



THE FURNITURE PROJECT *Nottinghamshire*

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024



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<u>Chairperson</u>	Charles Daysh	Jones & Co Solicitors
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<u>Committee Member</u>	Sally Page	NSDC
<u>Committee Member</u>	Derek Batey	Ollerton & Boughton Town Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Louise Kenworthy	Mansfield District Council
<u>Committee Member</u>	Allison Malcolm	Local Resident
<u>Committee Member</u>	Paul Dawson	Mansfield District Council
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<u>Committee Member</u>	Lee Brazier	Ollerton & Boughton Town Council

Staff & Volunteers

Staff:

<u>Project Manager</u>	Carole Batey
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<u>Warehouse Supervisor</u>	Raymond Brindley
<u>Warehouse / Upcycler</u>	Mark O'Connor
<u>Shop Staff</u>	Clare Holmes Sarah Smith Sarah Allinson
<u>Project Drivers</u>	John Clarridge Brett Holmes Chris Bird Mark Mears Paul Allen David Brindley

Volunteers:

<u>Volunteer Drivers</u>	Tony Finney
<u>Volunteer Drivers Mate</u>	Rob Hallam Tommy Boyle Martin Malone
<u>Shop Volunteers</u>	Winnie Lee Margaret Nisbett Lorraine Allinson Allison Greenway
<u>Volunteer Upcyclers</u>	Lilly Lunt Audrey Kew
<u>Warehouse Volunteers</u>	Paula Smith

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The work of the Furniture Project Nottinghamshire covers over 800 square miles of rural Nottinghamshire, with a population of over 850,000 people.

This Project seeks to assist those in need by providing essential items of furniture at a heavily subsidised rate. This is done by collecting items donated by the public which are passed on via a referral system. The Project relies on a increasing number of welfare agencies/ organisations who administer the forms on our behalf.

The Project operates five vehicles six days a week assisted by volunteers, and community service placements. We cover Mansfield, Newark, Retford, Worksop, Nottingham and all the villages in between as well as parts of Lincolnshire and some parts of Derbyshire.

The Project attempts to assist all those meeting eligibility criteria but in particular those experiencing distress and hardship, e.g., homelessness, domestic violence, fire / flood victims or those returning into the community from institutions, prisons or hospitals.

Serving such a large rural area and providing a service to a dispersed population is not an easy task and can create logistical problems.

Changes to the benefits system mean more people are pushed into poverty and this in turn means demand for our referral service continues to increase. We rely on donations to meet this demand and on occasions the demand for certain items, in particular, beds and white goods means that demand exceeds supply making it impossible to provide all the items requested.



The main objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire are:

- ♦ To relieve the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people and help reduce need, hardship or distress by offering a provision of subsidised furniture and other essential household items to those in need.
- ♦ To promote the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and reduce the amount going to landfill and thus help to protect our environment.
- ♦ To offer volunteering and work placements to help people get back into paid employment or add a new dimension to the lives of those who are retired or in part time employment.
- ♦ To provide 'community payback' opportunities for Nottinghamshire Probation Service placements.

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire & Gift Aid

Gift Aid is important to Charities like The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire because it means we can claim an extra 25% from HM Revenue & Customs on any funds raised by your donation at no cost to you. When we come to collect the furniture you have donated our drivers will ask you if you would like to Gift Aid your donation. If they don't, please do ask them about it. You will need to sign a Gift Aid declaration form that confirms you are a UK taxpayer. This extra money means we can run more vans, collect more furniture, and therefore help more people.

We realise Gift Aid can seem complicated so we have put together some FAQ's to hopefully answer any questions you may have. If you sign our Gift Aid declaration form, we will always write to you when the items have sold to let you know what they made and to double check you are still eligible to Gift Aid. If your circumstances have changed between you signing the form and us selling your donation this gives you the opportunity to let us know and we can remove your Gift Aid declaration.

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a scheme run by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) that means charities like ours can claim the tax on your donations at no extra cost to you.



This means that we can claim an extra 25% on any funds raised by your donation. So, if your donation sells for £10, we will actually receive £12.50.

Who can Gift Aid?

You must be a current UK taxpayer, but this is not limited to tax on earnings.

You also qualify if you pay tax on a pension, savings, property sales or rental income (Council Tax and VAT do not qualify as income tax).

You need to have paid as much in tax as we will reclaim on your donations which is currently 25p for each £1 you give. So, if your donated goods make £10 we can reclaim an additional £2.50 from HMRC. The tax year runs from 6th April -5th April the following year.

We will never share your details with third parties.

What if I am a pensioner?

You may still be paying tax on a private pension or a savings account. If so, you are still eligible if you have paid enough tax during the year to cover your donations (i.e. 25% of the value of your gifts).

What if I have agreed to Gift Aid to another charity?

You can support as many charities as you like through Gift Aid. You just need to make sure that you are paying enough tax during the year (6th April -5th April following year) to cover your total donations. You can withdraw your Gift Aid declaration at any time by contacting us.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then please help us to make your donation go further and tell the driver you wish to Gift Aid it when he comes to collect from you. Times are difficult for Charities now and this additional funding really does make a massive difference to us.

To donate any furniture or household items please give us a ring on 01623 836410 and we can arrange a free collection for you.

THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Organisation is The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire covering the East Midlands.

2. OBJECTS

The object(s) of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire are:

-to relieve the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people and help reduce need, hardship or distress by offering a provision of subsidised furniture and other essential household items to those in need.

-to promote the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and reduce the amount going to landfill and thus help to protect our environment.

-to offer volunteering and work placements to help people get back into paid employment or add a new dimension to the lives of those who are retired or in part time employment.

-to provide 'community payback' opportunities for Nottinghamshire Probation Service placements.

In furtherance of the forgoing but not otherwise, The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall have the following powers: -

(i) To purchase, acquire or receive gifts of essential items of furniture, bedding and other household accessories for re-use by needy families.

(ii) Obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, Gift Aid, sale of excess stock, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description whether subject to any special trusts or not.

(iii) Procure and provide information.

(iv) Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents.

(v) Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes.

(vi) To employ and remunerate such staff as are necessary for carrying out the work of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.

(vii) To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the above objects, including the holding of property and raising of funds from statutory or voluntary sources

3. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be open to: -

(i) Voluntary and Statutory Organisations who shall normally have a named representative and groups whose objectives include those which are consistent with those of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire, and who are accepted into membership by the Management Committee, to be approved by the next General Meeting.

- (ii) Interested individuals accepted into membership by the Management Committee, to be approved at the next general meeting.
 - (iii) Individuals currently volunteering for The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (b) Members will be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings, to be elected onto the Management Committee according to 4(b) and to be informed of any major changes in policy. They will also have the right to call special general meetings according to section 6(a) hereof.

4. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire including the management of any freehold or leasehold property or premises held under licence or any funds held by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be directed by a committee (hereinafter called the "Management Committee") which shall be responsible for determining all matters of general policy.
- (b) The Management Committee shall consist of: -
- (i) Up to 11 full members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. These shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary to be elected separately and seven others to be elected from the membership of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. These 11 members are to be elected from the membership as defined in 3(a).
 - (ii) A representative from the funding authority(s) shall have the right to attend meetings of the Management Committee but shall not have a right to vote.
 - (iii) Members of staff of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall have the right to appoint a staff representative and have the same right of attendance as the Project Manager but will be asked to leave when disciplinary matters or conditions of service are discussed.
 - (iv) A volunteer representative shall have the right to attend meetings of the Management Committee but shall not have the right to vote. They will be asked to leave the meeting when discussing confidential matters.
- (c) Where a place (or places) on the Management Committee are not filled; or where any member dies, resigns, or otherwise ceases to be a member of the Management Committee then it shall have the power to co-opt up to four other members to fill such vacant places until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The Management Committee shall serve from the end of the Annual General Meeting in one year until the end of the Annual General Meeting on the following year.
- (e) It shall be the duty of the Chair to conduct meetings of the Management Committee. If the Chair is absent from any meetings the Vice-Chair, if present, shall preside, or if she/he shall also be absent the members present shall before any business is conducted choose one of their number to preside at the meeting. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to ensure that an accurate record of all business conducted by the Management Committee is maintained. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to conduct and supervise the financial affairs of the Management Committee and The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Each said officer shall be ex-officio members of the sub-committees (as hereinafter defined).
- (f) The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint such sub-committees as may from time to time be necessary and to determine the terms of reference and procedure of such sub-committees. The Management Committee may delegate to any such sub-committees any or all of its powers as it may determine from time to time.
- (g) The Management Committee shall meet at least six times a year.

(h) In case the Management Committee shall not be unanimous upon any matter the decision of the majority shall bind the minority. Each member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the chair, or other person presiding at the meeting shall have the casting vote.

(i) Any four members of the Management Committee shall form a quorum but if within half an hour of the appointed time for the meeting a quorum is not present then the meeting shall proceed but no resolution may be proposed.

(j) The Management Committee may invite to any single meeting or meetings such person, or persons as it shall in its absolute discretion think fit but such person, or persons shall not be entitled to vote in any proceedings of the Management Committee.

(k) The Management Committee may by a simple majority pass a vote of no confidence in one or more of the officers referred to above and upon such resolution being passed the officer(s) in question shall cease to act and the Management Committee shall have power to replace her/him provided that no such resolution be passed unless the officer in question and all other members of the Management Committee have received fourteen days' notice in writing of the proposed resolution.

(l) Organisations represented on the Management Committee may nominate deputies to their appointed representatives. Such deputies may attend meetings when the appointed representatives are unable to attend but shall not exercise the power of voting of the appointed representatives.

(m) The Management Committee may, at its discretion regard as lapsed the membership of any member of the Management Committee who has attended less than two of six consecutive meetings and in the case of a representative members may, after informing the member concerned, invite the organisation to nominate a replacement member.

(n) Any member of the Management Committee shall cease to be a member thereof on the passing by a two-thirds majority of a resolution of that Management Committee provided that no such resolution shall be passed unless the member in question and all other members of the Management Committee have received no less than fourteen days' notice in writing of the proposed resolution.

(o) A member who is required to cease to be a member in accordance with paragraphs (k) - (n) shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire called in accordance with clause 6(b) hereof, which meeting shall have the power to reinstate the said member of the Management Committee.

(p) The Management Committee shall be responsible for the recruitment, appointment, management and dismissal, where necessary, of any persons employed by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and shall ensure that such employees provide the Management Committee with adequate reports on their activities in their employment. However, such paid employees although they may be invited to attend and report to Management Committee Meetings in a non-voting capacity, may not attend at which their terms and conditions of employment are discussed.

(q) No member of the Management Committee shall derive any pecuniary benefit from The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and no such member shall be appointed to any office for which she/he would be entitled to receive payment for his/her service out of the funds or property of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.

(r) A member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to receive reasonable out of pocket payments by way of reimbursement of expenses properly and necessarily incurred by him/her for the purpose of enabling her/him to perform any of her/his duties as a member of the Management Committee.

(s) The Management Committee shall have the power to nominate persons to represent The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire on other organisations.

(t) The Management Committee shall appoint qualified accountants and auditors and pay a reasonable remuneration to them.

(u) The Chair and one other officer of the Management Committee may in exceptional circumstances make a decision on behalf of the Management Committee so long as that decision is brought before the next Management Committee Meeting for ratification.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year at such time (not being more than fifteen months after the holding of the preceding Annual Meeting) and such place as the Management Committee shall determine. At least twenty-one days' notice shall be given in writing to the members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and the Management Committee. Other meetings of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be held at such times as may be determined by the Management Committee.

(b) The purpose of the meeting shall be for the members to receive a report from the Management Committee on the work and activities of the previous year and on the current situation, work and prospects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire; of receiving a report on the accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire; of electing officers of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and other members to form the Management Committee for the following year in accordance with paragraphs 4(b) hereof and of voting upon any resolutions to amend the Constitution of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire in accordance with clause 10 hereof. Nominations for election of officers of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and other members to form the Management Committee should be sent to the Chairperson not less than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The Management Committee shall have the power to set up such Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Parties and/or Support Groups as shall be deemed necessary for the proper management of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire, provided that full and regular reports are made back to the Management Committee and provided that a majority of the members of such Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Parties and/or Support Groups shall be members of the Management Committee.

(d) The proceedings of the Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment, election or qualification of a member.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(a) The Chair shall, within twenty-eight days of the Secretary, or Chair, receiving a written request to do so signed by not less than four full members and which give reasons for the said request call a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire for the purpose stated in the said request.

(b) A member dismissed by resolution of the Management Committee wishing to exercise her/his right to appeal under clause 4(n) above shall give notice in writing to this effect to the Secretary or Chair within seven days of the said resolution being passed. The Secretary or Chair shall then call a Special General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire for the purpose of hearing the said appeal.

(c) A meeting called under paragraphs (a) & (b) above shall not take place less than twenty-one working days after it has been called and each member has had notification sent by email of the day, time and venue fixed for the meeting.

7. PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETING

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to determine who shall chair any General Meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to ensure that proper minutes are taken of any General Meeting.
- (c) Subject to clause 10 hereof all questions arising at any General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote thereat. The Chair shall in an equality of votes have the casting vote.
- (d) Only those persons who are members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of The Furniture Project.
- (e) Where a Special General Meeting has been called in accordance with clause 6(b) above, then the former member of the Management Committee shall have the right to address the said meeting as to why she/he should be reinstated on the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee shall state the reasons for their actions.

8. FINANCE

- (a) The income and property of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire wherever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire as set forth in this constitution, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by the way of profit to any member of the Management Committee provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee or service provider of the Management Committee.
- (b) All accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who shall be responsible for presenting a quarterly statement of the financial position of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire to the Management Committee and a report on the accounts to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) All monies received by or on behalf of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be paid into such account(s) at such banks as are approved by the Management Committee and any cheques drawn on such accounts shall bear the signatures of at least two of those persons who by resolution of the Management Committee have been authorised to draw on such account or accounts.
- (d) The financial year shall run from April 1st to March 31st. Once at least in every year the accounts of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be audited by one or more independent auditors.
- (e) The Management Committee may appoint and may determine the appointment of a custodian, trustee or trust corporation of not less than three persons to act as trustees for the purpose of holding any money or property belonging to The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire.
- (f) The trustees may on behalf of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and with the approval of the Management Committee invest any money required for the immediate purpose of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire in any of the securities in which trust money may be by law invested with power from time to time to transpose such investments with the knowledge and approval of the Management Committee. Any property acquired by or for The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall be vested in the trustees.

(g) The trustees shall with such consent as by law required deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever directed by The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the members of the Management Committee passed by the majority of members present at a duly constituted meeting. A certificate signed by the Chair for the time being of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shall in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, charges, leasee or guarantee be conclusive evidence that such a direction was duly given.

9. DISSOLUTION

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire of which at least twenty-one days' notice shall have been sent to all members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. Such resolutions may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire provided that if any property remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable purpose which is similar to some or all of the objects of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire as the Management Committee may determine.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Alterations to the constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire and voting at a Special Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the constitution shall be received by the Chair of the Management Committee at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given to the members and shall include notice of the alterations proposed.

Date adopted: 06/02/2018

Signed by Chair: M. Manning

Chairperson's Report

We made it. As my third year as Chairperson at the Furniture Project draws to an end, we reflect on what has been a fabulous year at the Furniture Project albeit we have had a number of struggles and challenges along the way.

The Furniture Project has relied more heavily than ever on Carole who has yet again done a sterling job as head of the ship guiding us through some extremely turbulent waters at times and engineering new sources of revenue for the Furniture Project wherever she can. The Project never ceases to amaze me with its can-do attitude and how the team are able to keep going despite the challenges of the economy and regulations and every single aspect of Project life which seems to increase in cost year on year.

I said at the start of my last report that the strength and depth of the experience which the Project has in its team is of paramount importance to the Project and I would echo those sentiments and congratulate those involved once again for another fabulous and successful year for no other reason other than we are still here and we are still providing the services to the community which are the aims of the charity.

The struggles which we have faced over the last few years are still very much there along with economic struggles with the rising costs and the most dramatic of all being the rise in minimum wage. This has naturally affected the Project in a number of different ways and whilst every decision which we have made hasn't always been correct, we strive to do what is best for the Project and for the local community wherever we can.

In this report I would specifically like to thank those who donate the furniture as we have formed a partnership with which the Furniture Project has managed to excel and continue to thrive. All those at the heart of this partnership know that we would be struggling without it and for that, we are extremely grateful.

One of the main focuses which we have had this year is on both tightening our belts but also seeking funding wherever we can. This has seen a dramatic increase in the amount of grants which we have applied for and indeed received. This is a vital line for the Furniture Project and something without which we really would struggle. On years such as these which we are facing at the moment, each and every grant which we receive is of paramount importance. The saying really is true where every penny counts.

The Project is also refocused on gift aid to try to maximise each donation which we receive and to try to push wherever we can to try to do that. The local community is of paramount importance with that and the understanding of what gift aid is and how doing nothing at all can do so much really is important. I would urge any that read this report and that don't fully appreciate and understand what gift aid is to obtain that understanding and then any kindness and gifts which you leave to charities can be maximised once you understand the importance of it.

It wouldn't be a Chairpersons report, especially not a Furniture Project one, without thanking our incredible team of volunteers who year on year continue to dedicate themselves to the charity aims which we follow. They really are the lifeline of the charity and we are incredibly grateful for their continued help. When challenges have arisen throughout the year, the one constant which we are so fortunate to have is the volunteers and how they always seem to somehow rise to each and every occasion.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for that and we hope that it continues long into the future. It is a certain passion of mine as to how we can continue to get the next generation involved in volunteering and we continue to try to come up with ideas for this as part of the Management Committee. Again, as before and as with most aspects with the Furniture Project any outside opinions and suggestions are always welcome for this.

The Management Committee have had a very difficult year in making a number of decisions which have not been overly pleasant. The vast majority of the Management Committee is also made up of volunteers and my heartfelt thanks extend to those of my fellow Management Committee members who share the difficulties of running such a popular charity on our shoulders. We couldn't do so without the fantastic team of employees which the Furniture Project has and I would therefore like to thank both the Management Committee but also the dedicated employees which we have who really do try their best each and every day and never forget that they are making a real difference to whom they see. I hope that they remember through difficult times that the work which they do really does make a difference and every piece of furniture which is donated to the project goes into something really quite amazing.

At the end of such a challenging but fabulous year, all that remains to be said is that we hope that the Project can continue to thrive no matter what is thrown against us and that the ideas which continue to improve the Furniture Project keep on flowing in.

Best wishes,

Charles Daysh

Chairperson

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire

Head Office & Warehouse

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire Head Office and Warehouse is located in Unit 190 Boughton Industrial Estate North, Boughton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9LD.

Tel: 01623 836410.

We sell pre-loved furniture from here as well as co-ordinating our referral system for people experiencing hardship and need and administering Gift Aid on donated furniture and household items.

Anyone wishing to donate furniture or household items which are in a good, reusable condition should ring us on the above number. All donations are gratefully received.

Meet the staff & Volunteers based at our Head Office / Warehouse:



Carole Batey
Manager



Kev O'Hare
Deputy Manager



Carol White
Administrator



Ray Brindley
Warehouse Supervisor



Mark Mears
PAT Tester



Volunteer Upcycler
Lilly Lunt



Volunteer Upcycler
Audrey Kew



Warehouse Volunteer
Paula Smith

Our Shop

The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire shop is located at:

Unit 1, Forest Road, New Ollerton, Newark, Notts. NG22 9PL. Tel: 01623 836622

Meet the staff & volunteers based at our shop:



Clare Holmes
Retail Assistant



Sarah Allinson
Retail Assistant



Winnie Lee
Volunteer



Margaret Nisbett
Volunteer



Lorraine Allinson
Volunteer



Alison Greenway
Volunteer

[#Preloved](#) [#Resue](#) [#WhyBuyNew](#) [#OllertonHighStreet](#)



Opening Hours for Shop & Warehouse:

Mon - Thurs: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Friday: 8.30am - 4.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 2.30pm



Review of Activities and Achievements 2023/ 24

2023/24 has been an interesting year for the Project with both highs and lows as we continue to survive in an ever changing global climate. Whilst the cost of living crisis continues for many, prices have finally started to stabilise, with food and fuel prices starting to come down slowly. This, however, is still a huge challenge for Projects such as ours as costs are higher than they have ever been and we need to factor these into our running costs. This has meant general sale prices at our warehouse and shop have seen a small increase so that we do not have to increase prices for our referral service which provides furniture and household items to the poorest in our society at a hugely subsidised rate. We have also had two of our vans break down this year which has been a major setback both logistically and financially. We have managed to replace one of them and are looking for funding to try and replace the other.

On a positive note we have been working with a major retailer since February 2023 repurposing faulty/damaged stock and selling it in our shop and warehouse. This has proved a lifeline to us and has meant we have been able to weather all the challenges thrown at us this year.

Demand for our referral service continues to grow and we have helped over 2457 people by providing them with the essentials to make a house a home. Our staff and volunteers always go above and beyond to ensure we try and keep on top of this demand and provide a warm and welcoming service.

Upcycling



Although we do not have a dedicated, paid, upcycler at the moment we have two upcycling volunteers who volunteer with us twice a week to upcycle old, tired pieces of furniture and give them a new lease of life. They chose pieces each week that were destined for the tip and repurpose / upcycle them so we can sell them at our shop and warehouse.

We also work with Mansfield Probation Community Service Unpaid work team who chose pieces from our warehouse that need a bit of TLC. We provide all the



materials they need such as paint, wax and vanish and they provide the labour to work on these items and upcycle them. When the items have been upcycled / repurposed we collect them back and sell them at either our shop or warehouse.



Junior Ollerton & Boughton Town Councillors Presentation



On the 6th Feb 2023 Carole Batey, FP Manager, visited Ollerton Town Hall and gave a presentation to the Junior Ollerton & Boughton Town Councillors about the work of The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire. From this meeting the group of young councillors made a wish list of things they wanted to do and this included a green space and a wildlife garden. So in response to this we offered them as many free bird boxes for this as they want through our upcycling team who make and decorate them.



Store Returns

We have been working with a major retailer since February 2023 and during the period Feb 2023-December 2023 the Project received 515 pallets of faulty/damaged furniture stock from them and repurposed it ready for sale in our outlets or to pass on to people in need via our referral service.



Pictured is David putting together a sideboard. The front door was damaged but we had a spare from another box (different colour) that we were able to use and so this meant we were able to repurpose it and save it from the tip. Recycling and reuse at its very best.

Our staff and volunteers meticulously go through the pallets delivered and make up the donated furniture, using parts from different products to repurpose damaged furniture that was destined for landfill and so give it a new lease of life.

This has been a lifeline for our Project and has meant we have been able to help even more people who have been struggling since the pandemic and the subsequent cost of living crisis. We have never been so busy with referrals from people struggling to afford the basics and our shop and warehouse have also seen a significant uptake in people now looking to buy preloved furniture rather than new as they also find themselves struggling to make ends meet.

Approved Reuse Centre

In May 2023 we had our annual audit by the Reuse Network which provides a thorough audit and assessment of quality management policies and procedures on an annual basis. Approved Reuse Centre membership is a nationally recognised mark of professionalism and excellence. This certification provides confidence to the Reuse Networks major commercial, retail and manufacturing partners, creating the assurance that we are operating legally and compliantly.



We are proud to have been an ARC member since 2019.

Nottinghamshire County Show



We were invited to have a stand at Nottinghamshire County Show at Newark Showground on Saturday 13th May 2023 to promote our Project and upcycling. We were able to share hints and tips on how to upcycle pre loved furniture and give them a new lease of life. It was a fantastic day and fun was had by all who attended and lots of people went away inspired. We went along with our van and some examples of furniture that we had repurposed and given a new lease of life. We also gave live demonstrations of upcycling in action.

Resettlement Project

This year we have furnished 28 properties for Nottingham City Council to house refugees who have been granted asylum. We furnish these properties to a very high standard often within tight timescales. Our remit is to provide pre loved furniture and create a home ready to move into.



Mark Spencer MP visit

On Friday 30th June 2023 Mark Spencer MP visited the Project for a tour and to find out more about what we do.

Kevin O'Hare, Deputy Manager, told Mark about the important work we do and then showed him around the warehouse and introduced him to some of the team. Mark went away with a greater understanding of the Project and what we do on a day to day basis.

Christmas Lights Switch On and Buy Nothing New Day Friday 24th November 2023

Ollerton & Boughton Christmas Lights switch on coincided with Buy Nothing New Day so to mark the occasion the shop opened late and we offered 10% of all furniture for



the day. We also offered free hot chocolate and mince pies and had a tombola to raise funds.

Buy Nothing New Day is an ethical alternative to Black Friday and encourages people to think about buying pre loved rather than new all the time. Buying pre loved is not only the sustainable way forward but it saves you money too so is a win win for both the environment and the customer.

New Van purchased February 2024

On the 28th February 2024 the Project collected their new van from Perrys in Mansfield. It was then taken to have our custom vinyl decals added before being used alongside our other vehicles to start collecting and delivering furniture and household items. It has been a very welcome addition to our fleet.



The Furniture Project Nottinghamshire: Statistics

We have collected the following statistics over the period 1st April 2023—31st March 2024:

Items & Tonnage:



12,871 items were collected with a combined weight of approx. **327** tonnes which was diverted from landfill and either reused or recycled.

Previous Years:

2022/23 14,520 items collected with weight of 375 tonnes

2021/22: 17,478 items collected with weight of 441 tonnes

2020/21: 9,838 items collected with weight of 246 tonnes (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 14,112 items collected with weight of 376 tonnes (affected by Covid)

Collections:



We made **4169** collections from **237** towns and villages throughout Nottinghamshire and some parts of Lincolnshire / Derbyshire.

Previous Years:

2022/23 4744 collections from 266 towns/villages

2021/22: 5637 collections from 286 towns/villages

2020/21: 2923 collections from 242 towns/villages (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 4836 collections from 262 towns/villages (affected by Covid)

Probation Placements:



We provided **3397 hours** community payback, offering **70** individuals placements from the Probation Service.

Previous Years:

2022/23 1285.50 hrs & 28 placements (affected by Covid)

2021/22 2041.75 hrs & 32 placements (affected by Covid)

2020/21: 166.00 hrs & 6 placements (affected by Covid)

2019/20: 6064.50 hrs & 275 placements

2018/19: 5638.75 hrs & 252 placements

Referrals:



We received **1214** referrals over the year which equates to approx. **23** referrals per week

Of all the referrals we received we were able to deliver furniture and household items to **1067** families /individuals. The total number of individuals helped was **2457**

Previous Years:

2022/23 1163 referrals received, 22 referrals/week, 1043 referrals delivered

2021/22: 1653 referrals received, 32 referrals/week, 884 referrals delivered

2020/21: 604 referrals received, 24 referrals/week, 472 referrals delivered (affected by Covid so based on approx. 6 months of year)

2019/20: 1277 referrals received, 25 referrals/week, 844 referrals delivered

2018/19: 1625 referrals received, 31 referrals/week, 1015 referrals delivered

THE FURNITURE PROJECT *Nottinghamshire*

#WhoKnew

Between April 2023—March 2024

*We delivered essential furniture and household items to **1067** households in need*

#HelpingPeopleInNeed #CommunitiesWorkingTogether



Between April 2023 – March 2024 we collected 12,871 donated items.

Using the Reuse Network Impact Calculator this meant we had the following impact:



The Furniture Project: PROBATION PLACEMENT STATISTICS									
Apr 23 - Mar 24									
Month:		Attendances:	Hrs Worked:	No FTA:					
Apr-23	Probation Service	15	93.25	0					
		15	93.25	0					
May-23	Probation Service	20	128	3					
		20	128	3					
Jun-23	Probation Service	29	184.5	6					
		29	184.5	6					
Jul-23	Probation Service	50	329.5	12					
		50	329.5	12					
Aug-23	Probation Service	57	419.25	18					
		57	419.25	18					
Sep-23	Probation Service	37	248.5	5					
		37	248.5	5					
Oct-23	Probation Service	44	307.75	18					
		44	307.75	18					
Nov-23	Probation Service	47	336.75	12					
		47	336.75	12					
Dec-23	Probation Service	29	184.75	12					
		29	184.75	12					
Jan-24	Probation service	45	322	26					
		45	322	26					
Feb-24	Probation Service	81	603.25	19					
		81	603.25	19					
Mar-24	Probation Service	34	239.5	10					
		34	239.5	10					
	TOTAL YR	488	3397	141		*Yearly Stats: Apr 2023 - Mar 2024			
						No of People:	Male:	Female:	
					Probation Service:	70	69	1	
						70	69	1	

Apr 23 - Mar 24		The Furniture Project: Items and Tonnage		Version 5	
				28 September 2017	
Category	Product	Av. Weight (kg)	No. of Units	Total Weight (kg)	
Furniture					
Furniture	Bedside Unit (Cabinet or Table)	13.4	625	8366.2	
Furniture	Bench (kitchen or garden, solid wood)	26.2	12	314.3	
Furniture	Blanket Box, Ottoman	11.8	63	745.2	
Furniture	Bookcase, Shelving Unit	26.3	344	9057.6	
Furniture	Cabinet, Bureau (display & kitchen)	32.1	300	9626.8	
Furniture	Chair (Kitchen, Dining)	6.4	1886	12021.9	
Furniture	Chest-of-Drawers, Tallboy	31.0	707	21894.2	
Furniture	Small Desk, Computer Table	19.8	130	2572.7	
Furniture	Large Desk	37.5	1	37.5	
Furniture	Dressing table	35.7	126	4497.6	
Furniture	Fire surround	37.5	15	562.0	
Furniture	Grandfather clock	40.0	3	120.0	
Furniture	Headboard unit (with built-in bedside cabinets)	36.8	0	0.0	
Furniture	Headboard	8.5	121	1032.1	
Furniture	TV / Hi-fi Unit, Cabinet	19.6	366	7177.3	
Furniture	Piano	138.1	0	0.0	
Furniture	Sideboard Large	50.3	102	5133.5	
Furniture	Sideboard Small	34.4	10	343.6	
Furniture	Table small (Coffee, Cane, Occassional)	14.5	496	7181.8	
Furniture	Tables small (Nest of)	12.7	113	1433.4	
Furniture	Table large (dining)	37.1	171	6337.0	
Furniture	Table, medium (kitchen)	21.8	506	11040.5	
Furniture	Wall Unit, Display Cabinet	58.8	100	5880.6	
Furniture	Wardrobe Double	55.3	430	23765.8	
Furniture	Wardrobe Single	42.1	150	6318.9	
Furniture	Welsh Dresser	92.1	52	4787.9	
Home Office Furniture	Cabinet Large	53.0	5	264.8	
Home Office Furniture	Cabinet Small	21.4	34	725.9	
Home Office Furniture	Filing Cabinet (Metal Large)	45.3	36	1632.3	
Home Office Furniture	Office Chair	12.8	60	765.9	
Home Office Furniture	Office Desk	31.3	24	751.5	
Soft Furniture	Sofa 2 seater	49.5	423	20951.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa 3 seater	53.4	668	35642.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Corner Unit (small)	69.2	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Corner Unit (large)	100.4	47	4716.7	
Soft Furniture	Armchair	31.2	523	16295.1	
Soft Furniture	Recliner	44.4	140	6217.6	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Single Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	53.5	62	3316.1	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Double Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	83.9	28	2349.4	
Soft Furniture	Bed, Queen-size Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	161.6	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Bed, King-size Complete (base, mattress + headboard)	108.8	3	326.4	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Single wood / divan / folding / Z bed	25.4	243	6168.4	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Double wood / divan / folding / Z bed	38.8	275	10671.0	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, Queen-size wood, divan or double metal	73.5	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Bed base, King-size wood, divan or double metal	51.6	68	3511.7	
Soft Furniture	Bunk bed / Cabin bed	58.8	34	1999.0	
Soft Furniture	Chair Cane with Cushions	14.6	39	570.5	
Soft Furniture	Chair (easy, fireside, lounge, rocking)	18.1	138	2491.3	
Soft Furniture	Chaise Longue	34.8	4	139.2	
Soft Furniture	Futon / Sofabed (wooden base with mattress)	39.1	3	117.2	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Single	18.2	190	3448.5	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Double	29.0	173	5015.3	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, Queen-size	62.7	0	0.0	
Soft Furniture	Mattress, King-size	34.7	54	1873.6	
Soft Furniture	Stool / Pouffe	7.8	234	1814.8	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Bed, foam flop out	25.9	2	51.9	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Bed, metal frame	69.0	74	5109.1	
Soft Furniture	Sofa Occasional (cane / conservatory (normally with cushions))	23.0	16	367.6	
Household Miscellaneous Goods					
Bric-a-Brac	Bric-a-Brac (small packet)	1.6	59	91.5	
Bric-a-Brac	Bric-a-Brac (box)	8.8	347	3038.2	
Children's Items	Cot	18.4	42	771.8	
Children's Items	High Chair	8.7	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Pram	10.6	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Pushchair	11.4	0	0.0	
Children's Items	Stairgate	5.3	3	15.8	
Children's Items	Toys (box of)	7.8	0	0.0	
Leisure	Bicycle, adult	14.9	21	313.1	

Leisure	Bicycle, child	11.3	0	0.0
Miscellaneous	Small Miscellaneous (scales, saucepans, shoe racks, pedal bin, picture, magazine rack, fire	2.6	110	285.5
Miscellaneous	Medium Miscellaneous (eg tea trolley, ironing board, plant stand, coat or hat stand, small	5.5	185	1010.1
Miscellaneous	Large Miscellaneous (carpet cleaner, large mirror, ladder, laundry basket, loose shelves)	9.4	154	1442.0
Carpets & Flooring				
Flooring	Carpet, Lino, Carpet Tiles, Flooring or Underlay for standard room 12'x12' (13m2)	19.5	0	0.0
Flooring	Rug Small 3'x6' (1.7m2)	4.1	4	16.3
Flooring	Rug Large 7'x10' (6.5m2)	10.3	1	10.3
Bedding & Window Dressings				
Bedding & Window dressings	Pillow	0.8	2	1.6
Bedding & Window dressings	Pillow case	0.2	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Sheet	0.7	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Duvet	2.0	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Blanket	1.4	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Blanket, towel, throw, duvet cover	0.8	0	0.0
Bedding & Window dressings	Curtains and Blinds (fabric, light or mid weight)	2.1	54	112.2
Bedding & Window dressings	Curtains and Blinds (wood, metal, thick, lined)	2.8	33	91.1
Bathroom				
Bathroom Items	Bath (metal)	29.3	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Bath (non-metal)	22.5	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Bathroom Cabinet /Shower Screen	17.9	18	322.8
Bathroom Items	Cistern	11.8	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Shower equipment/tray	24.4	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Sink (ceramic)	22.6	1	22.6
Bathroom Items	Sink (metal)	6.8	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Toilet	38.4	0	0.0
Bathroom Items	Vanity Unit, including sink	28.8	3	86.5
DIY & Garden				
DIY	Door (pvc)	41.2	0	0.0
DIY	Door (wood)	20.2	0	0.0
DIY	Gate (metal)	17.4	0	0.0
DIY	Gate (wood)	24.4	0	0.0
DIY	Paint (5 litre)	5.4	0	0.0
DIY	Patio door	77.6	0	0.0
DIY	Tiles (ceramic), per square metre	31.9	0	0.0
DIY	Window (wood)	24.7	0	0.0
DIY	Window (glazed)	28.4	0	0.0
DIY	Worktop (kitchen)	21.8	0	0.0
Garden	BBQ	20.2	2	40.5
Garden	Chair (metal, plastic or wood)	8.2	77	634.8
Garden	Lounger	15.4	1	15.4
Garden	Rotary Drier	6.4	0	0.0
Garden	Table (metal, plastic or wood)	17.1	12	205.7
Garden	Tool (large) i.e. spade, fork	1.7	7	11.9
Garden	Tool (small) i.e. trowel	0.4	3	1.3
Garden	Waterbutt	6.1	0	0.0
Garden	Wheelbarrow	11.7	0	0.0
Gas Appliances				
Gas Appliances	Cooker (Gas Free Standing)	53.4	26	1387.4
Gas Appliances	Cooker (Gas Range)	92.2	0	0.0
Gas Appliances	Hob (Gas)	14.1	3	42.4
Gas Appliances	Fire (Gas)	15.5	0	0.0
WEEE and Electrical & Electronic Equipment				
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Baby belling, counter top cooker, hostess trolley	14.5	18	261.7
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker hood	10.3	1	10.3
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker (Electric Free Standing)	45.4	61	2771.7
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Cooker (Electric Range)	98.9	0	0.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Ovens (Electric Built in)	38.9	3	116.8
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Hob (Electric)	9.2	4	36.9
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Dishwasher	46.8	38	1778.4
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Spin-Dryer	17.4	0	0.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Tumble Dryer	35.0	57	1994.1
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Twin-tub	17.1	0	0.0
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Washer Dryer	71.1	4	284.4
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Washing Machine	68.5	119	8157.4

Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fan Cooling	3.1	6	18.4
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fan heater	3.2	27	86.8
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Fire	14.9	17	253.1
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Microwave	12.4	71	878.2
Cat 1 - Large Household Appliances	Heating Appliance, Electric Radiator	11.0	16	176.6
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Sewing Machine - Electric Household	9.0	6	54.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Hair & Beauty Elec (hair dryer, foot massager, hair curlers, hair straighteners)	0.9	0	0.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Medium Equipment - bread machine, fryer, trouser press, mangle	6.1	16	98.2
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Small Equipment - kettle, toaster, clock, sandwich maker, coffee maker, juicer, grinders, rice	1.9	104	200.9
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Handheld Equipment - Electric Knife, Mixer, Blender	1.4	0	0.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Scales, Clocks, Measuring Equipment	1.4	5	7.0
Cat 2 - Small Household Appliances	Vacuum, Floor Cleaner, Sweeper	8.0	55	441.5
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Personal Computer Base unit	9.9	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Computer Mainframe unit	5.6	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Laptop (no battery)	2.2	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Tablet	0.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Mobile Phone & Accessories (hands free kit, charger)	0.2	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Personal Computer Accessories (keyboard, mouse)	0.8	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Printer, Scanner	7.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Fax, Answering Machine	4.9	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Photocopier (small office)	54.7	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Photocopier (large office)	186.5	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Small Telecommunications equipment	0.1	0	0.0
Cat 3 - IT & Telecommunications	Wordprocessor, Electric Typewriter	1.9	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Radio	1.5	2	3.1
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Hi-fi Integrated	9.5	1	9.5
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Hi-fi Separates (amplifier, record deck, cassette deck, CD player, radio, speakers)	6.1	6	36.4
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Video Camera	0.5	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	DVD, Bluray and Set Top	3.0	4	11.8
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Home Cinema System	15.4	0	0.0
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Soundbar, Speaker	4.1	3	12.2
Cat 4 - Consumer Equipment	Musical Instruments	27.1	0	0.0
Lighting Equipment (out of scope weee)	Lamp / Light (Table)	1.3	228	289.7
Lighting Equipment (out of scope weee)	Lamp / Light (Tall)	4.8	23	111.5
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Garden tools, electrical (small) i.e. strimmer, hedge cutter, garden vac	3.8	0	0.0
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Garden tools, electrical (large) i.e. lawnmower, shredder	12.3	7	85.8
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Power Tools (drill, electric screwdriver, saws, other equipment)	2.6	0	0.0
Cat 6 - Electrical & Electronic Tools	Sewing Machine - Electrical Small Industrial	6.2	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Sunbed	28.6	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Train and Car Sets	1.3	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Video Game Consoles	3.2	0	0.0
Cat 7 - Toys, Leisure & Sport	Handheld Game Consoles	0.3	0	0.0
Cat 9 - Monitoring and Control Equipment	Smoke and CO Detectors, Heating Thermostats and Regulators (Household)	0.3	0	0.0
Cat 9 - Monitoring and Control Equipment	Measuring, Weighing and Adjusting equipment	1.3	0	0.0
Cat 10 - Automatic Dispensers	Auto Dispensers (Large - Free Standing)	7.1	0	0.0
Cat 10 - Automatic Dispensers	Auto Dispensers (Small - Table Top)	0.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor <14"	9.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 14"	11.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 15"	13.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 17"	16.6	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 19"	20.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-Monitor 21"	32.4	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 18-24"	19.5	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 24-29"	38.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	CRT-TV 29-36"	44.6	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen monitor	3.8	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 18-24"	4.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 24-29"	6.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen Monitor 29-34"	8.3	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	TV Large CRT or flat screen	32.1	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	TV Portable or TV Combi	4.5	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 15-17"	4.9	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 19-20"	5.0	0	0.0

Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 22-24"	5.5	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 26-30"	9.0	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 32-37"	10.9	174	1904.6
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 40-50"	12.0	1	12.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 50-60"	22.7	0	0.0
Cat 11 - Display Equipment	Flat screen (LED/LCD) TV 60-70"	29.2	0	0.0
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Chest)	41.8	6	250.9
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Undercounter)	32.6	20	651.9
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer (Tall Free Standing)	53.4	21	1121.7
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge (Undercounter)	30.1	42	1263.1
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge (Tall Free Standing)	53.9	18	970.2
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Freezer or Fridge (Table top)	19.7	3	59.2
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Undercounter)	53.5	1	53.5
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Tall Free Standing)	62.9	81	5094.1
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Fridge-Freezer (Americian Style)	111.4	2	222.8
Cat 12 - Cooling Appliances	Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier	25.6	3	76.9
Cat 14 - Photovoltaic Panel	Photovoltaic Panel (portable, small)	3.0	0	0.0
Cat 14 - Photovoltaic Panel	Photovoltaic Panel (Household Roof)	19.7	0	0.0
Overall Totals			12871	327390.2

The Furniture Project: Collection Locations					
01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024					
Allington	2	Bulcote	1	Eagle	0
Annesley	7	Bulwell	23	Eakring	5
Annesley Woodhouse	0	Bunny	2	East Bridgford	13
Arnold	33	Burton Joyce	12	East Drayton	3
Askham	5	Burton on Trent	0	East Leake	2
Aslockton	1	Burton Waters	0	East Markham	19
Aspley	9	Calverton	19	East Stoke	0
Attenborough	4	Carlton	39	Eastwood	0
Averham	0	Carlton in Lindrick	10	Eaton	0
Babworth	0	Carlton Le Moorland	0	Edingley	2
Bakersfield	1	Carlton on Trent	6	Edwalton	8
Balderton	55	Carrington	0	Edwinstowe	176
Barlborough	0	Castle Marina	0	Egmanton	6
Barnby in the Willows	1	Caunton	4	Elkesley	10
Barnby Moor	2	Caythorpe	0	Elston	9
Barnstone	1	Chesterfield	0	Epperstone	0
Barrowby	0	Chilwell	14	Everton	0
Basford	5	Church Laneham	1	Farndon	19
Bassingfield	0	Church Warsop	23	Farnsfield	42
Bathley	1	Clarborough	6	Fenton	1
Bawtry	0	Claypole	12	Fernwood	14
Bayworth	0	Clayworth	2	Fiskerton	6
Beckingham	0	Clifton	21	Flintham	3
Beeston	62	Clipstone	58	Forest Fields	3
Besthorpe	4	Clowne	1	Forest Town	82
Bestwood	4	Clumber Park	0	Foston	1
Bestwood Park	5	Coddington	14	Gamston	22
Bevercotes	0	Collingham	39	Gainsborough	0
Bilborough	4	Colston Bassett	0	Gateford	8
Bilsthorpe	59	Colwick	5	Gedling	25
Bingham	22	Costhorpe	3	Giltbrook	6
Bircotes	3	Cotgrave	12	Girton	0
Bleasby	5	Cottam	1	Glapwell	0
Blidworth	25	Creswell	6	Glebethorpe	0
Blyth	4	Cromwell	5	Gonalston	0
Bolsover	0	Cropwell Bishop	2	Gotham	1
Bothamsall	6	Cropwell Butler	1	Grantham	13
Bottesford	0	Cuckney	1	Grassthorne	1
Boughton	72	Darlton	2	Great Gonerby	0
Bracebridge Heath	0	Daybrook	3	Grindley on the Hill	1
Bradmore	0	Derby	0	Grove	0
Bramcote	13	Dinnington	2	Gunthorpe	6
Brant Broughton	0	Doe Lea	0	Halam	1
Breaston	0	Drake Holes	0	Hallcroft	4
Brinsley	0	Dry Doddington	0	Halloughton	0
Budby	2	Dunham on Trent	4	Harby	0

Harlow Wood	0	Lound	3	Ompton	2
Harworth	4	Low Marnham	0	Ordsall	31
Hawton	0	Lowdham	13	Orston	1
Hawksworth	0	Mansfield	353	Ossington	0
Hawtonville	0	Mansfield Woodhouse	175	Oxton	5
Hayton	6	Manton	0	Palterton	0
High Marnham	2	Maplebeck	1	Papplewick	1
Highbury Vale	1	Mapperley	35	Perlethorpe	1
Hockerton	3	Mapperley Top	2	Pinxton	0
Hodthorpe	1	Market Warsop	2	Pleasley	16
Holme	2	Markham Moor	1	Pleasley Vale	1
Hougham	0	Mattersey Thorpe	0	Plumtree	0
Houghton	0	Maythorne	2	Prospect	0
Hoveringham	4	Meden Vale	15	Radcliffe on Trent	23
Hucknall	35	Mickleover	0	Radford	1
Huthwaite	8	Milton	3	Radmanthwaite	0
Ilkeston	0	Misterton	1	Ragnall	1
Jacksdale	0	Moorhouse	2	Rainworth	68
Kelham	3	Morton	4	Rampton	5
Kersall	1	Muston	0	Ranby	0
Keyworth	5	Nether Langwith	5	Ranskill	7
Kilarney Park	0	Netherfield	4	Ravensdale	0
Kilton	2	New Houghton	30	Ravenshead	26
Kimberley	1	New Ollerton	251	Redhill	0
Kings Clipstone	14	Newark	172	Retford	191
Kinoulton	1	Newstead Abbey Park	0	Rhodesia	2
Kirkby in Ashfield	49	Newstead Village	1	Rise Park	0
Kirklington	8	Newthorpe	0	Rockley	0
Kirton	11	Newton	0	Rolleston	8
Kiveton Park	0	Newton on Trent	1	Ruddington	20
Kneesall	9	Normanton on the Wolds	1	Rufford	21
Kneeton	0	Normanton on Soar	0	Sandiacre	3
Ladybay	0	Normanton on Trent	11	Sawley	0
Ladybrook	0	North Anston	1	Scarcliffe	0
Lambley	1	North Clifton	0	Scarrington	1
Laneham	3	North Leverton	9	Scrooby	0
Langar	0	North Muskham	4	Selston	0
Langford	0	North Scarle	3	Shelford	0
Langold	2	North Wheatley	2	Shelton	2
Langwith	5	Norton	4	Sherwood	25
Langwith Junction	2	Norton Disney	0	Shirebrook	18
Laughton	0	North Hykeham	0	Shireoaks	4
Laxton	5	Norwell	8	Shuttlewood	0
Leadenham	0	Norwell Woodhouse	2	Sibthorpe	0
Lenton	6	Nottingham	179	Silverdale	1
Linby	2	Nuncargate	0	Skegby	17
Lincoln	4	Nuthall	6	Skellingthorpe	0
Little Carlton	4	Old Basford	0	Sleaford	0
Long Bennington	7	Old Ollerton	48	Sninton	2
Long Eaton	4	Oldcotes	1	South Anston	0

South Clifton	0	Upton	8		1016
South Leverton	4	Walesby	65		
South Muskham	1	Walkeringham	0		
South Normanton	0	Warsop	78		
South Scarle	0	Warsop Vale	1		
South Wheatley	0	Watnall	1		
Southwell	148	Wellow	16		
Spalford	0	Westborough	1		
Spion Kop	4	West Bridgford	87		
St Annes	1	West Drayton	3		
Stanton Hill	2	West Markham	3		
Stanton on the Wolds	0	Weston	10		
Stapleford	8	Westwood	0		
Staunton	0	Whaley Thornes	0		
Staythorpe	0	Whatton	0		
Stoke Bardolph	0	Whitwell	5		
Stokeham	0	Widmerpool	0		
Stragglethorpe	0	Wigsley	0		
Strelley	3	Wilford	7		
Stubton	1	Winkburn	0		
Sturton Le Steeple	2	Winthorpe	8		
Styrrup	0	Wollaton	31		
Sutton cum Lound	8	Woodbeck	0		
Sutton in Ashfield	68	Woodborough	4		
Sutton on Trent	22	Woodsetts	4		
Swinderby	0	Woodthorpe	8		
Syerston	0	Woolsthorpe	0		
Teversall	2	Worksop	93		
The Park	2	Wyverton	0		
The Meadows	7		2142		
Thoresby	1				
Thorney	1				
Thoroton	0				
Thurgaton	3				
Tickhill	0				
Tollerton	7				
Top Valley	2				
Torksey	2				
Torworth	3				
Toton	4				
Tresswell	2				
Trowell	0				
Tuxford	70				
Underwood	0				
Upper Langwith	1				
Upper Saxondale	0				
	1011				
Total Collections	4169				

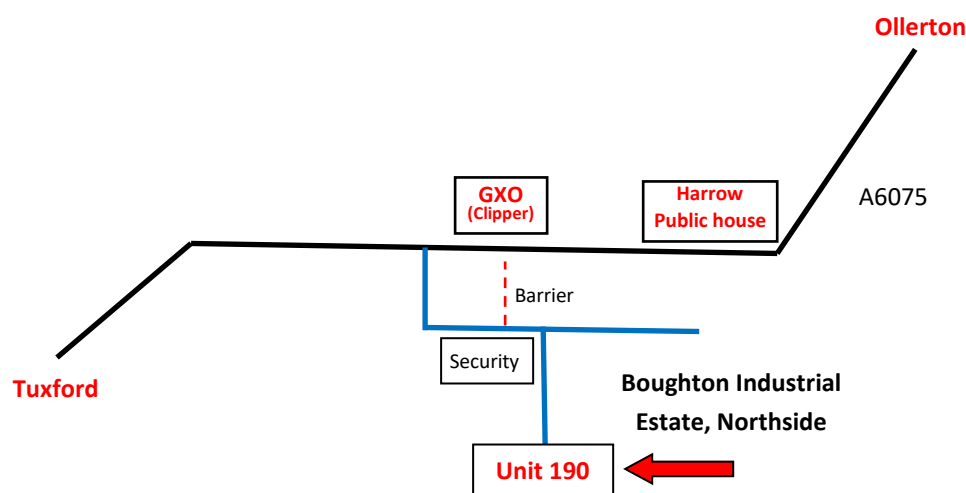
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- The Probation Service
- Nottinghamshire County Council for the use of Worksop Recycling Site
- PC Commercials for maintenance of our vehicles
- All of the wonderful staff, volunteers and Management Committee who work so hard to make the Project a success



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Annual Accounts
April 2023—March 2024**

THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1119360

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Other income		82,754	-	82,754	88,523
Investment income					
Bank interest		1,172	-	1,172	208
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		539,041	-	539,041	440,913
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RESOURCES EXPENDED					
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	3	526,062	-	526,062	439,244
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The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4		29,267		5,264
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		23,461		12,403	
Bank and cash balances		112,842		136,976	
		136,303		149,379	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	990		3,042	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			135,313		146,337
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			164,580		151,601
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year			-		-
NET ASSETS			164,580		151,601
FUNDS :-					
Unrestricted			163,570		150,591
Restricted			1,010		1,010
			164,580		151,601

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director acknowledges his responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

C DayshDirector

16 July 2024

Notes to the accounts31 March 2024**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

(a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and follow the recommendations in "Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice" Revised 2005 and with the Financial Standards for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

The effect of events relating to the period ended 31 March 2024 which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Trustees have been included in the statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2024 and of the results for the period ended on that date.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis using the following rates :

Motor vehicles	- 20%
Equipment	- 20%

(c) Grants

Revenue grants are accounted for on an accruals basis and are included in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred. When tangible fixed assets are acquired with the aid of specific grants, the related grants are credited to a deferred capital grants account and are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

(d) Fund Accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

2. GRANTS & DONATIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Newark & Sherwood District Council	10,000	11,000
Mansfield District Council	10,000	-
Unpaid work opportunities	3,500	6,135
The Jones Trust	15,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000
Chris Fisher	-	10,000
Other	3,058	4,693
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	41,558	41,828
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31 March 2024

3. COSTS OF ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Vehicle running costs	39,392	-	39,392	36,966
Travelling expenses	-	-	-	-
Volunteers' expenses	10,448	-	10,448	11,412
Training	280	-	280	289
Depreciation	2,849	-	2,849	5,892
Profit on sale of vehicles	(2,150)	-	(2,150)	-
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	50,819	-	50,819	54,559
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Fundraising & Publicity				
Advertising & literature	5,566	-	5,566	6,067
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Management & Administration				
Staff salaries & subcontract	327,514	-	327,514	293,962
Insurance	5,651	-	5,651	5,394
Postage & stationery	4,907	-	4,907	4,907
Telephone	4,740	-	4,740	4,141
Heat & light	6,952	-	6,952	6,671
Equipment repairs	3,983	-	3,983	6,845
Rent & rates	35,758	-	35,758	35,759
Building maintenance	290	-	290	2,286
Subscriptions & annual fees	2,181	-	2,181	997
Accountancy & bookkeeping	990	-	990	1,293
Professional fees	8,823	-	8,823	9,605
Sundry expenses	2,446	-	2,446	3,998
Bank charges	825	-	825	588
Card charges	1,746	-	1,746	2,172
Project expenses	62,871	-	62,871	-
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	469,677	-	469,677	378,618
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Total Expenditure	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	526,062	-	526,062	439,244

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31 March 2024

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Commercial Vehicles £	Equipment £	TOTAL £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	70,988	8,496	79,484
Additions	26,852	-	26,852
Disposals	(22,462)	-	(22,462)
At 31 March 2024	75,378	8,496	83,874
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	65,725	8,495	74,220
Charge for year	2,849	-	2,849
Eliminated on disposals	(22,462)	-	(22,462)
At 31 March 2024	46,112	8,495	54,607
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	29,266	1	29,267
At 31 March 2023	5,363	1	5,264

5. CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
VAT	-	2,031
Accruals	990	1,011
	990	3,042

6. WAGES AND SALARIES

The Trustees/Directors have not received any remuneration during the year.

7. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

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Travelling expenses	-	-	-	-
Volunteers' expenses	10,448	-	10,448	11,412
Training	280	-	280	289
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Equipment repairs	3,983	-	3,983	6,845
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Subscriptions & annual fees	2,181	-	2,181	997
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31 March 2024

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	Commercial Vehicles £	Equipment £	TOTAL £
COST			
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Additions	26,852	-	26,852
Disposals	(22,462)	-	(22,462)
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Charge for year	2,849	-	2,849
Eliminated on disposals	(22,462)	-	(22,462)
At 31 March 2024	46,112	8,495	54,607
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	29,266	1	29,267
At 31 March 2023	5,363	1	5,264

5. CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
VAT	-	2,031
Accruals	990	1,011
	990	3,042

6. WAGES AND SALARIES

The Trustees/Directors have not received any remuneration during the year.

7. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

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THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1119360

COMPANY REGISTRATION NO 6016545

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2024

The director presents his report and financial statements for the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

LEGAL STATUS

The company is a company limited by guarantee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Project is established as a company limited by guarantee (No 6016545) and is a registered charity with the Charity Commission (No 1119360). The Furniture Project's main objective is the relief of the effects of poverty for disadvantaged people living in deprived communities in North Nottinghamshire.

Working in partnership with other Agencies/Organisations we intend to provide furniture and other essential household items which are required to reduce the need, hardship or distress of these people so as to encourage them to adopt a more positive approach to their quality of life. We will replace old worn out furniture, furnish empty accommodation and turn a house into a home. We will also provide a recycle and reuse support service to the public in North Nottinghamshire which will enable us to divert a greater amount of unwanted household items away from the landfills.

Offering the above services to the people of North Nottinghamshire will enable the Furniture Project to further reduce poverty by providing employment, improving the employability of the unemployed through volunteering and training, and provide placement opportunities for local schools and Nottinghamshire Probation Services.

The main objectives and activities for the year have focused on:

- continuing to increase our referral delivery service
- increasing our own earned income through existing income streams and seeking ways to develop new ones.
- continuing to provide placement opportunities for volunteers, Nottinghamshire Probation Services and local schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Funding for this period was obtained principally from Newark and Sherwood District Council, The Job Retention Scheme, warehouse sales and shop sales.

RESERVES

The Furniture Project will strive to maintain a reserve of funds (end of March 2024 - £164,580) the level of which will be determined by the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objectives. The Furniture Project needs reserves to cover:

- any redundancy costs that may become due, together with winding down and any legal costs.
- working capital
- exceptional and unforeseen expenditure
- grants received in arrears (cash flow)
- replacement of equipment and vehicles

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

RESULTS

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the director is required to select suitable accounting policies as described on page 7, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

The director is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with their obligations under the constitution. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE DIRECTOR

The director who served the charity during the period was as follows :-

C Daysh

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

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on 16 July 2024 .

C DAYSH

OF THE FURNITURE PROJECT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
for the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND EXAMINER

The charity's director is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's director considers that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act):
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

The examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as director concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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R E George
Chartered Accountant
16 July 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities to further the charities objects:					
Grants & donations	2	41,558	-	41,558	41,828
Shop sales & store returns		139,458	-	139,458	69,183
Warehouse sales		175,282	-	175,282	198,183
Property refurbishment		64,402	-	64,402	-
Clothing sales		1,626	-	1,626	2,555
Gift aid		32,789	-	32,789	40,433
Other income		82,754	-	82,754	88,523
Investment income					
Bank interest		1,172	-	1,172	208
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		539,041	-	539,041	440,913
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE					
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives	3	526,062	-	526,062	439,244
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		12,979	-	12,979	1,669
Total funds brought forward at 1 April 2023		150,591	1,010	151,601	149,932
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The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

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as at 31st March 2024

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