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THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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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.

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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

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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.

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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:

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Mr I Walton FCA

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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

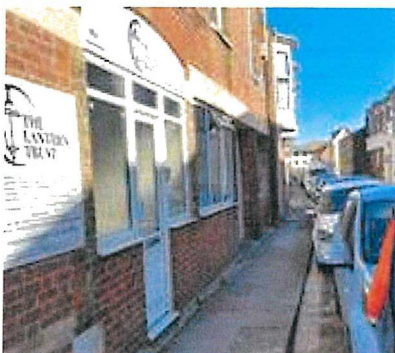
Pathways to Improved Health and Wellbeing



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



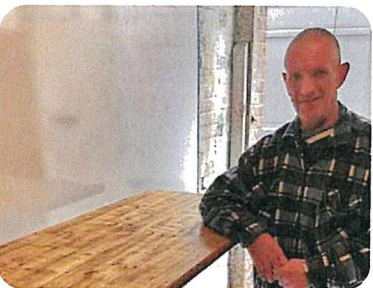
Adrian's Story

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

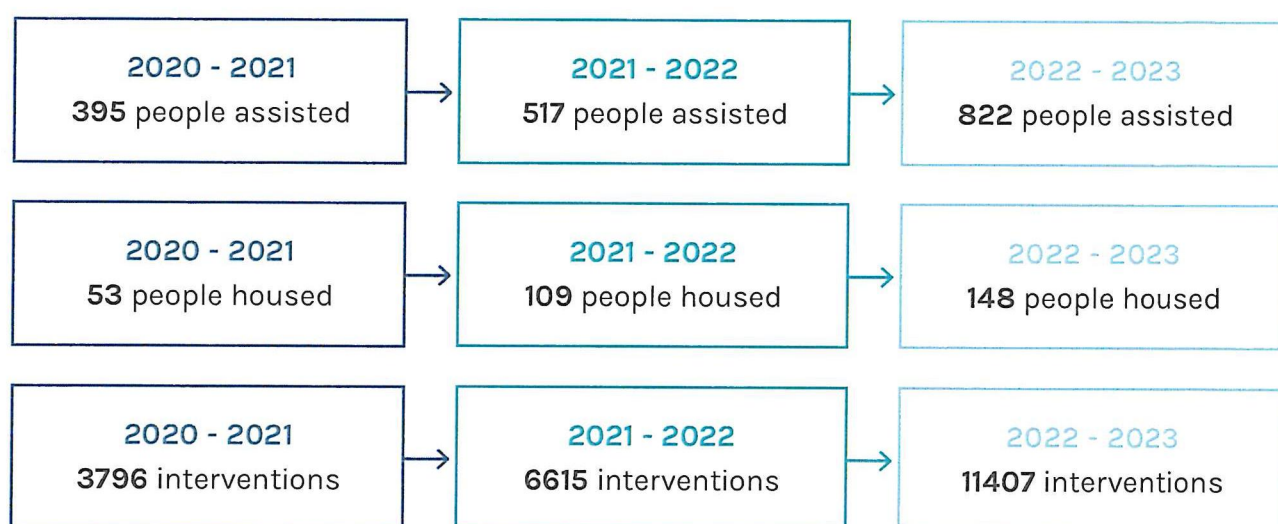
The Lantern Trust was judged to be in the top 20 of 350 applications from registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. As runners-up, we were fortunate to receive a grant of £4000 to further our charitable aims. The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded 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.



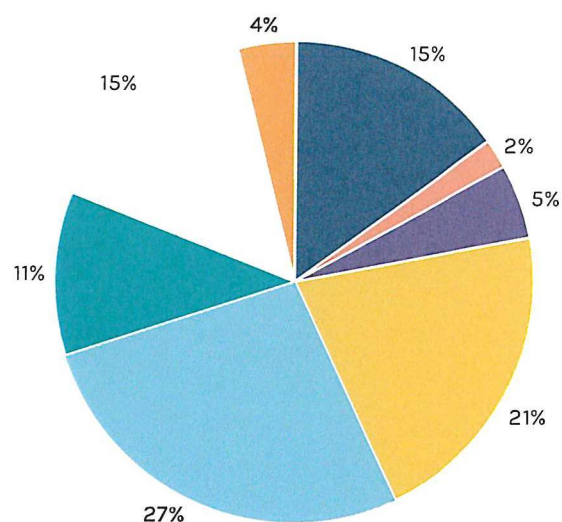
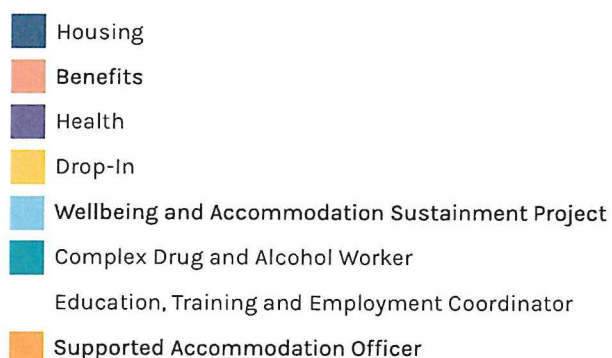
The GSK IMPACT Awards are funded by GSK and managed in partnership with The King's Fund.

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:



2022/23 Lantern Interventions by Service



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

432

Supported Accommodation
Officer interventions

46

clients were assisted
under our Wellbeing
and Accommodation
Sustainment
Project

148 unique clients were housed as 34 clients were housed in more than one setting

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

38

clients received assistance
from our Supported
Accommodation Officers

1751

Education, Training and
Employment Coordinator
interventions

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

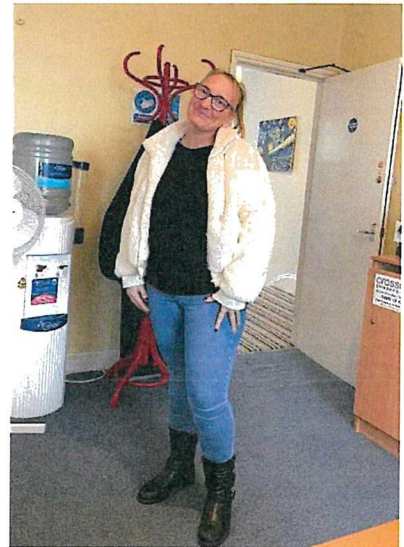
Hardy House Hostel Project

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 RSDATG¹ 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.

¹RSDATG – 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.

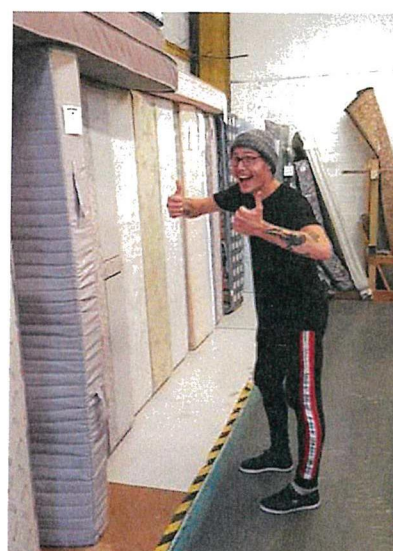
Clients are currently encouraged to take part in activities such as relaxation sessions, reading, art

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

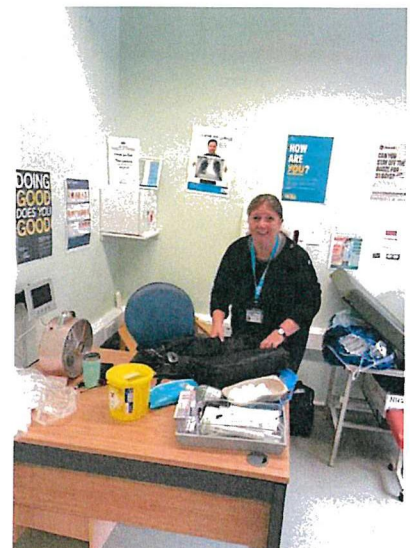
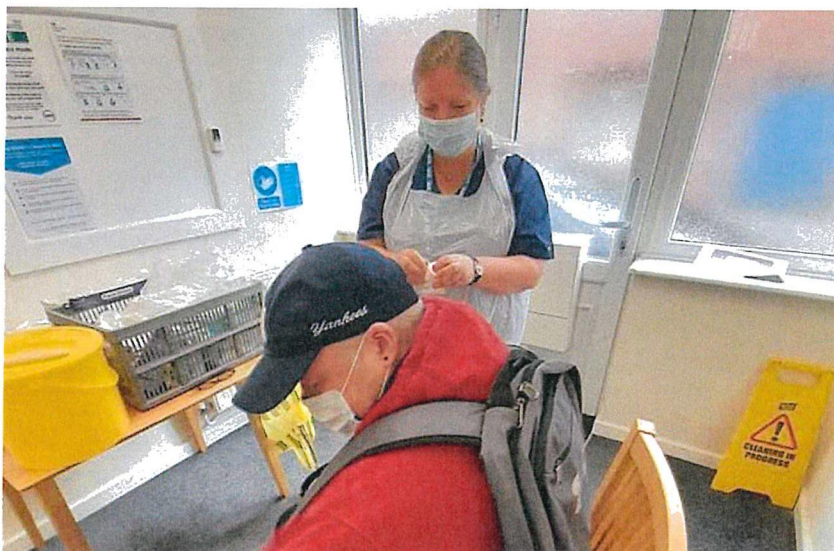
Our GP Outreach Service is funded by the Weymouth and Portland Primary Care Network (PCN), which is a collaboration between 6 GP practices.

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](https://www.facebook.com/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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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 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.



Matthew Haines FCA

Wadebridge House
16 Wadebridge Square
Poundbury
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 3AQ

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 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
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
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
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 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	495,645		453,376	
Investments	11	2		2	
		<u>495,647</u>		<u>453,378</u>	
Current assets					
Debtors	12	75,620		51,940	
Cash at bank and in hand		239,825		345,347	
		<u>315,445</u>		<u>397,287</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(57,149)		(169,738)	
Net current assets		<u>258,296</u>		<u>227,549</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>753,943</u>		<u>680,927</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(170,000)		(170,000)	
Net assets		<u>583,943</u>		<u>510,927</u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	16	33,738		-	
Unrestricted funds		550,205		510,927	
		<u>583,943</u>		<u>510,927</u>	

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

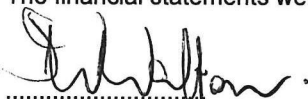
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 charged 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.

THE LANTERN TRUST (WEYMOUTH)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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.

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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

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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)

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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 activities 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 Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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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
	<u>468,541</u>	<u>8,775</u>	<u>51,820</u>	<u>529,136</u>
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
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,114</u>	<u>29,377</u>	<u>33,491</u>
At 31 March 2023	-	4,114	29,377	33,491
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	<u>468,541</u>	<u>4,661</u>	<u>22,443</u>	<u>495,645</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>428,459</u>	<u>5,479</u>	<u>19,438</u>	<u>453,376</u>

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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

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	63,100	42,767
Amounts owed by subsidiary	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

	2023 £	2022 £
Notes		
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.

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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	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
		2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	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.

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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.