

LIGHTHOUSE FURNITURE PROJECT LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1120398

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05249004](#)

Registered 2007-08-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 3.1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, PARTICULARLY OF HOMELESS PERSONS AND THOSE IN THE OTHER ASPECTS OF HOUSING CRISIS THROUGH PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF PRACTICAL SUPPORT, REGARDLESS OF FAITH, GENDER, AGE, RACE, LIFESTYLE, DISABILITY OR MARITAL STATUS, PRIMARILY IN THE SOUTH ESSEX AREA;3.2) ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND OTHERS IN HOUSING CRISIS; AND3.3) TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BY THE PROMOTION OF RECYCLING AND RE-USE.

Activities: Furniture, appliances and household goods re-use organisation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, ESSEX
- Barking And Dagenham
- Essex
- Havering
- Redbridge
- Southend-on-sea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£740,412	£720,949	£131,596	21
2024-01-31	£808,178	£808,458	£112,132	23
2023-01-31	£915,482	£987,068	£112,412	27
2022-01-31	£774,952	£793,559	£183,998	25
2021-01-31	£689,521	£691,130	£202,605	23

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Gell		
Simon Farrow		2015-11-17
Stephen Paul Mitchell		2024-12-03

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Accounts

LIGHTHOUSE FURNITURE PROJECT LIMITED
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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

M Briggs (resigned 3 December 2024)
S Farrow
S Mitchell (appointed 3 December 2024)
J Gell

Company registered number

05249004

Charity registered number

1120398

Registered office

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J Gell

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of poverty, particularly of homeless persons and those in other aspects of housing crisis through providing or assisting in the provision of practical support, regardless of faith, gender, age, race, lifestyle, disability or marital status, primarily in the South Essex area.

Advance public education about the circumstances of homeless people and others in housing crisis.

To bring awareness of the furniture project to all levels of the community throughout the whole of the districts served.

To encourage re-use as a way of life.

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

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The activities adopted in furtherance of these objects are:

To collect useable second hand furniture, white goods and other items for free to be able to divert them from landfill.

Make saleable either through refurbishment, repair, cleaning and/or testing the collected second hand goods.

To sell at an affordable price the second hand goods to the general public, to be able to cover the majority of the operating costs to make the project self sustaining.

Pricing is designed to drive volume ahead of profitability to prioritize recycling.

To wherever possible donate directly or through referral from government agencies or other charities the second hand goods to those in need or being rehoused.

To employ staff who empathise with the charities objectives and are committed to the environmental and social objectives.

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

More information on the charity can be found on our website www.lighthousefurniture.org

c. Volunteers

LFP recognises and continues to massively appreciate the hours/day and hard work generously given throughout the last year. The Trustees and Management are extremely grateful to our staff and volunteers who gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as possible. Last year volunteers gave LFP 5,276 hours of their time making a saving of approximately £64,000. This has decreased slightly from 2023 24 (5,946 hours). Volunteers still remain a vital aspect of our work both in the saving they provide and in the value they add in expertise, time and enthusiasm. Over the last year we have seen a number of individuals and groups of volunteers use their corporate volunteering days with LFP. Strategically for the sustainable future of the charity in the next year we will be looking at how we can continue to develop our volunteering, further providing others with the opportunity to gain experience within the different aspects of the charity and enable it to continue its success.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees are mindful of their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The objectives and activities of the charity are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

A key measure of environmental performance is the diversion of goods from landfill and during the past year of operating LFP enabled the reuse of 286 tonnes (2023-24, 345 tonnes) of furniture and white goods. This equates to a carbon saving of 314 tonnes (2023-24, 384 tonnes) using the most recent basis from Reuse.

Over the year we have made 2,514 collections (2023-24: 2,976), 1,692 deliveries (2023-24: 2,020) and collecting in total 15,834 items (2023-24: 17,466). With these items we have helped approximately 10,612 individuals (11,567 in 2023-24) saving them a total of £984,892 (£1,079,984 in 2023-24).

The membership of the Reuse Network allows us to take part in collecting manufacturer and retailer clearance lines, from hotels and other businesses and these continued during 2025. Partnerships with Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORN) have also evolved further to assist in the volume of goods recycled.

b. Review of activities

LFP's financial performance for the year improved with the assistance of substantial grants, notably from the National Lottery Community Fund and other grant providers. The underlying activities are still not as sustainable as we would like, although we have made progress.

We continued to fulfil the needs of the Essential Living Fund (ELF) referrals, serving 361 families with essential furniture items for their homes (2023-24: 437). This was not as high as the previous year, due to the ELF budget constraints.

Volunteering hours reduced in 2024-25 by 11% from 5,946 to 5,276 hours. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers as they are essential to our operation.

We continued to use the workshop facility in Chelmsford to repair, refurbish and reuse both donated white goods, and those that we collected from the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Partnership with Plan B Management Solutions. The capacity in Chelmsford was more than we could utilise efficiently so we made plans to relocate the workshop to Brentwood closer to the shop, which were implemented in summer 2025.

The partnership with Basildon Council involving the collection of small appliances from Barleylands Recycling Centre continued to enable LFP to access small electricals. We also used the Chelmsford workshop to repair those, ready for resale, and this area of the operation continues to be very successful. Reused lamps and vacuum cleaners continue to be in very high demand in our store.

We have continued to develop a sustainable operational structure, which will meet the challenges we face, caused by the recent high inflation, in particular in wages and utilities.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Investment policy and performance

Reserves invested for one to twelve months will be placed in accounts or in a bond(s) yielding the market rate of return or better but also have sound ethical values.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to maintain reserves at between three and six months of resources expended which equates to a range of between £100,000 and £200,000 in general funds.

At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding, allowing a period of time for funding to be replaced. At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted funds total was £122,800 (2023-24: £101,460) which represents approximately 2.3 (2023-24: 1.7) months of unrestricted expenditure.

We aim to maintain:

£20,000 in cash or immediate access accounts

£60,000 in accounts accessible within 1 month

The remainder accessible within a year

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited also notes the need to hold an amount in reserve in line with legislation to enable the minimum required payment of redundancy money, should the charity need to close its operations.

c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

It is the policy of the charity to protect the organisation as far as possible as is reasonably practical from fraud by staff, service users and members of the general public.

In order to minimise its exposure to risk, the charity has specific risk policies in respect of the following areas:

Protection of credit card details

Daily takings & petty cash

Fraudulent use of internet banking

Fraudulent use of company commercial cards

Cash donations

Theft of tools

Client fraud

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 4th October 2004, amended to allow for charitable status on 1st August 2007.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. There is no limit on the composition of the board of directors who are invited to join the board by the recommendation of the existing board members through their extensive local church and business contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board meets every 6 weeks with a break in the summer with a chair appointed by rotation. The management team attend all meetings to update the board on activities and help discuss challenges facing the operations. The directors delegate the majority of the day to day activities and management to the management team whilst retaining overall financial control and responsibility for setting policy and maintaining accounting records.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The review keeps a close eye on health and safety as it applies to both employees and customers. The mix of skills and competencies amongst staff of the charity are a key resource that must be continually developed and are considered periodically in the process. A quarterly review of the performance and financial position of the company helps the directors to manage the position.

Plans for future periods

Exploring new partnerships that create value and opportunities for both parties with both charitable and commercial partners are a focus for the foreseeable future.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

J Gell

Date: 13 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Dated: 14 October 2025

Stuart Harrison

FCA

Venthams

Chartered Accountants
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	9,002	74,750	83,752	103,908
Charitable activities	4	656,179	-	656,179	704,152
Investments	5	481	-	481	118
Total income		665,662	74,750	740,412	808,178
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	7,458	-	7,458	11,695
Charitable activities	7	636,865	76,626	713,491	796,763
Total expenditure		644,323	76,626	720,949	808,458
Net movement in funds		21,339	(1,876)	19,463	(280)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		101,460	10,672	112,132	112,412
Net movement in funds		21,339	(1,876)	19,463	(280)
Total funds carried forward		122,799	8,796	131,595	112,132

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	317,022	328,660
		<u>317,022</u>	<u>328,660</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	13	4,045	2,635
Debtors	14	53,533	50,294
Cash at bank and in hand		35,831	22,418
		<u>93,409</u>	<u>75,347</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(99,156)	(101,284)
Net current liabilities		<u>(5,747)</u>	<u>(25,937)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>311,275</u>	<u>302,723</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(179,679)	(190,591)
Total net assets		<u>131,596</u>	<u>112,132</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	17	8,796	10,672
Unrestricted funds	17	122,800	101,460
Total funds		<u>131,596</u>	<u>112,132</u>

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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 for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

J Gell

Date: 13 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	23,140	(6,194)
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Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	7,700
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(500)
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Net cash provided by investing activities	-	7,200
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Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowing	(9,727)	(9,201)
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Net cash used in financing activities	(9,727)	(9,201)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	13,413	(8,195)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	22,418	30,613
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	35,831	22,418
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales number 1120398. The principal activity of the company is the refurbishment and sale of secondhand goods.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

2.3 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

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

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- No depreciation
Improvements to leasehold property	- Straight line over the term of lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% and 33% straight line

2.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.7 Debtors

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

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

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

2.11 Pensions

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

2.12 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	9,002	-	9,002	28,158
Grants	-	74,750	74,750	75,750
Total 2025	<u>9,002</u>	<u>74,750</u>	<u>83,752</u>	<u>103,908</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>60,658</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>103,908</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sale of recycled items	656,179	656,179	704,152
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>704,152</u>	<u>704,152</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	481	481	118
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>118</u>	<u>118</u>	

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6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Costs of raising voluntary income - wages and salaries	6,850	6,850	10,360
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	387	387	921
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	221	221	414
Total 2025	7,458	7,458	11,695
<i>Total 2024</i>	11,695	11,695	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	636,865	76,626	713,491	796,763
Total 2025	636,865	76,626	713,491	796,763
<i>Total 2024</i>	761,889	34,874	796,763	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	647,181	66,310	713,491	796,764
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>724,672</u>	<u>72,092</u>	<u>796,764</u>	

Analysis of direct costs

	Sale of recycled items 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	337,271	337,271	393,519
Cost of goods provided free of charge	4,086	4,086	4,471
Cost of goods sold	104,160	104,160	116,120
Premises expenses	13,175	13,175	14,330
Insurance	8,390	8,390	7,879
Light and heat	15,018	15,018	16,879
Office expenses	6,706	6,706	7,677
Marketing	5,016	5,016	2,474
Telephone	3,484	3,484	2,461
Rent	98,206	98,206	98,152
Motor running expenses	33,095	33,095	38,635
Travelling expenses	1,762	1,762	3,945
Clothing	93	93	115
Subscriptions	7,607	7,607	6,804
Training	180	180	754
Staff welfare	1,286	1,286	3,710
Sundry expenses	361	361	12
Legal and professional fees	7,285	7,285	6,735
Total 2025	<u>647,181</u>	<u>647,181</u>	<u>724,672</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>724,672</u>	<u>724,672</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Sale of recycled items 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	22,373	22,373	35,087
Depreciation and profit on disposal	11,639	11,639	5,208
Bank charges	5,089	5,089	5,800
Loan interest paid	20,427	20,427	19,781
Governance costs	6,782	6,782	6,216
Total 2025	<u>66,310</u>	<u>66,310</u>	<u>72,092</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>72,092</u>	<u>72,092</u>	

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,210 (2024 - £4,010).

10. Staff costs

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Wages and salaries	339,363	404,760
Social security costs	17,509	22,834
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	10,230	12,708
	<u>367,102</u>	<u>440,302</u>

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10. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Management	1	<i>1</i>
Administration	9	<i>9</i>
Logistics	5	<i>6</i>
Refurbishment	6	<i>7</i>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 January 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2024 - £NIL*).

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Short-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 February 2024	308,212	43,622	15,219	34,899	27,257	429,209
At 31 January 2025	308,212	43,622	15,219	34,899	27,257	429,209
Depreciation						
At 1 February 2024	-	31,835	13,965	28,272	26,477	100,549
Charge for the year	-	3,564	668	6,627	780	11,639
At 31 January 2025	-	35,399	14,633	34,899	27,257	112,188
Net book value						
At 31 January 2025	308,212	8,223	586	-	-	317,021
At 31 January 2024	308,212	11,787	1,254	6,627	780	328,660

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13. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	4,045	2,635
	<u>4,045</u>	<u>2,635</u>

14. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	12,663	10,587
Other debtors	18,477	18,559
Prepayments and accrued income	22,393	21,148
	<u>53,533</u>	<u>50,294</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	52,361	51,176
Trade creditors	27,756	17,023
Other taxation and social security	-	6,201
Other creditors	1,360	3,081
Accruals and deferred income	17,679	23,803
	<u>99,156</u>	<u>101,284</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans	179,679	190,591
	<u>179,679</u>	<u>190,591</u>

The company has fixed and floating charges covering the property of the company in favour of Big Issue Invest Limited and The Charity Bank Limited dated 23 June 2016.

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17. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	101,460	665,663	(644,323)	122,800
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Essex Community Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
National Lottery	8,376	58,250	(60,126)	6,500
Tesco	-	500	(500)	-
Chelmsford City Council	-	6,000	(6,000)	-
	<u>10,672</u>	<u>74,750</u>	<u>(76,626)</u>	<u>8,796</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>112,132</u></u>	<u><u>740,413</u></u>	<u><u>(720,949)</u></u>	<u><u>131,596</u></u>

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17. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	110,116	764,928	(773,584)	101,460
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Essex Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
National Lottery	-	38,250	(29,874)	8,376
	<u>2,296</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>(34,874)</u>	<u>10,672</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>112,412</u></u>	<u><u>808,178</u></u>	<u><u>(808,458)</u></u>	<u><u>112,132</u></u>

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18. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
General funds	101,460	665,663	(644,323)	122,800
Restricted funds	10,672	74,750	(76,626)	8,796
	<u>112,132</u>	<u>740,413</u>	<u>(720,949)</u>	<u>131,596</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2024 £</i>
General funds	110,116	764,928	(773,584)	101,460
Restricted funds	2,296	43,250	(34,874)	10,672
	<u>112,412</u>	<u>808,178</u>	<u>(808,458)</u>	<u>112,132</u>

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	317,022	-	317,022
Current assets	84,613	8,796	93,409
Creditors due within one year	(99,156)	-	(99,156)
Creditors due in more than one year	(179,679)	-	(179,679)
Total	<u>122,800</u>	<u>8,796</u>	<u>131,596</u>

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19. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	328,660	-	328,660
Current assets	64,675	10,672	75,347
Creditors due within one year	(101,284)	-	(101,284)
Creditors due in more than one year	(190,591)	-	(190,591)
Total	<u>101,460</u>	<u>10,672</u>	<u>112,132</u>

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	19,463	(280)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	11,639	12,908
Loss/(profit) on the sale of fixed assets	-	(7,700)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(1,410)	2,788
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(3,239)	2,149
Decrease in creditors	(3,313)	(16,059)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>23,140</u>	<u>(6,194)</u>

21. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	35,831	22,418
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>35,831</u>	<u>22,418</u>

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 February 2024	Cash flows		At 31 January 2025
	£	£		£
Cash at bank and in hand	22,418	13,413		35,831
Debt due within 1 year	(51,175)	(1,186)		(52,361)
Debt due after 1 year	(190,591)	10,912		(179,679)
	(219,348)	23,139		(196,209)

23. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £10,230 (2024 : £12,703). Contributions totalling £1,359 (2024: £2,098) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

24. Operating lease commitments

At 31 January 2025 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	101,336	101,336
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	164,899	236,734
	266,235	338,070

25. Related party transactions

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £27,398 and pension contributions of £886 were made on their behalf.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

M Briggs
S Farrow
J Gell
J Hartland (resigned 31 December 2023)

Company registered number

05249004

Charity registered number

1120398

Registered office

Unit 27
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Company secretary

J Gell

Accountants

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

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of poverty, particularly of homeless persons and those in other aspects of housing crisis through providing or assisting in the provision of practical support, regardless of faith, gender, age, race, lifestyle, disability or marital status, primarily in the South Essex area.

Advance public education about the circumstances of homeless people and others in housing crisis.

To bring awareness of the furniture project to all levels of the community throughout the whole of the districts served.

To encourage re-use as a way of life.

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

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The activities adopted in furtherance of these objects are:

To collect useable second hand furniture, white goods and other items for free to be able to divert them from landfill.

Make saleable either through refurbishment, repair, cleaning and/or testing the collected second hand goods.

To sell at an affordable price the second hand goods to the general public, to be able to cover the majority of the operating costs to make the project self sustaining.

Pricing is designed to drive volume ahead of profitability to prioritize recycling.

To wherever possible donate directly or through referral from government agencies or other charities the second hand goods to those in need or being rehoused.

To employ staff who empathise with the charities objectives and are committed to the environmental and social objectives.

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

More information on the charity can be found on our website www.lighthousefurniture.org

c. Volunteers

LFP recognises and continues to massively appreciate the hours/day and hard work generously given throughout the last year. The Trustees and Management are extremely grateful to our staff and volunteers who gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as possible. Last year volunteers gave LFP 5,946 hours of their time making a saving of nearly £65,000. This has increased slightly from 2022-23 (5,643 hours). Volunteers still remain a vital aspect of our work both in the saving they provide and in the value they add in expertise, time and enthusiasm. Over the last year we have seen a number of individuals and groups of volunteers use their corporate volunteering days with LFP. Strategically for the sustainable future of the charity in the next year we will be looking at how we can continue to develop our volunteering, further providing others with the opportunity to gain experience within the different aspects of the charity and enable it to continue its success.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees are mindful of their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The objectives and activities of the charity are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

A key measure of environmental performance is the diversion of goods from landfill and during the past year of operating LFP enabled the reuse of 345 tonnes (2022-23, 338 tonnes) of furniture and white goods. This equates to a carbon saving of 384 tonnes (2022-23, 376 tonnes) using the most recent basis from Reuse.

Over the year we have made 2,976 collections (2022-23: 2,840), 2,020 deliveries (2022-23: 2390) and collecting in total 17,466 items (2022-23: 14,789). With these items we have helped approximately 11,567 individuals (10,438 in 2022-23) saving them a total of £1,079,984 (£1,299,935 in 2022-23).

The membership of the Reuse Network allows us to take part in collecting manufacturer and retailer clearance lines, from hotels and other businesses and these continued during 2023. Partnerships with Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORN) have also evolved further to assist in the volume of goods recycled.

b. Review of activities

LFP's financial performance for the year stabilised with the assistance of substantial grants, notably from the National Lottery Community Fund and other grant providers. The underlying activities are still not as sustainable as we would like, although we have made progress.

We continued to fulfil the needs of the Essential Living Fund (ELF) referrals, serving families with essential furniture items for their homes. This was not quite as high as the previous year, due to the ELF budget constraints.

Volunteering hours increased again in 2023-24 by 5% from 5,643 to 5,946 hours. This still remains around half the pre-covid level. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers as they are essential to our operation.

We continued to use the workshop facility in Chelmsford to repair, refurbish and reuse both donated white goods, and those that we collected from the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Partnership with Plan B Management Solutions. There were challenges with both the quality and quantity of appliances collected from the HWRCs, which left the workshop under utilised.

The partnership with Basildon Council involving the collection of small appliances from Barleylands Recycling Centre continued to enable LFP to access small electricals. We also used the Chelmsford workshop to repair those, ready for resale, and this area of the operation continues to be very successful. Reused lamps and vacuum cleaners continue to be in very high demand in our store.

We have continued to develop a sustainable operational structure, which will meet the challenges we face, caused by the recent high inflation, in particular in wages and utilities.

c. Investment policy and performance

Reserves invested for one to twelve months will be placed in accounts or in a bond(s) yielding the market rate of return or better but also have sound ethical values.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to maintain reserves at between three and six months of resources expended which equates to a range of between £100,000 and £200,000 in general funds.

At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding, allowing a period of time for funding to be replaced. At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted funds total was £101,460 (2023: £110,116) which represents approximately 1.6 (2023: 1.3) months of unrestricted expenditure.

We aim to maintain:

£20,000 in cash or immediate access accounts

£60,000 in accounts accessible within 1 month

The remainder accessible within a year

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited also notes the need to hold an amount in reserve in line with legislation to enable the minimum required payment of redundancy money, should the charity need to close its operations.

c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

It is the policy of the charity to protect the organisation as far as possible as is reasonably practical from fraud by staff, service users and members of the general public.

In order to minimise its exposure to risk, the charity has specific risk policies in respect of the following areas:

Protection of credit card details

Daily takings & petty cash

Fraudulent use of internet banking

Fraudulent use of company commercial cards

Cash donations

Theft of tools

Client fraud

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 4th October 2004, amended to allow for charitable status on 1st August 2007.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. There is no limit on the composition of the board of directors who are invited to join the board by the recommendation of the existing board members through their extensive local church and business contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board meets monthly with a break in the summer with a chair appointed by rotation. The chief executive attends all meetings to update the board on activities and help discuss challenges facing the operations. The directors delegate the majority of the day to day activities and management to the chief executive whilst retaining overall financial control and responsibility for setting policy and maintaining accounting records.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The review keeps a close eye on health and safety as it applies to both employees and customers. The mix of skills and competencies amongst staff of the charity are a key resource that must be continually developed and are considered periodically in the process. The rapid growth in the charity's operations has meant that the financial resources are key to being able to support the growth. A quarterly review of the performance and financial position of the company helps the directors to manage the position.

Plans for future periods

Exploring new partnerships that create value and opportunities for both parties with both charitable and commercial partners are a focus for the foreseeable future.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

J Gell

Date: 13 November 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Dated: 13 November 2024

Stuart Harrison

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LIGHTHOUSE FURNITURE PROJECT LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	60,658	43,250	103,908	68,278
Charitable activities	4	704,152	-	704,152	846,743
Investments	5	118	-	118	56
Other income	6	-	-	-	405
Total income		764,928	43,250	808,178	915,482
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	11,695	-	11,695	11,886
Charitable activities	8	761,889	34,874	796,763	975,182
Total expenditure		773,584	34,874	808,458	987,068
Net movement in funds		(8,656)	8,376	(280)	(71,586)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		110,116	2,296	112,412	183,998
Net movement in funds		(8,656)	8,376	(280)	(71,586)
Total funds carried forward		101,460	10,672	112,132	112,412

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	328,660	341,019
		<u>328,660</u>	<u>341,019</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	2,635	5,423
Debtors	15	50,294	52,443
Cash at bank and in hand		22,418	30,663
		<u>75,347</u>	<u>88,529</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(101,284)	(116,176)
Net current liabilities		<u>(25,937)</u>	<u>(27,647)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>302,723</u>	<u>313,372</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(190,591)	(200,960)
Total net assets		<u>112,132</u>	<u>112,412</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	10,672	2,296
Unrestricted funds	18	101,460	110,116
Total funds		<u>112,132</u>	<u>112,412</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 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 for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

J Gell

Date: 13 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(7,695)	(11,670)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(550)	(20,130)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(550)	(20,130)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
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Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(8,245)	(31,800)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	30,663	62,463
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	22,418	30,663
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

1. General information

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales number 1120398. The principal activity of the company is the refurbishment and sale of secondhand goods.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Directors are of the opinion that the company will not be significantly affected by the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (Covid-19) and believe that the company is a going concern. Accordingly, the Financial Statements have been prepared on that basis.

2.3 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

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

2.4 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- No depreciation
Improvements to leasehold property	- Straight line over the term of lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% and 33% straight line

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Pensions

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

2.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	28,158	-	28,158	32,028
Grants	32,500	43,250	75,750	36,250
Total 2024	<u>60,658</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>103,908</u>	<u>68,278</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>68,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,278</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sale of recycled items	704,152	704,152	846,743
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>846,743</u>	<u>846,743</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	118	118	56
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Local authority business COVID grants	-	-	405
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<hr/> <i>405</i> <hr/>	<hr/> <i>405</i> <hr/>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Costs of raising voluntary income - wages and salaries	10,360	10,360	10,305
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	921	921	1,169
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	414	414	412
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Total 2024	<hr/> 11,695 <hr/>	<hr/> 11,695 <hr/>	<hr/> <i>11,886</i> <hr/>
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<i>Total 2023</i>	<hr/> <i>11,886</i> <hr/>	<hr/> <i>11,886</i> <hr/>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	761,889	34,874	796,763	975,182
Total 2024	<u>761,889</u>	<u>34,874</u>	<u>796,763</u>	<u>975,182</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>975,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>975,182</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	724,672	72,092	796,764	975,182
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>898,130</u>	<u>77,052</u>	<u>975,182</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sale of recycled items 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	393,519	393,519	481,211
Cost of goods provided free of charge	4,471	4,471	15,789
Cost of goods sold	116,120	116,120	208,809
Premises expenses	14,330	14,330	17,286
Insurance	7,879	7,879	7,290
Light and heat	16,879	16,879	11,264
Office expenses	7,677	7,677	7,929
Marketing	2,474	2,474	1,701
Telephone	2,461	2,461	3,125
Rent	98,152	98,152	85,482
Motor running expenses	38,635	38,635	30,235
Travelling expenses	3,945	3,945	2,659
Clothing	115	115	405
Subscriptions	6,804	6,804	4,784
Training	754	754	1,353
Staff welfare	3,710	3,710	4,400
Sundry expenses	12	12	113
Legal and professional fees	6,735	6,735	14,295
Total 2024	724,672	724,672	898,130
<i>Total 2023</i>	898,130	898,130	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Sale of recycled items 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	35,087	35,087	35,657
Depreciation and profit on disposal	5,208	5,208	12,689
Bank charges	5,800	5,800	5,604
Loan interest paid	19,781	19,781	15,746
Governance costs	6,216	6,216	7,356
Total 2024	<u>72,092</u>	<u>72,092</u>	<u>77,052</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>77,052</u>	<u>77,052</u>	

10. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,210 (2023 - £4,010).

11. Staff costs

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Wages and salaries	404,760	483,179
Social security costs	22,834	30,547
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	12,708	15,028
	<u>440,302</u>	<u>528,754</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Management	1	<i>1</i>
Administration	9	<i>12</i>
Logistics	6	<i>7</i>
Refurbishment	7	<i>7</i>
	<hr/> 23 <hr/>	<hr/> <i>27</i> <hr/>

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

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 January 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2023 - £NIL*).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Short-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 February 2023	308,212	43,622	14,669	84,722	27,257	478,482
Additions	-	-	550	-	-	550
Disposals	-	-	-	(49,823)	-	(49,823)
At 31 January 2024	<u>308,212</u>	<u>43,622</u>	<u>15,219</u>	<u>34,899</u>	<u>27,257</u>	<u>429,209</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 February 2023	-	28,271	12,628	71,464	25,099	137,462
Charge for the year	-	3,564	1,337	6,631	1,378	12,910
On disposals	-	-	-	(49,823)	-	(49,823)
At 31 January 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>31,835</u>	<u>13,965</u>	<u>28,272</u>	<u>26,477</u>	<u>100,549</u>
Net book value						
At 31 January 2024	<u>308,212</u>	<u>11,787</u>	<u>1,254</u>	<u>6,627</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>328,660</u>
At 31 January 2023	<u>308,212</u>	<u>15,351</u>	<u>2,041</u>	<u>13,257</u>	<u>2,158</u>	<u>341,019</u>

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14. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,635	5,423
	<u>2,635</u>	<u>5,423</u>

15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	10,587	9,894
Other debtors	18,559	16,500
Prepayments and accrued income	21,148	26,049
	<u>50,294</u>	<u>52,443</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	51,176	50,009
Trade creditors	17,023	13,665
Other taxation and social security	6,201	8,323
Other creditors	3,081	2,304
Accruals and deferred income	23,803	41,875
	<u>101,284</u>	<u>116,176</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other loans	190,591	200,960
	<u>190,591</u>	<u>200,960</u>

The company has fixed and floating charges covering the property of the company in favour of Big Issue Invest Limited and The Charity Bank Limited dated 23 June 2016.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	110,116	764,928	(773,584)	101,460
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Essex Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
National Lottery	-	38,250	(29,874)	8,376
	<u>2,296</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>(34,874)</u>	<u>10,672</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>112,412</u></u>	<u><u>808,178</u></u>	<u><u>(808,458)</u></u>	<u><u>112,132</u></u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at</i> <i>1 February</i> <i>2022</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Balance at</i> <i>31 January</i> <i>2023</i> £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	181,702	915,482	(987,068)	110,116
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Total of funds	<u><u>183,998</u></u>	<u><u>915,482</u></u>	<u><u>(987,068)</u></u>	<u><u>112,412</u></u>

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
General funds	110,116	764,928	(773,584)	101,460
Restricted funds	2,296	43,250	(34,874)	10,672
	<u>112,412</u>	<u>808,178</u>	<u>(808,458)</u>	<u>112,132</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2023 £</i>
General funds	181,702	915,482	(987,068)	110,116
Restricted funds	2,296	-	-	2,296
	<u>183,998</u>	<u>915,482</u>	<u>(987,068)</u>	<u>112,412</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	328,660	-	328,660
Current assets	64,675	10,672	75,347
Creditors due within one year	(101,284)	-	(101,284)
Creditors due in more than one year	(190,591)	-	(190,591)
Total	<u>101,460</u>	<u>10,672</u>	<u>112,132</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	341,019	-	341,019
Current assets	86,233	2,296	88,529
Creditors due within one year	(116,176)	-	(116,176)
Creditors due in more than one year	(200,960)	-	(200,960)
Total	<u>110,116</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>112,412</u>

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(280)	(71,586)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,908	12,689
Decrease in stocks	2,788	7,645
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,149	(25,516)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(25,260)	65,098
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(7,695)</u>	<u>(11,670)</u>

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	22,418	30,663
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>22,418</u>	<u>30,663</u>

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 February 2023	Cash flows	At 31 January 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	30,663	(8,245)	22,418
Debt due within 1 year	(50,009)	(1,166)	(51,175)
Debt due after 1 year	(200,960)	10,369	(190,591)
	(220,306)	958	(219,348)

24. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £12,708 (2023 : £15,029). Contributions totalling £2,098 (2023: £2,304) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 January 2024 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	101,336	84,500
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	220,703	220,000
Later than 5 years	-	20,625
	322,039	325,125

26. Related party transactions

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £41,440 and pension contributions of £1,658 were made on their behalf.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1120398

Accounts

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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Company registered number

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Charity registered number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of poverty, particularly of homeless persons and those in other aspects of housing crisis through providing or assisting in the provision of practical support, regardless of faith, gender, age, race, lifestyle, disability or marital status, primarily in the South Essex area.

Advance public education about the circumstances of homeless people and others in housing crisis.

To bring awareness of the furniture project to all levels of the community throughout the whole of the districts served.

To encourage re-use as a way of life.

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

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The activities adopted in furtherance of these objects are:

To collect useable second hand furniture, white goods and other items for free to be able to divert them from landfill.

Make saleable either through refurbishment, repair, cleaning and/or testing the collected second hand goods.

To sell at an affordable price the second hand goods to the general public, to be able to cover the majority of the operating costs to make the project self sustaining.

Pricing is designed to drive volume ahead of profitability to prioritize recycling.

To wherever possible donate directly or through referral from government agencies or other charities the second hand goods to those in need or being rehoused.

To employ staff who empathise with the charities objectives and are committed to the environmental and social objectives.

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

More information on the charity can be found on our website www.lighthousefurniture.org

c. Volunteers

LFP recognises and continues to massively appreciate the hours/day and hard work generously given throughout the last year. We have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. Last year volunteers gave LFP 5,643 hours of their time making a saving of nearly £55,000. This has increased slightly from 2021-2022 (5,314 hours). Volunteers still remain a vital aspect of our work both in the saving they provide and in the value they add in expertise, time and enthusiasm. Over the last year we have seen a number of individuals and groups of volunteers use their corporate volunteering days with LFP. Strategically for the sustainable future of the charity in the next year we will be looking at how we can develop significantly our volunteering, further providing others with the opportunity to gain experience within the different aspects of the charity and enable it to continue its success.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees are mindful of their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The objectives and activities of the charity are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

A key measure of environmental performance is the diversion of goods from landfill and during the past year of operating LFP enabled the reuse of 338 tonnes (2022, 318 tonnes) of furniture and white goods. Other items such as crockery, glassware, ornaments, pictures, curtains and bedding are not included in this tonnage and would bring us to over 400 tonnes. This equates to a carbon saving of 376 tonnes (2021, 315 tonnes) using the most recent basis from Reuse.

Over the year we have made 2840 collections (2022: 2,706), 2390 deliveries (2022: 1,916) and collecting in total 14,789 items (2022: 18,251). With these items we have helped approximately 10,438 households (9,520 in 2022) saving them a total of £1,299,935 (£1,089,615 in 2022).

The membership of the Reuse Network allows us to take part in collecting manufacturer and retailer clearance lines, from hotels and other businesses and these continued during 2023. Partnerships with other reuse projects reduced with Epping Forest ReUse closing in May 2022 and work with Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORN) have also evolved further to assist in the volume of goods recycled.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

LFP financial performance in the year has been unprecedentedly bad and unsustainably so. LFP future has only been achieved through the support of various organisations and individuals outside the charity coming to its assistance. Plans have already been put in place to achieve a sustainable future, which will involve adjusting the operating model which has worked successfully up until the pre-COVID era, but which is not working in the new environment LFP finds itself.

COVID-19 had a very limited impact for operating, although it's effects continue to be felt by our customers, we did see the war in Ukraine and the "Cost-of-Living Crisis" challenge LFP's ability to achieve our charitable purposes. This meant that despite improving on the previous year, we continued to see a small ongoing reduction in items we could divert from landfill dropping from 365 tonnes in 2020 to 338 tonnes in 2023. This drop correlates with the increased referrals through the Essential Living fund in the early part of the year reducing the opportunity to collect as many items as possible.

The CEO and staff continued to look at and develop practice to ensure LFP remained agile to respond to the growing needs that presented themselves through both the Essential Living Fund and those needing additional support. Referrals continued to increase significantly in 2023 from 694 in 2022 to 1,018 absorbing available resources. This presented challenges to meet the demand of referrals whilst ensuring we had enough essential items to support those coming to LFP directly. This increase of supported sales also impacted our revenue as we saw our general sales reduce and reduced the contribution from sales in general to support the operations.

Throughout the last year we have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. Volunteering hours increased slightly from 5,314 in 2022 to 5,643 in 2023 but remained significantly less at below half of what we were getting pre COVID (11,600 hours).

Coinciding with the end of our lease on our workshop 31 Tallon Road LFP took the opportunity to rent 6,000 sq ft in Chelmsford in line with the 5-year Growth Plan that had been developed the previous year; and to maximise the potential from June 2022 to increase recycling of the white goods from the Plan B Management Solutions contract with ECC. The new facility now allows the engineers to fix more items at a time, extending the workspaces for both small and large electrical appliances. The cost of taking the opportunity increased overheads more than was expected as inflation rose, and more cash was absorbed in the set up costs.

The partnership with Plan B Management Solutions and ECC to access reuse from the Recycle Centres and Household Waste Sites (RCHWs) started later in 2022 despite LFP being ready in the time required. Instead of going live on April 1st, it was not until October 2022 that LFP started collecting from RCHWs. This grew from 1 site in October to 3 sites in December and a 4th site joined in January 2023.

The partnership with Basildon Council involving the collection of small appliances from Barleylands Recycling Centre continued to enable LFP to access small electricals. In October 2022 we were able to help Basildon Council set up 10 Homeless units with the necessary electrical appliances and furniture.

Work with Chelmsford Housing Project, that was set up for their more vulnerable tenants, with LFP continued to grow and establish in the year.

The CEO has worked with staff to ensure LFP remains in a position to provide for those in our community. This has included finding external funding as well as limiting overheads to the essentials. The CEO has represented LFP throughout the year at Virtual Reuse Network meetings sharing learning, expertise, policy practice with other organisations where needed. We continued to support both Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORRN) with white goods to support the local assistance funds in Cambridgeshire.

Our key challenges in 2023 were the need to grow to meet need, whilst having reserves depleted, through the

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Achievements and performance (continued)

ongoing price increases due to inflationary pressures notably on staffing costs as mandated by law. It has certainly been a challenging and disappointing year and while these challenges continue LFP has developed additional revenue streams to ensure we can provide the same support for years to come.

c. Investment policy and performance

Reserves invested for one to twelve months will be placed in accounts or in a bond(s) yielding the market rate of return or better but also have sound ethical values.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to maintain reserves at between three and six months of resources expended which equates to a range of between £200,000 and £400,000 in general funds.

At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding, allowing a period of time for funding to be replaced. At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted funds total was £110,116 (2022: £181,702) which represents approximately 1.3 (2022: 2.8) months of unrestricted expenditure.

We aim to maintain:

- £20,000 in cash or immediate access accounts
- £60,000 in accounts accessible within 1 month
- The remainder accessible within a year

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited also notes the need to hold an amount in reserve in line with legislation to enable the minimum required payment of redundancy money, should the charity need to close its operations.

c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

It is the policy of the charity to protect the organisation as far as possible as is reasonably practical from fraud by staff, service users and members of the general public.

In order to minimise its exposure to risk, the charity has specific risk policies in respect of the following areas:-

- Protection of credit card details
- Daily takings & petty cash
- Fraudulent use of internet banking
- Fraudulent use of company commercial cards
- Cash donations
- Theft of tools
- Client fraud

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 4th October 2004, amended to allow for charitable status on 1st August 2007.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. There is no limit on the composition of the board of directors who are invited to join the board by the recommendation of the existing board members through their extensive local church and business contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board meets monthly with a break in the summer with a chair appointed by rotation. The chief executive attends all meetings to update the board on activities and help discuss challenges facing the operations. The directors delegate the majority of the day to day activities and management to the chief executive whilst retaining overall financial control and responsibility for setting policy and maintaining accounting records.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The review keeps a close eye on health and safety as it applies to both employees and customers. The mix of skills and competencies amongst staff of the charity are a key resource that must be continually developed and are considered periodically in the process. The rapid growth in the charity's operations has meant that the financial resources are key to being able to support the growth. A quarterly review of the performance and financial position of the company helps the directors to manage the position.

Plans for future periods

Exploring new partnerships that create value and opportunities for both parties with both charitable and commercial partners are a focus for the foreseeable future.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

J Gell

Date: 26 October 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Dated: 26 October 2023

Stuart Harrison

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	68,278	-	68,278	50,579
Charitable activities	4	846,743	-	846,743	672,008
Investments	5	56	-	56	7
Other income	6	405	-	405	52,358
Total income		915,482	-	915,482	774,952
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	11,886	-	11,886	11,426
Charitable activities	8	975,182	-	975,182	782,133
Total expenditure		987,068	-	987,068	793,559
Net movement in funds		(71,586)	-	(71,586)	(18,607)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		181,702	2,296	183,998	202,605
Net movement in funds		(71,586)	-	(71,586)	(18,607)
Total funds carried forward		110,116	2,296	112,412	183,998

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	341,019	333,578
		<u>341,019</u>	<u>333,578</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	5,423	13,068
Debtors	15	52,443	26,927
Cash at bank and in hand		30,663	62,463
		<u>88,529</u>	<u>102,458</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(116,176)	(39,962)
		<u>(27,647)</u>	<u>62,496</u>
Net current liabilities / assets		(27,647)	62,496
Total assets less current liabilities		313,372	396,074
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(200,960)	(212,076)
Total net assets		112,412	183,998
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	2,296	2,296
Unrestricted funds	18	110,116	181,702
Total funds		112,412	183,998

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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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 for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

J Gell

Date: 26 October 2023

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(11,670)	(1,931)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(20,130)	(3,892)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(20,130)	(3,892)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
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Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(31,800)	(5,823)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	62,463	68,286
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	30,663	62,463
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1. General information

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales number 1120398. The principal activity of the company is the refurbishment and sale of secondhand goods.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Directors are of the opinion that the company will not be significantly affected by the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (Covid-19) and believe that the company is a going concern. Accordingly, the Financial Statements have been prepared on that basis.

2.3 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

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

2.4 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- No depreciation
Improvements to leasehold property	- Straight line over the term of lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% and 33% straight line

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Pensions

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

2.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	32,028	32,028	15,226
Grants	36,250	36,250	35,353
Total 2023	<u>68,278</u>	<u>68,278</u>	<u>50,579</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>50,579</u>	<u>50,579</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sale of recycled items	846,743	846,743	672,508
Income from charitable activities - Provision of repair and refurbishment services	-	-	(500)
Total 2023	<u>846,743</u>	<u>846,743</u>	<u>672,008</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>672,008</u>	<u>672,008</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	56	56	7
Total 2023	<u>56</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Employee Retention Furlough Scheme	-	-	31,522
Local authority business COVID grants	405	405	20,836
	<u>405</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>52,358</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>52,358</u>	<u>52,358</u>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Costs of raising voluntary income - wages and salaries	10,305	10,305	9,955
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	1,169	1,169	1,072
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	412	412	399
Total 2023	<u>11,886</u>	<u>11,886</u>	<u>11,426</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>11,426</u>	<u>11,426</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	975,182	975,182	782,133
Total 2023	<u>975,182</u>	<u>975,182</u>	<u>782,133</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>782,133</u>	<u>782,133</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	898,130	77,052	975,182	782,133
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>710,450</u>	<u>71,683</u>	<u>782,133</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sale of recycled items 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	481,211	481,211	414,395
Cost of goods provided free of charge	15,789	15,789	14,821
Cost of goods sold	208,809	208,809	145,722
Premises expenses	17,286	17,286	17,481
Insurance	7,290	7,290	7,711
Light and heat	11,264	11,264	11,181
Office expenses	7,929	7,929	2,865
Marketing	1,701	1,701	1,241
Telephone	3,125	3,125	3,695
Rent	85,482	85,482	49,540
Motor running expenses	30,235	30,235	21,986
Travelling expenses	2,659	2,659	3,588
Clothing	405	405	2,023
Subscriptions	4,784	4,784	2,827
Training	1,353	1,353	1,689
Staff welfare	4,400	4,400	5,032
Sundry expenses	113	113	696
Legal and professional fees	14,295	14,295	3,530
Bad debts	-	-	427
Total 2023	<u>898,130</u>	<u>898,130</u>	<u>710,450</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>710,450</u>	<u>710,450</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Sale of recycled items 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	35,657	35,657	34,280
Depreciation	12,689	12,689	12,115
Bank charges	5,604	5,604	3,415
Loan interest paid	15,746	15,746	14,375
Governance costs	7,356	7,356	7,498
Total 2023	<u>77,052</u>	<u>77,052</u>	<u>71,683</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>71,683</u>	<u>71,683</u>	

10. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,015 (2022 - £3,750).

11. Staff costs

	2023 £	<i>2022 £</i>
Wages and salaries	483,179	422,921
Social security costs	30,547	23,888
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	15,028	13,292
	<u>528,754</u>	<u>460,101</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2023	<i>2022</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Management	1	<i>1</i>
Administration	12	<i>10</i>
Logistics	7	<i>7</i>
Refurbishment	7	<i>7</i>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2022 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 January 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2022 - £NIL*).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Short-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 February 2022	308,212	25,599	13,237	84,722	26,582	458,352
Additions	-	18,023	1,432	-	675	20,130
At 31 January 2023	<u>308,212</u>	<u>43,622</u>	<u>14,669</u>	<u>84,722</u>	<u>27,257</u>	<u>478,482</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 February 2022	-	25,599	10,949	64,837	23,389	124,774
Charge for the year	-	2,672	1,679	6,628	1,710	12,689
At 31 January 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>28,271</u>	<u>12,628</u>	<u>71,465</u>	<u>25,099</u>	<u>137,463</u>
Net book value						
At 31 January 2023	<u><u>308,212</u></u>	<u><u>15,351</u></u>	<u><u>2,041</u></u>	<u><u>13,257</u></u>	<u><u>2,158</u></u>	<u><u>341,019</u></u>
At 31 January 2022	<u><u>308,212</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,288</u></u>	<u><u>19,885</u></u>	<u><u>3,193</u></u>	<u><u>333,578</u></u>

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14. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	5,423	13,068
	5,423	13,068

15. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	9,894	8,696
Other debtors	16,500	193
Prepayments and accrued income	26,049	18,038
	52,443	26,927

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	50,009	8,936
Trade creditors	13,665	2,360
Other taxation and social security	8,323	13,681
Other creditors	2,304	2,517
Accruals and deferred income	41,875	12,468
	116,176	39,962

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	200,960	212,076
	200,960	212,076

The company has fixed and floating charges covering the property of the company in favour of Big Issue Invest Limited and The Charity Bank Limited dated 23 June 2016.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	181,702	915,482	(987,068)	110,116
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Total of funds	183,998	915,482	(987,068)	112,412

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	200,309	774,952	(793,559)	181,702
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Total of funds	202,605	774,952	(793,559)	183,998

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
General funds	181,702	915,482	(987,068)	110,116
Restricted funds	2,296	-	-	2,296
	<u>183,998</u>	<u>915,482</u>	<u>(987,068)</u>	<u>112,412</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2022 £</i>
General funds	200,309	774,952	(793,559)	181,702
Restricted funds	2,296	-	-	2,296
	<u>202,605</u>	<u>774,952</u>	<u>(793,559)</u>	<u>183,998</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	341,019	-	341,019
Current assets	86,233	2,296	88,529
Creditors due within one year	(116,176)	-	(116,176)
Creditors due in more than one year	(200,960)	-	(200,960)
Total	<u>110,116</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>112,412</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	333,578	-	333,578
Current assets	100,162	2,296	102,458
Creditors due within one year	(39,962)	-	(39,962)
Creditors due in more than one year	(212,076)	-	(212,076)
Total	<u>181,702</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>183,998</u>

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(71,586)</u>	<u>(18,607)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,689	12,115
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	7,645	(766)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(25,516)	23,695
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	65,098	(18,368)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(11,670)</u>	<u>(1,931)</u>

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	30,663	62,463
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>30,663</u>	<u>62,463</u>

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 February 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 January 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	62,463	(31,800)	30,663
Debt due within 1 year	(8,936)	(41,073)	(50,009)
Debt due after 1 year	(212,076)	11,116	(200,960)
	(158,549)	(61,757)	(220,306)

24. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £15,029 (2022 : £13,292). Contributions totalling £2,304 (2022: £2,517) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 January 2023 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	84,500	44,200
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	220,000	-
Later than 5 years	20,625	-
	325,125	44,200

26. Related party transactions

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £41,210 and pension contributions of £1,649 were made on their behalf.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

M Briggs
S Farrow
J Gell
M Hallworth (resigned 18 January 2022)
J Hartland

Company registered number

05249004

Charity registered number

1120398

Registered office

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Company secretary

J Gell

Chief executive officer

P Everett

Accountants

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of poverty, particularly of homeless persons and those in other aspects of housing crisis through providing or assisting in the provision of practical support, regardless of faith, gender, age, race, lifestyle, disability or marital status, primarily in the South Essex area.

Advance public education about the circumstances of homeless people and others in housing crisis.

To bring awareness of the furniture project to all levels of the community throughout the whole of the districts served.

To encourage re-use as a way of life.

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

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The activities adopted in furtherance of these objects are:

To collect useable second hand furniture, white goods and other items for free to be able to divert them from landfill.

Make saleable either through refurbishment, repair, cleaning and/or testing the collected second hand goods.

To sell at an affordable price the second hand goods to the general public, to be able to cover the majority of the operating costs to make the project self sustaining.

Pricing is designed to drive volume ahead of profitability to prioritize recycling.

To wherever possible donate directly or through referral from government agencies or other charities the second hand goods to those in need or being rehoused.

To employ staff who empathise with the charities objectives and are committed to the environmental and social objectives.

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

More information on the charity can be found on our website www.lighthousefurniture.org

c. Volunteers

LFP recognises and continues to massively appreciate the hours/day and hard work generously given throughout the last year. We have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. We sadly lost a valued volunteer to COVID in early April 2020 and as a result of the threat to life of those in our community that were deemed more vulnerable, LFP's primary focus was to ensure no staff or volunteer was put at risk. One of the challenges we faced in doing this was the reduction of volunteer hours that we saw due to COVID-19. In 2019-20, 11,600 hours of volunteering enabled LFP to make an approximate saving of £100,000. In 2020-2021 we saw this number reduce to 4,500 hours. In 2021-2022 there has been a small increase to 5,314 hours. As a result of this, the CEO and Trustees recognised the need to employ more staff, particularly in sales and the workshop. This recruitment has ensured LFP remains well placed to provide a consistent service.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees are mindful of their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The objectives and activities of the charity are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

As a result of the lockdown at the beginning of the financial year approximately a quarter of normal operating time was lost so as a general rule the metrics will be down in the range of 15%-25%. The period of activity after the lockdown was above normal but was further impacted by a closure for a week in July due to the spread of COVID within staff as the government's measures were relaxed.

A key measure of environmental performance is the diversion of goods from landfill and during the past year of operating LFP enabled the reuse of 318 tonnes (2021, 242 tonnes) of furniture and white goods. This equates to a carbon saving of 315 tonnes (2021, 349 tonnes) using the most recent basis from Reuse.

Over the year we have made 2706 collections (2021: 2,208), 1,916 deliveries (2021: 1,405) and collecting in total 18,251 items (2021: 21,658). With these items we have helped approximately 9,520 households (8,600 in 2021) saving them a total of £1,089,615 (£1,132,000 in 2021).

The membership of the Reuse Network (formerly known as Furniture Reuse Network Enterprises) allows us to take part in collecting manufacturer and retailer clearance lines, from hotels and other businesses and these continued during 2021-22. Partnerships with other reuse projects in Epping, Ilford, Rayleigh, Norwich, Thurrock, Stratford, Cambridge and Dereham have also evolved further to assist in the volume of goods recycled.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

There is no doubt that the years 2021 and 2022 continued to be impacted by COVID-19 and challenged LFP's ability to achieve our charitable purposes. We continued to see a reduction in items we could divert from landfill dropping from 365 tonnes in 2020 to 315 tonnes in 2021. This drop correlates with the months we were closed to the public. During the Lockdown at the beginning of the year we furloughed some staff from January to April 2021 and operated reduced days for those working to fulfil emergency referrals. During this time we were not collecting donations. In order to maintain support for the most vulnerable during this time, LFP continued to operate at a deficit for February to April.

The CEO and staff continued to look at and develop practice to ensure we remained agile to respond to the growing needs that presented themselves through both the Essential Living Fund and those needing additional support. Referrals increased significantly in 2021 from 351 in 2020 to 694 in 2021. This presented challenges to meet the demand of referrals whilst ensuring we had enough essential items to support those coming to LFP directly. This increase of supported sales also impacted our revenue as we saw our general sales reduce.

Throughout the last year we have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. Their dedication to ensuring we consistently support the most vulnerable in the community despite the challenges we all faced as levels of COVID infections increased. Volunteering hours increased slightly from 4,500 in 2020 to 5,314 in 2021 but remained less than half of what we were getting pre COVID (11,600 hours).

During the beginning of 2021 the CEO took part in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Programme which allowed him to develop a 5-year Growth Plan for LFP. This plan was shared with Trustees in August and recognised the growing needs being presented across Essex and the acknowledgement that we needed to consider how we could help to address this. The growth plan set out a desire to be proactive in seeking ways to grow LFP activity to help more people whilst diverting more from landfill.

During this time LFP was approached to be part of a tender with Plan B Management Solutions to access reuse from the Recycle Centres and Household Waste Sites (RCHWs). Plan B's tender was successful, and work started in December to begin developments to enable LFP to fulfil this for April 2022. When this is in full operation this will provide more large electrical items for use by LFP.

The partnership with Basildon Council involving the collection of small appliances from Barleylands Recycling Centre continued to enable Lighthouse to access small electricals. However, during 2021 the local library collections did not take place as COVID measure limited their opening. Work with Chelmsford Housing Project, that was set up for their more vulnerable tenants with LFP continued to grow and establish in 2021.

Despite these challenges the CEO and management team have risen to meet these head on and as a result have grown in both determination and ability to respond to the challenges faced on a day-to-day basis. The CEO has represented LFP throughout the year at Virtual Reuse Network meetings sharing learning, expertise, policy practice with other organisations where needed. The Management Team of LFP continued to support both Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Epping Forest Reuse (EFRU) the Benjamin Foundation and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORRN) providing white goods to support the local assistance funds in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk.

Our key challenge in 2022 is funding the need to grow to meet need whilst having reserves depleted through the ongoing impact of COVID, the impact of the War on the Ukraine and the cost of living crisis on the retail sector as well charities and their ability to survive. The grants that had offset loss of sales in 2020 were reduced despite the needs of those in our community, on low incomes, in poverty or in crisis increased.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

c. Investment policy and performance

Reserves invested for one to twelve months will be placed in accounts or in a bond(s) yielding the market rate of return or better but also have sound ethical values.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to maintain free cash reserves at between three and six months of resources expended which equates to a range of between £200,000 and £400,000 in general funds. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding, allowing a period of time for funding to be replaced. At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted funds total was £181,702 (2021: £200,309) which represents approximately 2.8 (2021: 3.5) months of unrestricted expenditure.

We aim to maintain:

- £10,000 in cash or immediate access accounts
- £40,000 in accounts accessible within 1 month
- The remainder accessible within a year

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited also notes the need to hold an amount in reserve in line with legislation to enable the minimum required payment of redundancy money, should the charity need to close its operations.

c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

It is the policy of the charity to protect the organisation as far as possible as is reasonably practical from fraud by staff, service users and members of the general public.

In order to minimise its exposure to risk, the charity has specific risk policies in respect of the following areas:-

- Protection of credit card details
- Daily takings & petty cash
- Fraudulent use of internet banking
- Fraudulent use of company commercial cards
- Cash donations
- Theft of tools
- Client fraud

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 4th October 2004, amended to allow for charitable status on 1st August 2007.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. There is no limit on the composition of the board of directors who are invited to join the board by the recommendation of the existing board members through their extensive local church and business contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board meets monthly with a break in the summer with a chair appointed by rotation. The chief executive attends all meetings to update the board on activities and help discuss challenges facing the operations. The directors delegate the majority of the day to day activities and management to the chief executive whilst retaining overall financial control and responsibility for setting policy and maintaining accounting records.

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The review keeps a close eye on health and safety as it applies to both employees and customers. The mix of skills and competencies amongst staff of the charity are a key resource that must be continually developed and are considered periodically in the process. The rapid growth in the charity's operations has meant that the financial resources are key to being able to support the growth. A quarterly review of the performance and financial position of the company helps the directors to manage the position.

Plans for future periods

We are exploring the possibility of opening a shop in Basildon for re-use and exploring new partnerships. We will be renewing the lease on unit 31 Tallon Road where our workshop is located.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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

J Gell

Date: 25 October 2022

LIGHTHOUSE FURNITURE PROJECT LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Dated: 27 October 2022

Stuart Harrison

FCA

Venthams

Chartered Accountants
Millhouse
32 - 38 East Street
Rochford
Essex
SS4 1DB

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	50,579	-	50,579	57,411
Charitable activities	4	672,008	-	672,008	474,219
Investments	5	7	-	7	104
Other income	6	52,358	-	52,358	157,787
Total income		774,952	-	774,952	689,521
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	11,426	-	11,426	11,277
Charitable activities	8	782,133	-	782,133	679,853
Total expenditure		793,559	-	793,559	691,130
Net movement in funds		(18,607)	-	(18,607)	(1,609)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		200,309	2,296	202,605	204,214
Net movement in funds		(18,607)	-	(18,607)	(1,609)
Total funds carried forward		181,702	2,296	183,998	202,605

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	333,578	341,801
		<u>333,578</u>	<u>341,801</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	13,068	12,302
Debtors	15	26,927	50,622
Cash at bank and in hand		62,463	68,286
		<u>102,458</u>	<u>131,210</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(39,962)	(39,909)
		<u>62,496</u>	<u>91,301</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>396,074</u>	<u>433,102</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(212,076)	(230,497)
Total net assets		<u>183,998</u>	<u>202,605</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	2,296	2,296
Unrestricted funds	18	181,702	200,309
Total funds		<u>183,998</u>	<u>202,605</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

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 for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

J Gell

Date: 25 October 2022

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,931)	(9,752)
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Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(3,892)	(34,941)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(3,892)	(34,941)
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Cash flows from financing activities		
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Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(5,823)	(44,693)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	68,286	112,979
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	62,463	68,286
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

1. General information

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales number 1120398. The principal activity of the company is the refurbishment and sale of secondhand goods.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Directors are of the opinion that the company will not be significantly affected by the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (Covid-19) and believe that the company is a going concern. Accordingly, the Financial Statements have been prepared on that basis.

2.3 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

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

2.4 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- No depreciation
Improvements to leasehold property	- Straight line over the term of lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% and 33% straight line

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Pensions

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

2.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	15,226	15,226	15,411
Grants	35,353	35,353	42,000
Total 2022	<u>50,579</u>	<u>50,579</u>	<u>57,411</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>57,411</u>	<u>57,411</u>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from charitable activities - Sale of recycled items	672,508	672,508	473,019
Income from charitable activities - Provision of repair and refurbishment services	(500)	(500)	1,200
Total 2022	<u>672,008</u>	<u>672,008</u>	<u>474,219</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>474,219</u>	<u>474,219</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	7	7	104
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>104</u>	<u>104</u>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Employee Retention Furlough Scheme	31,522	31,522	83,201
Local authority business COVID grants	20,836	20,836	74,586
	<u>52,358</u>	<u>52,358</u>	<u>157,787</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>157,787</u>	<u>157,787</u>	

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Costs of raising voluntary income - wages and salaries	9,955	9,955	9,830
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	1,072	1,072	1,054
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	399	399	393
Total 2022	<u>11,426</u>	<u>11,426</u>	<u>11,277</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>11,277</u>	<u>11,277</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	782,133	782,133	679,853
Total 2022	<u>782,133</u>	<u>782,133</u>	<u>679,853</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>679,853</u>	<u>679,853</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	710,450	71,683	782,133	679,853
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>605,618</u>	<u>74,235</u>	<u>679,853</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sale of recycled items 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Staff costs	414,395	414,395	346,531
Cost of goods provided free of charge	14,821	14,821	12,346
Cost of goods sold	145,722	145,722	114,906
Premises expenses	17,481	17,481	14,922
Insurance	7,711	7,711	7,527
Light and heat	11,181	11,181	11,044
Office expenses	2,865	2,865	5,352
Marketing	1,241	1,241	4,228
Telephone	3,695	3,695	3,575
Rent	49,540	49,540	48,609
Motor running expenses	21,986	21,986	22,574
Travelling expenses	3,588	3,588	3,100
Clothing	2,023	2,023	1,702
Subscriptions	2,827	2,827	2,957
Training	1,689	1,689	1,042
Staff welfare	5,032	5,032	3,821
Sundry expenses	696	696	-
Legal and professional fees	3,530	3,530	(1,118)
Bad debts	427	427	2,500
Total 2022	<u>710,450</u>	<u>710,450</u>	<u>605,618</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>605,618</u>	<u>605,618</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Sale of recycled items 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Staff costs	34,280	34,280	33,829
Depreciation	12,115	12,115	15,077
Bank charges	3,415	3,415	2,736
Loan interest paid	14,375	14,375	14,411
Governance costs	7,498	7,498	8,182
Total 2022	<u>71,683</u>	<u>71,683</u>	<u>74,235</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>	<u>74,235</u>	<u>74,235</u>	

10. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £3,725 (2021 - £3,500).

11. Staff costs

	2022 £	<i>2021 £</i>
Wages and salaries	422,921	360,423
Social security costs	23,888	19,233
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	13,292	11,981
	<u>460,101</u>	<u>391,637</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2022	<i>2021</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Management	1	<i>1</i>
Administration	10	<i>9</i>
Logistics	7	<i>6</i>
Refurbishment	7	<i>7</i>
	25	<i>23</i>

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

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 January 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2021 - £NIL*).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Short-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 February 2021	308,212	25,599	14,674	102,266	24,108	474,859
Additions	-	-	1,418	-	2,474	3,892
Disposals	-	-	(2,855)	(17,544)	-	(20,399)
At 31 January 2022	<u>308,212</u>	<u>25,599</u>	<u>13,237</u>	<u>84,722</u>	<u>26,582</u>	<u>458,352</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 February 2021	-	25,403	12,340	73,101	22,214	133,058
Charge for the year	-	196	1,464	9,280	1,175	12,115
On disposals	-	-	(2,855)	(17,544)	-	(20,399)
At 31 January 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>25,599</u>	<u>10,949</u>	<u>64,837</u>	<u>23,389</u>	<u>124,774</u>
Net book value						
At 31 January 2022	<u>308,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,288</u>	<u>19,885</u>	<u>3,193</u>	<u>333,578</u>
At 31 January 2021	<u>308,212</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>2,334</u>	<u>29,165</u>	<u>1,894</u>	<u>341,801</u>

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14. Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	13,068	12,302
	<u><u>13,068</u></u>	<u><u>12,302</u></u>

15. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	8,696	15,419
Other debtors	193	4,467
Prepayments and accrued income	18,038	30,736
	<u><u>26,927</u></u>	<u><u>50,622</u></u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	8,936	6,915
Trade creditors	2,360	12,962
Other taxation and social security	13,681	7,139
Other creditors	2,517	1,785
Accruals and deferred income	12,468	11,108
	<u><u>39,962</u></u>	<u><u>39,909</u></u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other loans	212,076	230,497
	<u><u>212,076</u></u>	<u><u>230,497</u></u>

The company has fixed and floating charges covering the property of the company in favour of Big Issue Invest Limited and The Charity Bank Limited dated 23 June 2016.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	200,309	774,952	(793,559)	181,702
Restricted funds				
New van funding	2,296	-	-	2,296
Total of funds	202,605	774,952	(793,559)	183,998

The transfer from the restricted fund is in respect of fixed assets acquired from the general fund for which funding was provided by the restricted fund grant.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	169,214	689,521	(691,130)	32,704	200,309
Restricted funds					
New van funding	35,000	-	-	(32,704)	2,296
Total of funds	204,214	689,521	(691,130)	-	202,605

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
General funds	200,309	774,952	(793,559)	181,702
Restricted funds	2,296	-	-	2,296
	<u>202,605</u>	<u>774,952</u>	<u>(793,559)</u>	<u>183,998</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 February 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 January 2021 £</i>
General funds	169,214	689,521	(691,130)	32,704	200,309
Restricted funds	35,000	-	-	(32,704)	2,296
	<u>204,214</u>	<u>689,521</u>	<u>(691,130)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,605</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	333,578	-	333,578
Current assets	100,162	2,296	102,458
Creditors due within one year	(39,962)	-	(39,962)
Creditors due in more than one year	(212,076)	-	(212,076)
Total	<u>181,702</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>183,998</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	341,801	-	341,801
Current assets	128,914	2,296	131,210
Creditors due within one year	(39,909)	-	(39,909)
Creditors due in more than one year	(230,497)	-	(230,497)
Total	<u>200,309</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>202,605</u>

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(18,607)</u>	<u>(1,609)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,115	15,077
Increase in stocks	(766)	(7,837)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	23,695	(16,628)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(18,368)	1,245
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,931)</u>	<u>(9,752)</u>

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	62,463	68,286
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>62,463</u>	<u>68,286</u>

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 February 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 January 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	68,286	(5,823)	62,463
Debt due within 1 year	(6,915)	(2,021)	(8,936)
Debt due after 1 year	(230,497)	18,421	(212,076)
	(169,126)	10,577	(158,549)

24. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £13,292 (2021 : £11,981). Contributions totalling £2,517 (2021: £1,785) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 January 2022 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	44,200	44,200

26. Related party transactions

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £39,318 and pension contributions of £1,573 were made on their behalf.

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Accounts

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

M Briggs
S Farrow
J Gell
M Hallworth
J Hartland

Company registered number

05249004

Charity registered number

1120398

Registered office

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Company secretary

J Gell

Chief executive officer

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the company for the 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of poverty, particularly of homeless persons and those in other aspects of housing crisis through providing or assisting in the provision of practical support, regardless of faith, gender, age, race, lifestyle, disability or marital status, primarily in the South Essex area.

Advance public education about the circumstances of homeless people and others in housing crisis.

To bring awareness of the furniture project to all levels of the community throughout the whole of the districts served.

To encourage re-use as a way of life.

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

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The activities adopted in furtherance of these objects are:

To collect useable second hand furniture, white goods and other items for free to be able to divert them from landfill.

Make saleable either through refurbishment, repair, cleaning and/or testing the collected second hand goods.

To sell at an affordable price the second hand goods to the general public, to be able to cover the majority of the operating costs to make the project self sustaining.

Pricing is designed to drive volume ahead of profitability to prioritize recycling.

To wherever possible donate directly or through referral from government agencies or other charities the second hand goods to those in need or being rehoused.

To employ staff who empathise with the charities objectives and are committed to the environmental and social objectives.

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

More information on the charity can be found on our website www.lighthousefurniture.org

c. Volunteers

LFP recognises and continues to massively appreciate the hours/day and hard work generously given throughout the last year. We have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. We sadly lost a valued volunteer to COVID in early April 2020 and as a result of the threat to life of those in our community that were deemed more vulnerable, LFP's primary focus was to ensure no staff or volunteer was put at risk. One of the challenges we faced in doing this was the reduction of volunteer hours that we saw due to COVID-19. In 2019-20, 11,600 hours of volunteering enabled LFP to make an approximate saving of £100,000. In 2020-2021 we saw this number reduce to 4,500 hours. As a result of this, the CEO and Trustees recognised the need to employ more staff, particularly in sales and the workshop. This recruitment has ensured LFP remains well placed to provide a consistent service.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the company's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees are mindful of their duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The objectives and activities of the charity are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

As a result of the lockdowns in the year approximately a third of time operating normally was lost so as a general rule the metrics will be down in the range of 20%-35%. The period of activity between lockdowns was above normal but did fall in the normally busy period for LFP.

A key measure of environmental performance is the diversion of goods from landfill and during the past year of operating LFP enabled the reuse of 242 tonnes (2020, 365 tonnes) of furniture and white goods. This equates to a carbon saving of 349 tonnes (2020, 420 tonnes) using the most recent basis from Reuse.

Over the year we have made 2,208 collections (2020: 3,374), 1,405 deliveries (2020: 2,015) and collecting in total 21,658 items (2020: 21,211). With these items we have helped approximately 8,600 households (14,300 in 2020) saving them a total of £1,132,000 (£1,370,000 in 2020).

The membership of the Reuse Network (formerly known as Furniture Reuse Network Enterprises) allows us to take part in collecting manufacturer and retailer clearance lines, from hotels and other businesses and these continued during 2021. Partnerships with other reuse projects in Epping, Ilford, Rayleigh, Norwich, Thurrock, Stratford, Wisbech, Wivenhoe, Cambridge and Dereham have also evolved further to assist in the volume of goods recycled.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Review of activities

The is no doubt that the years 2020 and 2021 have been unprecedented. The impact of COVID-19 has impacted LFP's ability to achieve our charitable purposes. This meant that we saw a reduction in items we could divert from landfill dropping from 365 in 2020 to 222 in 2021. This drop correlates with the months we were closed to the public. During the first Lockdown we furloughed staff bringing some of them back in May and June in order to prepare for reopening. Three staff worked throughout in order to help with emergency referrals to support the homeless who were given properties and needed furniture.

We worked closely with the local council and other community groups to distribute food to the different hubs across Brentwood. One example of this was to travel to Tilbury docks to collect 1000 litres of milk from a cruise ship and then re distribute it to the foodbanks and hubs in Brentwood and Billericay. As part of our preparation to reopen we looked at the layout of our buildings and considered how they might need to change to improve the customer experience whilst ensuring we could continue to function and be COVID secure.

The CEO used this opportunity to galvanise staff and enable them to review and develop aspects of practice whilst ensuring the values and mission of LFP remained paramount. We were able to get a local artist to produce a mural on the front of the building for our reopening in June 2020 and then a second artist produced a mural inside displaying the values we display to all. As we adapted our operations to be COVID secure, we slowly were able to build collections and deliveries up. New practices of quarantining items and cleaning processes resulted in a reduction of space and staff adapted well to ensure we operated as efficiently as we could maintaining the high standard customers and donors have come to expect from LFP. From reopening until our closure at the beginning of November 2020 we saw our sales increase resulting in our highest ever gross sales in any month ever in September 2020 and then surpassing it in October 2020.

The partnership started in February 2018 with Basildon Council involving the collection of small appliances from Barleylands recycling centre and Basildon, local libraries received a National Recycling Award for its promotion and subsequent success.

One reason for this was the steady increase of referrals through the Essential Living Fund (ELF). This increase in referrals and the need to ensure that in the subsequent lockdowns in November 2020 and then January through to April 2021 we remained operational keeping our logistics, our workshop and admin at partial capacity in order to maintain support for the most vulnerable during this time. This was done with the knowledge that LFP would be operating at a deficit for those periods. During this period, we saw a surge in referrals which has continued throughout 2021 to the point we anticipate LFP will have received twice the normal yearly amount which is due to funding from central government and is not sustainable, however it worth recognising that as the needs of those in poverty, who have impacted through the crisis and have seen their financial position become challenging is growing every month.

Throughout the last year we have been privileged to see how staff and volunteers gave over and above to ensure we could continue to help as many people as we could. We sadly lost a valued volunteer to COVID in early April 2020 and as a result of the threat to life of those in our community that were deemed more vulnerable, LFP's primary focus was to ensure no staff or volunteer was put at risk. One of the challenges we faced in doing this was the reduction of volunteer hours that we saw due to COVID-19. In 2019-20, 11,600 hours of volunteering enabled LFP to make an approximate saving of £100,000. In 2020-2021 we saw this number reduce to 4,500 hours. As a result of this, the CEO and Trustees recognised the need to employ more staff, particularly in sales and the workshop. This recruitment has ensured LFP remains well placed to provide a consistent service.

Despite these challenges the CEO and management team have risen to meet these head on and as a result have grown in both determination and ability to respond to the challenges faced on a day-to-day basis. The CEO has represented LFP throughout the year at Virtual Reuse Network meetings sharing learning, expertise, policy practice with other organisations where needed. We continue to support both Hopeworx in Rayleigh and Epping Forest Reuse (EFRU) with appliances whilst also developing new partnerships with the Benjamin Foundation

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Achievements and performance (continued)

and Cambridge Community Outreach Resource Network (CCORRN) providing white goods to support the local assistance funds in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. We also developed a new assistance fund with Chelmsford Housing Project, that they have set up for their more vulnerable tenants that LFP provides items for. In September 2020 the CEO was recommended to be part of a small business programme run by Goldman Sachs. After a rigorous application process Peter Everett was accepted onto the programme which he began February 2021.

c. Investment policy and performance

Reserves invested for one to twelve months will be placed in accounts or in a bond(s) yielding the market rate of return or better but also have sound ethical values.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to maintain free cash reserves at between three and six months of resources expended which equates to a range of between £100,000 and £300,000 in general funds. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding, allowing a period of time for funding to be replaced. At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted funds total was £200,309 (2020: 169,214) which represents approximately 4.0 (2020: 3.0) months of unrestricted expenditure.

We aim to maintain:

- £10,000 in cash or immediate access accounts
- £40,000 in accounts accessible within 1 month
- The remainder accessible within a year

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited also notes the need to hold an amount in reserve in line with legislation to enable the minimum required payment of redundancy money, should the charity need to close its operations.

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c. Financial risk management objectives and policies

It is the policy of the charity to protect the organisation as far as possible as is reasonably practical from fraud by staff, service users and members of the general public.

In order to minimise its exposure to risk, the charity has specific risk policies in respect of the following areas:-

- Protection of credit card details
- Daily takings & petty cash
- Fraudulent use of internet banking
- Fraudulent use of company commercial cards
- Cash donations
- Theft of tools
- Client fraud

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 4th October 2004, amended to allow for charitable status on 1st August 2007.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. There is no limit on the composition of the board of directors who are invited to join the board by the recommendation of the existing board members through their extensive local church and business contacts.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The board meets monthly with a break in the summer with a chair appointed by rotation. The chief executive attends all meetings to update the board on activities and help discuss challenges facing the operations. The directors delegate the majority of the day to day activities and management to the chief executive whilst retaining overall financial control and responsibility for setting policy and maintaining accounting records.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The review keeps a close eye on health and safety as it applies to both employees and customers. The mix of skills and competencies amongst staff of the charity are a key resource that must be continually developed and are considered periodically in the process. The rapid growth in the charity's operations has meant that the financial resources are key to being able to support the growth. A quarterly review of the performance and financial position of the company helps the directors to manage the position.

Plans for future periods

We are exploring the possibility of opening a shop in Basildon for re-use and exploring new partnerships. We will be renewing the lease on unit 31 Tallon Road where our workshop is located.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities


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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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



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J Gell

Date: 25 October 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company'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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Dated: 25 October 2021

Stuart Harrison

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Venthams
Chartered Accountants
Millhouse
32 - 38 East Street
Rochford
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SS4 1DB

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	57,411	-	57,411	50,388
Charitable activities	4	474,219	-	474,219	609,096
Investments	5	104	-	104	440
Other income	6	157,787	-	157,787	-
		<u>689,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>689,521</u>	<u>659,924</u>
Total income					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	11,277	-	11,277	11,727
Charitable activities	8	679,853	-	679,853	649,579
		<u>691,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>691,130</u>	<u>661,306</u>
Total expenditure					
Net expenditure		(1,609)	-	(1,609)	(1,382)
Transfers between funds	18	32,704	(32,704)	-	-
		<u>31,095</u>	<u>(32,704)</u>	<u>(1,609)</u>	<u>(1,382)</u>
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		169,214	35,000	204,214	205,596
Net movement in funds		31,095	(32,704)	(1,609)	(1,382)
		<u>200,309</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>202,605</u>	<u>204,214</u>
Total funds carried forward					

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BALANCE SHEET
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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	341,801	321,937
		<u>341,801</u>	<u>321,937</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	12,302	4,465
Debtors	15	50,622	33,994
Cash at bank and in hand		68,286	112,979
		<u>131,210</u>	<u>151,438</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(39,909)	(31,677)
Net current assets		<u>91,301</u>	<u>119,761</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>433,102</u>	<u>441,698</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(230,497)	(237,484)
Total net assets		<u>202,605</u>	<u>204,214</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	2,296	35,000
Unrestricted funds	18	200,309	169,214
Total funds		<u>202,605</u>	<u>204,214</u>

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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 for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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



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J Gell

Date: 25 October 2021

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(9,752)	5,714
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(34,941)	(1,921)
Net cash used in investing activities	(34,941)	(1,921)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(44,693)	3,793
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	112,979	109,186
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	68,286	112,979

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1. General information

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales number 1120398. The principal activity of the company is the refurbishment and sale of secondhand goods.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Lighthouse Furniture Project Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The Directors are of the opinion that the company will not be significantly affected by the pandemic caused by the coronavirus (Covid-19) and believe that the company is a going concern. Accordingly, the Financial Statements have been prepared on that basis.

2.3 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

2.4 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.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £200 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- No depreciation
Improvements to leasehold property	- Straight line over the term of lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% and 33% straight line

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

2.8 Debtors

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

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

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

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

2.12 Pensions

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

2.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	15,411	-	15,411	13,501
Grants	42,000	-	42,000	36,887
Total 2021	57,411	-	57,411	50,388
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>15,388</i>	<i>35,000</i>	<i>50,388</i>	

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from charitable activities - Sale of recycled items	473,019	473,019	600,881
Income from charitable activities - Provision of repair and refurbishment services	1,200	1,200	8,215
Total 2021	474,219	474,219	609,096
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>609,096</i>	<i>609,096</i>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment income - local cash	104	104	440
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>440</i>	<i>440</i>	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Employee Retention Furlough Scheme	83,201	83,201	-
Local authority business COVID grants	74,586	74,586	-
	157,787	157,787	-
	157,787	157,787	-

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Costs of raising voluntary income - wages and salaries	9,830	9,830	10,263
Costs of raising voluntary income - NI	1,054	1,054	1,095
Costs of raising voluntary income - pension costs	393	393	369
Total 2021	11,277	11,277	11,727
	11,277	11,277	11,727
<i>Total 2020</i>			11,727

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	679,853	679,853	649,579
Total 2021	<u>679,853</u>	<u>679,853</u>	<u>649,579</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>649,579</u>	<u>649,579</u>	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Sale of recycled items	605,618	74,235	679,853	649,579
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>579,139</u>	<u>70,440</u>	<u>649,579</u>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Sale of recycled items 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	346,531	346,531	333,252
Cost of goods provided free of charge	12,346	12,346	22,260
Cost of goods sold	114,906	114,906	71,532
Premises expenses	14,922	14,922	23,951
Insurance	7,527	7,527	7,534
Light and heat	11,044	11,044	11,844
Office expenses	5,352	5,352	3,921
Marketing	4,228	4,228	2,551
Telephone	3,575	3,575	3,113
Rent	48,609	48,609	46,036
Motor running expenses	22,574	22,574	26,363
Travelling expenses	3,100	3,100	9,094
Clothing	1,702	1,702	1,770
Subscriptions	2,957	2,957	3,376
Training	1,042	1,042	1,820
Staff welfare	3,821	3,821	6,598
Sundry expenses	-	-	19
Legal and professional fees	(1,118)	(1,118)	4,105
Bad debts	2,500	2,500	-
Total 2021	605,618	605,618	579,139
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>579,139</i>	<i>579,139</i>	

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Sale of recycled items 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	33,829	33,829	35,183
Depreciation	15,077	15,077	8,696
Bank charges	2,736	2,736	2,616
Loan interest paid	14,411	14,411	17,151
Governance costs	8,182	8,182	6,794
Total 2021	<u>74,235</u>	<u>74,235</u>	<u>70,440</u>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>70,440</u>	<u>70,440</u>	

10. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £3,500 (2020 - £3,500).

11. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	360,423	348,338
Social security costs	19,233	20,312
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	11,981	11,512
	<u>391,637</u>	<u>380,162</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2021	<i>2020</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Management	1	<i>1</i>
Administration	9	<i>8</i>
Logistics	6	<i>6</i>
Refurbishment	7	<i>7</i>
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 January 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Short-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 February 2020	308,212	25,599	14,311	69,562	22,234	439,918
Additions	-	-	363	32,704	1,874	34,941
At 31 January 2021	<u>308,212</u>	<u>25,599</u>	<u>14,674</u>	<u>102,266</u>	<u>24,108</u>	<u>474,859</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 February 2020	-	25,139	10,902	61,065	20,875	117,981
Charge for the year	-	264	1,438	12,036	1,339	15,077
At 31 January 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>25,403</u>	<u>12,340</u>	<u>73,101</u>	<u>22,214</u>	<u>133,058</u>
Net book value						
At 31 January 2021	<u>308,212</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>2,334</u>	<u>29,165</u>	<u>1,894</u>	<u>341,801</u>
At 31 January 2020	<u>308,212</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>3,409</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>1,359</u>	<u>321,937</u>

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14. Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>12,302</u>	<u>4,465</u>

15. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	15,419	4,133
Other debtors	4,467	14,150
Prepayments and accrued income	30,736	15,711
	<u>50,622</u>	<u>33,994</u>

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other loans	6,915	6,039
Trade creditors	12,962	4,602
Other taxation and social security	7,139	8,435
Other creditors	1,785	1,895
Accruals and deferred income	11,108	10,706
	<u>39,909</u>	<u>31,677</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Other loans	<u>230,497</u>	<u>237,484</u>

The company has fixed and floating charges covering the property of the company in favour of Big Issue Invest Limited and The Charity Bank Limited dated 23 June 2016.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	169,214	689,521	(691,130)	32,704	200,309
Restricted funds					
New van funding	35,000	-	-	(32,704)	2,296
Total of funds	204,214	689,521	(691,130)	-	202,605

The transfer from the restricted fund is in respect of fixed assets acquired from the general fund for which funding was provided by the restricted fund grant.

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 February 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	205,596	624,924	(661,306)	169,214
Restricted funds				
New van funding	-	35,000	-	35,000
Total of funds	205,596	35,000	(661,306)	204,214

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19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 February 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 January 2021 £
General funds	169,214	689,521	(691,130)	32,704	200,309
Restricted funds	35,000	-	-	(32,704)	2,296
	<u>204,214</u>	<u>689,521</u>	<u>(691,130)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,605</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 February 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 January 2020 £
General funds	205,596	624,924	(661,306)	169,214
Restricted funds	-	35,000	-	35,000
	<u>205,596</u>	<u>659,924</u>	<u>(661,306)</u>	<u>204,214</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	339,505	2,296	341,801
Current assets	131,210	-	131,210
Creditors due within one year	(39,909)	-	(39,909)
Creditors due in more than one year	(230,497)	-	(230,497)
Total	<u>200,309</u>	<u>2,296</u>	<u>202,605</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	321,937	-	321,937
Current assets	116,438	35,000	151,438
Creditors due within one year	(31,677)	-	(31,677)
Creditors due in more than one year	(237,484)	-	(237,484)
Total	<u>169,214</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>204,214</u>

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Net expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>(1,609)</u>	<u>(1,382)</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,077	8,680
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	-	17
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(7,837)	2,458
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(16,628)	6,160
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,245	(10,219)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>(9,752)</u>	<u>5,714</u>

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	68,286	112,979
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>68,286</u>	<u>112,979</u>

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23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 February 2020	Cash flows	At 31 January 2021
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	112,979	(44,693)	68,286
Debt due within 1 year	(6,039)	(876)	(6,915)
Debt due after 1 year	(237,484)	6,987	(230,497)
	(130,544)	(38,582)	(169,126)

24. Pension commitments

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £11,981 (2020 : £11,512). Contributions totalling £1,785 (2020: £1,895) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

25. Operating lease commitments

At 31 January 2021 the company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	44,200	44,200

26. Related party transactions

During the year key management personnel received remuneration of £39,318 and pension contributions of £1,573 were made on their behalf.