 G was Housed in TA at Abbotsbury Rd November this was in hope it would help with her mental health and help her establish some good relationships, with others around her, this wasn't always the case, and she struggled to form and keep relationships that were healthy.

G was assigned to WASP in Jan 2023 this was a slow progression for trust/opening on feelings.

During G's stay in the temporary accommodation, it affected her eating habits due to this her mental health declined as she was harming herself due to this, with not eating correctly and struggling some weeks to make any meals in the accommodation, this is due to her serve OCD and being in temporary accommodation she had to use shared areas.

G has several children and the relationship between them is very rocky due to her mental health, she was having weekly visits with one of her daughters but this was massively impacted by her temporary accommodation status, her mental health would decline in the lead up to them seeing each other almost weekly and then she would almost sabotage the visit this is now not an option for her to do with her children currently due to what has happened in the past and now she has the warm loving home that they all needed for such a long period of time for things to be positive for them all.

G attended MDMR session with Ginny through Hope House before it became Access Wellbeing, these sessions ran for 12 weeks and helped G focus on ways to help her ground when she is struggling with her mental health, she is still able to use these methods to ground herself when needed now.

G was under CMHT for a long period of time, but this was a very fragmented support for her as when she needed them the most, she would lash out verbally towards them and their support and in the end, this ended with them discharging her from the service.

G was under Reach out support from 16/06/23 until 13/12/2024 during this time she engaged with Rodney Trafford well, she had long periods where she was clean and sober during this time spent with Rodney but due to mental health declines she stopped engaging and requested a female worker and the support from this service was removed.

G has shown that with someone putting faith into you and giving you opportunities that you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

G's mental health has been a massive part of her life for such a long time now and she has stages of managing very well and then shutting herself away from the world when things are not so great and along with this non-engagement with services. G is also easily lead when her mental health is in a bad state.

In October 2023 G was finally given her forever home with a housing association and from this she has

G has really managed to make her home her own and her safe space of recent months.

flourished more than declining, she has her own safe space now where she can be safe when she is struggling with her own mental health, the day of moving in was very hard on her mental health but we together got her in there and also a few weeks after when simply tasks had to be completed she struggled but with time and patience we got it all completed.

There was some ASB issues when she had not long moved into the flat, this more mainly due to her mixing with the wrong people but also due to adjusting to having her own home for the first time in a long time. With support from myself we met with the ASB team from ASTER and formulated a plan for moving forward with a multi-disciplinary approach, this has now been resolved, and she is maintaining her tenancy well.

G has been using the services here at the Lantern in a positive way, she attends the Women's group from time to time more so when her mental health declines and, she has engaged well with Tanya Bailey (ETE) and attended the Horse course and Tumbledown from time to time.

G really engaged well with Fresh Thoughts counselling through Access wellbeing in April 2024 and this really helped with her traumas.

G has really managed to make her home her own and her safe space of recent months, she has decorated mainly by herself with a little help from a friend and she has carpeted throughout along with buying herself furniture to make it all her own and she has even learnt some basic skills of pencil pleating curtains to get the desired look she wished for in the lounge area.

G has shown that with someone putting faith into you and giving you opportunities that you can achieve anything you set your mind to, this also shows with her being able to manage her eating habits better as she has her own kitchen and equipment, so she is able to manage this so much more effectively. She has even managed travel abroad for a period and navigate this solo which is something that only a few years ago would not have been possible due to her mental health and her then housing situation.

Case Study

Billy is a 51-year-old Man who suffers from addiction, poor mental health in the form of depression and anxiety and very poor physical health.

Billy has been a heroin and crack cocaine user for decades and is an alcoholic.

In 2005 Billy successfully abstained from all substances and alcohol and worked for a few years in the local community. Unfortunately, Billy relapsed and very quickly lost everything he had built. As a result, Billy became homeless and was sofa surfing for many years and his health rapidly decreased.

Billy said: "I had given up on life at this point, what I didn't realise was things could get even worse"

Billy's alcoholism and addiction, along with the accompanied behaviours left him in and out of temporary accommodation and sofa surfing. This chaotic lifestyle prevented Billy accessing support and statutory services. Over the years this has had a detrimental effect on his health, both mental and physical, in the way of self-care and general inability to care for self. Billy also had poor relationships with his Mum and brother due his substance misuse and chaotic lifestyle.

Billy said: "I simply didn't care and wanted to die, but I would never take my own life as that's what my older brother did. I couldn't do that to my Mum"

Billy has been known to, and accessed, substance misuse services (Reach) for many years, dating back to 2012 (CADAS), and has been on a methadone script for many years, however, struggled to maintain his script and abstain from heroin use.

During this period, Billy has suffered numerous health conditions: Nerve and vascular damage which has reduced his mobility. Arthritis and vertebrae damage. Respiratory disease, dangerously high blood pressure, latent TB, asthma and chronic COPD. Billy also tested positive for hep C, which was successfully treated.

"I don't think I would be alive without all the support I have had from the Lantern"

In 2018 Billy secured a flat through a private landlord, unfortunately, for many years, other residents in the block were drug users and dealers. Billy's substance misuse escalated, and his health rapidly deteriorated further. At times Billy was threatened and feared for his life. This led Billy back to sofa surfing. This continued for many years.

Billy said: "I knew I could not live in that flat, and going to the Police was not an option"

In May 2023, Billy approached The Lantern for help and advice. Billy was seen by the Housing team and completed a home choice application in order to get on the housing register.

Due to Billy's very poor health, substance misuse and homelessness he came to the attention of the Reach Out team and was allocated a complex needs Alcohol & Drugs worker, Rodney Trafford, who represents The Lantern on the Reach Out team.

I was now able to not only help and support Billy with his substance misuse, but I could also oversee and coordinate all issues that were making it difficult to address substance misuse. Physical health, mental health, homelessness, Housing and support.

I made an appointment for Heidi Crompton (Senior Nurse Practitioner) to see Billy. Heidi then continued

to support Billy and liaise with Hospital and all medical professional involved.

Billy was referred on to the RSI pathway and he was allocated on to the Lantern WASP team and a support worker. Billy also engaged with a benefits advisor at The Lantern, who was able to explain and apply for the correct support that he is entitled to.

At this point in Billy's life, he began to engage with all these services. Billy, and his support team, continued to bid on properties and offer supportive documentation. Billy engaged weekly with his Reach Out worker and stopped all class A drugs. Supported by his Reach Out worker, Billy attended regular prescription reviews and began to reduce his methadone script.

Billy approached me and said he would like an alcohol home detox. I was able to liaise with Nina Fraser – Reach alcohol nurse and explore this. In the meantime, Billy and myself worked on reducing his alcohol. Billy was very successful in doing this, however, this is still problematic as Billy continues to drink. Reduce. Stop, then start again. Work in progress and still trying.

Reach Out worker, Lantern WASP support, Heidi Crompton, GP/Hospital and housing were all able to have a holistic approach to Billys case and liaise with each other in ways that benefit Billy and create wrap around support.

Billy was nominated for a bungalow in May 2024, out of Weymouth, and his Reach out worker, along with WASP worker, were able to move Billy into his forever home.

Billy has recently reduced his methadone to enable him to stop methadone and be prescribed buprenorphine. Billy reduced his buprenorphine enough to switch over to the Buvadil injection.

I have liaised with his prescriber throughout to support Billy.

I also attend appointments with his GP in order to support Billy in all that he does. Billy's support worker has also attended GP appointments

Billy continues to engage with all services and is successfully maintaining his tenancy. With the support of his WASP worker and Reach Out worker.

Billy has very good relationships with his Family now and his elderly Mum often stays over at his on the weekend.

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Where Does Our Support Come From?

We receive funding for commissioned services and we make numerous applications to grant-making Trusts in order to fund core running costs and other specific projects when required.

We apply to a range of funders to ensure that we are not reliant upon a limited number of funding sources, thereby mitigating financial risk to our services. Our Charity Shop generates income and we receive rent from stakeholder agencies using office space in our Hub. Our accommodation units generate rental income and we will expect this income to rise as our property portfolio increases. We also have a fundraising team and occasionally hold fundraising events in the local community.



Our Charity Shop

The Lantern Charity Shop is located in an area of multiple deprivation. It has become a local community Hub in its own right, providing a valued community resource and a sociable meeting place for regular customers.
For those in most need, we provide our own vouchers enabling clients to obtain clothes, shoes and household items free of charge.
The shop also provides a chance for clients to take the first steps into voluntary work and meaningful occupation, which ties in with our Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project.



Fundraising

We are always looking at new and innovative ways of fundraising for our project and have a dedicated Fundraiser Page on Facebook.
To donate to The Lantern, please go to www.give.net and click on the donate button.

For further information regarding fundraising, please see our website www.lanterntrust.org.uk, Facebook pages @LanternTrustUK or contact us via info@lanterntrust.org.uk



Support from Local Businesses

We are very fortunate to have the support of many local businesses, whom we would like to thank. Not only do our customers benefit from their kindness, donations, ideas and expertise, they also benefit from a real sense of community which their involvement brings. In an area of multiple deprivation, we see a real coming together of local people who are passionate about helping those most in need.

Future Planning

Organisational Development

Organisational development needs identified in our Strategic Plan 2022- 2025 are to consolidate services, build a fit for purpose organisation, generate a solid evidence-base of needs and impact, achieve financial sustainability and establish our position in the sector. We will measure success through working towards the agreed targets set out in the strategic plan and recording the results achieved. We wish to monitor our progress on the Strategic Plan and explore areas of development such as social enterprise, back to work initiatives, developing the wellbeing aspects of our Hub services, maintaining the financial capability of offering a rent deposit scheme to a growing number of applicants and continued implementation of the Outcome Star as a means of recording client outcomes. We also wish to expand our accommodation portfolio in partnership with Green Pastures. Our ambition is to fulfill the goals set out in our Strategic Plan and to achieve the financial resilience necessary to continue to meet the needs of our growing client base. We will strive to ensure we are working in partnership with academic institution like Bournemouth University to ensure we have a robust evidence base to our work. Our customers voice will remain central in all of our service creation and delivery.

What next? Our Strategic Priorities

- Everyone we support will receive a person-centred holistic support offer covering every aspect of their lives.
- We aim to work more closely with the NHS and Dorset Healthcare colleagues so people can get appropriate access to mental health and wellbeing support at the earliest opportunity.
- We will strive to continue collaborating with colleagues across Dorset from both statutory and non-statutory agencies in order to reduce the barriers people face in receiving support.
- The voice of lived experience and those using our services will continue to direct where and how our support is delivered.
- The Lantern are working to increase their own portfolio in order to create available housing stock for the most socially excluded.

THE LANTERN TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated income and expenditure account, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the Group's 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; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 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 Group's or the parent charitable company'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 Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The 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.

Opinion 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.

- 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 our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

- the parent charitable company 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH) (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We assessed the risk of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Group and how it complies with those through enquiries of management and those charged with governance. Laws and regulations which may have a direct material effect of the financial statements include the Companies Act 2006 and the Charity Act 2011. Other laws and regulations which may have a material effect on the financial statements include safeguarding, housing and health and safety laws; and

- communicating within the audit team and maintaining professional scepticism.

Specifically in respect of fraud we discussed with those charged with governance areas in which the Group was susceptible to fraud and whether there were any instances of known, suspected or alleged fraud. We also assessed the ability of internal controls to mitigate the risk of fraud and where where necessary we performed additional audit procedures.

- We assessed the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation or claims;

- reading meeting minutes for evidence of discussions which may indicate potential litigation and claims;

- reviewing the company's records for evidence of legal costs which may indicate non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- requesting sight of any correspondence from regulators.

To address the fraud risk of management override of controls, we:

- tested the validity of journal entries;
- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual relationships;
- sought explanations and evidence for any transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- assessed the appropriateness of accounting policies, including in respect of revenue recognition, bearing in mind the specific requirements of the Charities SORP, using data from outside the accounting system.

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 is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Mr P A Cattermole FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of

Xeinadin Audit Limited
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
16 Wadebridge Square,
Poundbury,
Dorchester
DT1 3AQ

Date:

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

(A company limited by guarantee)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**7,200**	**56,241**	**63,441**	*216,129*
Charitable activities	4	**114,760**	**1,158,959**	**1,273,719**	*928,819*
Other trading activities	5	**-**	**46,590**	**46,590**	*46,547*
Investments	6	**-**	**39,944**	**39,944**	*35,481*
Total income		**121,960**	**1,301,734**	**1,423,694**	*1,226,976*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**-**	**79,229**	**79,229**	*69,930*
Charitable activities	8	**150,682**	**1,018,723**	**1,169,405**	*864,025*
Total expenditure		**150,682**	**1,097,952**	**1,248,634**	*933,955*
Net movement in funds		**(28,722)**	**203,782**	**175,060**	*293,021*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**32,915**	**844,049**	**876,964**	*583,943*
Net movement in funds		**(28,722)**	**203,782**	**175,060**	*293,021*
Total funds carried forward		**4,193**	**1,047,831**	**1,052,024**	*876,964*

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Gross income in the reporting period		**1,423,694**	*1,226,976*
Less: Total expenditure		**(1,248,634)**	*(933,955)*
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period		**175,060**	*293,021*

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024 £*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**518,828**		*511,067*
			518,828		*511,067*
Current assets					
Debtors	15	**84,290**		*135,191*	
Investments	16	**150,000**		*250,000*	
Cash at bank and in hand	22	**463,794**		*221,994*	
		698,084		*607,185*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(164,888)**		*(241,288)*	
Net current assets			**533,196**		*365,897*
Total assets less current liabilities			**1,052,024**		*876,964*
Total net assets			**1,052,024**		*876,964*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	18		**4,193**		*32,915*
Unrestricted funds	18		**1,047,831**		*844,049*
Total funds			**1,052,024**		*876,964*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)
Date:

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05577019

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024* *£*
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**518,791**		*511,024*
Investments	14		**2**		*2*
			518,793		*511,026*
Current assets					
Debtors	15	**83,378**		*138,453*	
Investments	16	**150,000**		*250,000*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**462,460**		*216,468*	
		695,838		*604,921*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(162,607)**		*(238,983)*	
Net current assets			**533,231**		*365,938*
Total assets less current liabilities			**1,052,024**		*876,964*
Total net assets			**1,052,024**		*876,964*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds			**4,193**		*32,915*
Unrestricted funds			**1,047,831**		*844,049*
Total funds			**1,052,024**		*876,964*

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £175,060 *(2024 - £293,021)*.

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	*2024 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	**116,621**	*212,830*
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		**39,944**	*35,481*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(14,765)**	*(19,901)*
Proceeds from sale of investments		**100,000**	*100,000*
Purchase of investments		**-**	*(250,000)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**125,179**	**(134,420)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net cash provided by financing activities		**-**	**-**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**241,800**	**78,410**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**221,994**	*143,584*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**463,794**	*221,994*

The notes on pages 58 to 80 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ. The charity operates from premises at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Gift Aid

In the case of a Gift Aid payment made within the Group, income is accrued when the payment is payable to the Parent Charity under a legal obligation. Measurement is at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the transaction value.

Where the right to receive Gift Aid has been established, the amount receivable is recognised as investment income in the Consolidated statement of financial activities.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property - land	-	not depreciated
Freehold property - structure	- 1%	straight line
Freehold property - roof and internal fixtures	- 4%	straight line
Plant and machinery	- 15%	reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 15%	reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15%	reducing balance

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Current asset investments

Current asset investments includes short-term investments with a maturity of over three months from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and maturity of less than 12 months from the reporting date.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	7,200	56,241	**63,441**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Donations	*5,600*	*210,529*	*216,129*

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants and services provided under contract	114,760	1,020,049	**1,134,809**
Property	-	138,910	**138,910**
	114,760	1,158,959	**1,273,719**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Grants and services provided under contract	*197,892*	*640,031*	*837,923*
Property	-	*90,896*	*90,896*
	197,892	*730,927*	*928,819*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	46,590	**46,590**

The subsidiary's trading income comes from a charity shop which sells goods donated by the public.

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	*46,547*	*46,547*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Room hire	29,000	**29,000**
Investment income	10,944	**10,944**
	39,944	**39,944**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Room hire	*33,723*	*33,723*
Investment income	*1,758*	*1,758*
	35,481	*35,481*

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	41,865	**41,865**

7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024	*Total funds 2024*
	£	£
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	*36,475*	*36,475*

Other trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2025	**Total funds 2025**
	£	£
Subsidiary trading expenses	22,304	**22,304**
Subsidiary staff costs	15,060	**15,060**
	37,364	**37,364**

7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Other trading expenses (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Subsidiary trading expenses	*21,011*	*21,011*
Subsidiary staff costs	*12,444*	*12,444*
	33,455	*33,455*

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2025 £	**Unrestricted funds 2025 £**	**Total 2025 £**
Grants and services provided under contract	150,682	907,344	**1,058,026**
Property	-	111,379	**111,379**
	150,682	1,018,723	**1,169,405**

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total 2024 £*
Grants and services provided under contract	*204,315*	*575,586*	*779,901*
Property	-	*84,124*	*84,124*
	204,315	*659,710*	*864,025*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Charitable activities and services provided under contract	1,058,026	**1,058,026**
HMO property income	111,379	**111,379**
	1,169,405	**1,169,405**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Charitable activities and services provided under contract	*779,901*	*779,901*
HMO property income	*84,124*	*84,124*
	864,025	*864,025*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities and services provided under contract 2025 £	HMO Property Income 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	748,354	-	**748,354**
Coffee bar purchases	442	-	**442**
Telephone and internet	4,800	-	**4,800**
Insurance	9,860	-	**9,860**
Light, heat and power	6,151	-	**6,151**
Rent, rates and water	41,017	-	**41,017**
Repairs and maintenance	28,101	-	**28,101**
Office supplies and postage	2,721	-	**2,721**
Equipment, repairs and replacements	11,564	-	**11,564**
Staff and volunteer expenses	16,473	-	**16,473**
Training and resources	19,878	-	**19,878**
Rent deposits and customer support	103,373	-	**103,373**
Software support	28,329	-	**28,329**
HMO rent and expenses	-	111,379	**111,379**
Professional fees	11,965	-	**11,965**
Depreciation	6,998	-	**6,998**
Governance costs	18,000	-	**18,000**
	1,058,026	111,379	**1,169,405**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Charitable activities and services provided under contract 2024 £	*HMO property Income 2024* £	*Total funds 2024* £
Staff costs	*500,008*	-	*500,008*
Coffee bar purchases	*287*	-	*287*
Telephone and internet	*4,437*	-	*4,437*
Insurance	*8,941*	-	*8,941*
Light, heat and power	*14,352*	-	*14,352*
Rent, rates and water	*38,317*	-	*38,317*
Repairs and maintenance	*14,657*	-	*14,657*
Office supplies and postage	*5,657*	-	*5,657*
Equipment, repairs and replacements	*8,340*	-	*8,340*
Staff and volunteer expenses	*13,284*	-	*13,284*
Training and resources	*7,875*	-	*7,875*
Rent deposits and customer support	*116,304*	-	*116,304*
Software support	*16,485*	-	*16,485*
HMO rent and expenses	-	*84,124*	*84,124*
Professional fees	*10,249*	-	*10,249*
Sundries	*185*	-	*185*
Depreciation and impairment	*4,523*	-	*4,523*
Governance costs	*16,000*	-	*16,000*
	779,901	*84,124*	*864,025*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £12,000 *(2024 - £12,000)*, and accounts preparation and payroll services of £6,000 (*2024 - £7,000*).

11. Staff costs

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	**Charity 2025 £**	*Charity 2024 £*
Wages and salaries	**712,107**	*490,306*	**698,252**	*478,655*
Social security costs	**60,404**	*38,903*	**59,747**	*38,550*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**29,086**	*15,792*	**28,538**	*15,352*
	801,597	*545,001*	**786,537**	*532,557*

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	Group 2025 No.	*Group 2024 No.*	**Charity 2025 No.**	*Charity 2024 No.*
Number of employees	**35**	*26*	**34**	*25*

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	Group 2025 No.	*Group 2024 No.*
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	**1**	-

Key management personnel received wages of £204,070 (2024 - £116,161) with employer's national insurance contributions of £22,199 (2024 - £11,197) and pension contributions of £7,973 (2024 - £3,548).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2024 - £NIL)*.

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2024 - £NIL)*.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	**471,325**	**51,819**	**26,124**	**549,268**
Additions	**2,300**	**-**	**12,465**	**14,765**
At 31 March 2025	**473,625**	**51,819**	**38,589**	**564,033**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	-	**32,187**	**6,014**	**38,201**
Charge for the year	-	**2,945**	**4,059**	**7,004**
At 31 March 2025	-	**35,132**	**10,073**	**45,205**
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	**473,625**	**16,687**	**28,516**	**518,828**
At 31 March 2024	*471,325*	*19,632*	*20,110*	*511,067*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	**471,325**	**51,819**	**25,892**	**549,036**
Additions	**2,300**	**-**	**12,465**	**14,765**
At 31 March 2025	**473,625**	**51,819**	**38,357**	**563,801**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	**-**	**32,187**	**5,825**	**38,012**
Charge for the year	**-**	**2,945**	**4,053**	**6,998**
At 31 March 2025	**-**	**35,132**	**9,878**	**45,010**
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	**473,625**	**16,687**	**28,479**	**518,791**
At 31 March 2024	*471,325*	*19,632*	*20,067*	*511,024*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	**2**
At 31 March 2025	**2**

15. Debtors

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Charity 2025 £	*Charity 2024 £*
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**65,833**	*123,208*	**65,834**	*123,208*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**3,610**	*7,476*
Prepayments and accrued income	**15,951**	*8,464*	**11,428**	*4,250*
Tax recoverable	**2,506**	*3,519*	**2,506**	*3,519*
	84,290	*135,191*	**83,378**	*138,453*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

16. Current asset investments

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Charity 2025 £	*Charity 2024 £*
Fixed term deposit accounts	**150,000**	*250,000*	**150,000**	*250,000*

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	Charity 2025 £	*Charity 2024 £*
Other creditors	**9,437**	*8,621*	**9,295**	*8,567*
Accruals and deferred income	**155,451**	*232,667*	**153,312**	*230,416*
	164,888	*241,288*	**162,607**	*238,983*

Deferred income comprises amounts received under contracts for the provision of services, for which services have not been provided at the year-end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	844,049	1,301,734	(1,097,952)	1,047,831
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	32,915	121,960	(150,682)	4,193
Total of funds	876,964	1,423,694	(1,248,634)	1,052,024

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 March 2024 £*
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	*550,205*	*1,023,484*	*(729,640)*	*844,049*
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	*33,738*	*203,492*	*(204,315)*	*32,915*
Total of funds	*583,943*	*1,226,976*	*(933,955)*	*876,964*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	**844,049**	**1,301,734**	**(1,097,952)**	**1,047,831**
Restricted funds	**32,915**	**121,960**	**(150,682)**	**4,193**
	876,964	**1,423,694**	**(1,248,634)**	**1,052,024**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 31 March 2024 £*
General funds	*550,205*	*1,023,484*	*(729,640)*	*844,049*
Restricted funds	*33,738*	*203,492*	*(204,315)*	*32,915*
	583,943	*1,226,976*	*(933,955)*	*876,964*

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	518,828	**518,828**
Current assets	4,193	693,891	**698,084**
Creditors due within one year	-	(164,888)	**(164,888)**
Total			
	4,193	1,047,831	**1,052,024**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2024 £	*Unrestricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Tangible fixed assets	-	*511,067*	*511,067*
Current assets	*32,915*	*574,270*	*607,185*
Creditors due within one year	-	*(241,288)*	*(241,288)*
Total	*32,915*	*844,049*	*876,964*

21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**175,060**	*293,021*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**7,004**	*4,535*
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(39,944)**	*(35,481)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**50,901**	*(61,383)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(76,400)**	*12,138*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**116,621**	*212,830*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*
Cash in hand	**463,794**	*221,994*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**463,794**	*221,994*

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	Disposal of investments £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**221,994**	**241,800**	**-**	**463,794**
Liquid investments	**250,000**	**-**	**(100,000)**	**150,000**
	471,994	**241,800**	**(100,000)**	**613,794**

24. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to income and expenditure in respect of defined contribution schemes was £26,359 (2024 - £15,792).

Contributions totalling £2,444 (2024 - £2,667) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	**Charity 2025 £**	*Charity 2024 £*
Not later than 1 year	**86,502**	*81,099*	**71,502**	*66,099*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**142,759**	*189,374*	**136,509**	*183,124*
Later than 5 years	**-**	*5,200*	**-**	*5,200*
	229,261	*275,673*	**208,011**	*254,423*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	Group 2025 £	*Group 2024 £*	**Charity 2025 £**	*Charity 2024 £*
Operating lease rentals	**90,950**	*80,713*	**75,950**	*65,713*

26. Related party transactions

The charity received donations of £9,225 (2024 - £13,092) from its trading subsidiary, Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited in respect of trading profits distributed under covenant.

27. Controlling party

The charitable company is controlled by the trustees, who are directors of the charitable company.

28. Events after the reporting date

On 2 June 2025, the charitable company purchased the freehold of 3 Ranelagh Road in Weymouth for £395,000. The purchase was financed via a £200,000 mortgage repayable over 20 years from the Charity Bank Limited with the balance paid out of cash reserves. The property is being used for charitable purposes.

29. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding	Included in consolidation
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	05499909	Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ	Charity shop	Ordinary	100%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss)/ Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	**46,590**	**37,365**	**9,225**	**2**



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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell Mr I Walton FCA Mrs E Ireland Dr J Orrell Mrs J Clarke Dr S De Kretser Mr L Button (appointed 26 February 2024)
Company registered number	05577019
Charity registered number	1114979
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ
Company secretary	Mr I Walton FCA
Chief executive officer	M Graham
Independent auditors	Xeinadin Audit Limited Accountants 8th Floor, Becket House 36 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DD

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice, benefit advice, outreach, counselling, crisis response and frontline practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The 2023/2024 financial year has once again seen a further increase in the demand for the services on offer from the Lantern and has been very significant in other aspects.

A summary of the various activities and the services offered by the Lantern together with outcomes for the year are attached in the accompanying report.

As regards the financial results and as disclosed in the accounts consolidated net income of £293,021 for the year compared with a figure of £73,017 in the previous year. Fees from contracted services and grants of £837,923 (2023 - £567,877) were again a large contributor to the total income of £1,226,976.

The increase in these fees from the previous year were largely due to contracts with the NHS and which expanded the Lantern services in the area of mental health and wellbeing. This has ultimately led to a contract with Dorset Healthcare where we have subcontracted to Bournemouth Churches Housing Association as the principal contractor to deliver an Access Wellbeing service commencing 1 April 2024 for an intended 5 year period and with total projected income in excess of £2.5 million for the Lantern over that time. Obviously this is a significant development in the life of the Lantern and represents a solid base on which to strategically plan the overall direction of the Lantern for the next few years.

We were also extremely fortunate and thankful for a very generous donation of £170,000 from the Albert Hunt Trust which forgave that amount as the entire balance owing on a mortgage loan previously used to acquire our premises in Queen Street Weymouth. This donation has substantially improved the strength of our Balance Sheet at 31 March 2024 and means that we now own both of our premises at Ranelagh Road and Queen Street Weymouth outright and without encumbrance.

Our consolidated balance sheet at 31 March 2024 shows net funds of £876,964 including Restricted funds of £32,915 carried forward.

In terms of our net income earned during the year and our improved balance sheet we consider this a satisfying year particularly considering the economic situation with some uncertainty about funding for the areas in which we largely operate and the difficulties in raising funds generally.

Finally we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us during this year and beyond in whatever way and we hope and trust that this support can continue given the work that is happening at the Lantern and the numbers of people who are being helped in their time of need.

In particular our thanks go to the following who have provided grants and other funding during the year:

National Lottery Community Fund
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation
Lloyds Bank Foundation
Hall and Woodhouse Charitable Giving
Weymouth Town Council
Dorset County Council
Albert Hunt Trust
Tudor Trust
Janet Bligh
Dorset Showhomes
Green Pastures
Weyline Taxis
Groundwork UK
Weymouth Rotary Club
Weymouth and Portland PCN
Community Action Network
Shelter
Reach Dorset Humankind Charity
Leeds Building Society
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
NHS Dorset (Integrated) Care Board

And as well of course all of our private donors and Churches who have also been so generous.

We recognise that people with multiple exclusion factors struggle to see a future when the help they need seems desperately out of reach. At the Lantern we listen and endeavour to understand the best way to access the support and services which are required. In many cases this can start with practical assistance such as safe and secure accommodation or perhaps crisis management but whatever the need the Lantern can either provide the necessary services or engage assistance from our partner agencies and wherever possible within the Lantern hub. No longer do these people need to be isolated as they are welcomed within the Lantern community and begin to make positive changes in their lives which can bring hope.

Also of course as the Lantern becomes more heavily involved in the area of support with mental health and wellbeing this adds to the holistic services which are available at the Lantern and which not only bring positive benefits to the individual but also to our local community and society in general.

Of course none of the above would have been achieved without our wonderful team of staff and volunteers including our charity shop at Chapelhay Weymouth under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham. This year once again in the face of extra demands and new ventures they have gone above and beyond to help people who present at the Lantern at their point of need. They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and empathy to their work which encapsulates the very ethos and reason for the existence of the Lantern where every person is treated as special and as an individual and with respect and where with help each person has the hope of making positive changes to their life however long that may take.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to :
- continue with our basic services for our clients
- meet contractual obligations
- be good and fair employers
- build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- protect and maintain the Charity's assets.

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 4 to 8 months of future operating costs and which equates to approximately £175,000 to £350,000. Based on the figures in the financial review above our reserves after allowing for restricted funds of £32,915 and tangible fixed assets of £511,067 stand at £332,982 which is consistent with our policy.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979. Its registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ and its principal office is 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7JD.

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, who served during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs A Bazell
Mr I Walton
Mrs E Ireland
Rev P Elliott (resigned 30 September 2024)
Dr J Orrell
Mrs J Clarke
Dr S De Kretser
Mr L Button (appointed 26 February 2024)

The Trustee Board meet at least 5 times each year and are ultimately responsible for the governance, financial management, strategy and formulation of the Business Plan of the charity at all times ensuring best practice.

Day to day management is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer with access to a designated Trustee for any required advice.

A Remuneration sub-committee meets at least once a year and as required to review policy and consider salary levels. All salaries are set at rates which have regard to comparable levels for work undertaken in the area of operation with reference to outside sources such as the NHS and like charities where applicable.

New Trustees go through a set induction process which provides relevant information on the constitution aims and operation of the charity.

All Trustees are provided with necessary training and information sufficient for them to carry out their role. Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

b. Fundraising standards information

The charity does not engage any professional fundraiser / commercial participator for the purpose of fundraising.

The approach taken by the charity for the purpose of fundraising is to engage with grant making trusts and other large funders companies institutions and individuals who identify with the aims of the charity and wish to contribute funds to its work.

Neither the charity or any person acting on behalf of the charity is subject to any undertaking to be bound by any voluntary scheme for regulating fundraising or voluntary standard for fundraising in respect of activities on behalf of the charity.

There have been no complaints received by the charity or any person acting on its behalf about the activities of the charity or by a person acting on behalf of the charity for the purpose of fundraising.

In carrying out its fundraising activities the charity has not unreasonably intruded on a persons privacy made unreasonable persistent approaches for procuring or soliciting money or property for the charity or placed undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity 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 Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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 Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditors are aware of that information.

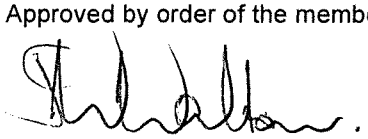
Auditors

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Small Company

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)
Date: 17/12/2024.

A message from our Chief Executive

This year has seen our services grow, yet again. I have worked in the 3rd sector for over 20 years and never have I seen the numbers of people approaching our services at the Lantern as I have over the last year.



Mike Graham
Chief Executive Officer

The principle of our offer is simple, to build a multi agency support offer that removes the barriers our customers face and to deliver the support at the earliest opportunity in a community location that suits our customers. As services, we have to deliver support where our customers are and for too long services have been delivered with the focus on the organisation delivering them. This year saw us work with 952 new individuals who approached our service for support and this excludes people already known to our services. We delivered a total of 13720 support interventions and this demonstrates just what the last year has meant from both our staffs perspective and the people approaching our services. The gaps between statutory services are growing and more people are finding themselves needing a Lantern service. We operate the only local assisted rent deposit scheme outside of the local authority and paid for 119 to be housed under the scheme. These were people with no where else to turn and this shows you just how essential our services are. Our teams work as one and I will often hear the team discussing cases amongst themselves working in a multi disciplinary way. Thank you to all of our staff at HQ, Karen, Anne, Jo, Alli, Mon, Dawn, Conor, Rach, Nat, Laura, Tanya, Rodney, Kel, Nikki and Thomas. You bring passion, compassion and dedication to all of your work.

A huge than you to Jane and our wonderful crew of volunteers at our charity shop. The shop not only acts as an essential resource but a community hub in itself. Our customers are often provided with essential items when they have nowhere else to turn.

Our hub provision has continued to evidence the best practice for service delivery, with both our current Crisis and Recovery hubs and we have now been part of the successful Dorset wide tender for the new Dorset Healthcare commissioned Access Wellbeing service. This service builds on our history of creating more accessible community services and is a collaboration between the Lantern, BCHA and Help & Care. This service will be Dorset wide and will represent a new dawn for mental health services as we are the foundation of the new system. The idea is to deliver services at the earliest opportunity to prevent crisis in peoples lives that may need a clinical service. Already, we are seeing lives changed and

Access Wellbeing
Weymouth & Portland
supporting your mental health

saved. Our Wellbeing hub is at Hope House in Weymouth and we chose a separate location to ensure we were accessible to all. We are one of two, test of concept sites, one based at Hope House and the other in Poole. Both sites are already demonstrating people receiving support and building better lives for themselves. The team has been forming at the site and already we have 2 admins, 3 Wellbeing Co-ordinators, 1 Lead Wellbeing Coordinator and a Manager. I am proud of what the team has already achieved in a small amount of time as the service officially launched in February and was built on the amazing work of our Lead Wellco Cassie, who helped form the service during its pilot period.

Congratulations Katie, Cassie, Iain, Sharon, Darren, Lindsey and Charlotte. You are already changing lives.

As a trust, we took the decision to partner with Green Pastures to purchase properties so that we could become a landlord. We currently have two properties which house a total of 9 tenants. Our houses act as community hubs where the tenants are listened to and directly share ideas that help us shape the environment they live in. After all, it is their home. Both our Rodwell and Tower House properties offer people the chance to not only have a tenancy but build the skills needed to thrive again in their lives and communities. Above all else, we believe that the voice of those using our services would be central in creating new services and leading the way in how services are delivered. With this in mind the Lantern partnered with NHS Dorset, The Health Bus and Bournemouth University for the REN project. The projects aim was to create researchers with a lived experience of homelessness to share their experiences in a way that could be presented to partners throughout the sector to bring about system change. The projects researchers then held an event at the Spire in Poole which I attended. The event was both profound and humbling as our researchers shared their experiences. I am proud to announce that the project has received more funding to continue under REN 2.

We are also involved in a UKRI partnership with STEPs Youth Club and Island Community Action, called the Forgotten Towns project based in Weymouth & Portland. The first funded element was for us to build our network and already there has been excellent work with the Lanterns marginalised customer group via "Humans Of The Lantern" video created with the project and also brilliant youth research via STEPs and ICA. We are hoping to secure a larger funding pot to really build on the work to date and to become a research network that can be identified to bring the real voice of lived experience to the table.

Each year I find myself reflecting on yet another year of growth and this would not be possible without our funded partnerships with Dorset Council, Dorset Healthcare, The Tudor Trust, The Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation, NHS Dorset, The Albert Hunt Trust, The National Lottery and very kind private donors. Our Hub provision is now celebrated as the way to deliver services in communities by communities and I am excited as to what the next year will bring.

"To build a multi agency support offer that removes the barriers our customers face and to deliver the support at the earliest opportunity in a community location that suits our customers."

I wanted to personally thank all of the trustees Ian, Cherry, Jon, Philip, Lee, Liz, Sarita and Avis who support not only my leadership, but all areas of the Lantern. We are one team.

Here's to the next year and a Dorset wide provision!

What do Lantern do?

Helping vulnerable and marginalised people

The Lantern is an independent registered charity which was founded in 1983 to benefit vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area and we now serve the wider Dorset area.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through providing a dedicated service meeting people's practical, emotional and personal care need. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency.

A key aspect of The Lantern's success is working closely and professionally with other agencies and we view collaboration as key to achieving the outcomes our beneficiaries require.

Our customers approach us with a varied range of personal concerns including mental health problems, offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness and personal crises.

We aim to meet these needs through providing a wide range of services including advocacy, crisis response, frontline practical assistance, housing and accommodation support, an assisted rent deposit scheme, welfare benefit advice and mental health and wellbeing services.

We have developed a unique service delivery model which is based in Crisis, Recovery and Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs and includes outreach into the community.

Our ethos throughout our work is to empower the individual and always encourage personal choice and responsibility. The building of lasting trusting relationships with our customers is the foundation on which all our work is built, the Lantern continues to be a place where laughter, friendship and hope are very apparent.

Our customers remain central to all that we do. We believe that support should be something that we are all able to access when we need it most.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives

Lantern Hubs

Pathways to Improved Health and Wellbeing



Crisis Hub

Based at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD, our Crisis Hub is home to our Drop-In Centre, which is the gateway to all Lantern Hub and partner agency services. Our Service Coordinators operate a triage system, offering light-touch support and advice and referrals into specialist services where appropriate.

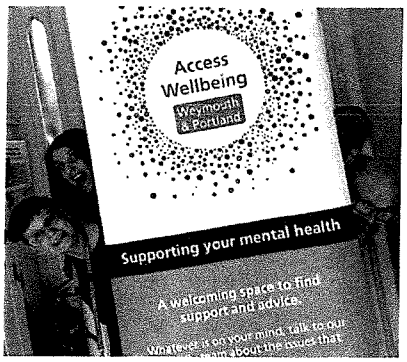
Our Housing and Benefits Team, Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator and Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker and Supported Accommodation Officers are based here.



Recovery Hub

Based at 1 Queen Street, Weymouth, DT4 7HZ, our Recovery Hub is equipped with an NHS standard clinical room which hosts our own GP Outreach Service twice a week. Hub partner agencies Julian House and Shelter Housing First are permanently based at this location.

Other agencies currently providing services include the NHS Homeless Health Service, NHS Podiatry, Catch22, Interventions Alliance and a Domestic Abuse Service. Showers, lockers and clothes washing facilities are also available here.



Hope House Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub

Based at Hope House, 2 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JS, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub offers a range of services to our local community. Our Wellbeing Coordinator oversees referrals to Dorset Mind Active Monitoring Service, an ARRS Worker, EMDR therapy and access to psychological therapies. Other activities include a Women's Group and yoga and further activities which promote wellbeing are being planned.

Our Support

Drop-In Support

Our drop-in support and guidance service assists people in maintaining residency in their own home or other types of accommodation. We provide Drop-In support to individuals experiencing mental health difficulties, who have a history of offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness, as well as a variety of personal crises.

Support is person-centred and fully tailored to individuals; the service provides a supportive environment that assists with a broad range of daily tasks and responsibilities.

Whether people live in supported or independent housing, we provide support and guidance on a variety of topics, including transport, shopping, education, health, and discussions about parenting, relationship building, community involvement, and general welfare.

Mental Health Support

If an individual suffers from mental health difficulties, we can help by helping them identify and diagnose the problem, providing advice and necessary resources, helping them to feel safe and supported, offering them a range of treatment options, providing supported housing, helping with their recovery, getting them involved in social activities and helping them to feel more independent.

Benefit Advice

We can advise people on all benefits and other entitlements that may be available to them, undertake benefit checks to ensure they are not missing out on any available benefits, assist them in completing the necessary forms and assist them with advice and support if their benefit claim is denied or they do not receive the amount they expected.

Homelessness Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy/numeracy.

Emotional Support

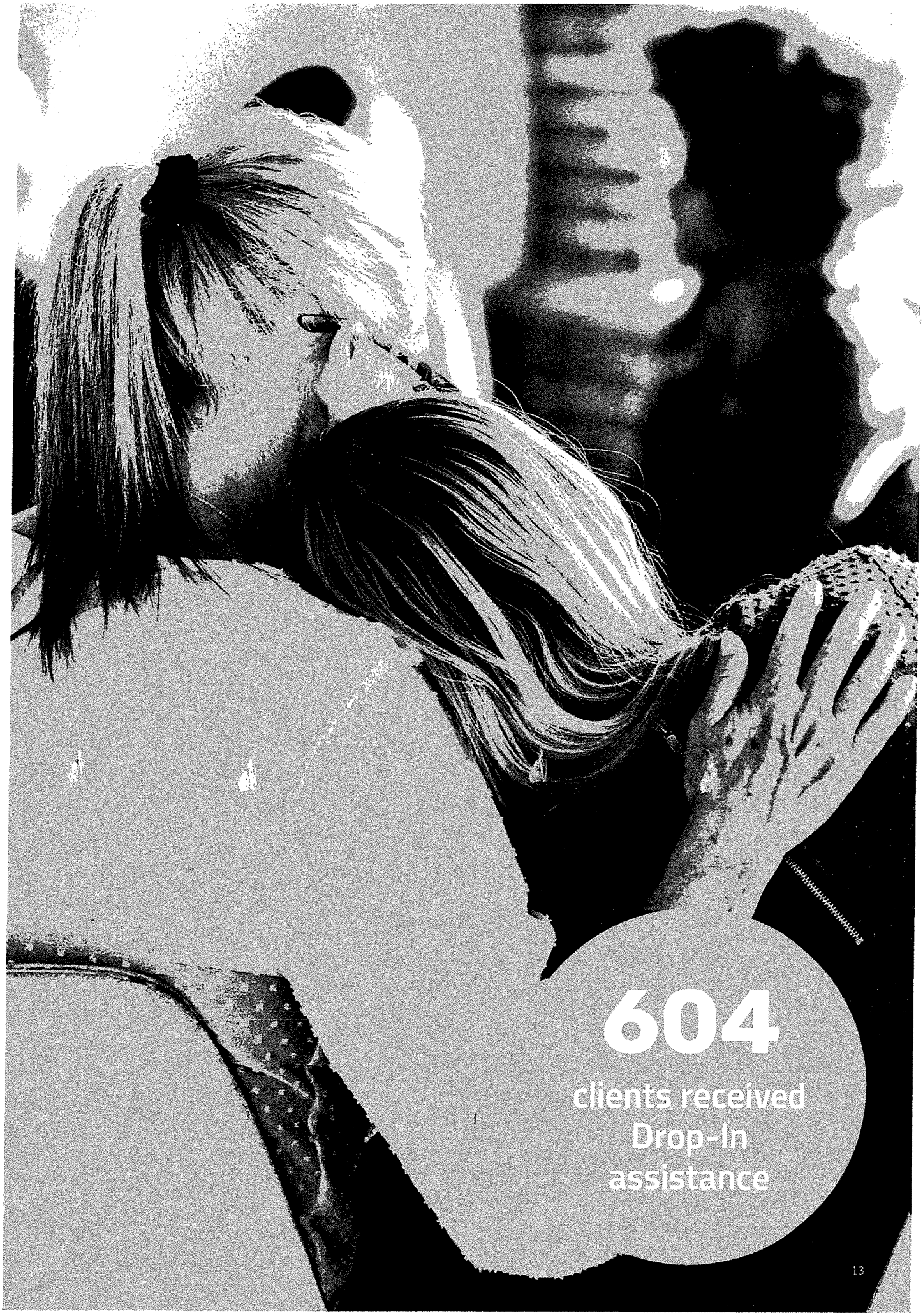
Various factors can have a negative impact on an individual's emotional and mental well-being. Abuse, anger, bereavement, bullying, depression, and self-harm, to name a few – all of these things can prevent them from living life fully. Our employees and volunteers have been trained to offer emotional support to each of our customers.

Our team is available to listen, provide information, and offer feedback. They can assist individuals in making sense of their difficulties, discussing their options, and establishing a sense of control over their life. By speaking with us, they can get things off their chest, work through any issues, and let go of traumatic situations.

Housing Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy and numeracy.

If an individual is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless we can help by evaluating their current housing situation, working out what their needs are and giving them advice on the next steps to take. We will work with them to create a unique housing and wellbeing plan that outlines the steps we will take together to prevent or alleviate their homelessness.



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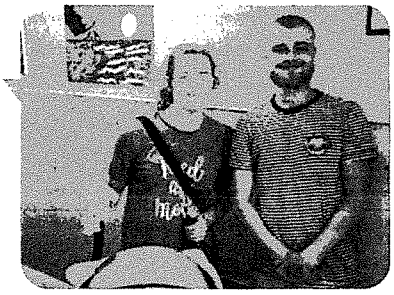
clients received Drop-In assistance

Our Impact: Customer Stories



Adrian's Story

I arrived at The Lantern's Safe Sleep Project Homeless and didn't know what to do. I was able to see a GP for the first time in ages and felt respected and listened to. I moved into a hostel they run and have started gardening again. I am now living in my own flat and have hope for the future.



Dan and Laura's Story

We couldn't afford to pay the deposit needed for our flat. The Lantern offered help when we had no more options.



Bill's Story

Life had hit the buffers. I was sleeping on a beach with nowhere to go. The Lantern listened, housed me and I began to see a future for myself. I am now back fishing and love where I live as it's like a community where we support each other.



Dave's Story

I didn't need lots of support. I just needed a place where I could go where I could chat through my concerns and needed help with my benefits.

Ben's Story

Ben (not his real name) was referred to our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) when he was placed in temporary accommodation by Dorset Council. He needed intensive support due to his complex needs, which included mental health issues.

Whilst working with us, he stabilized his medication and his mental health improved considerably. We supported him in many ways, including attending appointments with other agencies such as the Community Mental Health Team. At times he struggled with anxiety due to triggers, but we always managed to find common ground and retrieve the situation.

After assisting him with a Housing Application, he successfully secured accommodation in the social housing sector, leaving his temporary accommodation. We assisted him with the move, sourcing removals and items needed for his new home. We made sure that he was registered for all utilities, Council Tax and a TV license, and helped him settle into his new accommodation. He told his WASP worker that, when the day came that he no longer needed our support that he would miss him as he had "been a diamond." He also said; "thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

He successfully exited our WASP and no longer requires our intensive support. However, he knows he can always come into The Lantern and receive assistance from our Service Coordinator team.

"Thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

Who do Lantern support?

We are based in an area which is in the top 20% most deprived areas nationally regarding multiple deprivation. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors and face associated barriers to housing, benefits, health care, practical and emotional support which our services seek to address.

Who benefits from our work?

In 2023/24, 580 people were assisted by The Lantern, 493 of whom had complex needs. 600 were new referrals and 352 were pre-existing clients. Our services are unique in approach when considering local provision, in that we offer a complete range of services under one roof.

We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage.

Number of People Experiencing each Social Exclusion Factor

Social Exclusion	Number
Mental Illness	422
Alcohol misuse	182
Substance misuse	190
Physical Disability	171
Chronic/Terminal Illness	51
Learning disabilities	64
Ex-offenders	149
Gambling issues	4
Refugees	1
Men at risk of violence	26
Women at risk of violence	41
Special needs elderly requiring extra care	3
Vulnerable mother & baby	5
Young people at risk/leaving care	12
Vulnerable ex-service personnel	20
Street homeless	101
Sofa-surfing	96
Homeless in another setting	82
Repeat homelessness	86
Threatened with homelessness	108

Number of People Experiencing each Mental Health Issue	
Mental Health	**Number**
Depression	315
Anxiety	273
Self-Harm	46
Suicidal Ideation/Attempts	106
ADHD	51
OCD	16
Asperger's	23
PTSD	80
Schizophrenia	31
Bipolar Disorder	33
Personality Disorder	57
Agoraphobia	8
Mental Health issues due to Brain Injury	7
Autism	11
Under the CMHT for Assessment	15
Dual Diagnosis	47





The Lantern charity shop in Weymouth, Dorset.

The GSK IMPACT Awards 2022

The Lantern Trust was judged to be in the top 20 of 350 applications from registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. As runners-up, we were fortunate to receive a grant of £4000 to further our charitable aims. The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, providing funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. We aim to build on this achievement in the future through monitoring client health and wellbeing needs and developing services accordingly.

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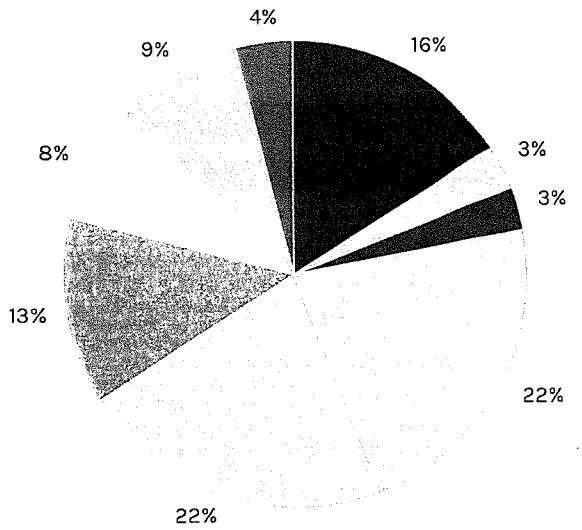
How do we Measure Success?

The number of people we reach, the number we house and the interventions delivered to meet people's needs has grown year on year:

2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
395 assisted	**517** assisted	**822** assisted	**952** assisted
53 housed	**109** housed	**118** housed	**119** housed
3796 interventions	**6615** interventions	**11407** interventions	**13720** interventions

2023/24 Lantern Interventions by Service

- Housing
- Benefits
- Health
- Drop-In
- Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project
- Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker
- Education, Training and Employment Coordinator
- Supported Accommodation Officer
- Wellbeing at Hope House



How are we doing?
In 2022/23

538 clients received housing assistance

2219 Housing interventions

185 clients received health assistance

160 clients received benefit assistance

119 unique clients were housed as **14** clients were housed in more than one setting

1188 Supported Accommodation Officer interventions

45 clients were assisted under our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project

264 Benefits interventions

604 clients received Drop-In assistance

455 Health interventions

1159 Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker interventions

7 Lantern units of accommodation

102 clients received Education, Training and Employment Coordinator assistance

24 clients received Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker assistance

104 clients received Wellbeing at Hope House + **587** Wellbeing interventions

1775 Education, Training and Employment Coordinator interventions

75 clients received assistance from our Supported Accommodation Officers

3065 Drop-In interventions

6 clients were supported by our Hostel Support Worker

3008 Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project interventions

Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Hope House Health and Wellbeing Hub is a new Lantern initiative which has been created in response to an identified need for an accessible mental health path-way with provision for outreach into the wider community across Dorset.

This plan is in line with the national NHS England long-term plan to transform mental health services. The basis of our planned health offer is to carry on our already established, evidence-based model of basing multiple agencies at one location in order to avoid duplication and red-tape in accessing services.

After completing our Crisis and Recovery Hub models, a gap in provision was identified, whereby some people found it difficult to access statutory primary and secondary mental health services. As, in our current location we could not be all things to all people, we built an offer of a "Lantern Lite" building at Hope House, located away from our Hub location. Our idea is to help us establish a community-based asset offering primary and secondary mental health service drop-ins which will facilitate people's easy access to services.





It is our belief that, in integrating both primary and secondary mental health care alongside colleagues from the third sector, we can build a new service model, bridging a gap which exists through having multiple care systems in place. It will also carry on the clearly defined working model of the Lantern's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach, which not only tracks, minutes and evidences client need but enables us to grow services in a way which is integrated and avoids duplication, ensuring that true collaboration is at the heart of all we're doing. This not only reflects best practice but, as a Hub together, we grow based on need.

Hope House will be run on Open Dialogue methodology, ensuring that people are central to decision-making regarding their care.



Our approach will be based on taking time to building lasting, trusting relationships with our clients, taking a holistic view of treating mental health issues, not in isolation but with an understanding of how all aspects of life are for the client and how support networks regarding family and friends can be utilized to the best advantage.

We are now proud to announce that alongside our partners Help & Care and BCHA, we have been awarded the new Access Wellbeing contract for the next 5 years. What a moment for us all to be proud as we are part of the formation of the new mental health system

Green Pastures

We are delighted to have become partners with Green Pastures, a social enterprise which, through their unique ethical investment model, changes the lives of homeless people, with one person housed through every £15,000 invested.

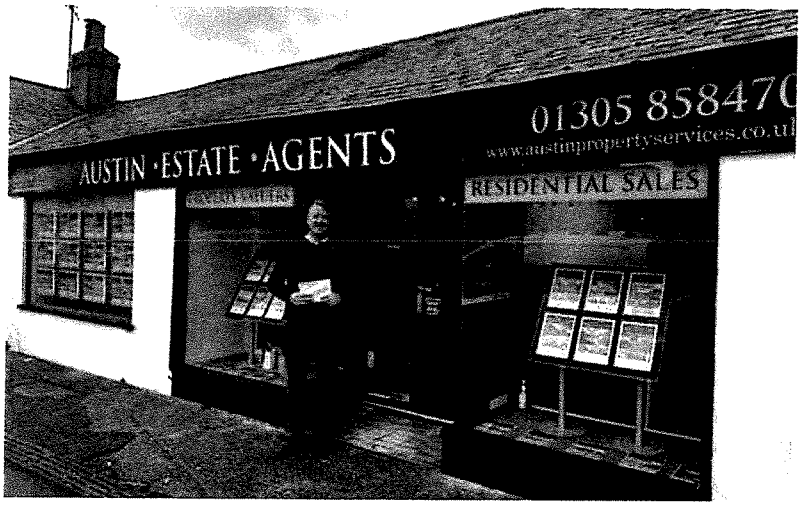
Green Pastures purchased Boot Hill, a 7-bedroom property which the Lantern was already supporting via the Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service under agreement with the previous owners. The bedrooms are all en-suite and there is a shared kitchen, yard and garden area.

Our residents benefit from good quality accommodation and intensive support from Lantern Hub services. We have just expanded our portfolio, with the addition of a 2-bedroom flat which will provide essential move on for people already in our housing stock or that of partner landlords and are ready for their next step.

Under the partnership, The Lantern identified and proposed the property to be purchased, refer people to the property and receive Housing Benefit which pays for the lease and maintains the property. Green Pastures purchased the property, leases it to The Lantern, provides professional consultancy on Housing Benefit, provides staff training regarding paperwork and practical issues and gives ongoing support, feedback and information.

Green Pastures and The Lantern share the view that providing housing is a starting point for supporting homeless people and that it can be used as a springboard to provide support for residents to gain life skills and the confidence to access meaningful activity and employment.

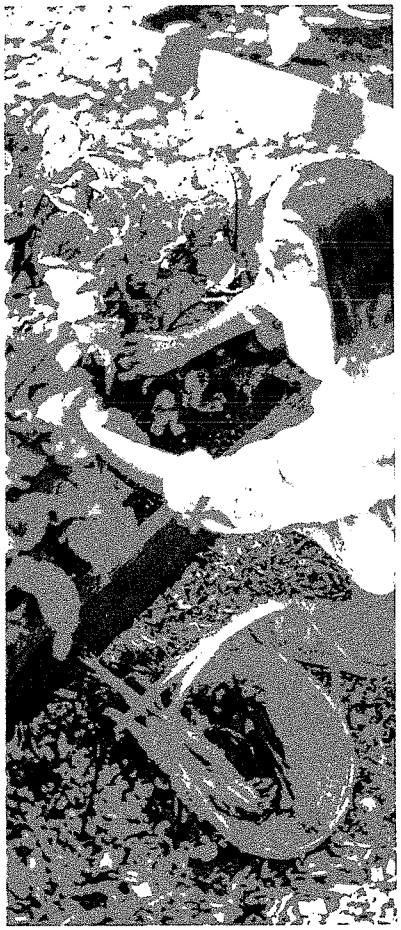
The premise of the offer at Hope House is the role of our Wellbeing Coordinators. They act as the building point to all of the Lanterns wider support offer that enables our customers to approach, feel listened to and supported.





Tumbledown Farm

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realize the importance of our community spaces and, more specifically, how we use them.



Tumbledown in Weymouth is a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, which is being developed into a community asset in partnership with Weymouth Area Development Trust (WADT).

Tumbledown Farm is a project run by Weymouth Town Council, who are working in partnership with Dorset Council, Public Health and Natural England. Following public consultations at the end of 2019, several key themes emerged which expressed how local people felt the land and its natural capital might be repurposed to meet the needs of the community, and its vulnerable members.

Our mission with the community grow-space is to give people a purpose and routine to their week. The Lantern prides itself on its sense of community, and it is our desire to carry this on into the project at Tumbledown. We also want to draw on the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor work and being in nature and green spaces. For many this will create a therapeutic atmosphere to escape the isolation and boredom people sometimes experience at home.

As a result of this, there will be the chance for participants to take the produce they have helped grow home to use themselves, reaping the benefits of their hard work. We offer a non-judgmental atmosphere for all people from all walks of life to be involved, giving people the opportunity to join a new community of like-minded and enthusiastic people ready to learn new skills and put their minds to new challenges.

There are a wide range of activities and lots of planned projects for Tumbledown, including: Volunteer Days, Community Grow Spaces and veggie boxes. Future prospective projects include a Community Kitchen, making jams and chutneys, cooking courses, a Café and a Farm Shop.

Service Coordinators (SCO) and Hub Services

Drop-In and Coffee Bar

Our Drop-In is often the first point of contact for clients approaching our service and our Service Coordinators triage and signpost them to relevant agencies, whether that be in-house, Hub partner or external agencies. Our SCOs are trained regarding homelessness and general support and offer light-touch interventions, from helping with energy bills, logging on to Universal Credit Journals and providing Food Bank vouchers to referrals into our GP Outreach Service, Dentaid, podiatry services and Specsavers.

Our coffee bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 2pm and offers a safe space for many of our clients. We serve refreshments at a reasonable cost, and clients are made to feel welcome whether they are approaching for assistance or just popping in to socialize and relax.

We believe that offering this "front room" environment encourages the growth of trusting relationships with our clients and breaks down barriers to accessing appropriate support.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Our Hub offers a CAB advisor, who specialises in benefit queries and debt advice and can help with Universal Credit, Limited Capability For Work Questionnaires and other disability claim forms such as those for Personal Independence Payment. An Income Maximisation Service is also offered in order to check that customers are in receipt of the correct benefits. We offer a variety of appointments from Monday to Thursday.

Interventions Alliance

Interventions Alliance is based in our Hub on Wednesdays, supporting clients on a license or Community Order, with a focus on community reintegration.

Barber Service

We have recently introduced a Barber Service, which runs every other Friday afternoon and requires pre- booking. Our Barber is recently qualified, and has offered to give free haircuts at the Lantern, in order to support people in the disadvantaged situation which he once found himself in.

Catch22

Catch22 offender management service is based in our Hub on Mondays, providing a rehabilitation service and long-term support needed for positive outcomes and to reduce reoffending.

You First Domestic Abuse Services

We understand the extra support needed for those experiencing domestic abuse or violence.
We have tried to make this as easy as possible for our clients, by offering a drop-in service with You First every Thursday morning from 10am-12pm.

Food Bank

We work closely with Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport and Bournemouth Food Banks, offering referral codes and informing clients of opening times, either in person or over the phone. We always ask for the underlying reasons behind the need to ensure that further support can be offered where appropriate.

Housing Team

The Lantern Housing & Resettlement Project, in funding partnership with Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council, continues to provide a specialised service for those in housing need as part of the Integrated Prevention and Support (IPS) Service, endeavouring to meet the complex needs and wishes of our customers with a flexible and holistic approach.

The Lantern values inter-agency working very highly and acts as a direct and easily accessible gateway to many other services within the area of Weymouth and Portland, whilst retaining its position as an in-house provider of a comprehensive Housing & Resettlement Project with provision for internal referrals to other Lantern services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs.

During 2022/23, the project assisted vulnerable members of society with varying levels of need. Accommodation has been sourced, loans for rent deposits and rent in advance provided, homelessness has been prevented and tenancies have been sustained through intensive ongoing support.

The service offers a minimum of six months tenancy support to those engaging with the service, with provision to provide ongoing support to those most in need.

Services

At the Lantern we know how important it is for our clients to improve their housing situations with a minimum of delay. The team works alongside Hub and external partner agencies including Julian House Dorset Assertive Homeless Outreach Team, Shelter, Shelter Housing First, The Bus Shelter Dorset and Dorset Council, to help navigate the client's housing journey.

They offer 3 housing appointments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are due to increase this offer in April 2023 to 5 days a week. Referrals are regularly made to supported accommodation and our own accommodation is utilized when vacancies permit.

In addition to a general housing advice service, the Team also assists with more specialised casework, such as Mandatory Reconsiderations and Appeals against intentionally homeless and non-priority need decisions.



Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes

Our clients are often in receipt of welfare benefits or on a low income and struggle to meet the considerable costs involved in securing accommodation. In order to remove this particular barrier to housing, we offer means tested Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes. For those unable to secure funding from other sources, we remain a last port of call.

WASP

Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project

Dorset Council

In October 2022, the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) was remodeled as the Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP), delivering a dedicated tenancy and wellbeing support service to clients needing a more intensive support offer than is offered by our Housing Team.

As with the RRP, the WASP forms part of Dorset Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative, and we work in partnership with the local authority and partner agencies to provide a well-rounded support offer to this complex cohort.

The WASP provides trauma-informed and person-centred ongoing support to clients, building lasting and trusting relationships which allows for honest, open dialogue and mutually agreed support pathways development.

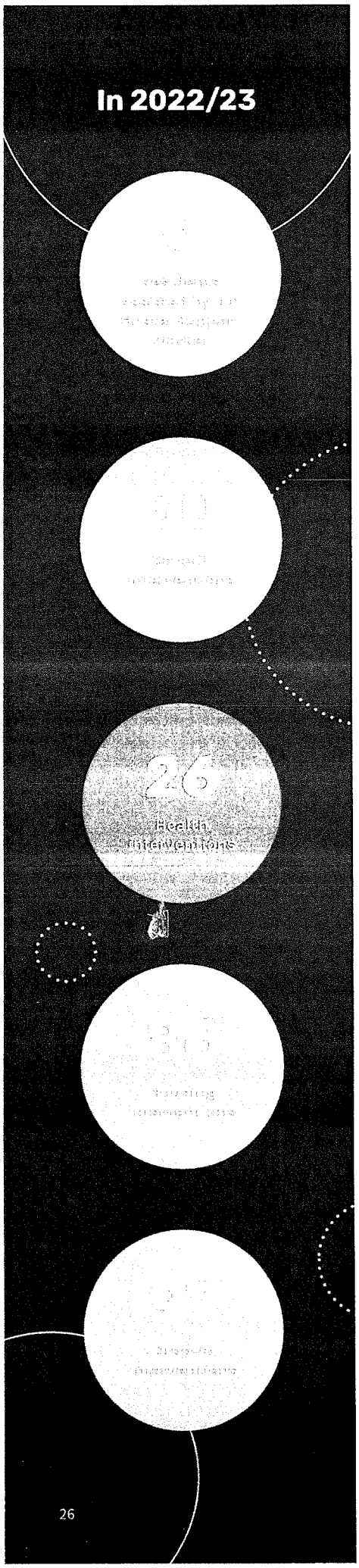
Support focuses on developing life skills, increasing motivation and using Personal Budgets to maximum effect to improve client prospects of accessing and maintaining accommodation and becoming tenancy ready for successful move-on into permanent accommodation.

We have great experience in working with a range of housing providers in the private sector and the team have worked to develop a robust landlord offer which has led to new units of accommodation becoming available.



We are now also landlords in our own right, in partnership with Green Pastures and are currently in the process of expanding our property portfolio.

"I need a place of hope that has been missing from my life. My WASP Worker enabled me to feel listened to and maintain my accommodation, but also allowed me to explore what life might hold for me."



Hardy House Hostel Project

The Lantern Hardy House Hostel Project was created in response to an increased need for homelessness provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and is undertaken in collaboration with Dorset Council.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 27/07/20, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project ran until 06/12/23. Hardy House is situated in Portland and is owned by Dorset Council. It provided 6 bedrooms with separate shower rooms and a shared kitchen for high needs individuals with support and security on site. There was also a self-contained one-bedroom flat which Dorset Council Housing Team used as emergency accommodation.



The project offered residents tailored packages of support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of entering and sustaining settled accommodation. 48 clients were assisted under the project.

CDAW

Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker Project

Our Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) post provides clients with specialised drug and alcohol interventions, complementing support given by The Lantern and working with the Dorset RSDATG[1] team and local partners to provide coordinated support to our clients. The role supports close partnership working with housing, health and wellbeing services, police, Criminal Justice and other relevant partners.

Trusting and professional partnerships are developed with and work undertaken alongside other support providers, statutory and voluntary sectors, prisons and hospitals to embed co-production and involvement.

The CDAW role is key to achieving the Public Health England objective to improve the lives of vulnerable people and will be part of our growing partnership of homelessness, support and rough sleeping services in the county, ensuring delivery of a seamless and collaborative approach which places the individual at the heart of all decisions.

[1]RSDATG - Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant.

SAO

Supported Accommodation Office Project

The Lantern Supported Accommodation Officer (SAO) roles were created in response to an increased need for tenancy support which had been identified in our client group.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 01/04/22, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project offers residents tailored packages of tenancy support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of sustaining their accommodation.

We also promote social reablement, supporting clients with access to health and wellbeing services and also supporting them to engage in meaningful occupation within the community. We draw on the many available resources found within our Hub Services. The purpose of the SAO role is to support people who are facing challenges in their lives and to help them overcome them by delivering tailored support which improves emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence.

The SAOs support individuals who have experienced vulnerable housing in the past, enabling our clients to obtain the life skills necessary to move on into more independent living. Support is provided to a range of clients in Lantern accommodation and temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact. As a stand-alone project, our SAOs have deployed a great deal of initiative in establishing and maintaining the project to ensure its ongoing success in supporting our clients.

ETE

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project

Our ETE Coordinator helps vulnerable clients work towards improving their self-confidence and self-esteem, which is a key element of work contributing towards our goal to improve client health and wellbeing. This is achieved through offering clients the opportunity to engage in meaningful occupation, with a view to reducing feelings of social isolation, encouraging social integration into our wider community.

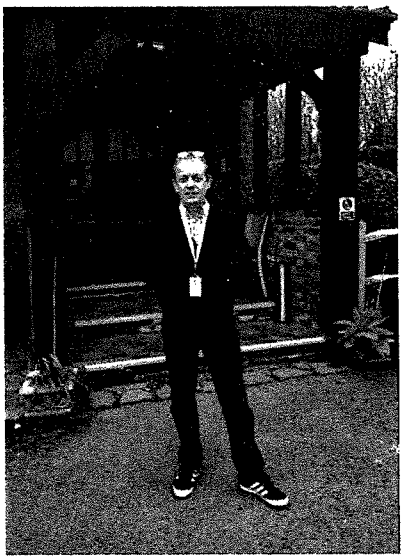
Clients are currently encouraged to take part in activities such as relaxation sessions, reading, art classes, walking, gym sessions, swimming and Fight Back Mental Health classes. As client confidence increases, we expect to see a natural progression towards an uptake in volunteering opportunities, education and, ultimately, employment.

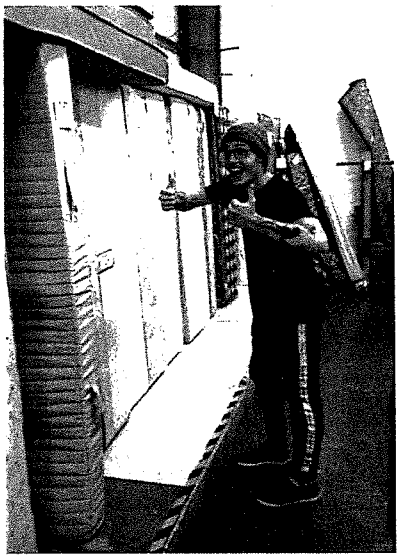
The ETE Coordinator also oversees the Lantern's Tumbledown Farm green space allotment project - a meaningful activity project which acts as a valuable step towards social reintegration through the development of social and practical life skills.

"The ETE project provides access to opportunities to engage clients in a variety of activities including life skills, learning and access to pathways to training and education."

Tanya Bailey, ETE Coordinator







The Lantern GP Outreach Service

Our GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices.

Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services. Many people engaging with The Lantern need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care.

Clients are booked in for Thursday and Friday appointments upon request by Lantern staff throughout the week and seen in our clinical room. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification. An average of 5 to 6 clients are seen during each surgery. Many clients are street homeless and people experiencing housing vulnerabilities and poverty. By its very nature, an outreach project breaks down barriers through meeting people on their own terms.

The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.



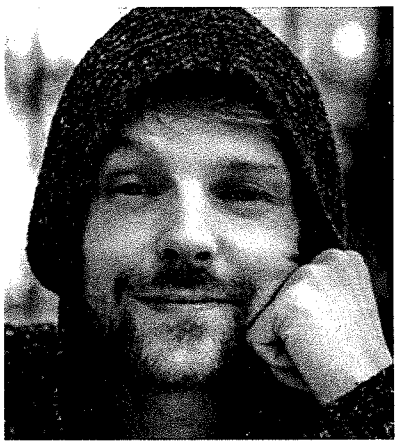


GP Outreach present at: The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.

Your Voice

Our service users are stakeholders and therefore all our services are client-led and driven by the needs of our local community.

We have formed a sub-group entitled "Your Voice," which is comprised of our CEO, Chair of Trustees and Operations Manager who hold regular meetings with our service users in order to gain feedback and inform future and current services. This ensures that we are aware of shifting trends regarding service user needs and local issues, allowing us to make a positive contribution to a drive against poverty, marginalisation and social isolation in our locality.



Client involvement and engagement in developing wider service provision relevant to presenting needs is actively encouraged via discussion and the opportunity to take part in Lantern "Your Voice" sessions where appropriate. "Your Voice" was developed in order to give our clients the opportunity to raise, respond to and discuss presenting issues and service delivery. In this way they can play a valuable part in shaping future development of our services and assist us in identifying gaps in service provision. We also hope to engender a positive sense of empowerment in those who participate in "Your Voice" sessions.

The feedback gathered is shared and discussed during established stakeholder meetings and, where appropriate, fed into development plans. As an example, during a "Your Voice" session on the topic of homelessness, participants felt that new rough sleepers and the homeless community using The Lantern would benefit from a peer-led system where information could be shared with them about facilities and processes in the Weymouth area and to manage expectations for help.

The idea was floated about forming a working group or a homelessness



forum where people's lived experience could be used to shape and inform the development of services which most participants felt would be useful, and this idea will be developed through further client discussion. During a session on the subject of mental health, it became apparent that some clients on strong anti-psychotic medication were not able to access essential physical health checks, due to reasons such as being homeless, having a transient lifestyle, moving address frequently or not being linked in with a GP. After this gap in provision was identified, Lantern staff arranged for two clients to be given health and wellbeing assessments, one via our GP Outreach Service and one via an external GP.

Case Study

Tim* has complex health needs, housing needs and substance misuse issues.

He attended The Lantern COVID-19 vaccination clinic for his booster and the Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) introduced himself and explained his role. Tim engaged well and agreed to work with the CDAW towards tackling his addiction issues. He had a long history of alcohol dependence which had an extremely harmful impact on his social capabilities and had led to homelessness and considerable physical ill health.

He expressed a willingness to stop drinking but was unable to do this himself safely. The CDAW visited him in his accommodation and it soon became apparent that his health needed addressing in many ways. With his agreement, the CDAW liaised with our Nurse Practitioner. His physical health was a concern - he had been admitted to hospital with melaena, a gastroscopy showed grade B oesophagitis, a gastric ulcer, gastritis and portal hypertension. He was jaundiced, confused and had ascites; liver cirrhosis was confirmed on a CT scan. He had osteoporosis and had sustained multiple fractures as a result of falling while intoxicated.

The CDAW, Nurse Practitioner and Tim discussed these health outcomes and he was re-referred to the Orthopaedic Team for treatment of his complex fractures. With medical testimony, the CDAW was able to apply for rehab. In order to give him the support needed, Lantern staff created a collaborative support network and plan involving our Hostel Support Worker, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE), Housing Team and Nurse Practitioner.

Our Hostel Support Worker liaised with the CDAW and notified him of his Probation appointments, and the CDAW attended and liaised with the Probation Officer. Staff identified that Dorset Council could reassess his housing status and a meeting was arranged, with the result that his case was reassessed. He was then placed on Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) and was housed through the local authority in his own independent flat. Lantern staff then organised a Social Services Care Assessment to ensure his additional needs were met.

Our ETE introduced herself and met with him on a weekly basis. These meetings ranged from general discussion to walks, cooking and discussions regarding ideas/ goals for the future. He was also invited to join our relaxation and reading mornings. As a team, we have seen the benefits of this collaborative approach. Tim has reflected and demonstrated this by his motivation and attendance of all meetings, appointments and activities. His attitude, mindset and input into all discussions is positive and proactive as are, most noticeably, his efforts to reduce his drinking when participating in all these activities.

As part of the process of application to detox/rehab, he succeeded in demonstrating his motivation. We were successful in our application and funding was granted for detox/ rehab. Having liaised with a specific rehab, he was identified as needing a specialist detox first as a result of his medical/health status, in particular his cirrhosis of the liver.

The CDAW sourced a specialist detox unit and he was successfully assessed. An admission date to rehab was agreed on with a two-week detox first. The Lantern supported him to detox in Kent for two weeks. The CDAW liaised with Rehab and organised for him to be collected from detox and to go straight to rehab.

* Name has been changed

Where Does Our Support Come From?

We receive funding for commissioned services and we make numerous applications to grant-making Trusts in order to fund core running costs and other specific projects when required.

We apply to a range of funders to ensure that we are not reliant upon a limited number of funding sources, thereby mitigating financial risk to our services. Our Charity Shop generates income and we receive rent from stakeholder agencies using office space in our Hub. Our accommodation units generate rental income and we will expect this income to rise as our property portfolio increases. We also have a fundraising team and occasionally hold fundraising events in the local community.







Our Charity Shop

The Lantern Charity Shop is located in an area of multiple deprivation. It has become a local community Hub in its own right, providing a valued community resource and a sociable meeting place for regular customers.

For those in most need, we provide our own vouchers enabling clients to obtain clothes, shoes and household items free of charge. The shop also provides a chance for clients to take the first steps into voluntary work and meaningful occupation, which ties in with our Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project.

Fundraising

We are always looking at new and innovative ways of fundraising for our project and have a dedicated Fundraiser Page on Facebook.
To donate to The Lantern, please go to **www.give.net** and click on the donate button.

For further information regarding fundraising, please see our website **www.lanterntrust.org.uk**, Facebook pages **@LanternTrustUK** or contact us via **info@lanterntrust.org.uk**

Support from Local Businesses

We are very fortunate to have the support of many local businesses, whom we would like to thank. Not only do our customers benefit from their kindness, donations, ideas and expertise, they also benefit from a real sense of community which their involvement brings. In an area of multiple deprivation, we see a real coming together of local people who are passionate about helping those most in need.

Future Planning

Organisational Development

Organisational development needs identified in our Strategic Plan 2022-2024 are to consolidate services, build a fit for purpose organisation, generate a solid evidence-base of needs and impact, achieve financial sustainability and establish our position in the sector.

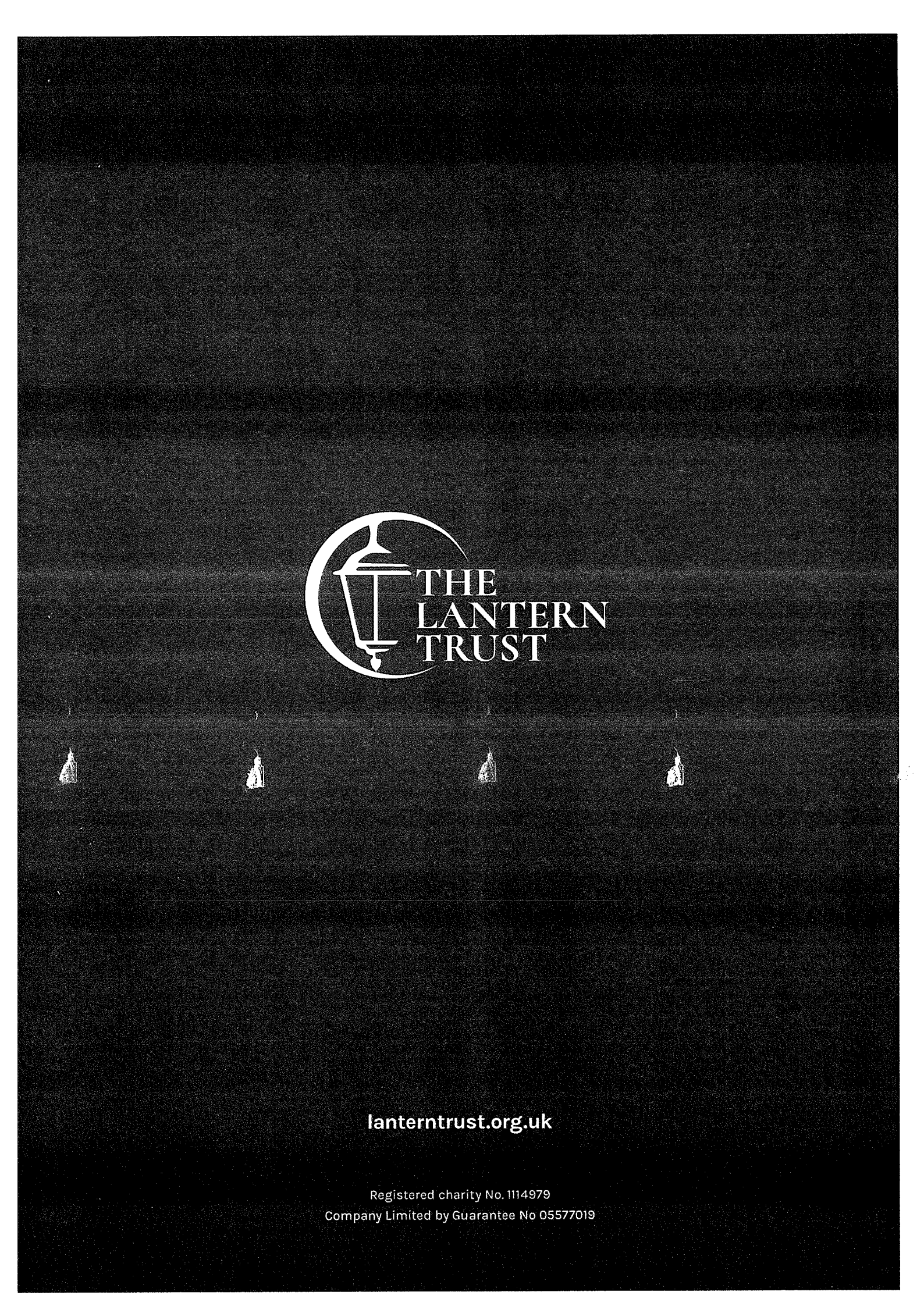
We will measure success through working towards the agreed targets set out in the strategic plan and recording the results achieved. We wish to monitor our progress on the Strategic Plan and explore areas of development such as social enterprise, back to work initiatives, developing the wellbeing aspects of our Hub services, maintaining the financial capability of offering a rent deposit scheme to a growing number of applicants and continued implementation of the Outcome Star as a means of recording client outcomes. We also wish to expand our accommodation portfolio in partnership with Green Pastures.

Our ambition is to fulfil the goals set out in our Strategic Plan and to achieve the financial resilience necessary to continue to meet the needs of our growing client base.

What next? Our Strategic Priorities

- Everyone we support will receive a person-centred holistic support offer covering every aspect of their lives.
- We aim to work more closely with the NHS and Dorset Healthcare colleagues so people can get appropriate access to mental health and wellbeing support at the earliest opportunity.
- We will strive to continue collaborating with colleagues across Dorset from both statutory and non-statutory agencies in order to reduce the barriers people face in receiving support.
- The voice of lived experience and those using our services will continue to direct where and how our support is delivered.
- The Lantern are working to increase their own portfolio in order to create available housing stock for the most socially excluded.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial activities, the Consolidated income and expenditure account, the Consolidated balance sheet, the Charity balance sheet, the Consolidated 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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 Group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the Group's 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; and
- 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 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 Group's or the parent charitable company'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 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 Auditors' report thereon. The 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.

Opinion 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.
- the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 Group's and the parent charitable company'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 Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We assessed the risk of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Group and how it complies with those through enquires of management and those charged with governance. Laws and regulations which make have a direct material effect on the financial statements include the Companies Act 2006 and the Charity Act 2011. Other laws and regulations which may have a material effect on the financial statements include safeguarding, housing and health and safety laws; and

- communicating within the audit team and maintaining professional scepticism.

Specifically in respect of fraud we discussed with those charged with governance areas in which the Group was susceptible to fraud and whether there were an instances of known, suspected or alleged fraud. We also assessed the ability of internal controls to mitigate the risk of fraud and where internal controls were lacking we performed additional audit procedures.

We assessed the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations by:

- making enquiries of management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation or claims;

- reading meeting minutes for evidence of discussions which may indicate potential litigation and claims;

- reviewing the company's records for evidence of legal costs which may indicate non-compliance with laws and regulations; and

- requesting sight of any correspondence from regulators.

To address the fraud risk of management override of controls, we:

- tested the validity of journal entries;

- tested accounting estimates for evidence of potential bias;

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual relationships;

- sought explanations and evidence for any transactions outside the normal course of business; and

- assessed the appropriateness of accounting policies, including in respect of revenue recognition, bearing in mind the specific requirements of the Charities SORP, using data from outside the accounting system.

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 is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Other matters

The comparative information in the financial statements is derived from the prior year financial statements of the charitable company which were not audited.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr P A Cattermole FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of
Xeinadin Audit Limited

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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Date: 17 December 2024

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

(A company limited by guarantee)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited)* £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**5,600**	**210,529**	**216,129**	*73,284*
Charitable activities	4	**197,892**	**730,927**	**928,819**	*649,026*
Other trading activities	5	**-**	**46,547**	**46,547**	*40,358*
Investments	6	**-**	**35,481**	**35,481**	*26,198*
Total income		**203,492**	**1,023,484**	**1,226,976**	*788,866*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	**-**	**69,930**	**69,930**	*64,619*
Charitable activities	8	**204,315**	**659,710**	**864,025**	*651,230*
Total expenditure		**204,315**	**729,640**	**933,955**	*715,849*
Net movement in funds		**(823)**	**293,844**	**293,021**	*73,017*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**33,738**	**550,205**	**583,943**	*510,926*
Net movement in funds		**(823)**	**293,844**	**293,021**	*73,017*
Total funds carried forward		**32,915**	**844,049**	**876,964**	*583,943*

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

(A company limited by guarantee)

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £*
Gross income in the reporting period		**1,226,976**	*788,866*
Less: Total expenditure		**(933,955)**	*(715,849)*
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period		**293,021**	*73,017*

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 (unaudited) £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**511,067**		*495,701*
			511,067		*495,701*
Current assets					
Debtors	15	**135,191**		*73,808*	
Investments	16	**250,000**		*100,000*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**221,994**		*143,584*	
		607,185		*317,392*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(241,288)**		*(59,150)*	
Net current assets			**365,897**		*258,242*
Total assets less current liabilities			**876,964**		*753,943*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**-**		*(170,000)*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**876,964**		*583,943*
Total net assets			**876,964**		*583,943*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	19		**32,915**		*33,738*
Unrestricted funds	19		**844,049**		*550,205*
Total funds			**876,964**		*583,943*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)
Date: 11/12/2024

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements.

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 (unaudited) £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		**511,024**		*495,646*
Investments	14		**2**		*2*
			511,026		*495,648*
Current assets					
Debtors	15	**138,453**		*75,621*	
Investments	16	**250,000**		*100,000*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**216,468**		*139,821*	
		604,921		*315,442*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	**(238,983)**		*(57,147)*	
Net current assets			**365,938**		*258,295*
Total assets less current liabilities			**876,964**		*753,943*
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		**-**		*(170,000)*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**876,964**		*583,943*
Total net assets			**876,964**		*583,943*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	19		**32,915**		*33,738*
Unrestricted funds	19		**844,049**		*550,205*
Total funds			**876,964**		*583,943*

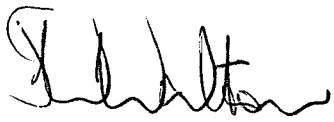
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £293,021 *(2023 - £73,013).*

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Mr I Walton FCA
(Trustee)
Date: 17/12/2024

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	*2023 (unaudited) £*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	**212,830**	*(86,768)*
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**35,481**	*26,198*
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	**(19,901)**	*(46,182)*
Proceeds from sale of investments	**100,000**	-
Purchase of investments	**(250,000)**	*(100,000)*
Net cash used in investing activities	**(134,420)**	**(119,984)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	**-**	**-**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**78,410**	**(206,752)**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**143,584**	*350,336*
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**221,994**	*143,584*

The notes on pages 46 to 72 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarentee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ. The charity operates from premises at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Gift Aid

In the case of a Gift Aid payment made within the Group, income is accrued when the payment is payable to the Parent Charity under a legal obligation. Measurement is at the fair value receivable, which will normally be the transaction value.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Charity assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Freehold property - land	-	not depreciated
Freehold property - structure	- 1%	
Freehold property - roof and internal fixtures	- 4%	
Fixtures and fittings	- 15%	reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 15%	reducing balance

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.7 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Current asset investments

Current asset investments includes short-term investments with a maturity of over three months from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and maturity of less than 12 months from the reporting date.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.14 Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.

2.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	5,600	210,529	**216,129**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations	*7,500*	*65,784*	*73,284*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants and services provided under contract	197,892	640,031	**837,923**
Property	-	90,896	**90,896**
	197,892	730,927	**928,819**

	Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £*	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £*
Grants and services provided under contract	*136,701*	*431,176*	*567,877*
Property	-	*81,149*	*81,149*
	136,701	*512,325*	*649,026*

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	46,547	**46,547**

The subsidiary's trading income comes from a charity shop which sells goods donated by the public.

5. Income from other trading activities (continued)

Income from non charitable trading activities (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited)* £
Subsidiary trading income - sale of goods	*40,358*	*40,358*

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024** £
Rental income	33,723	**33,723**
Investment income	1,758	**1,758**
	35,481	**35,481**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited)* £
Rental income	*26,198*	*26,198*

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024** £
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	36,475	**36,475**

7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Costs of raising voluntary income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited)* £
Allocated centrally incurred fundraising and governance costs	*33,559*	*33,559*

Other trading expenses

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024** £
Subsidiary trading expenses	21,011	**21,011**
Subsidiary staff costs	12,444	**12,444**
	33,455	**33,455**

7. Expenditure on raising funds (continued)

Other trading expenses (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited)* £
Subsidiary trading expenses	*21,867*	*21,867*
Subsidiary staff costs	*9,193*	*9,193*
	31,060	*31,060*

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024 £**	**Total 2024 £**
Grants and services provided under contract	204,315	575,586	**779,901**
Property	-	84,124	**84,124**
	204,315	659,710	**864,025**

	Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited)* £	*Total 2023 (unaudited)* £
Grants and services provided under contract	*114,210*	*471,308*	*585,518*
Property	-	*65,712*	*65,712*
	114,210	*537,020*	*651,230*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Direct costs - see below	779,901	**779,901**
Property	84,124	**84,124**
	864,025	**864,025**

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 (unaudited) £	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £*
Direct costs - see below	*585,518*	*585,518*
Property	*65,712*	*65,712*
	651,230	*651,230*

9. **Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Grants and services provided under contract 2024 £	Property Income 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	500,008	-	**500,008**
Coffee bar purchases	287	-	**287**
Telephone and internet	4,437	-	**4,437**
Insurance	8,941	-	**8,941**
Light, heat and power	14,352	-	**14,352**
Rent, rates and water	38,317	-	**38,317**
Repairs and maintenance	14,657	-	**14,657**
Office supplies and postage	5,657	-	**5,657**
Equipment, repairs and replacements	8,340	-	**8,340**
Staff and volunteer expenses	13,284	-	**13,284**
Training and resources	7,875	-	**7,875**
Rent deposits and customer support	116,304	-	**116,304**
Software support	16,485	-	**16,485**
Boot Hill rent and expenses	-	70,331	**70,331**
Carlton Road rent and expenses	-	13,793	**13,793**

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Professional fees	10,249	-	**10,249**
Sundries	185	-	**185**
Depreciation and impairment	4,523	-	**4,523**
Governance costs	16,000	-	**16,000**
	779,901	84,124	**864,025**

	Grants and services provided under contract 2023 (unaudited) £	*Property Income 2023 (unaudited) £*	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £*
Staff costs	*411,475*	-	*411,475*
Coffee bar purchases	*361*	-	*361*
Telephone and internet	*3,798*	-	*3,798*
Insurance	*7,190*	-	*7,190*
Light, heat and power	*9,599*	-	*9,599*
Rent, rates and water	*5,080*	-	*5,080*
Repairs and maintenance	*22,649*	-	*22,649*
Office supplies and postage	*7,637*	-	*7,637*
Equipment, repairs and replacements	*9,341*	-	*9,341*
Staff and volunteer expenses	*11,685*	-	*11,685*
Training and resources	*4,079*	-	*4,079*
Rent deposits and customer support	*60,207*	-	*60,207*

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

Software support	*17,833*	-	*17,833*
Boot Hill rent and expenses	-	*65,712*	*65,712*
Independent examiners fee	*3,500*	-	*3,500*
Professional fees	*762*	-	*762*
Depreciation and impairment	*3,913*	-	*3,913*
Governance costs	*6,409*	-	*6,409*
	585,518	*65,712*	*651,230*

Property costs are allocated based on direct expenditure incurred.

10. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration amounts to an auditor fee of £12,000 *(2023 - £-)*, and accounts preparation and payroll services of £7,000 *(2023 - £6,200)*.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. Staff costs

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Wages and salaries	**490,306**	*403,602*	**478,655**	*394,409*
Social security costs	**38,903**	*36,376*	**38,550**	*36,376*
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**15,792**	*12,356*	**15,352**	*12,356*
	545,001	*452,334*	**532,557**	*443,141*

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	Group 2024 No.	*Group 2023 (unaudited) No.*	Charity 2024 No.	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) No.*
Number of employees	**26**	*20*	**25**	*19*

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel received wages of £116,161 (2023 - £107,619) with employer's national insurance contributions of £11,197 (2023 - £10,565) and pension contributions of £3,548 (2023 - £3,293).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits *(2023 - £NIL-)*.

During the year, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2023 - £NIL)*.

13. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	**468,541**	**51,819**	**9,007**	**529,367**
Additions	**2,784**	**-**	**17,117**	**19,901**
At 31 March 2024	**471,325**	**51,819**	**26,124**	**549,268**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	**-**	**29,376**	**4,290**	**33,666**
Charge for the year	**-**	**2,811**	**1,724**	**4,535**
At 31 March 2024	**-**	**32,187**	**6,014**	**38,201**
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	**471,325**	**19,632**	**20,110**	**511,067**
At 31 March 2023 (unaudited)	*468,541*	*22,443*	*4,717*	*495,701*

Charity

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2023	**468,541**	**51,819**	**8,775**	**529,135**
Additions	**2,784**	**-**	**17,117**	**19,901**
At 31 March 2024	**471,325**	**51,819**	**25,892**	**549,036**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	**-**	**29,376**	**4,113**	**33,489**
Charge for the year	**-**	**2,811**	**1,712**	**4,523**
At 31 March 2024	**-**	**32,187**	**5,825**	**38,012**
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	**471,325**	**19,632**	**20,067**	**511,024**
At 31 March 2023 (unaudited)	*468,541*	*22,443*	*4,662*	*495,646*

14. Fixed asset investments

Charity	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	**2**
At 31 March 2024	**2**

15. Debtors

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	**123,208**	*57,600*	**123,208**	*57,600*
Amounts owed by group undertakings	**-**	*-*	**7,476**	*6,677*
Prepayments and accrued income	**8,464**	*10,708*	**4,250**	*5,844*
Tax recoverable	**3,519**	*5,500*	**3,519**	*5,500*
	135,191	*73,808*	**138,453**	*75,621*

16. Current asset investments

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Fixed term deposit accounts	**250,000**	100,000	**250,000**	100,000

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Other creditors	**8,621**	*7,183*	**8,567**	*7,183*
Accruals and deferred income	**232,667**	*51,967*	**230,416**	*49,964*
	241,288	*59,150*	**238,983**	*57,14*

Deferred income comprises amounts received under contracts for the provision of services, for which services have not been provided at the year-end.

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Amount owed to Albert Hunt Trust	-	*170,000*	-	*170,000*

The loan, which was at a below market rate, was secured against property held by the trust. This loan was released and mortgage fully discharged on 15 August 2023.

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	550,205	1,023,484	(729,640)	844,049
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	33,738	203,492	(204,315)	32,915
Total of funds	583,943	1,226,976	(933,955)	876,964

19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 March 2023 (unaudited)* £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	*510,926*	*644,665*	*(635,587)*	*30,201*	*550,205*
Restricted funds					
Restricted funds	*-*	*144,201*	*(80,262)*	*(30,201)*	*33,738*
Total of funds	*510,926*	*788,866*	*(715,849)*	*-*	*583,943*

20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

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Restricted funds	**33,738**	**203,492**	**(204,315)**	**32,915**
	583,943	**1,226,976**	**(933,955)**	**876,964**

20. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 31 March 2023* £
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Restricted funds	-	*144,201*	*(80,262)*	*(30,201)*	*33,738*
	510,926	*788,866*	*(715,849)*	-	*583,943*

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	511,067	**511,067**
Current assets	32,915	574,270	**607,185**
Creditors due within one year	-	(241,288)	**(241,288)**
Total	32,915	844,049	**876,964**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 (unaudited) £*	*Total funds 2023 (unaudited) £*
Tangible fixed assets	-	*495,701*	*495,701*
Current assets	*33,738*	*283,654*	*317,392*
Creditors due within one year	-	*(59,150)*	*(59,150)*
Creditors due in more than one year	-	*(170,000)*	*(170,000)*
Total	*33,738*	*550,205*	*583,943*

22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**293,021**	*73,017*
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**4,535**	*3,931*
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	**(35,481)**	*(26,198)*
Increase in debtors	**(61,383)**	*(26,080)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**12,138**	*(111,438)*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**212,830**	*(86,768)*

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*
Cash at bank and in hand	**221,994**	*143,584*
Total cash and cash equivalents	**221,994**	*143,584*

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	Acquisition of investments	Other non-cash changes	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	143,584	228,410	(150,000)	-	221,994
Debt due after 1 year	(170,000)	-	-	170,000	-
Liquid investments	100,000	-	150,000	-	250,000
	73,584	228,410	-	170,000	471,994

25. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to income and expenditure in respect of defined contribution schemes was £15,792 (2023 - £12,356).

Contributions totalling £2,667 (2023 - £NIL) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

26. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Not later than 1 year	**81,099**	*65,229*	**66,099**	*50,229*
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	**189,374**	*201,467*	**183,124**	*180,217*
Later than 5 years	**5,200**	-	**5,200**	-
	275,673	*266,696*	**254,423**	*230,446*

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	Group 2024 £	*Group 2023 (unaudited) £*	Charity 2024 £	*Charity 2023 (unaudited) £*
Operating lease rentals	**80,713**	*61,376*	**65,713**	*47,322*

27. Related party transactions

The charity received donations of £13,092 (2023 - £9,292) from its trading subsidiary, Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited in respect of trading profits distributed under covenant.

28. Controlling party

The charitable company is controlled by the trustees, who are directors of the charitable company.

29. Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Charity:

Name	Company number	Registered office or principal place of business	Principal activity
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	05499909	Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ	Charity shop

Class of shares	Holding	Included in consolidation
Ordinary	100%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit/(Loss)/ Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year £	Net assets £
Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited	**46,547**	**33,455**	**13,092**	**2**

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England & Wales - Charity number 1114979

Accounts

Charity registration number 1114979

Company registration number 05577019 (England and Wales)

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell	
	Mr I Walton FCA	
	Mrs E Ireland	
	Rev. P Elliott	
	Dr J Orrell	
	Mrs J Clarke	
	Rev. J Haine	(Resigned 2 November 2022)
	Dr S De Kretser	(Appointed 7 February 2023)
Secretary	Mr I Walton FCA	
Charity number	1114979	
Company number	05577019	
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ	
Independent examiner	CB Reid Limited Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ	

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities for Achieving Objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice, benefit advice, outreach, counselling, crisis response and front-line practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

a. Key Financial Performance Indicators

The year 2022/2023 has seen a significant increase in the demand for the services on offer from the Lantern and there was a resultant expansion in the existing provision as well as the introduction of some new services to meet that demand.

A summary of the various activities and the services offered by the Lantern together with the outcomes for the 2022/2023 year is set out in the accompanying report.

Contracted work was a large contributor to the income during the year and accounted for fees of £363,635 compared with £294,755 in the previous year.

This increase was largely due to a new supported accommodation offer funded by Dorset Healthcare as well as a further new initiative offering access to psychotherapy and navigator services for those who presented with particular mental health issues.

As regards other income donations generally were lower this year than the previous year as we had anticipated but we did have a full year of income from our HMO property in the amount of £81,150.

In total our incomes amounted to £757,804 and net income after expenses of £684,788 was £73,016 compared with £68,532 in the previous year.

In the circumstances with fundraising so much more difficult in this year given the economic conditions and the increased demand on our services this is considered to be a reasonable result.

In line with our strategic plan we did during the year complete the conversion of two garages in our Queen Street property to increase our office and clinical suite accommodation together with new laundry and shower facilities for use by our cohort.

This conversion cost £40,082 and has been very beneficial.

At year end our Balance sheet reflected total funds of £583,943 (including restricted funds of £33,738) and this compared with funds of £510,927 at the previous year end.

There have also been a number of developments which are of note since year end.

Albert Hunt Trust has very generally forgiven us by way of a donation the outstanding balance of £170,000 on the mortgage loan at 31 March 2023 and this has of course substantially strengthened our Balance Sheet and means that we now own both of our properties in Ranelagh Road and Queen Street respectively on an unencumbered basis.

Further in line with our Strategic Plan to provide more of our own accommodation to our cohort we have since the year end finalised a Lease with Green Pastures who have partnered us in our other HMO property for a two bedroom property and this is now occupied.

It is hoped that we will be able add to these properties in the future as and when the right opportunities arise.

And there has been a very exciting and significant event for the Lantern and our Hope House Wellbeing hub in that NHS Dorset has agreed to fund four Wellbeing coordinators as well as a manager and an administrative assistant through until 31 March 2025.

We are also currently part of a bid which will substantially increase this offer for a potential five year period.

Finally we are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us during this year and beyond in whatever way and we hope and trust that this support can continue given the work that is happening at the Lantern and the numbers of people who are being helped in their time of need.

In particular, our thanks go to the following who have provided grants and other funding during this year.

National Lottery Community Fund

Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation

Lloyds Bank Foundation

Hall and Woodhouse Charitable Giving

Weymouth Town Council

Albert Hunt Trust

Tudor Trust

Dorset County Council

Arnold Clark

Janet Bligh

Medisave

Dorset Showhomes

Green Pastures

Weyline Taxis

And as well as our course all of our private donors and Churches who have also been so generous

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Summary

We recognise that people with multiple exclusion factors struggle to see a future when the help they need seems desperately out of reach. At Lantern Trust, we listen and endeavor to understand the best way to access the support and services which are required. The Lantern Trust can provide a number of these services and where necessary engage assistance from our partner agencies. No longer do these people have to be so isolate. Instead, they can be part of a community at The Lantern which helps them continue or start to make positive changes in their lives and bring benefits for the local community.

Of course, none of the above would have been achieved without our wonderful team of staff and volunteers including our charity shop in Chapelhay Street, Weymouth under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham. This year once again in the face of the extra demands on our service they have gone above and beyond to help the people who present at the Lantern at their point of need. They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and empathy to their work which encapsulates the very ethos of the Lantern where every person is treated as an individual and with respect and where Hope is possible.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to:

- Continue with our basic services for our clients
- Meet contractual obligations
- Be good and fair employers
- Build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- Protect and maintain the Charity's assets

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 3 to 6 months of future operating costs which equates to approximately £175,000 to £350,000.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979.

The 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:

Mrs A Bazell
Mr I Walton FCA
Mrs E Ireland
Rev. P Elliott
Dr J Orrell
Mrs J Clarke
Rev. J Haine (Resigned 2 November 2022)
Dr S De Kretser (Appointed 7 February 2023)

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

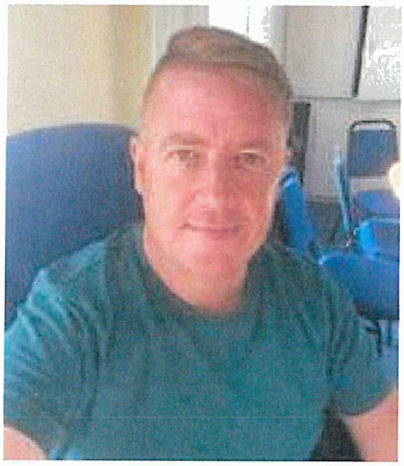
The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee

Dated 30 November 2023.

A message from our Chief Executive

The last year has been an incredibly challenging but rewarding one for all at the Lantern Trust. We have seen record numbers of people in need approach our services and as a result the services we offer have also had to grow.



Mike Graham
Chief Executive Officer

The premise of our offer remains a simple one, in order to bring about lasting change in our customers lives, we have to build services that are able to support all aspects of a persons life.

We believe that the way to best achieve this is via our hub provision and working in partnership with all partners across all sectors to help remove the barriers our customers face when approaching services in need. Our crisis and recovery hubs are now full of likeminded agencies committed to delivering person centred support and May of this year we created a new Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub at Hope House. Our new hub is funded via the NHS and is looking at supporting people at the earliest opportunity with their mental health and wellbeing support needs. We all see this latest project at Hope House as the finishing piece in our Hub support model that can be reactive both from a location perspective and also for our services to move more towards prevention.

We are excited to be part of a new tender that will see a new large workforce of Wellbeing Coordinators becoming integrated into communities across Dorset as part of the new MHICC (Mental Health Integrated Community Care) model that is aiming to bridge the gaps in mental health support across all sectors and the NHS. I have been honoured to not only represent the Lantern but that of the voice of our customers throughout the MHICC's journey which has taken us to the point of the new tender over the course of the last two years.

The Lantern above all things wants the voice of our customers lived experience shared, not only to tell the most important stories, but to bring about system change in the way that all services are commissioned. Our hub provision and the co-location of many agencies has been used as a model of best practice and this is something we are all very proud of.

We are also very proud to announce that our tender for the provision of our crisis and recovery hubs was successful under Dorset Council's DIPS service (Dorset Integrated Prevention Service), and this not only strengthens our relationship with Dorset Council but provides stability to our funding in what has been a very challenging time across all of the third sector.

Our Dorset Council Rough Sleeper Initiative funded WASP (Wellbeing Accommodation Sustainment Project) has continued to build on the previous years excellent offer and we have more landlords on board who are willing to give our customers the offer of accommodation.

I would like to personally thank all of the landlords who work with our various teams for believing and supporting our work and for giving our customers a home. All of our RSI teams work tirelessly to support our customers not only with the transition from the streets into accommodation, but then onto being part of their communities and leading meaningful lives. Another essential part of the RSI project is our ETE (Employment Training Education) project and our workers great links with our local community and giving our customers access to activities and opportunities that they may have never experienced before.

At the base of all of our work is Hope. People often approach our services feeling that they have run out of options and need to feel hope again for their future. Whilst no service can meet all people's needs, we can offer hope and this can be as simple as providing a safe space for that individual to share their experiences with no agenda present.

Our support at all times is driven and created by the individual approaching our services in need. You will see from the statistics in the following report that our housing team have once again seen a record number of people housed via their support, and another year of our assisted rent deposit scheme literally saving lives as the main funding avenue outside of the local authority.

Our partnership with Green Pastures has enabled us to grow our portfolio as a landlord by adding a moved on flat to the already established "Boot Hill" project. By becoming a landlord ourselves we have been able to increase the housing stock for our customers and add the needed flexibility within the local housing system. This is a key area of development that will see The Lantern building on this already strong partnership and adding further projects in the future.

I would like to end by thanking all of our staff, volunteers and trustees for all of their hard work, determination and passion for our work and for the support of our community's most marginalised. Our team is what drives us forward and they are the main reason behind all of our success in building our services.

Thank you to all of our hub partners for believing in our work and helping us to build the multi disciplinary offer that is saving lives and offering hope. Our local community of businesses have once again supported our work and alongside private donors have enabled the unprecedented demands being placed on our services to be met.

I would like to finish on a description of our work by someone who uses our services in relation to our hub locations :-

"Normal buildings in normal streets where extraordinary things happen."

What do Lantern do?

Helping vulnerable and marginalised people

The Lantern is an independent registered charity which was founded in 1983 to benefit vulnerable and marginalised people in the Weymouth and Portland area and we now serve the wider Dorset area.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through providing a dedicated service meeting people's practical, emotional and personal care need. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency.

A key aspect of The Lantern's success is working closely and professionally with other agencies and we view collaboration as key to achieving the outcomes our beneficiaries require.

Our customers approach us with a varied range of personal concerns including mental health problems, offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness and personal crises.

We aim to meet these needs through providing a wide range of services including advocacy, crisis response, frontline practical assistance, housing and accommodation support, an assisted rent deposit scheme, welfare benefit advice and mental health and wellbeing services.

We have developed a unique service delivery model which is based in Crisis, Recovery and Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs and includes outreach into the community.

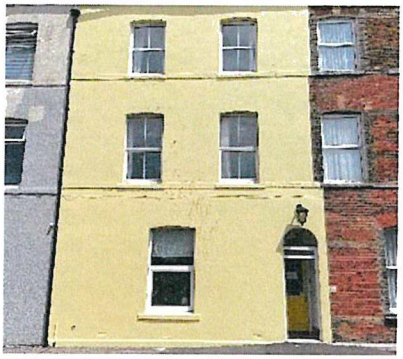
Our ethos throughout our work is to empower the individual and always encourage personal choice and responsibility. The building of lasting trusting relationships with our customers is the foundation on which all our work is built, the Lantern continues to be a place where laughter, friendship and hope are very apparent.

Our customers remain central to all that we do. We believe that support should be something that we are all able to access when we need it most.

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives

Lantern Hubs

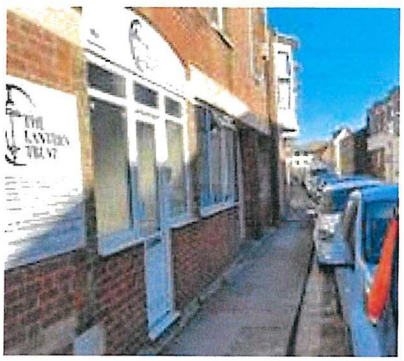
Pathways to Improved Health and Wellbeing



Crisis Hub

Based at 2 Ranelagh Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JD, our Crisis Hub is home to our Drop-In Centre, which is the gateway to all Lantern Hub and partner agency services. Our Service Coordinators operate a triage system, offering light-touch support and advice and referrals into specialist services where appropriate.

Our Housing and Benefits Team, Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator and Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker and Supported Accommodation Officers are based here.



Recovery Hub

Based at 1 Queen Street, Weymouth, DT4 7HZ, our Recovery Hub is equipped with an NHS standard clinical room which hosts our own GP Outreach Service twice a week. Hub partner agencies Julian House and Shelter Housing First are permanently based at this location.

Other agencies currently providing services include the NHS Homeless Health Service, NHS Podiatry, Catch22, Interventions Alliance and a Domestic Abuse Service. Showers, lockers and clothes washing facilities are also available here.



Hope House Mental Health & Wellbeing Hub

Based at Hope House, 2 Dorchester Road, Weymouth, DT4 7JS, our Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub offers a range of services to our local community. Our Wellbeing Coordinator oversees referrals to Dorset Mind Active Monitoring Service, an ARRS Worker, EMDR therapy and access to psychological therapies. Other activities include a Women's Group and yoga and further activities which promote wellbeing are being planned.

Our Support

Drop-In Support

Our drop-in support and guidance service assists people in maintaining residency in their own home or other types of accommodation. We provide Drop-In support to individuals experiencing mental health difficulties, who have a history of offending behaviour, addiction, homelessness, as well as a variety of personal crises.

Support is person-centred and fully tailored to individuals; the service provides a supportive environment that assists with a broad range of daily tasks and responsibilities.

Whether people live in supported or independent housing, we provide support and guidance on a variety of topics, including transport, shopping, education, health, and discussions about parenting, relationship building, community involvement, and general welfare.

Mental Health Support

If an individual suffers from mental health difficulties, we can help by helping them identify and diagnose the problem, providing advice and necessary resources, helping them to feel safe and supported, offering them a range of treatment options, providing supported housing, helping with their recovery, getting them involved in social activities and helping them to feel more independent.

Benefit Advice

We can advise people on all benefits and other entitlements that may be available to them, undertake benefit checks to ensure they are not missing out on any available benefits, assist them in completing the necessary forms and assist them with advice and support if their benefit claim is denied or they do not receive the amount they expected.

Homelessness Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy/numeracy.

Emotional Support

Various factors can have a negative impact on an individual's emotional and mental well-being. Abuse, anger, bereavement, bullying, depression, and self-harm, to name a few – all of these things can prevent them from living life fully. Our employees and volunteers have been trained to offer emotional support to each of our customers.

Our team is available to listen, provide information, and offer feedback. They can assist individuals in making sense of their difficulties, discussing their options, and establishing a sense of control over their life. By speaking with us, they can get things off their chest, work through any issues, and let go of traumatic situations.

Housing Support

We support all those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, no matter their support needs, including those at risk of offending or people with mental health needs, low self-esteem or poor literacy and numeracy.

If an individual is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless we can help by evaluating their current housing situation, working out what their needs are and giving them advice on the next steps to take. We will work with them to create a unique housing and wellbeing plan that outlines the steps we will take together to prevent or alleviate their homelessness.


499
clients recieved
Drop-In
assistance

Our Impact: Customer Stories



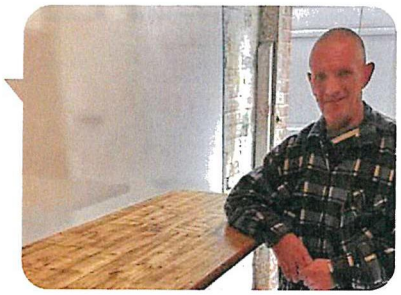
Adrian's Story

I arrived at The Lantern's Safe Sleep Project Homeless and didn't know what to do. I was able to see a GP for the first time in ages and felt respected and listened to. I moved into a hostel they run and have started gardening again. I am now living in my own flat and have hope for the future.



Dan and Laura's Story

We couldn't afford to pay the deposit needed for our flat. The Lantern offered help when we had no more options.



Bill's Story

Life had hit the buffers. I was sleeping on a beach with nowhere to go. The Lantern listened, housed me and I began to see a future for myself. I am now back fishing and love where I live as it's like a community where we support each other.



Dave's Story

I didn't need lots of support. I just needed a place where I could go where I could chat through my concerns and needed help with my benefits.

Ben's Story

Ben (not his real name) was referred to our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) when he was placed in temporary accommodation by Dorset Council. He needed intensive support due to his complex needs, which included mental health issues.

Whilst working with us, he stabilized his medication and his mental health improved considerably. We supported him in many ways, including attending appointments with other agencies such as the Community Mental Health Team. At times he struggled with anxiety due to triggers, but we always managed to find common ground and retrieve the situation.

After assisting him with a Housing Application, he successfully secured accommodation in the social housing sector, leaving his temporary accommodation. We assisted him with the move, sourcing removals and items needed for his new home. We made sure that he was registered for all utilities, Council Tax and a TV licence, and helped him settle into his new accommodation. He told his WASP worker that, when the day came that he no longer needed our support that he would miss him as he had "been a diamond." He also said: "thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

He successfully exited our WASP and no longer requires our intensive support. However, he knows he can always come into The Lantern and receive assistance from our Service Coordinator team.

"Thanks for all that The Lantern do for me. I don't know where I would be without you."

Who do Lantern support?

We are based in an area which is in the top 20% most deprived areas nationally regarding multiple deprivation. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors and face associated barriers to housing, benefits, health care, practical and emotional support which our services seek to address.

Who benefits from our work?

In 2022/23, 822 people were assisted by The Lantern, 489 of whom had complex needs. 584 were new referrals and 238 were pre-existing clients. Our services are unique in approach when considering local provision, in that we offer a complete range of services under one roof.

We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage.

Number of People Experiencing each Social Exclusion Factor	
Social Exclusion	**Number**
Mental Illness	387
Alcohol misuse	173
Substance misuse	199
Physical Disability	154
Chronic/Terminal Illness	78
Learning disabilities	75
Ex-offenders	176
Gambling issues	4
Refugees	2
Men at risk of violence	34
Women at risk of violence	44
Special needs elderly	4
Vulnerable mother & baby	12
Young people at risk/leaving care	13
Vulnerable ex-service personnel	19
Street homeless	112
Sofa-surfing	93
Homeless in another setting	90
Repeat homelessness	97
Threatened with homelessness	123

Number of People Experiencing each Mental Health Issue	
Mental Health	**Number**
Depression	302
Anxiety	268
Self-Harm	60
Suicidal Ideation/Attempts	103
ADHD	56
OCD	14
Asperger's	18
PTSD	73
Schizophrenia	27
Bipolar Disorder	21
Personality Disorder	62
Agoraphobia	5
Mental Health issues due to Brain Injury	8
Autism	8
Under the CMHT for Assessment	18
Dual Diagnosis	34





The Lantern charity shop in Weymouth, Dorset.

The GSK IMPACT Awards 2022

The Lantern Trust was judged to be in the top 20 of 350 applications from registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. As runners-up, we were fortunate to receive a grant of £4000 to further our charitable aims. The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, providing funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. We aim to build on this achievement in the future through monitoring client health and wellbeing needs and developing services accordingly.

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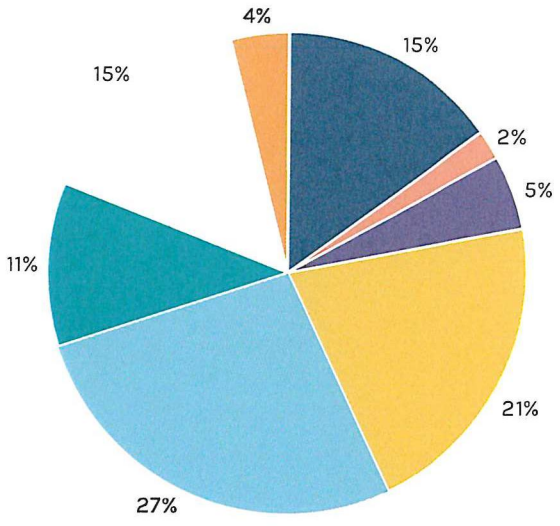
How do we Measure Success?

The number of people we reach, the number we house and the interventions delivered to meet people's needs has grown year on year:

2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023
395 people assisted	**517** people assisted	**822** people assisted
53 people housed	**109** people housed	**148** people housed
3796 interventions	**6615** interventions	**11407** interventions

2022/23 Lantern Interventions by Service

- Housing
- Benefits
- Health
- Drop-In
- Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project
- Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker
- Education, Training and Employment Coordinator
- Supported Accommodation Officer



How are we doing?
In 2022/23

566 clients received housing assistance

1654 Housing interventions

205 clients received health assistance

155 clients received benefit assistance

148 unique clients were housed as 34 clients were housed in more than one setting

432 Supported Accommodation **Officer** interventions

46 clients were assisted under our Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project

282 **Benefits** interventions

499 clients received Drop-In assistance

514 Health interventions

1227 Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker interventions

7 Lantern units of accommodation

98 clients received Education, Training and Employment Coordinator

29 clients received Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker assistance

183 outcomes - clients being housed with Lantern involvement and/or funding

1751 Education, Training and Employment Coordinator interventions

38 clients received assistance from our Supported Accommodation Officers

2434 Drop-In interventions

21 clients were supported by our Hostel Support Worker

3113 Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project interventions

Hope House Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub

Hope House Health and Wellbeing Hub is a new Lantern initiative which has been created in response to an identified need for an accessible mental health pathway with provision for outreach into the wider community across Dorset.

This plan is in line with the national NHS England long-term plan to transform mental health services. The basis of our planned health offer is to carry on our already established, evidence-based model of basing multiple agencies at one location in order to avoid duplication and red-tape in accessing services.

After completing our Crisis and Recovery Hub models, a gap in provision was identified, whereby some people found it difficult to access statutory primary and secondary mental health services.



As, in our current location we could not be all things to all people, we built an offer of a "Lantern Lite" building at Hope House, located away from our Hub location. Our idea is to help us establish a community-based asset offering primary and secondary mental health service drop-ins which will facilitate people's easy access to services.

It is our belief that, in integrating both primary and secondary mental health care alongside colleagues from the third sector, we can build a new service model, bridging a gap which exists through having multiple care systems in place. It will also carry on the clearly defined working model of the Lantern's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) approach, which not only tracks, minutes and evidences client need but enables us to grow services in a way which is integrated and avoids duplication, ensuring that true collaboration is at the heart of all we're doing. This not only reflects best practice but, as a Hub together, we grow based on need.



Hope House will be run on Open Dialogue methodology, ensuring that people are central to decision-making regarding their care. Our approach will be based on taking time to building lasting, trusting relationships with our clients, taking a holistic view of treating mental health issues, not in isolation but with an understanding of how all aspects of life are for the client and how support networks regarding family and friends can be utilized to the best advantage.

Green Pastures

We are delighted to have become partners with Green Pastures, a social enterprise which, through their unique ethical investment model, changes the lives of homeless people, with one person housed through every £15,000 invested.

Green Pastures purchased Boot Hill, a 7-bedroom property which the Lantern was already supporting via the Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service under agreement with the previous owners. The bedrooms are all en-suite and there is a shared kitchen, yard and garden area.

Our residents benefit from good quality accommodation and intensive support from Lantern Hub services. We have just expanded our portfolio, with the addition of a 2-bedroom flat which will provide essential move on for people already in our housing stock or that of partner landlords and are ready for their next step.

Under the partnership, The Lantern identified and proposed the property to be purchased, refer people to the property and receive Housing Benefit which pays for the lease and maintains the property. Green Pastures purchased the property, leases it to The Lantern, provides professional consultancy on Housing Benefit, provides staff training regarding paperwork and practical issues and gives ongoing support, feedback and information.

Green Pastures and The Lantern share the view that providing housing is a starting point for supporting homeless people and that it can be used as a springboard to provide support for residents to gain life skills and the confidence to access meaningful activity and employment.



Tumbledown Farm

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realize the importance of our community spaces and, more specifically, how we use them.



Tumbledown in Weymouth is a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, which is being developed into a community asset in partnership with Weymouth Area Development Trust (WADT).

We are working with Dorset Council, Public Health and Natural England. Following public consultations at the end of 2019, several key themes emerged which expressed how local people felt the land and its natural capital might be repurposed to meet the needs of the community, and its vulnerable members.

Our mission with the community grow-space is to give people a purpose and routine to their week. The Lantern prides itself on its sense of community, and it is our desire to carry this on into the project at Tumbledown. We also want to draw on the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor work and being in nature and green spaces.

For many this will create a therapeutic atmosphere to escape the isolation and boredom people sometimes experience at home.

As a result of this, there will be the chance for participants to take the produce they have helped grow home to use themselves, reaping the benefits of their hard work. We offer a non-judgmental atmosphere for all people from all walks of life to be involved, giving people the opportunity to join a new community of like-minded and enthusiastic people ready to learn new skills and put their minds to new challenges.

There are a wide range of activities and lots of planned projects for Tumbledown, including: Volunteer Days, Community Grow Spaces and veggie boxes. Future prospective projects include a Community Kitchen, making jams and chutneys, cooking courses, a Café and a Farm Shop.

Service Coordinators (SCO) and Hub Services

Drop-In and Coffee Bar

Our Drop-In is often the first point of contact for clients approaching our service and our Service Coordinators triage and signpost them to relevant agencies, whether that be in-house, Hub partner or external agencies. Our SCOs are trained regarding homelessness and general support and offer light-touch interventions, from helping with energy bills, logging on to Universal Credit Journals and providing Food Bank vouchers to referrals into our GP Outreach Service, Dentaid, podiatry services and Specsavers.

Our coffee bar is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 2pm and offers a safe space for many of our clients. We serve refreshments at a reasonable cost, and clients are made to feel welcome whether they are approaching for assistance or just popping in to socialize and relax.

We believe that offering this "front room" environment encourages the growth of trusting relationships with our clients and breaks down barriers to accessing appropriate support.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Our Hub offers a CAB advisor, who specialises in benefit queries and debt advice and can help with Universal Credit, Limited Capability For Work Questionnaires and other disability claim forms such as those for Personal Independence Payment. An Income Maximisation Service is also offered in order to check that customers are in receipt of the correct benefits. We offer a variety of appointments from Monday to Thursday.

Interventions Alliance

Interventions Alliance is based in our Hub on Wednesdays, supporting clients on a licence or Community Order, with a focus on community reintegration.

Barber Service

We have recently introduced a Barber Service, which runs every other Friday afternoon and requires pre- booking. Our Barber is recently qualified, and has offered to give free haircuts at the Lantern, in order to support people in the disadvantaged situation which he once found himself in.

Catch22

Catch22 offender management service is based in our Hub on Mondays, providing a rehabilitation service and long-term support needed for positive outcomes and to reduce reoffending.

You First Domestic Abuse Services

We understand the extra support needed for those experiencing domestic abuse or violence. We have tried to make this as easy as possible for our clients, by offering a drop-in service with You First every Thursday morning from 10am-12pm.

Food Bank

We work closely with Weymouth, Portland, Dorchester, Bridport and Bournemouth Food Banks, offering referral codes and informing clients of opening times, either in person or over the phone. We always ask for the underlying reasons behind the need to ensure that further support can be offered where appropriate.

Housing Team

The Lantern Housing & Resettlement Project, in funding partnership with Dorset Council and Weymouth Town Council, continues to provide a specialised service for those in housing need as part of the Integrated Prevention and Support (IPS) Service, endeavouring to meet the complex needs and wishes of our customers with a flexible and holistic approach.

The Lantern values inter-agency working very highly and acts as a direct and easily accessible gateway to many other services within the area of Weymouth and Portland, whilst retaining its position as an in-house provider of a comprehensive Housing & Resettlement Project with provision for internal referrals to other Lantern services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs.

During 2022/23, the project assisted vulnerable members of society with varying levels of need. Accommodation has been sourced, loans for rent deposits and rent in advance provided, homelessness has been prevented and tenancies have been sustained through intensive ongoing support.

The service offers a minimum of six months tenancy support to those engaging with the service, with provision to provide ongoing support to those most in need.

Services

At the Lantern we know how important it is for our clients to improve their housing situations with a minimum of delay. The team works alongside Hub and external partner agencies including Julian House Dorset Assertive Homeless Outreach Team, Shelter, Shelter Housing First, The Bus Shelter Dorset and Dorset Council, to help navigate the client's housing journey.

They offer 3 housing appointments every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and are due to increase this offer in April 2023 to 5 days a week. Referrals are regularly made to supported accommodation and our own accommodation is utilized when vacancies permit.

In addition to a general housing advice service, the Team also assists with more specialised casework, such as Mandatory Reconsiderations and Appeals against intentionally homeless and non-priority need decisions.



Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes

Our clients are often in receipt of welfare benefits or on a low income and struggle to meet the considerable costs involved in securing accommodation. In order to remove this particular barrier to housing, we offer means tested Assisted Deposit and Rent in Advance Schemes. For those unable to secure funding from other sources, we remain a last port of call.

WASP

Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project

In October 2022, the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) was remodelled as the Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP), delivering a dedicated tenancy and wellbeing support service to clients needing a more intensive support offer than is offered by our Housing Team.

As with the RRP, the WASP forms part of Dorset Council's Rough Sleeper Initiative, and we work in partnership with the local authority and partner agencies to provide a well-rounded support offer to this complex cohort.

The WASP provides trauma-informed and person-centred ongoing support to clients, building lasting and trusting relationships which allows for honest, open dialogue and mutually agreed support pathways development.

Support focuses on developing life skills, increasing motivation and using Personal Budgets to maximum effect to improve client prospects of accessing and maintaining accommodation and becoming tenancy ready for successful move-on into permanent accommodation.

We have great experience in working with a range of housing providers in the private sector and the team have worked to develop a robust landlord offer which has led to new units of accommodation becoming available.



We are now also landlords in our own right, in partnership with Green Pastures and are currently in the process of expanding our property portfolio.

"I need a place of hope that has been missing from my life. My WASP Worker enabled me to feel listened to and maintain my accommodation, but also allowed me to explore what life might hold for me."

In 2022/23

21
Residents assisted by our Hostel Support Worker

50
Benefit interventions

58
Health interventions

195
Housing interventions

231
Drop-In interventions

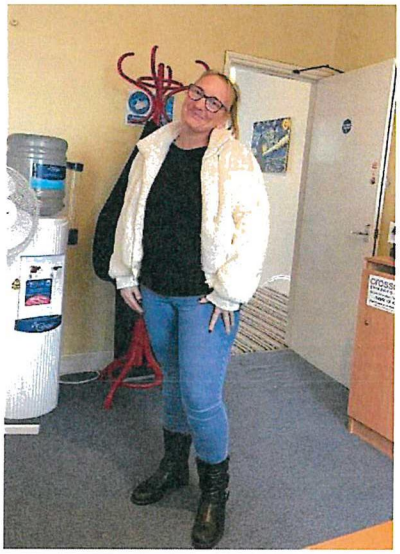
Hardy House Hostel Project

The Lantern Hardy House Hostel Project was created in response to an increased need for homelessness provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and is undertaken in collaboration with Dorset Council.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 27/07/20, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents.

Hardy House is situated in Portland and is owned by Dorset Council. It currently provides 6 bedrooms with separate shower rooms and a shared kitchen for high needs individuals with support and security on site. There is also self-contained one-bedroom flat which Dorset Council Housing Team uses as emergency accommodation.

The project offers residents tailored packages of support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of entering and sustaining settled accommodation. 43 clients have been assisted to date.



CDAW

Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker Project

Our Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) post provides clients with specialised drug and alcohol interventions, complementing support given by The Lantern and working with the Dorset RSDATG[1] team and local partners to provide coordinated support to our clients. The role supports close partnership working with housing, health and wellbeing services, police, Criminal Justice and other relevant partners.

Trusting and professional partnerships are developed with and work undertaken alongside other support providers, statutory and voluntary sectors, prisons and hospitals to embed co-production and involvement.

The CDAW role is key to achieving the Public Health England objective to improve the lives of vulnerable people and will be part of our growing partnership of homelessness, support and rough sleeping services in the county, ensuring delivery of a seamless and collaborative approach which places the individual at the heart of all decisions.

[1]RSDATG – Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant.

SAO

Supported Accommodation Office Project

The Lantern Supported Accommodation Officer (SAO) roles were created in response to an increased need for tenancy support which had been identified in our client group.

The Lantern commenced delivery of the project on 01/04/22, providing specialised support to vulnerable residents. The project offers residents tailored packages of tenancy support and triage into Lantern and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of sustaining their accommodation.

We also promote social reablement, supporting clients with access to health and wellbeing services and also supporting them to engage in meaningful occupation within the community. We draw on the many available resources found within our Hub Services. The purpose of the SAO role is to support people who are facing challenges in their lives and to help them overcome them by delivering tailored support which improves emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence.

The SAOs support individuals who have experienced vulnerable housing in the past, enabling our clients to obtain the life skills necessary to move on into more independent living. Support is provided to a range of clients in Lantern accommodation and temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact. As a stand-alone project, our SAOs have deployed a great deal of initiative in establishing and maintaining the project to ensure its ongoing success in supporting our clients.

ETE

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project

Our ETE Coordinator helps vulnerable clients work towards improving their self-confidence and self-esteem, which is a key element of work contributing towards our goal to improve client health and wellbeing. This is achieved through offering clients the opportunity to engage in meaningful occupation, with a view to reducing feelings of social isolation, encouraging social integration into our wider community.

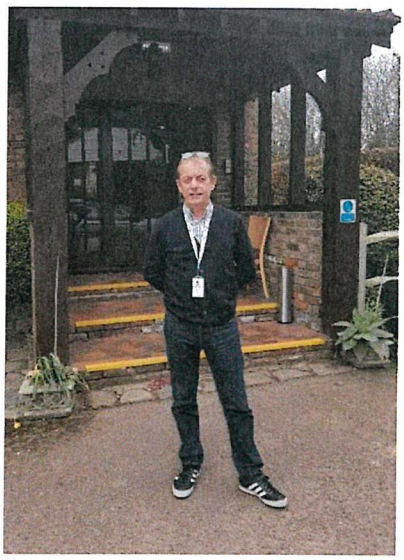
Clients are currently encouraged to take part in activities such as relaxation sessions, reading, art classes, walking, gym sessions, swimming and Fight Back Mental Health classes. As client confidence increases, we expect to see a natural progression towards an uptake in volunteering opportunities, education and, ultimately, employment.

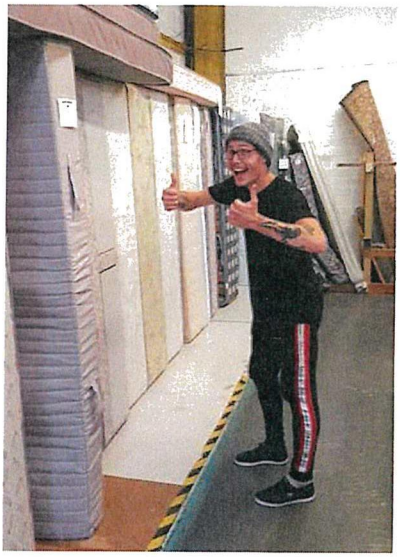
The ETE Coordinator also oversees the Lantern's Tumbledown Farm green space allotment project - a meaningful activity project which acts as a valuable step towards social reintegration through the development of social and practical life skills.

"The ETE project provides access to opportunities to engage clients in a variety of activities including life skills, learning and access to pathways to training and education."

Tanya Bailey, ETE Coordinator







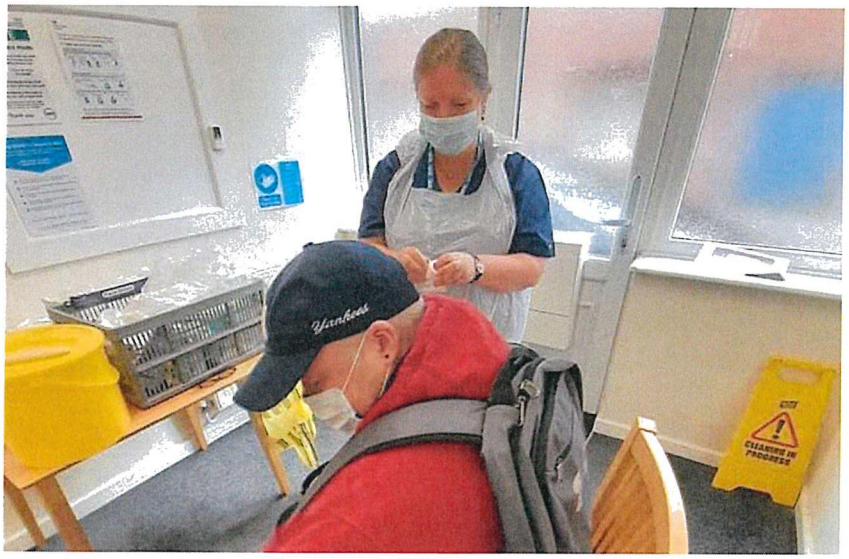
The Lantern GP Out-reach Service

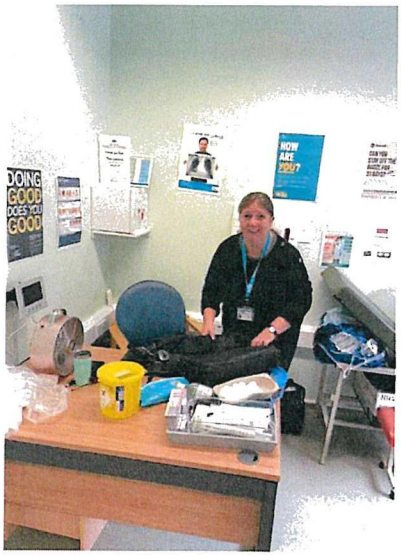
Our GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices.

Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services. Many people engaging with The Lantern need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care.

Clients are booked in for Thursday and Friday appointments upon request by Lantern staff throughout the week and seen in our clinical room. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification. An average of 5 to 6 clients are seen during each surgery. Many clients are street homeless and people experiencing housing vulnerabilities and poverty. By its very nature, an outreach project breaks down barriers through meeting people on their own terms.

The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.



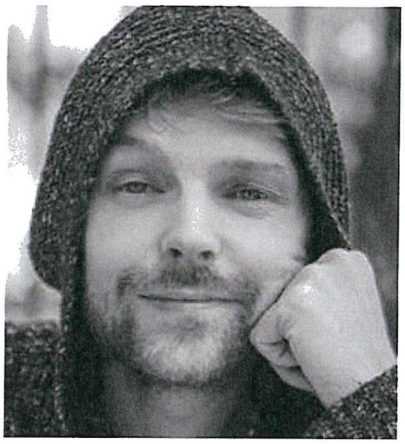


GP Outreach present at: The Bridges Medical Practice, Cross Road Surgery, Dorchester Road Surgery, Royal Crescent and Preston Road Surgery, Royal Manor Health Care and Wyke Regis and Lanehouse Medical Practice.

Your Voice

Our service users are stakeholders and therefore all our services are client-led and driven by the needs of our local community.

We have formed a sub-group entitled "Your Voice," which is comprised of our CEO, Chair of Trustees and Operations Manager who hold regular meetings with our service users in order to gain feedback and inform future and current services. This ensures that we are aware of shifting trends regarding service user needs and local issues, allowing us to make a positive contribution to a drive against poverty, marginalisation and social isolation in our locality.



Client involvement and engagement in developing wider service provision relevant to presenting needs is actively encouraged via discussion and the opportunity to take part in Lantern "Your Voice" sessions where appropriate. "Your Voice" was developed in order to give our clients the opportunity to raise, respond to and discuss presenting issues and service delivery. In this way they can play a valuable part in shaping future development of our services and assist us in identifying gaps in service provision. We also hope to engender a positive sense of empowerment in those who participate in "Your Voice" sessions.

The feedback gathered is shared and discussed during established stakeholder meetings and, where appropriate, fed into development plans. As an example, during a "Your Voice" session on the topic of homelessness, participants felt that new rough sleepers and the homeless community using The Lantern would benefit from a peer-led system where information could be shared with them about facilities and processes in the Weymouth area and to manage expectations for help.

The idea was floated about forming a working group or a homelessness



forum where people's lived experience could be used to shape and inform the development of services which most participants felt would be useful, and this idea will be developed through further client discussion. During a session on the subject of mental health, it became apparent that some clients on strong anti-psychotic medication were not able to access essential physical health checks, due to reasons such as being homeless, having a transient lifestyle, moving address frequently or not being linked in with a GP. After this gap in provision was identified, Lantern staff arranged for two clients to be given health and wellbeing assessments, one via our GP Outreach Service and one via an external GP.

Case Study

Tim* has complex health needs, housing needs and substance misuse issues.

He attended The Lantern COVID-19 vaccination clinic for his booster and the Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) introduced himself and explained his role. Tim engaged well and agreed to work with the CDAW towards tackling his addiction issues. He had a long history of alcohol dependence which had an extremely harmful impact on his social capabilities and had led to homelessness and considerable physical ill health.

He expressed a willingness to stop drinking but was unable to do this himself safely. The CDAW visited him in his accommodation and it soon became apparent that his health needed addressing in many ways. With his agreement, the CDAW liaised with our Nurse Practitioner. His physical health was a concern - he had been admitted to hospital with melaena, a gastroscopy showed grade B oesophagitis, a gastric ulcer, gastritis and portal hypertension. He was jaundiced, confused and had ascites; liver cirrhosis was confirmed on a CT scan. He had osteoporosis and had sustained multiple fractures as a result of falling while intoxicated.

The CDAW, Nurse Practitioner and Tim discussed these health outcomes and he was re-referred to the Orthopaedic Team for treatment of his complex fractures. With medical testimony, the CDAW was able to apply for rehab. In order to give him the support needed, Lantern staff created a collaborative support network and plan involving our Hostel Support Worker, Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE), Housing Team and Nurse Practitioner.

Our Hostel Support Worker liaised with the CDAW and notified him of his Probation appointments, and the CDAW attended and liaised with the Probation Officer. Staff identified that Dorset Council could reassess his housing status and a meeting was arranged, with the result that his case was reassessed. He was then placed on Wellbeing and Accommodation Sustainment Project (WASP) and was housed through the local authority in his own independent flat. Lantern staff then organised a Social Services Care Assessment to ensure his additional needs were met.

Our ETE introduced herself and met with him on a weekly basis. These meetings ranged from general discussion to walks, cooking and discussions regarding ideas/ goals for the future. He was also invited to join our relaxation and reading mornings. As a team, we have seen the benefits of this collaborative approach. Tim has reflected and demonstrated this by his motivation and attendance of all meetings, appointments and activities. His attitude, mindset and input into all discussions is positive and proactive as are, most noticeably, his efforts to reduce his drinking when participating in all these activities.

As part of the process of application to detox/rehab, he succeeded in demonstrating his motivation. We were successful in our application and funding was granted for detox/ rehab. Having liaised with a specific rehab, he was identified as needing a specialist detox first as a result of his medical/health status, in particular his cirrhosis of the liver.

The CDAW sourced a specialist detox unit and he was successfully assessed. An admission date to rehab was agreed on with a two-week detox first. The Lantern supported him to detox in Kent for two weeks. The CDAW liaised with Rehab and organised for him to be collected from detox and to go straight to rehab.

* Name has been changed

Where Does Our Support Come From?

We receive funding for commissioned services and we make numerous applications to grant-making Trusts in order to fund core running costs and other specific projects when required.

We apply to a range of funders to ensure that we are not reliant upon a limited number of funding sources, thereby mitigating financial risk to our services. Our Charity Shop generates income and we receive rent from stakeholder agencies using office space in our Hub. Our accommodation units generate rental income and we will expect this income to rise as our property portfolio increases. We also have a fundraising team and occasionally hold fundraising events in the local community.



Our Charity Shop

The Lantern Charity Shop is located in an area of multiple deprivation. It has become a local community Hub in its own right, providing a valued community resource and a sociable meeting place for regular customers.

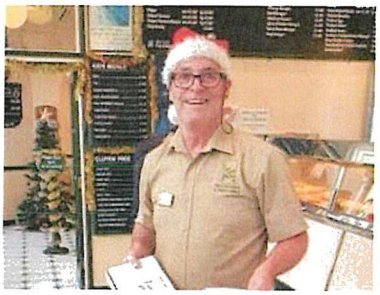
For those in most need, we provide our own vouchers enabling clients to obtain clothes, shoes and household items free of charge. The shop also provides a chance for clients to take the first steps into voluntary work and meaningful occupation, which ties in with our Education, Training and Employment Coordinator Project.



Fundraising

We are always looking at new and innovative ways of fundraising for our project and have a dedicated Fundraiser Page on Facebook. To donate to The Lantern, please go to **www.give.net** and click on the donate button.

For further information regarding fundraising, please see our website **www.lanterntrust.org.uk**, Facebook pages **@LanternTrustUK** or contact us via **info@lanterntrust.org.uk**



Support from Local Businesses

We are very fortunate to have the support of many local businesses, whom we would like to thank. Not only do our customers benefit from their kindness, donations, ideas and expertise, they also benefit from a real sense of community which their involvement brings. In an area of multiple deprivation, we see a real coming together of local people who are passionate about helping those most in need.

Future Planning

Organisational Development

Organisational development needs identified in our Strategic Plan 2022-2024 are to consolidate services, build a fit for purpose organisation, generate a solid evidence-base of needs and impact, achieve financial sustainability and establish our position in the sector.

We will measure success through working towards the agreed targets set out in the strategic plan and recording the results achieved. We wish to monitor our progress on the Strategic Plan and explore areas of development such as social enterprise, back to work initiatives, developing the wellbeing aspects of our Hub services, maintaining the financial capability of offering a rent deposit scheme to a growing number of applicants and continued implementation of the Outcome Star as a means of recording client outcomes. We also wish to expand our accommodation portfolio in partnership with Green Pastures.

Our ambition is to fulfil the goals set out in our Strategic Plan and to achieve the financial resilience necessary to continue to meet the needs of our growing client base.

What next? Our Strategic Priorities

- Everyone we support will receive a person-centred holistic support offer covering every aspect of their lives.
- We aim to work more closely with the NHS and Dorset Healthcare colleagues so people can get appropriate access to mental health and wellbeing support at the earliest opportunity.
- We will strive to continue collaborating with colleagues across Dorset from both statutory and non-statutory agencies in order to reduce the barriers people face in receiving support.
- The voice of lived experience and those using our services will continue to direct where and how our support is delivered.
- We will continue to grow our property portfolio in partnership with Green Pastures in order to create available housing stock for the most socially excluded.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Dated: 18 December 2023.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	75,077	7,500	82,577	148,618
Charitable activities	3	571,785	60,701	632,486	412,949
Other income	4	42,741	-	42,741	31,296
Total income		689,603	68,201	757,804	592,863
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	680,526	4,262	684,788	523,781
Other	8	-	-	-	550
Total resources expended		680,526	4,262	684,788	524,331
Net incoming resources before transfers		9,077	63,939	73,016	68,532
Gross transfers between funds		30,201	(30,201)	-	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		39,278	33,738	73,016	68,532
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		510,927	-	510,927	442,395
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		550,205	33,738	583,943	510,927

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.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**10**		495,645		453,376
Investments	**11**		2		2
			495,647		453,378
Current assets					
Debtors	**12**	75,620		51,940	
Cash at bank and in hand		239,825		345,347	
		315,445		397,287	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**13**	(57,149)		(169,738)	
Net current assets			258,296		227,549
Total assets less current liabilities			753,943		680,927
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**14**		(170,000)		(170,000)
Net assets			583,943		510,927
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**16**		33,738		-
Unrestricted funds			550,205		510,927
			583,943		510,927

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on 30 November 2023.

Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee

Company registration number 05577019

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the financial position of the Charity, both during the period and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and have assessed both financial and operational risk. They are of the opinion that the Charity has sufficient financial resources to continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Software	15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% on reducing balance

The charity's policy is to depreciate its freehold property at 2% on cost. As the residual value of the property is deemed in excess of this amount, depreciation has not been charges for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020 - nil). The Trustees will review this position at each reporting date.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 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, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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 using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. 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. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received where material.

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

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	75,077	7,500	82,577	138,118	10,500	148,618

3 Charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants and services provided under contract	474,073	294,755
Other grants	77,263	113,306
Property income	81,150	4,888
	632,486	412,949
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	571,785	319,091
Restricted funds	60,701	93,858
	632,486	412,949

There has been an adjustment between the unrestricted and restricted funds in the prior year. This is due to a reclassification of individual income sources. This change has not affected the final income and expenditure figure in the prior year and there has not been a change recognition policy.

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Other incoming resources	42,741	31,296

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2023 £	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	443,142	325,305
Depreciation and impairment	3,913	4,396
Coffee bar purchases	364	543
Staff and volunteer expenses	11,686	11,705
Telephone and internet	3,798	3,289
Insurance	7,190	5,078
Light, heat and power	9,610	5,214
Rent, rates and water	5,080	6,300
Repairs and maintenance	22,649	14,766
Publicity and advertising	1,893	2,645
Office supplies and postage	7,617	5,487
Equipment, repairs and replacements	9,342	13,634
Professional fees	7,172	12,014
Sundries	-	3,740
Training and resources	4,079	3,232
Safe Sleep - excluding salaries	-	42,027
Rent deposits and customer support	60,208	42,856
Boot Hill rent and expenses	65,712	7,061
Software support	17,833	11,489
	681,288	**520,781**
Independent examiner's fee	3,500	3,000
	684,788	**523,781**
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	680,526	419,423
Restricted funds	4,262	104,358
	684,788	**523,781**

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £3,500 (2022- £3,000).

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. (2022 - nil)

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	19	16

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	394,410	294,746
Social security costs	36,376	23,145
Other pension costs	12,356	7,414
	443,142	325,305

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year. Volunteer time provided to the Charity in the year is for general and ad-hoc services. No donated professional services have been received.

Staff costs solely relate to charitable activites and any fundraising element is deemed to be incidental.

8 Other

	Total £ 2023	Restricted funds 2022
Financing costs	-	550
	-	550

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Software	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	428,459	8,775	45,720	482,954
Additions	40,082	-	6,100	46,182
At 31 March 2023	468,541	8,775	51,820	529,136
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	-	3,296	26,282	29,578
Depreciation charged in the year	-	818	3,095	3,913
At 31 March 2023	-	4,114	29,377	33,491
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	468,541	4,661	22,443	495,645
At 31 March 2022	428,459	5,479	19,438	453,376

11 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022 & 31 March 2023	2
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	2
At 31 March 2022	2

The Charity owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited (no. 0549909) which is used for trading activities, namely the sale of donated goods through a charity shop and which covenants all profits to the charity.

At 31 March 2022 the company had total assets of £8,682, liabilities of £8,680, share capital of £2 and reserves of nil.

12 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	63,100	42,767
Amounts owed by subsidary	6,677	7,386
Prepayments and accrued income	5,843	1,787
	75,620	51,940

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	7,185	55,688
Accruals and deferred income	49,964	114,050
	57,149	169,738

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Amount owed to Albert Hunt Trust		170,000	170,000

The loan is secured against property held by the trust. This loan was released and mortgage fully discharged on 15 August 2023.

15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £12,356 (2022 - £7,414).

Contributions totalling nil (2022 - £1,704) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	68,201	(4,262)	(30,201)	33,738

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total 2023	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	495,645	-	495,645	453,376	-	453,376
Investments	2	-	2	2	-	2
Current assets/(liabilities)	224,558	33,738	258,296	227,549	-	227,549
Long term liabilities	(170,000)	-	(170,000)	(170,000)	-	(170,000)
	550,205	33,738	583,943	510,927	-	510,927

18 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases of £207,480 (2022: £251,160). These are in relation to 35 Rodwell Road, Weymouth.

19 Related party transactions

At the beginning of the period the Charity was owed £8,385, by its 100% owned subsidiary, The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited. During the year the subsidiary transferred £10,000 in relation to previously covenanted profits. £9,292 of profits were covenanted from the subsidiary for the current year and at the year end £6,677 was receivable.

The Charity was owed £6,667 by The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited at the year end in respect of overhead costs incurred on its behalf and unpaid covenanted profits.

THE LANTERN TRUST WEYMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1114979

Accounts

Charity registration number 1114979

Company registration number 05577019 (England and Wales)

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell	
	Mr I Walton FCA	
	Mrs E Ireland	
	Rev. P Elliott	
	Dr J Orrell	
	Mrs J Clarke	
	Rev. J Haine	(Appointed 13 April 2021)
Secretary	Mr I Walton FCA	
Charity number	1114979	
Company number	05577019	
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ	
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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities
a. Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities for Achieving Objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice, benefit advice, outreach, counselling, crisis response and frontline practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance
a. Key Financial Performance Indicators

This year 2021/2022 has again been challenging in part due to the continuing Covid pandemic but also because of the overall increases in the demand for our services and the complexity of the work undertaken.

However despite this we have managed to continue to adapt our services to meet the challenges and to provide the necessary measures to keep our staff and clients safe and as a result we were able to operate all of our services and even expand those services throughout the year.

Our contracted work during the year involved the Integrated Prevention and Support Service, the Rapid Rehousing Supported Letting Service and Hostels and other supported accommodation all through Dorset County Council and continuing from previous years.

In addition we commenced an Employment Training and Education Service and provided a complex Drug and Alcohol support officer as part of a joint project with other partner agencies.

In total we received £298,497 in fees for these contracted services in the year.

We also once again ran our Safe Sleep project through the Winter months of January to March providing rough sleepers in Weymouth and Portland with accommodation meals and triage into relevant services offered at the Lantern or by our partner agencies.

This year Dorset County Council provided the accommodation and we provided the staffing security transport and all other aspects of the project.

Our costs of the project were covered by a number of grants totalling £53058 and the evening meals were generously provided by the Churches of Weymouth and Portland at no cost.

The consolidation of our Hub concept at the Lantern premises in Ranelagh Road and Queen Street Weymouth continued during this year with the completion of a further stage of building works including further office and disabled toilet facilities. The cost of these works was £24502.

We have further plans in the coming year to convert two garages in the Queen Street premises into more office and clinical suite accommodation together with laundry and shower facilities.

A further significant development this year was our first venture into providing supported accommodation as a landlord.

As part of a partnership arrangement with Green Pastures another charitable organisation, Green Pastures purchased a seven bedroom property in Weymouth and we have taken a Lease on the property and become a registered HMO landlord.

We are hopeful that this may be the first of further ventures where we operate HMO properties in our own right for the benefit of our cohort.

Our Charity shop in Weymouth survived the lockdowns due to Covid and with the support of our wonderful volunteers donors and customers has picked up trade very well to the extent that in this current year we have been sufficiently encouraged to appoint a shop Manager.

Overall as can be seen in our financial statements Income for the year was £592863 (2021 £594672) and Expenditure was £524331 (2021 £477970) giving us a Net income of £69531(2021 £116702) for the year.

At year end our Total funds were £510927 (2021 £442395) including Fixed assets of £453378 (2021 £418218) and restricted funds of £nil (2021 £5480) leaving free Unrestricted funds of £510927 (2021 £436915).

This is considered to be a satisfactory position at this time however there is a concern regarding future funding from Government and other agencies and indeed from individuals over at least the next couple of years because of the economic climate and as we emerge from the Covid pandemic.

During this year with the support of Lloyds Bank Foundation we have completed a 3-5 year Strategic Plan and which from a financial aspect looks to secure the sustainability and longevity of the Lantern project for the benefit of the cohort who we serve.

This was a very timely exercise given the current economic climate and we will be monitoring our performance against this Plan on a regular basis to ensure that we continue to be able to meet the needs of our cohort through the vital support and services which we offer.

We are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us through these difficult times and who we hope will be able to continue to support in the times ahead.

In particular our thanks go to the following who have provided grants and other funding this year :

National Lottery Community Fund

Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation

Lloyds Bank Foundation

Garfield Weston Foundation

Hall and Woodhouse

Fairbridge Trust

Weymouth Town Council

Albert Hunt Trust

Tudor Trust

Dorset County Council

Arnold Clark

Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Groundwork UK

Generation FOWLS

Mrs Smith and Mrs Smith and Mount

Green Pastures

Weyline Taxis

And as well of course all of our private donors and Churches who have also been so generous.

b. Review of Activities

The past year has been very significant and exciting for The Lantern Trust.

Crisis and Recovery Hubs

Previously, the Hub concept operated within the Ranelagh Road premises, but now, with the addition of the Queen Street premises, the Ranelagh Road premises is used as a Crisis Hub and the Queen Street premises have been developed as a Recovery Hub with a number of statutory and nonstatutory agencies either having their base within the Lantern Trust premises or visiting on a regular basis. Hub services at The Lantern Trust are CAB benefit service, Dorset Council Housing Advice, Domestic Violence Support, our own NHS GP Service based from our clinical room, NHS Podiatry Service, NHS Homeless Health Service, Dentaid Van, Covid-19 Vaccination Pop Up Clinic, Shelter Housing First, Julian House Homeless Outreach Team, opticians appointments, First Point, Supported Lettings Service, an Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (meaningful occupation, employment and volunteering), a Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker, a CPN and Criminal Justice Support Services (Catch 22 and Interventions Alliance).

In addition, a clinical suite has been established in the Queen Street premises, equipped to NHS standards and which is used as a surgery by doctors on a voluntary basis one day a week, as well as for opticians , podiatry and dental services from time to time.

The Queen Street premises have also now been developed into further office space which is used both by The Lantern Trust staff and other partner agencies.

This means that The Lantern Trust has become very much a “one-stop shop” where customers can access the services of these other agencies within the Crisis and Recovery Hubs as well as a comprehensive range of services offered directly through The Lantern Trust.

It has facilitated cross-agency cooperation in dealing with each customer and has therefore greatly enhanced the quality of the service offered.

We have also developed our service provision with the recruitment of an Education, Training and Employment Officer, a Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker and two Supported Accommodation Officers and are recruiting a Band 7 Community Psychiatric Nurse in order to improve our clients’ access to mental health services

Crisis Hub Drop-In

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through provision of a dedicated service meeting practical and emotional unmet needs. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency through support which is tailored to individual need. We strive to work *with* people rather than merely *for* people, in order to equip them with a sense of self-confidence and empowerment, armed with a tool-kit to tackle everyday issues. The building of lasting, trusting relationships is the foundation on which our work is based.

We are situated in Melcombe Regis which is identified, in the Index of Multiple Deprivation, as being in the top 10% most deprived areas nationally. We are therefore well situated to meet the needs of local vulnerable and marginalised people. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors, with an average of five presenting needs per person, and face associated barriers to housing, welfare benefit access, health care and welfare support. Our geographical situation and accessibility mean that we can reach large numbers of clients through in-reach as well as outreach.

Our Drop-In Support Centre is central to our service, acting as a gateway to all Lantern Trust, housing, benefit, health and welfare services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs, simultaneously providing a safe space in which people can begin to rebuild their lives and achieve their objectives. Clients can self-refer or be referred from other agencies. The Hubs give direct access to Lantern Trust and partner agency services.

Integrated Prevention and Support Service

Housing and Resettlement Project

Housing and homelessness issues are a main challenge to our client group. We have a proven track record in providing specialised housing-related support, with particular expertise in working with clients experiencing mental health issues. We are currently commissioned by Dorset Council to provide the community resource centre aspect of the Integrated Prevention and Support Service, delivering effective housing and benefit interventions, access to accommodation and tenancy sustainment support.

Our accommodation and housing support work is targeted towards vulnerable and marginalised clients with complex needs and multiple exclusion factors. We collate routine monitoring statistics in order to examine client demographics and apparent trends so that we can better target our resources and tackle the underlying causes of homelessness and social exclusion. We take a holistic approach, encompassing housing, benefit, health, welfare and practical support.

In 2021/22 517 clients were referred into the service, 378 (73%) of whom had complex and multiple needs. 352 unique clients (68%) were male and 165 clients (32%) were female. Mental illness was by far the most prevalent social exclusion factor experienced by our client group. 307 people (59%) had current mental health issues, or a history of mental illness. 150 people (29%) were ex-offenders, 141 (27%) had alcohol misuse issues and 149 (29%) had substance misuse issues. 34 people (7%) had learning disabilities, 39 (8%) had a chronic or terminal illness and 131 (25%) had a physical disability. 9 people (2%) were vulnerable mothers with babies, 5 (<1%) were special needs elderly, 20 (4%) were women at risk of violence, 7 (1%) were men at risk of violence, 12 (2%) were young people at risk and/or leaving care and 5 (<1%) were vulnerable ex-service personnel. 274 people (53%) were street homeless, vulnerably housed, sofa-surfing, in temporary accommodation or awaiting discharge from hospital or Approved Premises at time of first engagement with our service and 34 (7%) were threatened with homelessness

Meeting Client Need

2021/22 was a period of immense service growth for The Lantern Trust. The total number of clients assisted by our services has grown from 395 in 2020/21 to 517 in 2021/22, showing an increase of 122 clients. The number of new referral clients assisted has increased from 283 in 2021/22 to 330 showing an increase of 47 clients. The total number of clients with complex needs has grown from 207 in 2020/21 to 330 in 2021/22, showing an increase of 123 clients. The total number of interventions delivered has increased from 3796 in 2020/21 to 6615 in 2021/22, showing an increase of 2819 interventions.

Client needs can be demonstrated by the nature of requests for assistance. 951 of the interventions were for housing advice, 265 were for welfare benefit advice, 1628 were for practical or emotional support needs, 457 were for physical health support needs, 38 were for mental health support needs, 2382 related to Rapid Rehousing Pathway support, 467 related to Education, Training and Employment Support and 427 related to Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker support. A total of 6615 identified client needs were met. Many of the clients who requested assistance had a variety of needs requiring multiple interventions.

Housing

Of the 951 Housing interventions delivered, 283 (63%) related to homelessness. 137 housing outcomes (14%) were people accessing accommodation. 109 unique individuals were housed, as some people were housed in more than one setting during the course of the year. 15 people were financially assisted into private sector accommodation via our Assisted Deposit Scheme, 15 people were assisted into private sector accommodation with support but no Lantern Trust funding, 30 people were assisted into Housing Association properties, 4 people were housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset, 18 people were housed by Safe Sleep, 3 people were housed by Pivotal Housing and 28 people were placed in emergency accommodation via Dorset Council, with Lantern Trust involvement. 1 person was housed in Bournemouth Churches Housing Association supported accommodation, 1 person was housed in Lantern Trust supported Boot Hill accommodation, 1 person was housed in Young persons' accommodation and 21 people were housed in Hardy House Hostel.

358 unique clients (69%) received housing advice and assistance during 2021/22, benefiting from 951 interventions, giving an average intervention rate of 2.66 interventions per client. 222 clients (43%) were new referrals, benefiting from 458 interventions (48%). 295 clients (57%) were preexisting clients from our ongoing caseload, benefiting from 493 interventions (52%).

Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service

We are also commissioned to deliver the Supported Lettings aspect of the Rapid Rehousing Pathway, which is a Central Government initiative aimed at reducing homelessness. The pathway is targeted at those with a recent history of homelessness and we have built on the established success of our Housing and Resettlement Project to access and help sustain tenancies and to provide a supportive and financial offer to local landlords in order that our client group will have a better chance of entering and sustaining privately rented accommodation. The eligibility criteria for those accessing the service is that they have low to medium support needs, which includes anyone without the complex support needs requiring a Housing First approach.

In 2020/21, the Supported Lettings Team grew our accommodation offer with the acquisition of referral rights into a property situated on Boot Hill, Weymouth. This accommodation is used as "next step" accommodation for residents at our Sanderson House project, which is also supported by RRP staff. We have now entered into partnership with Green Pastures, who purchased the property on our behalf. We now lease and maintain the property.

From a total of 2382 interventions, 1200 (50%) consisted of practical support, 812 (34%) were emotional support, 276 (12%) were phone provision, 34 (1%) were Food Bank referrals, 33 (1%) were taxi provision, 10 (<1%) were crisis response interventions, 4 (<1%) were electricity payments, 4 (<1%) were Lantern Trust food parcel provision and 2 (<1%) were gas payments. Clothing provision, computer support, Julian House referrals, shoe provision and snooker sessions accounted for 1 intervention (<1%), respectively. In the case of 2 interventions (>1%), the specific intervention was not given. From a total of 2382 possible outcomes, 1325 (56%) were practical support needs being met, 652 (27%) were emotional support needs being met, 303 (13%) were contact unsuccessful, 38 (>1%) were physical health needs being met, 29 (>1%) were mental health support needs being met and 18 (<1%) were recreational/social support needs being met.

48 unique clients (9%) received RRP advice and assistance during 2021/22, benefiting from 2382 interventions, giving an average intervention rate of 49.63 interventions per client. 9 clients (19%) were new referrals, benefiting from 234 interventions (10% of total RRP interventions), giving an average intervention rate of 26 interventions per client. 39 clients (81%) were pre-existing caseload clients, benefiting from 2148 interventions (90% of total RRP interventions), giving an average intervention rate of 55.07 interventions per client.

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE)

Our Employment, Training and Education Coordinator helps our client group gain access to meaningful occupation, training, education and employment. A huge bank of local resources work with us to assist our ETE clients. They also benefit from our Green Space Project, Tumbledown Farm, where our allotment is situated.

From a total of 467 Education, Training and Employment (ETE) interventions, 376 (80%) were life/social skills interventions, 48 (10%) were meaningful occupation interventions, 34 (7%) were training/courses interventions, 8 (2%) were education interventions and 1 (<1%) was an employment intervention. 464 ETE outcomes (99%) were ETE needs met and 3 (1%) were failure to engage.

A total of 49 unique clients (9%) received ETE advice and assistance from commencement of the project in November 2021 to 31/03/22, benefiting from 467 interventions, giving an average intervention rate of 9.53 interventions per client. 19 clients (39%) were new referrals, benefiting from 178 ETE interventions (38% of total ETE interventions). 30 clients (61%) were pre-existing caseload clients, benefiting from 289 ETE interventions (62% of total ETE interventions), giving an average intervention rate of 9.63 interventions per client.

Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW)

Our Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker offers specialized drug and alcohol interventions, inmtensive support, clinical interventions and support to access rehabilitation facilities.

From a total of 427 Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker (CDAW) interventions, 193 (45%) were psychosocial 121 interventions, 80 (19%) were alcohol support, 73 (17%) were drug support, 35 (8%) were rehab support, 26 (6%) were alcohol briefs, 10 (2%) were assessments, 6 (1%) were detox support, 2 (<1%) were clinical interventions and 2 (<1%) were group work. 408 CDAW outcomes (95%) were positive/continued engagement, 9 (2%) were non-engagement, 4 (<1%) were case completed, 2 (<1%) were raised awareness/understanding, 1 (<1%) was a referral and 1 (<1%) was mutual withdrawal. In the case of 2 interventions (<1%), the specific intervention was not given.

23 unique clients (4%) received CDAW advice and assistance from commencement of the project in November 2021 to 31/03/22, benefiting from 427 interventions, giving an average intervention rate of 18.56 interventions per client. 6 clients (26%) were new referrals, benefiting from 123 interventions (29% of total CDAW interventions). 17 clients (74%) were pre-existing caseload clients, benefiting from 304 CDAW interventions (71% of total CDAW interventions), giving an average intervention rate of 17.88 interventions per client.

Safe Sleep 2022

The Safe Sleep 2019 pilot project and Safe Sleep 2019/20 provided guests with supervised and supported night-shelter accommodation but we identified the need for a shift to single room provision in 2021, in response to the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, following guidance from the MHCLG and consultation with Dorset Council and Public Health England, a decision was made to offer temporary emergency single-room accommodation at The Riviera Hotel, Weymouth to our Safe Sleep guests, with intensive support available for people to move into settled accommodation through engagement with our services. In this way, we aimed to mitigate Covid-19 related health risks to our vulnerable client group.

Safe Sleep 2022 was based on our 2021 model of support. In addition to Lantern Trust staff, skilled volunteers were recruited, bringing a wealth of experience and practical support to the project. Staff provided tailored advice, crisis response and triage into relevant services and external agencies, whilst volunteers from Refresh, the Churches Together in Weymouth and Portland, provided hot meals, snacks, drinks and general support for the project.

Four Safe Sleep Support Workers supported by Lantern Trust Hub services provided on-site support, adhering to agreed COVID-19 requirements including social distancing and the use of face masks in enclosed spaces or where social distancing was difficult. Day Shelter Support Workers worked a 9am–5pm shift, supporting guests with any paperwork required for their stay at Safe Sleep. They carried out incident report logging at both low and high level and raised any presenting safeguarding concerns. They supported guests with their needs following each day's staff handover and assisted them to adhere to acceptable behaviour contracts. They also provided volunteers with support if required when handing out the pre-prepared meals and carried out a handover to security when identifying any potential overnight concerns. Evening Shelter Support Workers worked a 5pm–10pm shift, again adhering to COVID-19 requirements and supporting guests in a similar manner to the Day Shelter Support Staff, handing over to security when identifying any potential overnight concerns. A waking security service was provided 24 hours a day for the duration of the project, with staff adhering to a lone working policy. The security service supported guests with the acceptable behaviour contracts, secured guest keys, provided emergency information sheets and provided evening updates/action plans to the designated Lantern Trust team members upon handover. Refresh (Churches of Weymouth and Portland Together) provided guests with meals for the duration of the project. All clients received ongoing housing support and assistance from either the Lantern Trust, Julian House, Shelter Housing First or Shelter IFS1 as lead agency, with each client also benefiting from a multi-agency support approach overarching their
care.

A total of 18 unique clients were referred into Safe Sleep 2022 after being verified as street homeless by Julian House Dorset Assertive Homeless Outreach Team. 16 clients (89%) were male and 2 (11%) were female. 11 clients (61%) were deemed to have complex needs. 8 clients (44%) were assessed as "red" (high) risk, 5 (28%) as "amber" (medium) risk and 5 (28%) as "green" (low) risk. 7 clients (39%) had a history of alcohol misuse, 8 (44%) had a history of substance misuse, 2 (11%) had a physical disability, 1 (5%) had a chronic/terminal illness, 9 (50%) had a history of mental illness, 3 (17%) had learning disabilities, 7 (39%) were ex-offenders, 1 (5%) was a young person at risk and/or a care leaver and 1 (5%) was ex-forces. 116 housing interventions, 12 benefit interventions, 43 health interventions, 574 Drop-In interventions, 19 RRP interventions, 53 ETE interventions and 35 CDAW interventions were delivered by the project in 2021/22. At the close of the project, 2 clients (11%) were housed in private sector accommodation with ongoing support, 1 (5%) was housed in Lantern Trust supported Sanderson House, 1 (5%) was housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset, 2 (11%) were housed under Dorset Council SWEP provision until 04/04/22, 2 (11%) were housed in B&B via Dorset Council, 1 (5%) was housed in Lantern Trust supported Boot Hill, 1 (5%) was housed via family reconnection, 1 (5%) was housed in Shelter IFS accommodation, 1 (5%) was placed on a waiting list for Shelter IFS accommodation, 1 client (5%) was rough sleeping and referred to Cedar Housing and 5 (28%) were rough sleeping and offered ongoing support with housing options.

Hardy House Hostel Supported Accommodation Project

The Lantern Trust Hardy House Hostel Project was created in response to an increased need for homelessness provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and was undertaken in collaboration with Dorset Council. The Lantern Trust commenced delivery of the project on 27/07/20, providing specialized support to vulnerable residents. The project offers residents tailored packages of support and triage into Lantern Trust and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of entering and sustaining settled accommodation. Our service provides a Monday to Friday full time medium to high support service delivered by a Hostel Support Worker. A security provider covers Saturday and Sunday from 10am-6pm, also covering bank holidays. Staff leave is covered by other Lantern Trust staff members. Triage into Lantern Trust Crisis and Recovery Hub Services provides holistic and tailored support packages for individuals in order to meet both immediate needs and identify wider areas of service-user need requiring specialist support from inhouse and partner agencies. We provide residents with intensive support and targeted interventions to help them maintain their hostel licences, identify and remove barriers to housing, benefits, health and welfare services and facilitate planned moves to alternative longer-term accommodation which is appropriate to individual need, therefore improving people's chances of successful resettlement and better integration into our wider community. We also promote social reablement, supporting clients with access to health and wellbeing services and also supporting them to engage in meaningful occupation within the community. We draw on the many available resources found within our Hub Services, which are unique in approach when considering local provision, in that we offer a complete range of services under one roof. We complement local statutory services by having the ability to work with those who are unable or unwilling to engage with mainstream services, acting as a last line in assistance for the difficult to engage.

A total of 17 unique clients were accommodated in Hardy House Hostel in 2021/22, including 9 new referrals. All 17 clients (100%) were male and all had complex needs. 4 clients (23%) were assessed as orange (medium) risk, 11 clients (65%) were assessed as red (high) risk and 2 clients (12%) were assessed as green (low) risk. 11 clients (64%) had a history of alcohol misuse, 11 (64%) had a history of substance misuse, 6 (35%) had a physical disability, 3 (18%) had a chronic or terminal illness, 12 (70%) had a history of mental illness, 3 (18%) had learning disabilities, 12 (70%) were ex-offenders, 1 (6%) was a man at risk of violence, 4 (28%) had a history of street homelessness, 1 (6%) had a history of sofa-surfing, 3 (18%) had a history of being NFA in an “other” setting not covered by other housing categories and 2 clients (12%) had previously been threatened with homelessness.
173 housing interventions, 46 benefit interventions, 140 health interventions, 140 Drop-In interventions, 50 RRP interventions, 91 ETE interventions and 121 CDAW interventions were delivered by the project in 2021/22. 3 clients (18%) remained at the hostel, 4 (23%) were housed by Magna, 1 (6%) was housed by Aster, 1 (6%) was housed by an “other” housing association, 2 (11%) were housed by Shelter IFS, 1 (6%) was housed in Sanderson House, 1 (6%) voluntarily returned to Approved Premises, 1 (6%) was housed in temporary B&B accommodation and 3 (18%) were housed in temporary accommodation.

Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP) Supported Lettings Project

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic led to the government’s ‘Everyone In’ policy, whereby rough sleepers were provided with emergency accommodation to meet lock-down rules, thus mitigating risk to the health and safety of both rough sleepers and the wider community. Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP) funding became available as a result of Dorset Council’s successful bid for MHCLG2 funding, which became available to ensure that rough sleepers provided with emergency accommodation in response to COVID-19 did not return to the streets. The fund was used to provide two units of long-term accommodation and a Supported Lettings Service for rough sleepers with medium to high needs, including people recovering from rough sleeping, those at risk of rough sleeping or those at risk of homelessness.
Since the launch of the NSAP project, The Lantern Trust Supported Lettings Service have worked with three people identified as meeting the NSAP eligibility criteria who had previously experienced a range of barriers in maintaining settled accommodation. The tenancies and support were offered for 2 years, including pre and post tenancy support work, ongoing support to maintain the accommodation and assistance to move on into longer-term, more permanent housing solutions.

In addition to the support offered by the Supported Lettings Team, our Lantern Trust Hubs have offered access to our full range of services. All support is delivered using a person-centred approach and our outcome based support is tailored to meet individual needs, based on an agreed assetbased support plan which identifies nderlying causes for the difficulties the individual is experiencing. Support is then tailored to respond to those needs to develop individual resilience and self-advocacy. The support offered does not depend upon the service user’s compliance with other agencies and is not time–limited.

A total of 3 male clients engaged with the project during the 2021/22. All 3 clients (100%) had a history of repeat homelessness. 2 clients (66.66%) were NFA3 in temporary accommodation at the Riviera Hotel under Dorset Council’s emergency accommodation provision as a response to the Government’s ‘Everyone In’ COVID-19 policy, prior to moving into NSAP accommodation. 1 client (33%) was housed in Hardy House Hostel prior to their NSAP allocation. All 3 clients (100%) had complex needs, experiencing 2 or more social exclusion factors and were assessed as red (high) risk. 2 clients (66.66%) had alcohol misuse issues and 1 client (33.33%) had drug misuse issues. All 3 clients (100%) had mental health issues. 2 clients (66.66%) were ex-offenders.

A total of 194 interventions relating to the 3 NSAP accommodation residents were undertaken between 17/06/21 and 28/04/22. 125 (64%) were carried out by the Supported Lettings Service and 69 (36%) by Lantern Trust Hub staff via our Housing, Benefits, Drop-In, health, Education Training and Employment Coordinator and Complex Drug and Alcohol Worker services. At the close of the reporting period, 2 clients (67%) were resident in NSAP accommodation and 1 client (33%) had successfully moved on into an Aster Housing Association property.

The Lantern Trust GP Outreach Service

The GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network4 (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices. Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services. The service commenced on the 19/07/19, based in our NHS standard accredited clinical room. Many people engaging with The Lantern Trust need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care. Clients are booked in for Friday appointments upon request by Lantern Trust staff throughout the week and seen in a familiar environment. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification.

An average of 5 to 6 clients are seen during each Friday surgery. Many clients are street homeless and people experiencing housing vulnerabilities and poverty. Many are transient, new to the area, or recently released from prison. The vast majority of clients seen are registered with the Royal Crescent Street Surgery. As expected, the health issues treated ranged from minor to major ailments. Mental health has been a major issue for this client group. By its very nature, an outreach project breaks down barriers through meeting people on their own terms. A professional yet informal approach is key, where vague appointment times are acceptable. There is flexibility if people turn up late and people can be seen in their own time with a cup of coffee in a truly welcoming environment. The opportunistic element of referral can come into play within the Lantern Trust Hub setting. Staff who have got to know people and have gained their trust are able to gently prompt them to be seen by the GP Outreach Service, thus helping to mitigate the risks associated with allowing health issues to go untreated. Clients are afforded more time from the service than is generally given in mainstream primary care settings. Clients welcome the sense of continuity of care provided by the service and the knowledge that they don’t have to tell their story twice.

A total of 262 GP Outreach Service referrals were made in 2021/22 and 100 unique clients were assisted. 77 (77%) were male and 23 (23%) were female. 90 clients (90%) had complex needs. 35 clients (35%) were assessed as “red” (high) risk, 12 (12%) as “amber” (medium) risk and 53 (53%) as “green” (low) risk. 55 clients (55%) had a history of alcohol misuse, 48 (48%) had a history of substance misuse, 33 (33%) had a physical disability, 11 (11%) had a chronic/terminal illness, 75 (75%) had a history of mental illness, 3 (3%) had learning disabilities, 52 (52%) were ex-offenders, 2 (2%) were men at risk of violence, 3 (3%) were women at risk of violence, 20 (20%) had a history of homelessness in “other” settings, 8 (8%) had a history of sofa-surfing, 29 (29%) had a history of street homelessness, 7 (7%) had a history of being threatened with homelessness within 56 days, 1 (1%) was a vulnerable mother with a baby and 2 (2%) were young persons at risk/leaving care.

Health Inequalities – a Lantern Trust Response

Increased Health Quality and Access to Health Services

We are committed to tackling health inequalities in our community and use client demographics to identify unmet health needs with the aim of increasing the quality of health experienced by our clients. We have responded to identified health needs by adapting and evolving our Crisis and Recovery Hub services to develop specific projects which have a positive impact on client health. In 2021/22, 495 unmet client health needs were identified and met by the Lantern Trust with 134 unique clients assisted. Our services have adapted to offer access to an optician, a podiatry clinic and an NHS Homeless Health Service Drop-In. We commenced hosting a mobile dentist van clinic from 02/08/21. We have installed an NHS standard accredited clinical room. We have held 2 Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics and a Booster Clinic targeted at vulnerable and hard to engage people. 45 people received their 1st vaccination on Day 1 and 35 received their first vaccination on Day 2, with 3 receiving their 2nd. 26 clients attended the Booster Clinic and 14 influenza vaccinations were also given. Our CEO has recently become a participant in a newly formed Mental Health Alliance which has led to broader conversations with the heads of the CCG about how mental health services are commissioned. He has now been invited to sit on the Integrated Care Board which will oversee future commissioning and working with the third sector. As a result, we are soon to recruit a Band 7 Community Psychiatric Nurse (CPN) who will be based at The Lantern Trust Hub, thus improving access to mental health services for our vulnerable client group.

Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings (MDTs)

We have established weekly Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings (MDTs) in order to discuss the medical needs of our most vulnerable clients. Attendees include all our colleagues from within the current RSI funding, Julian House, Dorset Council, Shelter, REACH Out, our colleagues in the NHS and Homeless Health Service and our Operations Manager Lead. The MDTs exist to ensure that gaps in service provision identified by local agencies are being met. They also ensure that the pan-Dorset approach we have to adopt is captured by partner agencies. We will be adding the CAB and any other interested parties to the attendee list in the future.

The GSK IMPACT Awards 2022

The Lantern Trust was judged to be in the top 20 of 350 applications from registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. As runners-up, we were fortunate to receive a grant of £4000 to further our charitable aims. The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, providing funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing. We aim to build on this achievement in the future through onitoring client health and wellbeing needs and developing services accordingly.

Tumbledown Farm

The Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown has made us realize the importance of our community spaces and, more specifically, how we use them. Tumbledown in Weymouth is a 27-acre former farm owned by Weymouth Town Council, which is being developed into a community asset in partnership with Weymouth Area development Trust (WADT). We are working together with Dorset Council, Public Health and Natural England. Following public consultations at the end of 2019, several key themes emerged that expressed how local people felt the land and its natural capital might be repurposed to meet the needs of the community, and its vulnerable members.

Our mission with the community grow space is to give people a purpose and routine to their week. The Lantern prides itself on its sense of community, and it is our desire to carry this on into the project at Tumbledown. We also want to draw on the physical and mental health benefits of outdoor work and being in nature and green spaces. For many this will create a therapeutic atmosphere to escape the isolation and boredom people sometimes experience at home. As a result of this, there will be the chance for participants to take the produce they have helped grow home to use themselves; reaping the benefits of their hard work. We offer a non-judgmental atmosphere for all people from all walks of life to be involved, giving people the opportunity to join a new community of like-minded and enthusiastic people ready to learn new skills and put their minds to new challenges. There are a wide range of activities and lots of planned projects for Tumbledown, including: Volunteer Days, Community Grow Spaces and veggie boxes. Future prospective projects include a Community Kitchen, making jams and chutneys, cooking courses, a Café and a Farm Shop.

18 clients regularly engaged with our Tuesday and Thursday Tumbledown Farm sessions in 2021/22, accessed through our Education, Training and Employment Coordinator service. 16 (89%) were male and 2 (11%) were female. All 18 clients had complex needs, experiencing 2 or more social exclusion factors.

Green Pastures Partnership

We are delighted to have become partners with Green Pastures, a social enterprise which, through their unique ethical investment model, changes the lives of homeless people with one person housed through every £15,000 invested.

Green Pastures purchased Boot Hill, a 7 bedroom property which the Lantern Trust was already supporting via the Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service under agreement with the previous owners. The bedrooms are all en-suite and there is a shared kitchen, yard and garden area. Our residents benefit from good quality accommodation and intensive support from Lantern Trust Hub services.

Under the partnership, The Lantern Trust identified and proposed the property to be purchased, refer people into the property, receive Housing Benefit which pays for the lease and maintain the property. Green Pastures purchased the property, lease it to The Lantern Trust, provide professional consultancy on Housing Benefit, provide staff training regarding paperwork and practical issues and give ongoing support, feedback and information

Green Pastures and The Lantern Trust share the view that providing housing is a starting point for supporting homeless people and that it can be used as a springboard to provide support for residents to gain life skills and the confidence to access meaningful activity and employment.

New Roles

Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE)

The Education, Training and Employment Coordinator (ETE) came into post in November 2021 and coordinates a variety of activities for rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping, building on the established role's proven track record in providing a person-centred, solution focused service tailored to individual need and ability, enabling clients to gain the skills and confidence required to take steps to employment. The role focuses on combating isolation and supporting client wellbeing, working collaboratively and sensitively with individuals who have a wide range of different health and wellbeing needs. Clients are visited in their accommodation to support their development and wellbeing, small connection groups are organized in order to encourage social activities and on-line social and learning opportunities are provided for them, with all clients and activities being risk assessed. The role is responsible for developing and reviewing a meaningful programme of activities through consultation with clients in order to identify their needs, recovery goals and aspirations. Programmes of on-site and off-site activities for individuals and groups which meet their identified needs are drawn up and a potential 'buddy programme' developed which encourages safe but supported activities for small groups of customers to enjoy walks, outdoor activities and on-line group socializing.

Client needs, goals and activities are regularly reviewed and coordination with other agencies is undertaken to ensure that the programme is fully inclusive, establishing links with the local community. The role also oversees the Lantern Trust's Tumbledown Farm green space allotment project, which aims to give people a purpose, structure and routine to their week as well as engendering a sense of community which benefits all participants. Client support needs, areas of unmet need requiring intervention and underlying social exclusion factors which may act as barriers to accessing education, training and employment are identified and support is structured accordingly.

Existing Lantern Trust protocols provide comprehensive staff training in reflective practice, safeguarding, risk assessment and dynamic risk assessment. The training is psychologically informed in that we recognise that our clients may have a history of trauma and our working methods are person-centred and delivered in an appropriate setting. The role pro-actively seeks multi-agency collaboration with external agencies and continues to develop strong links with education, training and employment providers.

As The Lantern Trust is an accommodation provider in its own right and also currently supports Hardy House Hostel and a range of private sector properties, eligible clients from these in-house projects will benefit from ETE support.

Complex Drug & Alcohol Worker (CDAW)

Our Complex Drug & Alcohol Worker (CDAW) came into post in November 2021 and provides clients with specialized drug and alcohol interventions, complementing support given by The Lantern Trust and working with the Dorset Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (RSDATG) team and local partners to provide coordinated support to our clients. As the role develops, it will support close partnership working with housing, health and wellbeing services, police, Criminal Justice and other relevant partners. Trusting and professional partnerships will be developed with and work undertaken alongside other support providers, statutory and voluntary sectors, prisons and hospitals to embed co-production and involvement.

Individual client assessments are undertaken using a strength-based approach, working alongside frontline practitioners to better coordinate access to services and help improve service outcomes, advocating for fair access to existing services through all available channels. Access to treatment is improved by directly providing substance misuse treatment interventions alongside designing programmes of meaningful activity for clients, therefore improving long-term engagement. Support services are also provided to clients to enable them to access housing and services which help them acquire and maintain tenancies.

Our CDAW liaises with the Lantern Trust teams to undertake specific customer assessments, jointly agreeing priorities for improving lifestyle choices and undertaking regular reviews to shape future working. An in-depth knowledge of the local services available for people with complex needs is being developed and maintained, including access criteria and identification of gaps in service provision. A key element of the project is to build trusting relationships with clients in order to support them to access the most appropriate services and to make arrangements for and accompany guests to appointments and meetings as required.
The CDAW helps support individuals to start or continue their recovery journey, further developing life and social skills and making changes in their lifestyles. Work is undertaken with individuals to minimise harm and overcome barriers to engagement. Clients are supported with a trauma informed approach, working to promote social inclusion and meaningful occupation. They are fully informed about their support and treatment options and are involved in and consent to decisions about their person-centred support. They are also encouraged to actively contribute to the development of the services they use. The CDAW role is key to achieving the Public Health England objective to improve the lives of vulnerable people and will be part of our growing partnership of homelessness, support and rough sleeping services in the county, ensuring delivery of a seamless and collaborative approach which places the individual at the heart of all decisions.

Supported Accommodation Officer x 2 (SAO)

Two Supported Accommodation Officers came into post in April 2022. The purpose of this role is to support people who are facing challenges in their lives and overcome them by delivering tailored support which improves emotional wellbeing, self-esteem and confidence. The SAOs support individuals who have experienced vulnerable housing in the past and enable our clients to obtain the life skills necessary to move on into more independent living. They support a range of clients that are in Lantern Trust accommodation and temporary accommodation, giving a continued single point of contact. They engage with clients and ensure they are able to access support and services which help them acquire and maintain tenancies. Individuals are supported in their recovery to find employment, undertake training, develop budgeting skills and cultivate positive social circles. Regular key working and support planning is undertaken to ensure relevant support is provided to enable our clients to maximise their own potential and level of independence. Client needs are assessed and identified and referrals made to relevant agencies. Clients are actively encouraged to exercise their right to choice and involvement in their support plans and SAOs act as an advocate when required.
The SAOs look after the tenancy management of Lantern Trust properties where clients reside to ensure that they are living in good housing conditions. This includes managing services charges and maintenance requirements. They also provide assistance to claim and manage housing benefits and offering advice in relation to fulfilling tenancy conditions.

Summary

We recognise that people with multiple exclusion factors struggle to see a future when the help they need seems desperately out of reach. At Lantern Trust, we listen and endeavour to understand the best way to access the support and services which are required. The Lantern Trust can provide a number of these services and where necessary engage assistance from our partner agencies. No longer do these people have to be isolated. Instead, they can be part of a community at The Lantern which helps them continue or start to make positive changes in their lives and which bring benefits for the local community.

Of course none of the above would have been achieved without our wonderful team of staff and volunteers under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham. This year once again in the face of Covid and the extra demands on our service they have gone above and beyond to stay open throughout the year risking their own health to help the people who present at the Lantern at their point of need. They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and empathy to their work which encapsulates the very ethos of the Lantern where every person is treated as an individual and with respect and where Hope is possible.

Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to :
- continue with our basic services for our clients
- meet contractual obligations
- be good and fair employers
- build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- protect and maintain the Charity's assets.

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free Unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 4 to 8 months of future operating costs and which equates to approximately £175,000 to £350,000.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979.

The 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:

Mrs A Bazell	
Mr I Walton FCA	
Mrs E Ireland	
Rev. P Elliott	
Dr J Orrell	
Mrs J Clarke	
Rev. P Gibbs	(Resigned 11 May 2021)
Rev. J Haine	(Appointed 13 April 2021)

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

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Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee
Dated: .....

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Matthew Haines FCA

Wadebridge House
16 Wadebridge Square
Poundbury
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Dated: .....

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	55,262	10,500	65,762	53,165
Charitable activities	**3**	197,200	298,605	495,805	541,442
Other income	**4**	31,296	-	31,296	65
Total income		283,758	309,105	592,863	594,672
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**5**	345,462	178,319	523,781	477,116
Other	**8**	-	550	550	854
Total resources expended		345,462	178,869	524,331	477,970
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(61,704)	130,236	68,532	116,702
Gross transfers between funds		135,716	(135,716)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		74,012	(5,480)	68,532	116,702
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		436,915	5,480	442,395	325,693
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		510,927	-	510,927	442,395

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.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		453,376		418,216
Investments	**10**		2		2
			453,378		418,218
Current assets					
Debtors	**11**	51,940		62,809	
Cash at bank and in hand		345,347		225,792	
		397,287		288,601	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(169,738)		(84,424)	
Net current assets			227,549		204,177
Total assets less current liabilities			680,927		622,395
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**13**		(170,000)		(180,000)
Net assets			510,927		442,395
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		-		5,480
Unrestricted funds			510,927		436,915
			510,927		442,395

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on .....

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Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee

Company registration number 05577019

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the financial position of the Charity, both during the period and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and have assessed both financial and operational risk. They are of the opinion that the Charity has sufficient financial resources to continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Software	15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% on reducing balance

The charity's policy is to depreciate its freehold property at 2% on cost. As the residual value of the property is deemed in excess of this amount, depreciation has not been charges for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020 - nil). The Trustees will review this position at each reporting date.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 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, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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 using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. 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. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received where material.

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

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	55,262	10,500	65,762	40,695	12,470	53,165

3 Charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants and services provided under contract	298,497	208,510
Other grants	197,308	332,932
	495,805	541,442
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	197,200	233,417
Restricted funds	298,605	308,025
	495,805	541,442

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other incoming resources	31,296	65

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022	Charitable Expenditure 2021
	£	£
Staff costs	325,305	239,988
Depreciation and impairment	4,396	2,524
Coffee bar purchases	543	187
Staff and volunteer expenses	11,705	5,208
Telephone and internet	3,289	3,013
Insurance	5,078	3,892
Light, heat and power	5,214	4,965
Rent, rates and water	6,300	4,404
Repairs and maintenance	14,766	20,005
Publicity and advertising	2,645	4,143
Office supplies and postage	5,487	1,816
Equipment, repairs and replacements	13,634	16,771
Professional fees	6,134	5,279
HR Costs	5,880	7,453
Sundries	3,740	4,331
Training and resources	3,232	4,591
Safe Sleep - excluding salaries	42,027	78,876
Rent deposits and customer support	42,856	54,431
Rent Boot Hill	7,061	-
Software support	11,489	12,693
	520,781	**474,570**
Independent examiner's fee	3,000	2,546
	523,781	**477,116**
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	345,462	**283,354**
Restricted funds	178,319	193,762
	523,781	**477,116**

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £3,000 (2021- £2,546).

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. (2021 - nil)

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
	16	12

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	294,746	220,250
Social security costs	23,145	13,768
Other pension costs	7,414	5,970
	325,305	239,988

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year. Volunteer time provided to the Charity in the year is for general and ad-hoc services. No donated professional services have been received.

Staff costs solely relate to charitable activites and any fundraising element is deemed to be incidental.

8 Other

	Restricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2021
Financing costs	550	854
	550	854

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Software	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	403,957	8,775	30,665	443,397
Additions	24,502	-	15,055	39,557
At 31 March 2022	428,459	8,775	45,720	482,954
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2021	-	2,151	23,031	25,182
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,145	3,251	4,396
At 31 March 2022	-	3,296	26,282	29,578
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2022	428,459	5,479	19,438	453,376
At 31 March 2021	403,958	6,624	7,634	418,216

10 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021 & 31 March 2022	2
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	2
At 31 March 2021	2

The Charity owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited (no. 0549909) which is used for trading activities, namely the sale of donated goods through a charity shop and which covenants all profits to the charity.

At 31 March 2022 the company had total assets of £8,237, liabilities of £8,235, share capital of £2 and reserves of nil.

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	42,767	52,921
Amounts owed by subsidary	7,386	8,384
Prepayments and accrued income	1,787	1,504
	51,940	62,809

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	55,688	28,874
Accruals and deferred income	114,050	55,550
	169,738	84,424

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Amount owed to Albert Hunt Trust		170,000	180,000

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £7,414 (2021 - £5,970).

Contributions totalling £1,704 (2021 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expended**	**Transfers**	**Balance at 31 March 2022**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted funds	5,480	309,105	(178,869)	(135,716)	-

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	**Restricted funds 2022**	**Total 2022**	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	453,376	-	453,376	418,216	-	418,216
Investments	2	-	2	2	-	2
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,549	-	227,549	198,697	5,480	204,177
Long term liabilities	(170,000)	-	(170,000)	(180,000)	-	(180,000)
	510,927	-	510,927	436,915	5,480	442,395

17 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases of £251,160 (2021: nil). These are in relation to 35 Rodwell Road, Weymouth.

18 Related party transactions

At the beginning of the period the Charity was owed £8,385 by its 100% owned subsidiary, The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited. During the year the subsidiary transferred £5,000 in relation to previously covenanted profits. £4,001 of profits were covenanted from the subsidiary for the current year and at the year end £4,001 was receivable.

The Charity was owed £7,386 by The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited at the year end in respect of overhead costs incurred on its behalf and unpaid covenanted profits.

THE LANTERN TRUST WEYMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1114979

Accounts

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CBReid

Chartered Accountants

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mrs A Bazell	
	Mr I Walton FCA	
	Mrs E Ireland	
	Rev. P Elliott	
	Dr J Orrell	
	Mrs J Clarke	
	Rev. J Haine	(Appointed 13 April 2021)
Secretary	Mr I Walton FCA	
Charity number	1114979	
Company number	05577019	
Registered office	Wadebridge House 16 Wadebridge Square Poundbury Dorchester Dorset DT1 3AQ	
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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and Objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to relieve those persons in need, in particular those who may be vulnerable due to age, infirmity, disabilities and financial hardship. In furthering the objectives, due regard shall be given to the principles of the Christian faith.

b. Activities for Achieving Objectives

The charity seeks to benefit vulnerable people in the Weymouth & Portland area and wider Dorset area through its resource centre and by working closely and professionally with other agencies. The charity offers a range of services including advocacy, housing advice, benefit advice, outreach, counselling, crisis response and frontline practical support.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

a. Key Financial Performance Indicators

The Lantern Trust commenced an Integrated Prevention and Support Service contract with Dorset Council with effect from 1 April 2018 after having participated in a Social Inclusion Pilot Scheme in the previous year. This was a three year contract with an optional two year extension and the contract has been extended for one year of that option period through to 31 March 2022. Fees of £75,000 were received for this contract during the year.

The charity also commenced delivery of a Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings contract with Dorset Council with effect from 1 April 2019. This contract is on a year by year basis and at this time has been extended through to 31 March 2022. Fees of £108,000 were received for this contract during the year.

The demands on the services offered by The Lantern Trust have been increasing over the past years and it became necessary to consider the acquisition of additional premises in order to properly meet those demands as well as to further develop the concept of The Lantern Trust becoming a Hub, where customers would be able to access most of the services they required in one location. The Lantern managed to lease adjoining premises at 1 Queen Street, Weymouth in 2018 with an option to purchase and the property was purchased with the aid of a very beneficial loan in May 2020. Substantial building work has been undertaken during the year to adapt and refurbish the premises to meet our requirements.

In addition, The Lantern Trust also delivered a Safe Sleep project, providing rough sleepers in Weymouth and Portland with accommodation, food and triage into relevant services during the winter months. The project was piloted in January 2019 to March 2019 and rolled out again in December 2019 to March 2020 and January 2021 to March 2021.

Obviously, with the increased demands on the service including Safe Sleep, an increasing requirement for rent deposits to secure accommodation for customers and with the purchase and refurbishment of these additional premises, it becomes a priority to generate the required funds and to build reserves for the future if we are going to achieve our aims.

Financial review

This year has been particularly challenging as a result of the onset of the Covid pandemic in early 2020. It was necessary for us to adapt many of our services and incur additional expenses such as PPE and cleaning to meet the stringent safety measures required to protect our customers and our staff. However despite these challenges we managed to operate all of our services and carry out our contracted work throughout the year and at levels that were even more demanding than in previous years.

We continued with our Integrated Prevention and Support Service contract commissioned by Dorset County Council receiving £75,000 in fees and also with our Rapid Rehousing Supported Letting contract again commissioned by Dorset Council receiving £117,700 in fees and personal budgets during the year. We also once again managed to run our Safe Sleep project through the Winter months of January to March providing rough sleepers in Weymouth and Portland with accommodation, food and triage into relevant services provided by us and/or our partner agencies. It was necessary however to do this on a different model from previous years because of Covid and rather than offering accommodation in various Churches around the town this year we had to use hotel accommodation and this meant a large increase in our expenditure on this project. In fact the cost of the project including on-site security and before the salaries of part time staff was £78,876 and we were very fortunate to be able to obtain grants from National Lottery Community Fund Homeless Link, Dorset Council and Fairbridge Trust and with other donations to cover all of our costs including salaries.

Over the past couple of years we have been endeavouring to develop our Hub concept where customers would be able to access all or at least most of the services that they require in one location at the Lantern. We moved substantially toward our vision for the Hub concept in October 2018 when we leased premises in Queen Street Weymouth adjoining our Ranelagh Road premises and in May 2020 we moved even further in that direction when we managed to purchase the Queen Street premises with the assistance of a mortgage loan on very beneficial terms from the Albert Hunt Trust. With the assistance of further grants from the National Lottery Community Fund we were also able to undertake building work during the year to convert and upgrade these premises to provide office accommodation for us and for rent to some of our partner agencies and which has very much consolidated our Hub concept.

Despite all of the upheaval caused by Covid and the additional expenses as outlined above we are pleased to report that we managed to finish the year with a surplus of £116,702 (2020 £41,723. Income for the year was £594,672 (2020 £353,217) and Expenditure was £477,970 (2020 £311,494). At year end our Total funds were £442,395 (2020 £325,693) including net Fixed assets of £238,218 (2020 £191,783) and Restricted funds of £5,480 (2020 £20,472) leaving free Unrestricted funds of £198,697 (2020 £113,438). This is considered to be a satisfactory position however there is a concern regarding future funding from Government and other agencies as we emerge from the Covid pandemic. On this basis we consider that we still need to build reserves to undertake further building works to increase accommodation within our premises and also to ensure longevity of our project through this difficult period and as we endeavour to meet the increasing requirements of our cohort.

Our grateful thanks go to the following, who have provided funds to enable us to achieve our work and the results for the year:

Albert Hunt Trust

National Lotteries Community Fund

Dorset Council

Lloyds Bank

Tudor Trust

The Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Charitable Foundation

Garfield Weston Foundation

Charities Trust

Weymouth Town Council

BACTA Charitable Trust

Hall and Woodhouse

Groundwork

Fairbridge Trust

Crisis UK

Our thanks also go to the Churches of Weymouth and Portland for their generous donations throughout the year and for preparing and donating all evening meals for our Safe Sleep project and to the many individuals who have donated money and raised funds to help us in our work.

Finally, our thanks go to our wonderful group of volunteers who operate The Lantern Trust charity shop at Chapelhay, Weymouth and for those who donated goods.

b. Review of Activities

The past year has been very significant and exciting for The Lantern Trust.

Crisis and Recovery Hubs

Previously, the Hub concept operated within the Ranelagh Road premises, but now, with the addition of the Queen Street premises, the Ranelagh Road premises is used as a Crisis Hub and the Queen Street premises have been developed as a Recovery Hub with a number of statutory and non-statutory agencies either having their base within the Lantern Trust premises or visiting on a regular basis. Hub services at The Lantern Trust are CAB benefit service, Dorset Council Housing Advice, Domestic Violence Support, our own NHS GP Service based from our clinical room, NHS Podiatry Service, Dentaid Van, Covid-19 Vaccination Pop Up Clinic, Shelter Housing First, Julian House Homeless Outreach Team, opticians appointments, You Trust Floating Housing Support, Supported Lettings Service, an Activities Support Worker/Service (meaningful occupation, employment and volunteering), a Drug and Alcohol Worker, a CPN and Criminal Justice Support Services (Catch 22 and Interventions Alliance).

In addition, a clinical suite has been established in the Queen Street premises, equipped to NHS standards and which was used by REACH three days a week during the year and as a surgery by doctors on a voluntary basis one day a week, as well as for opticians and dental services from time to time.

The Queen Street premises have also now been developed into further office space which is used both by The Lantern Trust staff and other partner agencies. This means that The Lantern Trust has become very much a "one-stop shop" where customers can access the services of these other agencies within the Crisis and Recovery Hubs as well as a comprehensive range of services offered directly through The Lantern Trust. It has facilitated cross-agency cooperation in dealing with each customer and has therefore greatly enhanced the quality of the service offered.

Crisis Hub Drop-In

We aim to bring lasting change to people's lives through provision of a dedicated service meeting practical and emotional unmet needs. Our ethos is one of social inclusion and we aim to break cycles of disadvantage and dependency through support which is tailored to individual need. We strive to work *with* people rather than merely *for* people, in order to equip them with a sense of self-confidence and empowerment, armed with a tool-kit to tackle everyday issues. The building of lasting, trusting relationships is the foundation on which our work is based.

We are situated in Melcombe Regis which is identified, in the Index of Multiple Deprivation, as being in the top 10% most deprived areas nationally. We are therefore well situated to meet the needs of local vulnerable and marginalised people. Our clients present with multiple social exclusion factors, with an average of five presenting needs per person, and face associated barriers to housing, welfare benefit access, health care and welfare support. Our geographical situation and accessibility mean that we can reach large numbers of clients through in-reach as well as outreach.

Our Drop-In Support Centre is central to our service, acting as a gateway to all Lantern Trust, housing, benefit, health and welfare services provided in our Crisis and Recovery Hubs, simultaneously providing a safe space in which people can begin to rebuild their lives and achieve their objectives. Clients can self-refer or be referred from other agencies. The Hubs give direct access to Lantern Trust and partner agency services.

Integrated Prevention and Support Service

Housing and Resettlement Project

Housing and homelessness issues are a main challenge to our client group. We have a proven track record in providing specialised housing-related support, with particular expertise in working with clients experiencing mental health issues. We are currently commissioned by Dorset Council to provide the community resource centre aspect of the Integrated Prevention and Support Service, delivering effective housing and benefit interventions, access to accommodation and tenancy sustainment support.

Our accommodation and housing support work is targeted towards vulnerable and marginalised clients with complex needs and multiple exclusion factors. We collate routine monitoring statistics in order to examine client demographics and apparent trends so that we can better target our resources and tackle the underlying causes of homelessness and social exclusion. We take a holistic approach, encompassing housing, benefit, health, welfare and practical support.

In 2020/21 395 clients were referred into the service and 207 of these had complex and multiple needs. Mental illness was by far the most prevalent social exclusion factor experienced by our client group. 224 people had current mental health issues, or a history of mental illness. 113 were ex-offenders, 112 had alcohol misuse issues and 113 had substance misuse issues. 22 people had learning disabilities, 56 had a chronic or terminal illness and 33 had a physical disability. 6 people were vulnerable mothers with babies, 1 was special needs elderly, 23 were women at risk of violence, 6 were men at risk of violence, 7 were young people at risk and / or leaving care and 1 was vulnerable ex-service personnel. 115 people were street homeless, vulnerably housed, sofa-surfing, in temporary accommodation or awaiting discharge from hospital at time of first engagement with our service and 13 were threatened with homelessness.

Meeting Client Need

Client needs can be demonstrated by the nature of requests for assistance. 644 of the interventions were for housing advice, 217 were for welfare benefit advice, 2629 were for practical or emotional support needs, 232 were for physical health support needs and 74 were for mental health support needs. A total of 3796 identified client needs were met. Many of the clients who requested assistance had a variety of needs requiring multiple interventions.

Of the 644 Housing interventions delivered, 303 related to homelessness. 127 housing outcomes were people accessing accommodation. 33 people were financially assisted into private sector accommodation, 9 people were assisted into Housing Association properties, 2 people were housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset, 16 people were housed by Safe Sleep , 10 people were housed by Pivotal Housing and 46 people were placed in emergency accommodation. 1 person was housed in Bournemouth Churches Housing Association supported accommodation and 10 people were housed in Lantern Trust supported Boot Hill accommodation. A total of 282 unique clients received housing advice and assistance during 2020/21. 70 clients (25%) were new referrals, benefiting from 125 interventions (19%). 212 clients (75%) were pre-existing clients from our ongoing caseload, benefiting from 519 interventions (81%).

Of the 217 benefit interventions delivered, 122 were referrals to the CAB Income Maximisation Service, 7 Personal Independence Payment (PIP) applications, 7 PIP Review applications, 13 PIP casework interventions, 2 Mandatory Reconsiderations and 8 Appeals. Benefit outcomes included 3 successful benefit claims, 2 backdates of benefit, 1 successful Mandatory Reconsideration and 3 successful Appeals. A total of 108 unique clients received benefit advice and assistance during 2020/21. 17 clients (16%) were new referrals, benefiting from 28 benefit interventions (13%). 91 clients (84%) were pre-existing caseload clients, who benefited from 189 interventions (87%).

Of the 232 physical health interventions delivered, 166 were GP referrals, 24 safeguarding interventions and 14 Homeless Health Service referrals. 74 mental health interventions were delivered. 24 were safeguarding interventions, 17 were CMHT referrals, 15 were NHS Homeless Health Service referrals, 7 were requests for Mental Health Assessments, 6 were Steps to Wellbeing referrals, 4 were requests for MARM meetings and 1 was a request for a Care Act Assessment. Total health outcomes were 232 physical health needs and 74 mental health needs met. A total of 87 unique clients received health assistance. 10 clients (11%) were new referrals, benefiting from 23 health interventions (7%). 77 clients (89%) were pre-existing caseload clients, benefiting from 283 health interventions (93%).

Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Service

We are also commissioned to deliver the Supported Lettings aspect of the Rapid Rehousing Pathway, which is a Central Government initiative aimed at reducing homelessness. The Pathway is targeted at those with a recent history of homelessness and we have built on the established success of our Housing and Resettlement Project to access and help sustain tenancies and to provide a supportive and financial offer to local landlords in order that our client group will have a better chance of entering and sustaining privately rented accommodation.

The eligibility criteria for those accessing the service is that they have low to medium support needs, which includes anyone without the complex support needs requiring a Housing First approach.

In 2020/21, the Supported Lettings Team grew our accommodation offer with the acquisition of referral rights into a property situated on Boot Hill, Weymouth. This accommodation is used as "next step" accommodation for residents at our Sanderson House project, which is also supported by RRP staff.

Our Rapid Rehousing Pathway Supported Lettings Team assisted 46 people in 2020/21, 37 of whom had complex and multiple needs. 29 clients had a history of alcohol misuse, 29 clients had a history of substance misuse, 10 clients had a physical disability, 6 clients had a chronic or terminal illness, 40 clients had a history of mental illness, 4 clients had learning disabilities, 27 clients were ex-offenders, 2 clients were identified as men at risk of violence and 4 clients were identified as women at risk of violence.

There were a total of 226 housing interventions, 76 benefit interventions, 1810 Drop-In (practical and emotional support) interventions and 157 health interventions (111 physical health and 46 mental health) were carried out by the Supported Lettings Team.

A total of 2,069 identified client needs were met. 49 outcomes were clients being housed with Lantern Trust involvement and / or funding. This represents 22% of total RRP housing outcomes. If we examine this further, 20 unique clients were housed (43%), as some clients were housed in more than one setting during the reporting period. 14 clients (30%) were new referrals engaging with RRP services for the first time within this period. 6 pre-existing clients (13%) were also housed.

Safe Sleep

The Safe Sleep 2019 pilot project and Safe Sleep 2019/20 provided guests with supervised and supported night-shelter accommodation but we identified the need for a shift to single room provision in 2021, in response to the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, following guidance from the MHCLG and consultation with Dorset Council and Public Health England, a decision was made to offer temporary emergency single-room accommodation at The Riviera Hotel, Weymouth to our Safe Sleep guests, with intensive support available for people to move into settled accommodation through engagement with our services. In this way, we aimed to mitigate Covid-19 related health risks to our vulnerable client group.

We successfully applied to the MHCLG / Homeless Link Winter Transformation Fund for a grant to fund a block booking of accommodation at the Riviera Hotel. In addition to Lantern Trust staff, a host of skilled volunteers were recruited, bringing a wealth of experience and practical support to the project. Staff provided tailored advice, crisis response and triage into relevant services and external agencies, whilst volunteers from Refresh, the Churches Together in Weymouth and Portland, provided hot meals, snacks, drinks and general support for the project.

Of the 16 people engaged with Safe Sleep in 2020/21, 14 had complex and multiple needs. 13 Safe Sleep clients had a history of alcohol misuse, 6 had a history of substance misuse, 3 had a physical disability, 3 had a chronic or terminal illness, 10 had a history of mental illness, 2 had learning disabilities, 9 were ex-offenders and 2 were identified as young people at risk and / or ex-care leavers.

There were 82 housing interventions, 10 benefit interventions, 56 health interventions (48 physical health and 8 mental health) and 53 Drop-In (practical and emotional support) interventions delivered by the project. A total of 201 identified client needs were met. Safe Sleep outcomes included 2 clients housed in the private sector, 2 clients housed in Portland YHA, 2 clients housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset. (1 of these clients moved to Shelter Intensive Floating Support (IFS) accommodation), 1 client housed by Pivotal Housing and 2 clients housed in Sanderson House (one as a longer term housing solution and 1 as a temporary measure, pending accommodation in BCHA Church Street). 5 clients continued to be housed at the Safe Sleep venue under our Riviera Hotel Supported Accommodation Project. A further client was nominated for IFS housing and 1 client was nominated for RRP housing.

Swanage Hostel Supported Accommodation Project

The Lantern Trust Swanage Hostel Project was created in response to an increased need for homelessness provision caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and was undertaken in collaboration with Dorset Council. We commenced delivery of the project on 16 July 2020, providing specialized support to vulnerable residents. The project offered residents tailored packages of support and triage into Lantern Trust and partner agency services, with the aim of providing them with a better chance of entering and sustaining settled accommodation.

A total of 23 clients accessed support during this period. 15 presented with complex and multiple needs. There were 43 housing needs, 21 benefit needs, 23 health needs and 184 Drop-in (practical and emotional support) needs met. In total, 271 identified client needs were met by the project in 2020/21.

Project outcomes included 3 clients housed in a supported hostel, 3 clients housed in temporary accommodation via Dorset Council, 2 clients housed in temporary accommodation via The Lantern Trust, 1 client housed in the private sector via The Lantern Trust Assisted Rent Deposit Scheme, 1 client housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset, 1 client placed on the BCHA Church Street waiting list, 1 client accepted onto The Bus Shelter Dorset waiting list and 1 client referred onto the Rapid Rehousing Pathway.

The Swanage Hostel Project ceased operation on 31 March 2021 as the lease secured by Dorset Council expired. However, The Lantern Trust continues to support clients in its sister project at Portland YHA.

Portland YHA Supported Accommodation Project

We commenced delivery of the Lantern Trust Portland YHA Hostel Project on 27 July 2020, based on the specialized support model established for the Swanage Hostel project.

A total of 19 clients accessed support in 2020/21. 12 presented with complex needs. There were 82 housing needs, 34 benefit needs, 68 health needs and 203 Drop-in (practical and emotional support) needs met . In total, 367 identified client needs were met by the project in 2020/21. Project outcomes included 4 people housed in temporary accommodation via Dorset Council with Lantern Trust involvement, 2 people housed in temporary accommodation via The Lantern Trust and 3 people housed in private sector via The Lantern Trust Assisted Rent Deposit Scheme. 3 people were accepted onto the Rapid Rehousing Pathway, 1 referral to The Bus Shelter Dorset was accepted and 1 person was housed by The Bus Shelter Dorset.

Health Projects – The Lantern Trust GP Outreach Service

The GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices. Its aims are to act as a gateway to healthcare, to register hard to engage people with the practices and to encourage people to use primary care services.

The service commenced on the 19 July 2019, based in our NHS standard accredited clinical room. Many people engaging with The Lantern Trust need encouragement to access primary care and providing a GP Service in our Queen Street Hub has helped break down barriers to accessing care. Clients are booked in for Friday appointments upon request by Lantern Trust staff throughout the week and seen in a familiar environment. The service also offers GP registration to people with no means of identification.

A total of 128 referrals were made to the GP Outreach Service during 2020, resulting in patient appointments. A total of 56 unique clients were assisted, with 52 clients receiving ongoing support from The Lantern Trust and 4 approaching only for GP Outreach Service referrals. 71% of patients were male and 29% were female. 146 health needs were identified and met by the service. Although these statistics relate to 2020 rather than our report period of 2020/21, they serve to illustrate the breadth of health advice and assistance offered through engagement with our services.

Health Projects – The Lantern Trust GP Outreach Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic

On 26 February 2021 a Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic was held at The Lantern Trust Hub. Lantern Trust staff operated a reserve list to allow for non-attendance, to reduce any vaccine wastage. Each member of Lantern Trust staff was allocated specific marshalling, monitoring and supportive duties in order to ensure the safety of clients accessing the Clinic. A total of 52 vulnerable people were offered the Covid-19 vaccination and 45 people took up the offer and received their first Covid-19 vaccination. No doses were wasted. A second Clinic was held 12 weeks after the first, to administer the second vaccination dose and to cater for vulnerable clients in need of a first vaccination. 35 people received a second vaccination and 3 received a first dose. In total, 48 people received Covid-19 vaccinations.

Essential Food for Accommodated Rough Sleepers Project

Many of our clients have been food insecure during the Covid-19 pandemic and we identified a need to provide this particular cohort with regular meals, to ensure that their health and welfare needs were being met despite their experience of financial hardship. Consequently, we commenced a food delivery service to provide those accommodated in our supported housing projects with pre-prepared meals which could be heated and consumed when required or food vouchers where appropriate. Christmas meals were also provided.

The project targeted residents in the Portland YHA Hostel, Swanage Hostel, Sanderson House and Boot Hill supported housing projects. Meals were ordered monthly and either delivered to the accommodation projects or stored at the Lantern Trust Hub for distribution to other low-income clients in need of food. The duration of the project was from October 2020 – March 2021.

A total of 51 unique clients were referred into the project, resulting in meal provision to cater for 1486 food needs plus meal voucher provision to those in the wider community. 49 clients received ongoing housing, benefit, health, welfare, practical and emotional support where required. 2 clients (1 male and 1 female) approached only for assistance with food provision.

Coronavirus

On 01 April 2020 The Lantern Trust commenced delivery of the Covid-19 Emergency Response Project. We necessarily adapted to meet these challenging circumstances and continued to provide vital services and targeted outreach to those most at risk and at need. During the pandemic, we have continued to provide all front-line services except our normal Coffee Bar Support Centre services. The Coffee Bar was reinvented as "The Drop-in," which provides a welcoming space for our customers to meet with our Service Coordinators, Housing Support Teams and external agencies.

As the pandemic unfolded, The Lantern Trust team contacted vulnerable clients in order to offer housing and resettlement advice and assistance, tenancy support, welfare benefit advice and assistance, Covid-19 advice and practical and emotional support. We are now offering one-to-one appointments in a Covid-19 secure environment, and have increased our telephone advice and outreach capacity, liaising with clients and agencies in order to ensure that client needs are met. We are currently providing outreach and delivery to vulnerable clients on our caseload who urgently require food, clothing, mobile phones and essential items during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Summary

We recognise that people with multiple exclusion factors struggle to see a future when the help they need seems desperately out of reach. At Lantern Trust, we listen and endeavour to understand the best way to access the support and services which are required. The Lantern Trust can provide a number of these services and where necessary engage assistance from our partner agencies. No longer do these people have to be isolated. Instead, they can be part of a community at The Lantern which helps them continue or start to make positive changes in their lives and which bring benefits for the local community.

Of course none of the above could have been achieved without the magnificent team of staff and volunteers under the leadership of our CEO Mike Graham. This year in particular in the face of Covid they have gone above and beyond putting their own health on the line to help the people who present at the Lantern at their point of need. They are all extremely proficient at what they do and in particular they bring a special passion and empathy to their work which encapsulates the very ethos of the Lantern where every person is treated as an individual and with respect.

On behalf of all those people who you have so capably served this year we salute and thank you.

Reserves policy
The Trustees regularly review the Charity's reserves policy having regard to the need to :
- continue with our basic services for our clients
- meet contractual obligations
- be good and fair employers
- build reserves for our specific purposes and plans
- protect and maintain the Charity's assets.

To this end the Trustees consider that we should aim to maintain free Unrestricted reserves at least to the order of 4 to 8 months of future operating costs and which equates to approximately £160,000 to £320,000.

Structure, governance and management
The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a registered charity number 1114979.

The 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:

Mrs A Bazell	
Mr I Walton FCA	
Mrs E Ireland	
Rev. P Elliott	
Dr J Orrell	
Mrs J Clarke	
Rev. P Gibbs	(Resigned 11 May 2021)
Rev. J Haine	(Appointed 13 April 2021)

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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

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Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee
Dated: 21/12/2021

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Matthew Haines FCA

Wadebridge House
16 Wadebridge Square
Poundbury
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 3AQ

Dated: 21 October 2021.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	40,695	12,470	53,165	75,762
Charitable activities	**3**	233,417	308,025	541,442	276,163
Other income	**4**	-	65	65	1,292
Total income		274,112	320,560	594,672	353,217
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**5**	283,354	193,762	477,116	311,494
Other	**8**	-	854	854	-
Total resources expended		283,354	194,616	477,970	311,494
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(9,242)	125,944	116,702	41,723
Gross transfers between funds		140,936	(140,936)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		131,694	(14,992)	116,702	41,723
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		305,221	20,472	325,693	283,970
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		436,915	5,480	442,395	325,693

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.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		418,216		191,781
Investments	**10**		2		2
			418,218		191,783
Current assets					
Debtors	**11**	62,809		13,482	
Cash at bank and in hand		225,792		150,991	
		288,601		164,473	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(84,424)		(30,563)	
Net current assets			204,177		133,910
Total assets less current liabilities			622,395		325,693
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**13**		(180,000)		-
Net assets			442,395		325,693
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**15**		5,480		20,472
Unrestricted funds			436,915		305,221
			442,395		325,693

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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 Trustees on 5/10/2021

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Mr I Walton FCA
Trustee

Company Registration No. 05577019

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Lantern Trust (Weymouth) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wadebridge House, 16 Wadebridge Square, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3AQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the financial position of the Charity, both during the period and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and have assessed both financial and operational risk. They are of the opinion that the Charity has sufficient financial resources to continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity 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.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Software	15% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% on reducing balance

The charity's policy is to depreciate its freehold property at 2% on cost. As the residual value of the property is deemed in excess of this amount, depreciation has not been charges for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020 - nil). The Trustees will review this position at each reporting date.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 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, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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 using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. 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. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received where material.

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

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	40,695	12,470	53,165	66,207	9,555	75,762

3 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants and services provided under contract	208,510	276,163
Other grants	332,932	-
	541,442	276,163
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	233,417	149,422
Restricted funds	308,025	126,741
	541,442	276,163

4 Other income

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Coffee shop income	-	1,292
Other incoming resources	65	-
	65	1,292

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
Staff costs	239,988	153,249
Depreciation and impairment	2,524	2,569
Coffee bar purchases	187	2,804
Staff and volunteer expenses	5,208	2,085
Telephone and internet	3,013	2,325
Insurance	3,892	2,078
Light, heat and power	4,965	5,783
Rent, rates and water	4,404	13,917
Repairs and maintenance	20,005	8,275
Publicity and advertising	4,143	5,316
Office supplies and postage	1,816	2,204
Equipment, repairs and replacements	16,771	16,251
Professional fees	12,732	42,308
Sundries	4,331	121
Training and resources	4,591	1,985
Safe Sleep - excluding salaries	78,876	5,158
Rent deposits and customer support	54,431	36,841
Software support	12,693	6,005
	474,570	309,274
Independent examiner's fee	2,546	2,220
	477,116	311,494
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	283,354	262,675
Restricted funds	193,762	48,819
	477,116	311,494

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £2,546 (2020- £2,220).

6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. (2020 - nil)

7 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	12	8

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	220,250	139,090
Social security costs	13,768	10,364
Other pension costs	5,970	3,795
	239,988	153,249

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year. Volunteer time provided to the Charity in the year is for general and ad-hoc services. No donated professional services have been received.

Staff costs solely relate to charitable activites and any fundraising element is deemed to be incidental.

8 Other

	Restricted funds 2021	Total £ 2020
Financing costs	854	-
	854	-

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Software	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	175,000	8,775	30,665	214,440
Additions	228,958	-	-	228,958
At 31 March 2021	403,958	8,775	30,665	443,398
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	-	978	21,680	22,658
Depreciation charged in the year	-	1,173	1,351	2,524
At 31 March 2021	-	2,151	23,031	25,182
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	403,958	6,624	7,634	418,216
At 31 March 2020	175,000	7,796	8,985	191,781

10 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020 & 31 March 2021	2
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	2
At 31 March 2020	2

The Charity owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited (no. 0549909) which is used for trading activities, namely the sale of donated goods through a charity shop and which covenants all profits to the charity.

At 31 March 2021 the company had total assets of £6,437, liabilities of £9,124, share capital of £2 and reserves of (£2,689).

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	52,921	2,694
Amounts owed by subsidary	8,384	7,051
Prepayments and accrued income	1,504	3,737
	62,809	13,482

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	28,874	8,013
Accruals and deferred income	55,550	22,550
	84,424	30,563

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Amount owed to Albert Hunt Trust		180,000	-

14 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £5,970 (2020 - £3,795).

Contributions totalling £nil (2020 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	20,472	320,560	(194,616)	(140,936)	5,480

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020	Restricted funds 2020	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	418,216	-	418,216	191,781	-	191,781
Investments	2	-	2	2	-	2
Current assets/ (liabilities)	198,697	5,480	204,177	133,910	-	133,910
Long term liabilities	(180,000)	-	(180,000)	-	-	-
	436,915	5,480	442,395	325,693	-	325,693

17 Related party transactions

At the beginning of the period the Charity was owed £7,051 by its 100% owned subsidiary, The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited. No profits were covenanted from the subsidiary for the year and at the year end £nil was receivable.

The Charity was owed £8,385 by The Lantern (Weymouth) Trading Company Limited at the year end in respect of overhead costs incurred on its behalf. and unpaid previously covenated profits.