

THE SPRING CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1121126

Details

Other names	SPRING LANE OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05898293
Registered	2007-10-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTHAMPTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF OUT OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR THE DAILY CARE, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF THE BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS; AND TO FURTHER BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CASTLE WARD, NORTHAMPTON (WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS) BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND COHESION.'

Activities: The Charity's aims are to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and

to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth,age,financial hardship or social,health or economic circumstances.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£140,367	£117,013	-	-
2024-08-31	£86,877	£75,767	-	-
2023-08-31	£66,559	£54,214	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,863	£42,271	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,260	£42,014	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DUNCAN JOHN MCALPINE		2017-08-21
Winston Allister Strachen		2017-08-21
janice margaret freeman		2017-10-09
jill spiby		

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Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
FOR
THE SPRING CHARITY**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

TRUSTEES	Mrs J Spiby Mr D McAlpine Cllr W A Strachen Mrs J Freeman Ms M Munderwa Mrs J S Mann
REGISTERED OFFICE	The Spring Charity Annex Community Centre Spring Lane Northampton NN1 2JW
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1121126
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Shaw Gibbs Limited Eagle House 28 Billing Road Northampton Northamptonshire NN1 5AJ

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's aims are; to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth, age, financial hardship or social, health or economic circumstances.

The Trustees remain confident in the future of The Spring Charity. We continue to hold sufficient reserves to sustain planned projects. The core membership trustee remains committed, enthusiastic and continue to provide a broad range of skills to give the necessary leadership and support to the flexible, skilled and dedicated staff and management of the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and believe the activities of the charity further the charity's purposes for public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year has been another remarkable chapter in our charity's journey. We are thrilled to have welcomed new members to our team: Mona Berisha, who began as a volunteer and now serves as our Family Worker, and Sue Billingham, who has joined us as our Cleaning Operative. Our growing group of dedicated volunteers continues to offer their time and talents, enriching our work and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we support.

We are delighted to welcome Julia Mann to our Board of Trustees. Julia brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in early years education, which will be an asset to the charity as we continue to grow and strengthen our work. Her expertise will further enhance the skills and insight of our trustee board, supporting us in making informed and effective decisions for the future.

This year has seen an important development in the leadership structure of the charity. Tracey Hamilton has stepped into the role of Chief Executive Officer, taking on a more strategic position to guide the organisation's long-term vision and growth. Supporting this change, Alice Hudson has become Charity Manager, focusing on the operational side of the organisation and taking responsibility for the day-to-day running of activities and services.

This year our core activities have continued to grow and develop, reflecting the increasing need for our services within the community. Our stay-and-play sessions have proved especially popular, with demand exceeding capacity and families now required to book to secure a space.

We are pleased to continue our strong partnership with local health visitors, offering support to their weekly clinic and ensuring families have access to essential guidance and resources.

In addition to our established services, we have expanded our programme by introducing new face-to-face sessions. This includes the Henry Project, designed to support families with healthy lifestyle choices, as well as the Solihull programme, both of which have been well received and are contributing to the breadth of support we can offer.

Our cooking sessions have been particularly successful, giving families the opportunity to learn how to prepare healthy meals. Participants are also able to take home the ingredients, encouraging them to put their new skills into practice.

We are delighted to have secured a new allotment, and our gardening project is progressing well, offering both practical skills and a sense of wellbeing to those involved. Alongside this, we have introduced lunchtime drop-in sessions for parents and their children, which have quickly become a valued space for sharing food, connection and support. Our breakfast club also continues to thrive, providing a popular and welcoming start to the day. In addition, we remain committed to offering a warm space for families and individuals in need.

This year also marked the launch of our employability programme, which has already produced inspiring results: four participants have successfully gone on to secure places at university.

We are equally pleased to welcome Home Start Northampton, who are based at our building one day a week. This collaboration has allowed us to establish a thriving Young Mums group, which is already proving to be a highly successful and supportive addition to our community activities.

This year has been marked by a number of achievements and new collaborations that have strengthened our work within the community. We were proud to have participated in the 50 Families Project, initiated by Food4Heroes, Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the local university, a longer-term project that allowed us to work alongside partners including Power of the Mind and HomeStart broadening our reach and impact.

Supporting families through times of need has remained central to our mission. Over the Christmas, Easter, and summer holidays we provided breakfast boxes, ensuring that families had access to essential food during school breaks. Alongside this, our non-food bank has offered vital help to the community, with around 80 people using the service each week.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

We were also pleased to run summer play sessions, giving children and families opportunities for fun, learning, and connection. Our Christmas present pickup has continued to grow year on year, and in 2025 we were able to provide presents to 418 families, spreading joy during the festive season. We offered a range of visits and trips for our families including cinema visits, pantomime trips, a family outing to Mini Meadows and a Summer visit to Wicksteed Park.

In addition, we worked with both Enfold, a local charity, and West Northamptonshire Council Family Learning to deliver a range of one-off courses which included neurodiversity awareness, helping to increase understanding and support for individuals with diverse needs within our community, ESOL classes, which were extremely popular and a range of behaviour management and sleep solution programmes that supplemented our extensive provision.

As Chair of Trustees, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our CEO and her dedicated team for their hard work, commitment, and achievements over the past year. Together, they have taken the charity from strength to strength, and I am confident that I speak for all of the trustees in expressing our deep appreciation for their invaluable contribution.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves

The trustees' current policy is to hold reserves of £45,000, to ensure continuity of the Charity and to allow for restructuring if required.

Unrestricted reserves held at the year end are £35,648 (2024: £49,138), restricted funds held are £53,030 (2024: £16,186) and total funds are £88,678 (2024: £65,324).

The Charity is holding restricted funds of £23,469 that will cover some of its normal charitable expenditure, and so the charity feels that it is holding sufficient funds in reserves to cover any contingency required.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity changed its name from Spring Lane out of School Club to The Spring Charity in November 2011.

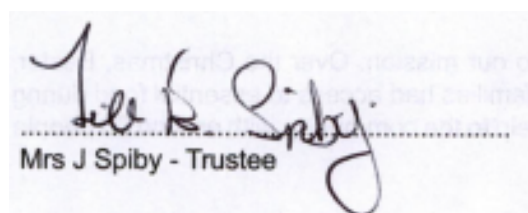
Organisational structure

The Charity is constituted as a registered private company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are no trustee vacancies. The Charity is organised so that the Board of Trustees meets regularly to manage its affairs. The number of meetings has been reduced, but trustees, either in smaller quorum groups or as a whole body meet sometimes virtually, to develop procedures and policies or respond to the needs of the community it serves.

Trustees are recruited and appointed on an individual basis from representatives of the community or from representatives of the services that the charity provides to the community, are vetted by the Board and undergo DBS clearance. The committee is actively involved in the activities of the Charity and held in high esteem.

The Charity vests the overall running of the Spring Charity Venture in the appointed Senior Community Development Worker, supported by the treasurer and Chair.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs J Spiby - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spring Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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

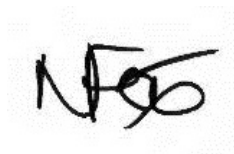
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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.

Use of our Report:

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 10 December 2025

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	12,295	2,022	14,317	7,284
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	4	10,148	114,579	124,727	78,390
Investment income	3	<u>1,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,203</u>
Total		<u>23,766</u>	<u>116,601</u>	<u>140,367</u>	<u>86,877</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		213	-	213	-
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	5	<u>23,349</u>	<u>93,451</u>	<u>116,800</u>	<u>75,767</u>
Total		<u>23,562</u>	<u>93,451</u>	<u>117,013</u>	<u>75,767</u>
NET INCOME					
Transfers between funds	15	204 <u>(13,694)</u>	23,150 <u>13,694</u>	23,354 <u>-</u>	11,110 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(13,490)	36,844	23,354	11,110
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>49,138</u>	<u>16,186</u>	<u>65,324</u>	<u>54,214</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>35,648</u>	<u>53,030</u>	<u>88,678</u>	<u>65,324</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	425	1,876	2,301	2,354
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	5,303	-	5,303	1,830
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>32,930</u>	<u>51,154</u>	<u>84,084</u>	<u>87,691</u>
		38,233	51,154	89,387	89,521
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(3,010)	-	(3,010)	(26,551)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>35,223</u>	<u>51,154</u>	<u>86,377</u>	<u>62,970</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		35,648	53,030	88,678	65,324
NET ASSETS		<u>35,648</u>	<u>53,030</u>	<u>88,678</u>	<u>65,324</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				35,648	49,138
Restricted funds				<u>53,030</u>	<u>16,186</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>88,678</u>	<u>65,324</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

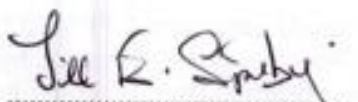
- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

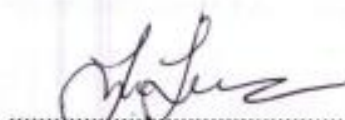
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued 31 AUGUST 2025

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs J Spiby - Trustee


.....
Mrs J Freeman - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency is pounds sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Toys & Equipment	- 33% on cost
Computer and office equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Items under £200 are not capitalized.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The directors are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The directors consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>14,317</u>	<u>7,284</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,323</u>	<u>1,203</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 Provision of Community facilities £	2024 Total activities £
Contribution towards Annex	4,123	7,219
Grants and contracted services	<u>120,604</u>	<u>71,171</u>
	<u>124,727</u>	<u>78,390</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
National Lottery	43,000	43,000
Northamptonshire County Council - Nursery funding	23,469	-
Grow Eat Cook - Hope Centre	1,499	1,358
Global's Make Some Noise	28,000	14,000
Northamptonshire Community Foundation - Food4Heroes Fund	-	3,056
Northamptonshire Community Foundation - Anchor Community Connection Fund	-	1,499
Sainsburys Helping Everyone Eat Better Fund	-	1,500
Happy to Help CIC Communities Fund	-	300
West Northants Council - Household Support Fund	9,492	6,458
Northants Community Aid	2,000	-
Avon	1,389	-
Stronger Starts	500	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	4,200	-
Mercedes	500	-
Neighbourly	730	-
TK Max	500	-
Northampton Municipal Church	195	-
Northampton Town Council	630	-
Connect Northamptonshire	<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>120,604</u>	<u>71,171</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>97,110</u>	<u>19,690</u>	<u>116,800</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	57,023	33,773
Postage and stationery	2,542	878
Sundries	599	100
Staff costs	43	-
Training	2,948	1,510
Breakfast, lunches and snacks	4,310	1,909
Equipment & project costs	21,179	2,857
Travel expenses	547	78
Cleaning	382	7,071
Memberships and subscriptions	673	2,635
Group Work	6,805	10,837
Catering	59	498
	<u>97,110</u>	<u>62,146</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Provision of Community facilities	<u>11,900</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>5,777</u>	<u>19,690</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2025	2024
	Provision of Community facilities	Total activities
	£	£
Premises utilities	3,037	2,611
Telephone	848	740
Advertising	243	12
Premises expenses	<u>7,772</u>	<u>3,795</u>
	<u>11,900</u>	<u>7,158</u>

Finance

	2025	2024
	Provision of Community facilities	Total activities
	£	£
Professional fees	608	209
Bank charges	60	48
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,345</u>	<u>1,452</u>
	<u>2,013</u>	<u>1,709</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. **SUPPORT COSTS - continued**
Governance costs

	2025 Provision of Community facilities £	2024 Total activities £
Independent Examiner fees	3,866	3,468
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,911</u>	<u>1,286</u>
	<u>5,777</u>	<u>4,754</u>

8. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner fees	2,250	2,424
Independent examiner fees - payroll bureau and QBO subs	1,616	1,044
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,346</u>	<u>1,452</u>

9. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to trustees for expenses paid for on behalf of the charity (2024: £2,166 paid to one Trustee).

10. **STAFF COSTS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	55,104	32,971
Other pension costs	<u>1,919</u>	<u>802</u>
	<u>57,023</u>	<u>33,773</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Annex	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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

Total trustee and key management personnel remuneration for the year was £44,333 (2024: £15,701).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	6,430	854	7,284
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	7,520	70,870	78,390
Investment income	<u>1,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,203</u>
Total	<u>15,153</u>	<u>71,724</u>	<u>86,877</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	<u>15,410</u>	<u>60,357</u>	<u>75,767</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	<u>(257)</u> <u>(417)</u>	<u>11,367</u> <u>417</u>	<u>11,110</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(674)	11,784	11,110
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>49,812</u>	<u>4,402</u>	<u>54,214</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>49,138</u>	<u>16,186</u>	<u>65,324</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Toys & Equipment £	Computer and office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2024	3,000	3,025	6,025
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>1,293</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,318</u>	<u>7,318</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2024	2,517	1,154	3,671
Charge for year	<u>483</u>	<u>863</u>	<u>1,346</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,017</u>	<u>5,017</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>2,301</u>	<u>2,301</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>483</u>	<u>1,871</u>	<u>2,354</u>

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	4,265	60
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,038</u>	<u>1,770</u>
	<u>5,303</u>	<u>1,830</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	466	450
Other creditors	159	23,762
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,339</u>
	<u>3,010</u>	<u>26,551</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/9/24	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31/8/25
	£	£	funds	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	49,138	204	(13,694)	35,648
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	-	(12,637)	12,637	-
ST Giles Fund	805	(492)	-	313
Community growing and cooking project	547	986	-	1,533
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	5,841	8,968	-	14,809
50 Families	2,873	(468)	-	2,405
Family Breakfast Club Fund	1,352	(863)	863	1,352
Amazon Fund	855	-	-	855
Non Food Bank	3,913	(2,130)	-	1,783
Connect Northamptonshire	-	4,500	-	4,500
Christmas gifts	-	(194)	194	-
Northants Community Aid	-	980	-	980
Avon - support after domestic abuse	-	1,031	-	1,031
Early years support	-	23,469	-	23,469
	<u>16,186</u>	<u>23,150</u>	<u>13,694</u>	<u>53,030</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,324</u>	<u>23,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,678</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	23,766	(23,562)	204
Restricted funds			
National Lottery	43,000	(55,637)	(12,637)
ST Giles Fund	-	(492)	(492)
Community growing and cooking project	1,499	(513)	986
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	28,000	(19,032)	8,968
50 Families	-	(468)	(468)
Family Breakfast Club Fund	2,000	(2,863)	(863)
Non Food Bank	10,013	(12,143)	(2,130)
Connect Northamptonshire	4,500	-	4,500
Christmas gifts	731	(925)	(194)
Northants Community Aid	2,000	(1,020)	980
Avon - support after domestic abuse	1,389	(358)	1,031
Early years support	<u>23,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,469</u>
	<u>116,601</u>	<u>(93,451)</u>	<u>23,150</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>140,367</u></u>	<u><u>(117,013)</u></u>	<u><u>23,354</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/9/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	49,812	(257)	(417)	49,138
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	2,597	(3,013)	416	-
ST Giles Fund	1,805	(1,000)	-	805
Community growing and cooking project	-	547	-	547
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	-	5,841	-	5,841
50 Families	-	2,873	-	2,873
Family Breakfast Club Fund	-	1,352	-	1,352
Amazon Fund	-	855	-	855
Non Food Bank	-	3,913	-	3,913
Sainsburys Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,402</u>	<u>11,367</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>16,186</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>54,214</u></u>	<u><u>11,110</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>65,324</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,152	(15,409)	(257)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery	43,000	(46,013)	(3,013)
ST Giles Fund	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Community growing and cooking project	1,358	(811)	547
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	14,000	(8,159)	5,841
50 Families	3,056	(183)	2,873
Family Breakfast Club Fund	1,499	(147)	1,352
Amazon Fund	855	-	855
Non Food Bank	6,457	(2,544)	3,913
Sainsburys Fund	1,500	(1,501)	(1)
	<u>71,725</u>	<u>(60,358)</u>	<u>11,367</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,877</u>	<u>(75,767)</u>	<u>11,110</u>

General Funds

Available to be used for any charity use and expenditure.

ST Giles Fund

Funding received from the St Giles Charitable Trust to provide experience with age appropriate IT, for young children at home in the Castle Ward area of Northampton Town, and children in key stages 1 & 2 at school, where such equipment is limited.

The balance on the fund includes IT equipment which will be depreciated over their remaining life.

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

This is a National Lottery funded project given to 1. Enabling families in 'hard to reach' communities, that have not been supported previously, to enjoy the same outcomes and impacts as the other families that the Charity support, and 2. Improving the inclusion of families from marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the community through involvement in group activities. Other key aims of the project are to enable friendships to establish, increase confidence in self and child rearing, enable joint participation in community activities and projects and to improve wellbeing, confidence, and mental health.

Cookery Equipment

This project is funded by the Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire, and provides funding for tabletop stoves and hand food mixers that would be used for cookery session to enable the organisation to provide long-term, sustainable approach to addressing food poverty.

Community growing and cooking project

This project is funded by The Hope Centre Cook Grow Eat project and is to assist in establishing the community growing and cooking project.

Cookery Development Space

This project is funded by the Clothworkers, to develop the kitchen space within the Charity.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Henry Project

This project is funded by the Forterra Community Fund, for training and delivery of the Henry project, helping families be healthy.

Family Support and Wellbeing project

Funding provided by Global's Make Some Noise Charity for the increase in family provision, funding Family Support worker.

50 Families - Food4Heroes

Funding provided by NCF, to set up a long term healthy eating project.

Breakfast Club Project

Funding from NCF Anchor Fund, to cover breakfast club equipment.

Amazon Fund

Funding of £500 to support family provision, and £355 funding to support pre-school provision.

Non Food Bank Project

Funding provided by WNC for the non-food household bank (distribution of non food items).

Sainsburys Fund

Funding for the set up of a family breakfast club Monday to Friday and to provide holiday breakfast packs.

Connect Northamptonshire (HEG)

Funding provided to support a young mums start up group.

Christmas Gifts

Donation received from Lidl to provide a present pick for the local community.

Northants Community Aid

Grant of £2,000 towards the development of a healthy family cookery programme.

Avon - support after domestic abuse

Funding provided in line with the professional pathways programme, to support women post domestic abuse.

Early Years Support

This grant was originally for the 2-year-olds education. The surplus fees from when the Nursery had to close. It will now be reinvested into early years support and the core costs of the school readiness programme.

Transfers between funds

Transfers between restricted funds and the General is to cover for the overspend in the year.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

One trustee was responsible for £nil (2024: £5,854) of room hire income for the year.

During the year Trustees made donations of £500 to the charity.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

THE SPRING CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1121126

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1121126

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
FOR
THE SPRING CHARITY**

THE SPRING CHARITY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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THE SPRING CHARITY

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

TRUSTEES

Mrs J Spiby
Mr D McAlpine
Dr M Dickie (resigned 13/5/24)
Cllr W A Strachen
Mrs C Bull (resigned 12/2/24)
Mr J Dickie (resigned 13/5/24)
Mrs J Freeman
Mr P Chisanga (resigned 12/2/24)
Ms M Munderwa
Mrs J S Mann (appointed 13/5/24)

REGISTERED OFFICE

The Spring Charity
Annex Community Centre
Spring Lane
Northampton
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

05898293 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1121126

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's aims are; to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth, age, financial hardship or social, health or economic circumstances.

The Trustees remain confident in the future of The Spring Charity. We continue to hold sufficient reserves to sustain planned projects. The core membership trustee remains committed, enthusiastic and continue to provide a broad range of skills to give the necessary leadership and support to the flexible, skilled and dedicated staff and management of the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and believe the activities of the charity further the charity's purposes for public benefit.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

It's been another busy year at the charity with many new initiatives to support the many families who visit the centre.

We are very pleased with appointment of Alice (Family Worker - funded by Global) she has brought many new ideas and contacts she has built strong relationships with the families. We were sad to learn of the death of Rosie an ex-charity worker at the beginning of the academic year.

The list of volunteers continues to grow taking on a number of roles. Thanks to Melody who negotiated a good deal on blinds for our upstairs room and for fitting them, as well as carrying out odd jobs around the building.

Strong links have been made with local businesses. Wickes carried out some redecoration as well as providing some colourful murals. The local Morrisons has been a major contributor to the non-food bank and Avon funded the 'Professional Pathways' project.

The Stay and Play sessions continue to be very well attended, and a record system has been developed to record the impact that these sessions are having on the children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

Under the guidance of Nic the afternoon craft sessions are growing in popularity and their work can be seen around the Annexe.

The grants from Anchor Butter and Sainsburys have been used to fund the family breakfast sessions and during the summer holidays breakfast boxes were distributed to 20 families.

The 50 Families project was launched in July with 20 families attending. The initial session was a great success, a cookery session was planned, and each family received an air fryer funded by 'Food for Heros'.

The Young Mums project goes from strength to strength and strong links have been made with Homestart who work in partnership with Springs.

A successful 'Road to Reception' programme was organised in June and July, it was well attended. Families received a school uniform and there has been positive feedback from the schools which the children transferred to.

I'm sure that all the Trustees would support me in thanking Tracey for her commitment to the charity, her strong leadership and hard work. She is a positive role model for everyone involved with Springs and because of this the charity goes from strength to strength and it's reputation is spreading across a number of outside agencies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves

The trustees' current policy is to hold reserves of £45,000, to ensure continuity of the Charity and to allow for restructuring if required. The Charity has more than sufficient in reserve to cover this contingency.

Unrestricted reserves held at the year end are £49,138 (2023: £49,812), restricted funds held are £16,186 (2023: £4,402) and total funds are £65,324 (2023: £54,214).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity changed its name from Spring Lane out of School Club to The Spring Charity in November 2011.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Charity is constituted as a registered private company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are no trustee vacancies. The Charity is organised so that the Board of Trustees meets regularly to manage its affairs. The number of meetings has been reduced, but trustees, either in smaller quorum groups or as a whole body meet sometimes virtually, to develop procedures and policies or respond to the needs of the community it serves.

Trustees are recruited and appointed on an individual basis from representatives of the community or from representatives of the services that the charity provides to the community, are vetted by the Board and undergo DBS clearance. The committee is actively involved in the activities of the Charity and held in high esteem.

The Charity vests the overall running of the Spring Charity Venture in the appointed Senior Community Development Worker, supported by the treasurer and Chair.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs J Spiby - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spring Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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

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.

Use of our Report:

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 1 April 2025

THE SPRING CHARITY

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

				Year Ended 31/8/24 Total funds £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	6,430	854	7,284	1,608
Charitable activities	4				
Provision of Community facilities		7,520	70,870	78,390	64,343
Investment income	3	<u>1,203</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>608</u>
Total		<u>15,153</u>	<u>71,724</u>	<u>86,877</u>	<u>66,559</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Provision of Community facilities		<u>15,410</u>	<u>60,357</u>	<u>75,767</u>	<u>83,568</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	15	(257)	11,367	11,110	(17,009)
		<u>(417)</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(674)	11,784	11,110	(17,009)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		49,812	4,402	54,214	71,223
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>49,138</u>	<u>16,186</u>	<u>65,324</u>	<u>54,214</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SPRING CHARITY

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	727	1,627	2,354	1,571
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	1,830	-	1,830	1,968
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>73,132</u>	<u>14,559</u>	<u>87,691</u>	<u>77,388</u>
		74,962	14,559	89,521	79,356
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(26,551)	-	(26,551)	(26,713)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>48,411</u>	<u>14,559</u>	<u>62,970</u>	<u>52,643</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>49,138</u>	<u>16,186</u>	<u>65,324</u>	<u>54,214</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>49,138</u>	<u>16,186</u>	<u>65,324</u>	<u>54,214</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				49,138	49,812
Restricted funds				<u>16,186</u>	<u>4,402</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>65,324</u>	<u>54,214</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

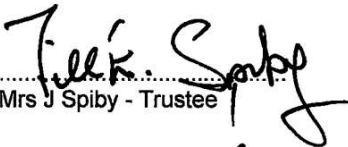
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 AUGUST 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs J Spiby - Trustee


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Mr D McAlpine - Trustee


.....
Mrs J Freeman - Trustee

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency is pounds sterling (£).

During the period the year end was changed to be August from March as this is more in line with funding patterns. This period represent a 17 month period, and so comparative figures are not comparable to the current period results.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Toys & Equipment	- 33% on cost
Computer and office equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Items under £200 are not capitalized.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The directors are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The directors consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
	£	£
Donations	<u>7,284</u>	<u>1,608</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,203</u>	<u>608</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31/8/24 Provision of Community facilities £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Total activities £
Contribution towards Annex Grants	7,219 <u>71,171</u>	13,902 <u>50,441</u>
	<u>78,390</u>	<u>64,343</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Year Ended 31/8/24 £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £
National Lottery	43,000	43,000
The Clothworkers Foundation - Kitchen Space Development	-	3,200
Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire	-	1,200
Amazon Giving	-	1,000
Grow Eat Cook - Hope Centre	1,358	841
Councillor Community Funding Grant	-	200
Forterra Community Fund	-	1,000
Global's Make Some Noise	14,000	-
Northamptonshire Community Foundation - Food4Heroes Fund	3,056	-
Northamptonshire Community Foundation - Anchor Community Connection Fund	1,499	-
Sainsburys Helping Everyone Eat Better Fund	1,500	-
Happy to Help CIC Communities Fund	300	-
West Northants Council - Household Support Fund	<u>6,458</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>71,171</u>	<u>50,441</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>62,146</u>	<u>13,621</u>	<u>75,767</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31/8/24 £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £
Staff costs	33,773	33,351
Postage and stationery	878	1,256
Sundries	100	160
Training	1,510	3,118
Breakfast, lunches and snacks	1,909	-
Equipment & project costs	2,857	1,003
Travel expenses	78	149
Cleaning	7,071	8,835
Memberships and subscriptions	2,635	2,998
Group Work	10,837	9,777
Toys & Equipment	-	3,841
Catering	498	-
	<u>62,146</u>	<u>64,488</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>7,158</u>	<u>1,709</u>	<u>4,754</u>	<u>13,621</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	Year Ended 31/8/24 Provision of Community facilities £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Total activities £
Premises utilities	2,611	5,721
Telephone	740	979
Advertising	12	18
Premises expenses	<u>3,795</u>	<u>6,089</u>
	<u>7,158</u>	<u>12,807</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. **SUPPORT COSTS - continued**
Finance

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
	Provision of Community facilities £	Total activities £
Professional fees	209	-
Bank charges	48	48
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,684</u>
	<u>1,709</u>	<u>1,732</u>

Governance costs

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
	Provision of Community facilities £	Total activities £
Independent Examiner fees	3,468	4,014
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,286</u>	<u>527</u>
	<u>4,754</u>	<u>4,541</u>

8. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
	£	£
Independent examiner fees	2,424	2,322
Independent examiner fees - payroll bureau	1,044	1,692
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,685</u>

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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the period ended 31 August 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £2,166 of expenses (2023: £1,227) were reimbursed to one trustee for expenses paid for on behalf of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	Year Ended 31/8/24 £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £
Wages and salaries	32,971	32,337
Other pension costs	<u>802</u>	<u>1,014</u>
	<u><u>33,773</u></u>	<u><u>33,351</u></u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31/8/24	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23
Annex	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

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

Total trustee and key management personnel remuneration for the year was £15,701 (2023: £23,219).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,607	1	1,608
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	15,102	49,241	64,343
Investment income	<u>608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>608</u>
Total	<u><u>17,317</u></u>	<u><u>49,242</u></u>	<u><u>66,559</u></u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	<u>9,772</u>	<u>73,796</u>	<u>83,568</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	7,545	(24,554)	(17,009)
Transfers between funds	<u>(319)</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	7,226	(24,235)	(17,009)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	42,584	28,639	71,223
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>49,810</u>	<u>4,404</u>	<u>54,214</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Toys & Equipment £	Computer and office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 September 2023	3,000	790	3,790
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>2,235</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,025</u>	<u>6,025</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2023	1,517	702	2,219
Charge for year	<u>1,000</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>1,452</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,517</u>	<u>1,154</u>	<u>3,671</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2024	<u>483</u>	<u>1,871</u>	<u>2,354</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,483</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>1,571</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	60	-
Taxation and social security	-	299
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,770</u>	<u>1,669</u>
	<u>1,830</u>	<u>1,968</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	450	-
Other creditors	23,762	24,267
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,339</u>	<u>2,446</u>
	<u>26,551</u>	<u>26,713</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/9/23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31/8/24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	49,812	(257)	(417)	49,138
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	2,597	(3,013)	416	-
ST Giles Fund	1,805	(1,000)	-	805
Community growing and cooking project	-	547	-	547
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	-	5,841	-	5,841
50 Families	-	2,873	-	2,873
Family Breakfast Club Fund	-	1,352	-	1,352
Amazon Fund	-	855	-	855
Non Food Bank	-	3,913	-	3,913
Sainsburys Fund	-	(1)	1	-
	<u>4,402</u>	<u>11,367</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>16,186</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,214</u>	<u>11,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,324</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,152	(15,409)	(257)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery	43,000	(46,013)	(3,013)
ST Giles Fund	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Community growing and cooking project	1,358	(811)	547
Family Support Health and Wellbeing Project	14,000	(8,159)	5,841
50 Families	3,056	(183)	2,873
Family Breakfast Club Fund	1,499	(147)	1,352
Amazon Fund	855	-	855
Non Food Bank	6,457	(2,544)	3,913
Sainsburys Fund	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(1,501)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
	<u>71,725</u>	<u>(60,358)</u>	<u>11,367</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,877</u>	<u>(75,767)</u>	<u>11,110</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,584	7,547	(319)	49,812
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	25,418	(22,821)	-	2,597
ST Giles Fund	3,221	(1,416)	-	1,805
Cookery equipment	-	(18)	18	-
Community growing and cooking project	-	(301)	301	-
	<u>28,639</u>	<u>(24,556)</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>4,402</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,223</u>	<u>(17,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,214</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,317	(9,770)	7,547
Restricted funds			
National Lottery	43,000	(65,821)	(22,821)
ST Giles Fund	-	(1,416)	(1,416)
Kitchen space development	3,200	(3,200)	-
Cookery equipment	1,200	(1,218)	(18)
Henry Project Training and Delivery	1,000	(1,000)	-
Community growing and cooking project	842	(1,143)	(301)
	<u>49,242</u>	<u>(73,798)</u>	<u>(24,556)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,559</u>	<u>(83,568)</u>	<u>(17,009)</u>

General Funds

Available to be used for any charity use and expenditure.

ST Giles Fund

Funding received from the St Giles Charitable Trust to provide experience with age appropriate IT, for young children at home in the Castle Ward area of Northampton Town, and children in key stages 1 & 2 at school, where such equipment is limited.

The balance on the fund includes IT equipment which will be depreciated over their remaining life.

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

This is a National Lottery funded project given to 1. Enabling families in 'hard to reach' communities, that have not been supported previously, to enjoy the same outcomes and impacts as the other families that the Charity support, and 2. Improving the inclusion of families from marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the community through involvement in group activities. Other key aims of the project are to enable friendships to establish, increase confidence in self and child rearing, enable joint participation in community activities and projects and to improve wellbeing, confidence, and mental health.

Cookery Equipment

This project is funded by the Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire, and provides funding for tabletop stoves and hand food mixers that would be used for cookery session to enable the organisation to provide long-term, sustainable approach to addressing food poverty.

Community growing and cooking project

This project is funded by The Hope Centre Cook Grow Eat project and is to assist in establishing the community growing and cooking project.

Cookery Development Space

This project is funded by the Clothworkers, to develop the kitchen space within the Charity.

Henry Project

This project is funded by the Forterra Community Fund, for training and delivery of the Henry project, helping families be healthy.

Family Support and Wellbeing project

Funding provided by Global's Make Some Noise Charity for the increase in family provision, funding Family Support worker.

50 Families - Food4Heroes

Funding provided by NCF, to set up a long term healthy eating project.

Breakfast Club Project

Funding from NCF Anchor Fund, to cover breakfast club equipment.

Amazon Fund

Funding of £500 to support family provision, and £355 funding to support pre-school provision.

Non Food Bank Project

Funding provided by WNC for the non-food household bank (distribution of non food items).

Sainsburys Fund

Funding for the set up of a family breakfast club Monday to Friday and to provide holiday breakfast packs.

Transfers between funds

Transfers between restricted funds and the General is to cover for the overspend in the year.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made donations without conditions of £nil (2023: £800) in total during the period.

One trustee was responsible for £5,854 (2023: £140) of room hire income for the year.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

THE SPRING CHARITY

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Year Ended 31/8/24 £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	7,284	1,608
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,203	608
Charitable activities		
Contribution towards Annex	7,219	13,902
Grants	<u>71,171</u>	<u>50,441</u>
	<u>78,390</u>	<u>64,343</u>
Total incoming resources	86,877	66,559
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	32,971	32,337
Pensions	802	1,014
Postage and stationery	878	1,256
Sundries	100	160
Training	1,510	3,118
Breakfast, lunches and snacks	1,909	-
Equipment & project costs	2,857	1,003
Travel expenses	78	149
Cleaning	7,071	8,835
Memberships and subscriptions	2,635	2,998
Group Work	10,837	9,777
Toys & Equipment	-	3,841
Catering	<u>498</u>	<u>-</u>
	62,146	64,488
Support costs		
Management		
Premises utilities	2,611	5,721
Telephone	740	979
Advertising	12	18
Premises expenses	<u>3,795</u>	<u>6,089</u>
	7,158	12,807
Finance		
Professional fees	209	-
Carried forward	209	-

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THE SPRING CHARITY

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Year Ended 31/8/24 £	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £
Finance		
Brought forward	209	-
Bank charges	48	48
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,684</u>
	1,709	1,732
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner fees	3,468	4,014
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,286</u>	<u>527</u>
	<u>4,754</u>	<u>4,541</u>
Total resources expended	<u>75,767</u>	<u>83,568</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>11,110</u>	<u>(17,009)</u>

THE SPRING CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1121126

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1121126

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023
FOR
THE SPRING CHARITY**

THE SPRING CHARITY

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THE SPRING CHARITY

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

TRUSTEES	Mrs J Spiby Mr D McAlpine Dr M Dickie Mr B N Burnett (resigned 11/6/22) Cllr W A Strachen Mrs C Bull Mr J Dickie Mrs J Freeman Mr P Chisanga (appointed 18/7/22) Ms M Munderwa (appointed 15/5/23)
REGISTERED OFFICE	The Spring Charity Annex Community Centre Spring Lane Northampton NN1 2JW
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1121126
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	DNG Dove Naish LLP Eagle House 28 Billing Road Northampton Northamptonshire NN1 5AJ

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's aims are: to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth, age, financial hardship or social, health or economic circumstances.

The trustees remain confident in the future of the Spring Charity. We continue to hold sufficient reserves to sustain planned projects. The core membership of trustees remain committed and enthusiastic. They continue to provide a broad range of knowledge and expertise to give necessary leadership and support to the flexible, skilled and dedicated staff and management of the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and believe the activities of the charity further the charity's purposes for public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The NLF 5 year grant continues to underpin the resources for our activities and as a consequence we have expanded the range of activities. We deliver more one-off face to face activities focused on families whose own resources are slim. There have been workshops on child behaviour, healthy eating on a budget, autism workshops, craft workshops and advice on entry into school for parents of young children.

The Wellbeing activities, Greening the local neighbourhood, and the HENRY workshops continue to be very popular and beneficial.

Core activities

Children particularly benefit from the Stay&Play activities where they learn the social and communication skills essential to a successful entry into formal schooling. Through the Stay&Play family groups the staff have support parents through to further professional help when needed. There has been an increase in families visiting with children aged 2+ due to the withdrawal of such provision in schools. We also help with parents, sharing clothes and equipment for their children.

Training

Staff have continued to undertake training for the HENRY programme as well as Health and Safety and Safeguarding; Trustees are encouraged to undertake safeguarding training if they make regular visits to family activities. The manager has also undertaken training in media promotion for charities.

Partnerships

The partnerships that we have had with Spring Lane Primary School has proved beneficial to both sides and we have undertaken a further partnership with Power of The Mind Networks, working together on a range of wellbeing activities.

Trustees

Trustees have been very involved both within charity activities and with business and financial skills. The Spring Charity continues to benefit from their focus on improving the lives of families in the locality.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves

The trustees' current policy is to hold reserves of 25% of the core costs and new community project. The Charity has more than sufficient in reserve to cover this contingency.

Unrestricted reserves held at the period end are £49,812 (2022: £42,584), and total reserves are £54,214 (2022: £71,223).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity changed its name from Spring Lane out of School Club to The Spring Charity in November 2011.

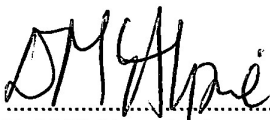
Organisational structure

The Charity is constituted as a registered private company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are no trustee vacancies. The Charity is organised so that the Board of Trustees meets regularly to manage its affairs. The number of meetings has been reduced, but trustees, either in smaller quorum groups or as a whole body meet sometimes virtually, to develop procedures and policies or respond to the needs of the community it serves.

Trustees are recruited and appointed on an individual basis from representatives of the community or from representatives of the services that the charity provides to the community, are vetted by the Board and undergo DBS clearance. The committee is actively involved in the activities of the Charity and held in high esteem.

The Charity vests the overall running of the Spring Charity Venture in the appointed Senior Community Development Worker, supported by the treasurer and Chair.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 6th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
~~Dr M Dickie – Trustee~~
Mr. D. McAlpine


Dr M Dickie – Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spring Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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

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:

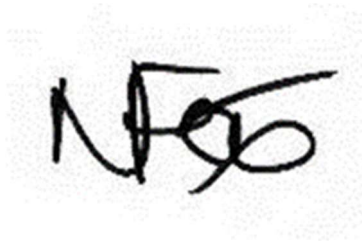
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Use of our Report:

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

N Fox FCA

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Northamptonshire
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Date: 8 December 2023

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

				Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Total funds £	Year Ended 31/3/22 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,606	-	1,606	1,450
Charitable activities	4				
Provision of Community facilities		15,101	49,242	64,343	63,863
Investment income	3	<u>610</u>	<u> </u>	<u>610</u>	<u>25</u>
Total		<u>17,317</u>	<u>49,242</u>	<u>66,559</u>	<u>65,338</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Provision of Community facilities		<u>9,770</u>	<u>73,798</u>	<u>83,568</u>	<u>48,271</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	15	7,547 <u>(319)</u>	(24,556) <u>319</u>	(17,009) <u>-</u>	17,067 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		7,228	(24,237)	(17,009)	17,067
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		42,584 <u> </u>	28,639 <u> </u>	71,223 <u> </u>	54,156 <u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>49,812</u>	<u>4,402</u>	<u>54,214</u>	<u>71,223</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	88	1,483	1,571	3,256
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	1,268	700	1,968	4,062
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>75,136</u>	<u>2,252</u>	<u>77,388</u>	<u>90,912</u>
		76,404	2,952	79,356	94,974
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(26,680)	(33)	(26,713)	(27,007)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>49,724</u>	<u>2,919</u>	<u>52,643</u>	<u>67,967</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>49,812</u>	<u>4,402</u>	<u>54,214</u>	<u>71,223</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>49,812</u>	<u>4,402</u>	<u>54,214</u>	<u>71,223</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				49,812	42,584
Restricted funds				<u>4,402</u>	<u>28,639</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>54,214</u>	<u>71,223</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

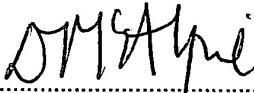
- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

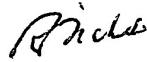
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 AUGUST 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 6th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
~~Dr M Dickie - Trustee~~
D. McAlpine



Dr M Dickie - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 AUGUST 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency is pounds sterling (£). During the period the year end was changed to be August from March as this is more in line with funding patterns. This period represents a 17 month period, and so comparative figures are not comparable to the current period results.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Toys & Equipment	- 33% on cost
Computer and office equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Items under £200 are not capitalized.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The directors are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The directors consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
Donations	<u>1,606</u>	<u>1,450</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
Deposit account interest	<u>610</u>	<u>25</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Provision of Community facilities £	Year Ended 31/3/22 Total activities £
Contribution towards Annex Grants	13,902	8,963
	<u>50,441</u>	<u>54,900</u>
	<u>64,343</u>	<u>63,863</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
National Lottery	43,000	43,000
The Clothworkers Foundation - Kitchen Space Development	3,200	-
Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire	1,200	-
Amazon Giving	1,000	-
Hope Community Centre	841	-
Northampton Borough Council - Public Health	-	7,500
St Giles	-	4,400
Councillor Community Funding Grant	200	-
Forterra Community Fund	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>50,441</u>	<u>54,900</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>64,488</u>	<u>19,080</u>	<u>83,568</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
Staff costs	33,351	26,525
Postage and stationery	1,256	134
Sundries	160	176
Training	3,118	1,154
Equipment	1,003	2,145
Travel expenses	149	-
Cleaning	8,835	3,263
Memberships and subscriptions	2,998	126
Group Work	9,777	4,374
Toys & Equipment	<u>3,841</u>	<u>829</u>
	<u>64,488</u>	<u>38,726</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>12,807</u>	<u>1,732</u>	<u>4,541</u>	<u>19,080</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Provision of Community facilities £	Year Ended 31/3/22 Total activities £
Wages	-	400
Premises utilities	5,721	2,927
Telephone	979	679
Advertising	18	-
Premises expenses	<u>6,089</u>	<u>1,757</u>
	<u>12,807</u>	<u>5,763</u>

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7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Finance

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Provision of Community facilities £	Year Ended 31/3/22 Total activities £
Bank charges	48	26
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,684</u>	<u>446</u>
	<u>1,732</u>	<u>472</u>

Governance costs

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 Provision of Community facilities £	Year Ended 31/3/22 Total activities £
Independent Examiner fees	4,014	3,038
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>527</u>	<u>272</u>
	<u>4,541</u>	<u>3,310</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
Independent examiner fees	2,322	2,202
Independent examiner fees - payroll bureau	1,692	836
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,685</u>	<u>446</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £1,227 of expenses (2022: £2,327) were reimbursed to one trustee for expenses paid for on behalf of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23 £	Year Ended 31/3/22 £
Wages and salaries	32,337	25,942
Other pension costs	<u>1,014</u>	<u>983</u>
	<u><u>33,351</u></u>	<u><u>26,925</u></u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

	Period 1/4/22 to 31/8/23	Year Ended 31/3/22
Annex	<u><u>3</u></u>	<u><u>3</u></u>

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

Total trustee and key management personnel remuneration for the year was £23,219 (2022: £22,237).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,450	-	1,450
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	8,963	54,900	63,863
Investment income	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
Total	<u><u>10,438</u></u>	<u><u>54,900</u></u>	<u><u>65,338</u></u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	<u>13,896</u>	<u>34,375</u>	<u>48,271</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(3,458)	20,525	17,067

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	46,042	8,114	54,156
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>42,584</u>	<u>28,639</u>	<u>71,223</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Toys & Equipment £	Computer and office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 August 2023	<u>3,000</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>3,790</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	183	351	534
Charge for year	<u>1,334</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>1,685</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,517</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>2,219</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,483</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>1,571</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,817</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>3,256</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	-	3,750
Taxation and social security	299	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,669</u>	<u>312</u>
	<u>1,968</u>	<u>4,062</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Social security and other taxes	-	275
Other creditors	24,267	24,127
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,446</u>	<u>2,605</u>
	<u>26,713</u>	<u>27,007</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,584	7,547	(319)	49,812
Restricted funds				
National Lottery	25,418	(22,821)	-	2,597
ST Giles Fund	3,221	(1,416)	-	1,805
Cookery equipment	-	(18)	18	-
Community growing and cooking project	-	(301)	301	-
	<u>28,639</u>	<u>(24,556)</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>4,402</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,223</u>	<u>(17,009)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,214</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,317	(9,770)	7,547
Restricted funds			
National Lottery	43,000	(65,821)	(22,821)
ST Giles Fund	-	(1,416)	(1,416)
Kitchen space development	3,200	(3,200)	-
Cookery equipment	1,200	(1,218)	(18)
Henry Project Training and Delivery	1,000	(1,000)	-
Community growing and cooking project	842	(1,143)	(301)
	<u>49,242</u>	<u>(73,798)</u>	<u>(24,556)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,559</u>	<u>(83,568)</u>	<u>(17,009)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,042	(3,458)	42,584
Restricted funds			
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	2,500	(2,500)	-
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	5,614	(5,614)	-
National Lottery	-	25,418	25,418
ST Giles Fund	-	3,221	3,221
	<u>8,114</u>	<u>20,525</u>	<u>28,639</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,156</u>	<u>17,067</u>	<u>71,223</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,438	(13,896)	(3,458)
Restricted funds			
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	7,500	(10,000)	(2,500)
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	-	(5,614)	(5,614)
National Lottery	43,000	(17,582)	25,418
ST Giles Fund	4,400	(1,179)	3,221
	<u>54,900</u>	<u>(34,375)</u>	<u>20,525</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,338</u>	<u>(48,271)</u>	<u>17,067</u>

General Funds

Available to be used for any charity use and expenditure.

Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)

Public Health funding for supporting health and wellbeing within the community.

Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions (prior year only)

Funding received from Goodwill Solutions to run the Freedom Project for 2 years, including £1,000 for an update of the charity website.

ST Giles Fund

Funding received from the St Giles Charitable Trust to provide experience with age appropriate IT, for young children at home in the Castle Ward area of Northampton Town, and children in key stages 1 & 2 at school, where such equipment is limited.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The balance on the fund includes IT equipment which will be depreciated over their remaining life.

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

This is a National Lottery funded project given to 1. Enabling families in 'hard to reach' communities, that have not been supported previously, to enjoy the same outcomes and impacts as the other families that the Charity support, and 2. Improving the inclusion of families from marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the community through involvement in group activities. Other key aims of the project are to enable friendships to establish, increase confidence in self and child rearing, enable joint participation in community activities and projects and to improve wellbeing, confidence, and mental health.

Cookery Equipment

This project is funded by the Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire, and provides funding for tabletop stoves and hand food mixers that would be used for cookery session to enable the organisation to provide long-term, sustainable approach to addressing food poverty.

Cookery Development Space

This project is funded by the Clothworkers, to develop the kitchen space within the Charity.

Community growing and cooking project

This project is funded by The Hope Centre grant and is to assist in establishing the community growing and cooking project.

Henry Project

This project is funded by the Forterra Community Fund, for training and delivery of the Henry project, helping families be healthy.

Transfers between funds

Transfers between restricted funds and the General is to cover for the overspend in the year.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made donations without conditions of £800 (2022: £1,200) in total during the period.

One trustee was responsible for £140 of room hire income for the period to August 2023.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

THE SPRING CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1121126

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1121126

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
THE SPRING CHARITY**

THE SPRING CHARITY

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

TRUSTEES

Mrs J Spiby
Mr D McAlpine
Dr M Dickie
Mr B N Burnett (resigned 11/6/22)
Cllr W A Strachen
Mrs C Bull
Mr J Dickie
Mrs J Freeman
Mr P Chisanga (appointed 18/7/22)

REGISTERED OFFICE

The Spring Charity
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's aims are; to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth, age, financial hardship or social, health or economic circumstances.

The Trustees remain confident in the future of The Spring Charity. We continue to hold sufficient reserves to sustain planned projects. The core membership trustee remains committed, enthusiastic and continue to provide a broad range of skills to give the necessary leadership and support to the flexible, skilled and dedicated staff and management of the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and believe the activities of the charity further the charity's purposes for public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Over the past twelve months several grants have support our activities. We completed the Public Health activities and our reports were well received.

We were awarded a grant from the St Giles Trust. This gave us the opportunity to set up an IT library to support young children with equipment to develop skills ready for entry into school.

The National Lottery, Reaching Communities Fund awarded us five years of funding to support the wellbeing of this very complex and deprived community.

Core Activities.

The NLF also supports core activities such as the social Stay & Play groups, so important to breaking down social isolation. The Solihull Parenting group continues to attract applicants, and the feed-back from group members has been very gratifying. The Freedom delivery tend to be on an individual level and we are grateful to be able to support people who find their way into happier and less stressful lives.

Training.

The main training pathway has been with the HENRY Program, this is funded by NLF and enables the charity to support parents with very young children with healthy eating and child development advice.

Partnerships.

Our partnerships continue to thrive. We work closely with Spring Lane Primary School on developing early experience with gardening and the natural world. We have a very good relationship with Northampton Partnership Homes and jointly develop plans that enhance the local environment. Power of the Mind Networks are new partners who benefit from our Community Centre facilities.

Trustees

The Charity has continued to have a strong, functioning body of voluntary trustees. Trustees are active in all facets of the Charity's work. Having identified a need for a wider understanding of the voluntary sector at a new level of funding, we have recruited an additional trustee whose experience will assist us in our work.

We look forward to the year ahead with some confidence and the realisation that we will be working differently in support of our objectives in the coming year.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves

The trustees' current policy is to hold reserves of 25% of the core costs and new community project. The Charity has more than sufficient in reserve to cover this contingency.

Unrestricted reserves held at the yearend are £42,584 (2021: £46,042), and total reserves are £71,223 (2021: £54,156).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity changed its name from Spring Lane out of School Club to The Spring Charity in November 2011.

Organisational structure

The Charity is constituted as a registered private company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are no trustee vacancies. The Charity is organised so that the Board of Trustees meets regularly to manage its affairs. The number of meetings has been reduced, but trustees, either in smaller quorum groups or as a whole body meet sometimes virtually, to develop procedures and policies or respond to the needs of the community it serves.

Trustees are recruited and appointed on an individual basis from representatives of the community or from representatives of the services that the charity provides to the community, are vetted by the Board and undergo DBS clearance. The committee is actively involved in the activities of the Charity and held in high esteem.

The Charity vests the overall running of the Spring Charity Venture in the appointed Senior Community Development Worker, supported by the treasurer and Chair.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr M Dickie - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spring Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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

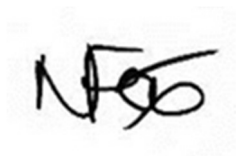
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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.

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 2 November 2022

THE SPRING CHARITY

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,450	-	1,450	3,185
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	4	8,963	54,900	63,863	53,031
Investment income	3	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>44</u>
Total		10,438	54,900	65,338	56,260
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	5	13,896	34,375	48,271	42,014
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(3,458)</u>	<u>20,525</u>	<u>17,067</u>	<u>14,246</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>46,042</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>54,156</u>	<u>39,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>42,584</u></u>	<u><u>28,639</u></u>	<u><u>71,223</u></u>	<u><u>54,156</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	439	2,817	3,256	702
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	4,062	-	4,062	307
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>65,090</u>	<u>25,822</u>	<u>90,912</u>	<u>79,934</u>
		69,152	25,822	94,974	80,241
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(27,007)	-	(27,007)	(26,787)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,145</u>	<u>25,822</u>	<u>67,967</u>	<u>53,454</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>42,584</u>	<u>28,639</u>	<u>71,223</u>	<u>54,156</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>42,584</u>	<u>28,639</u>	<u>71,223</u>	<u>54,156</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				42,584	46,042
Restricted funds				<u>28,639</u>	<u>8,114</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>71,223</u>	<u>54,156</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued 31 MARCH 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17th October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr M Dickie - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency is pounds sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Toys & Equipment	- 33% on cost
Computer and office equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Items under £200 are not capitalized.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The directors are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The directors consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	<u>1,450</u>	<u>3,185</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>25</u>	<u>44</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 Provision of Community facilities £	2021 Total activities £
Contribution towards Annex Grants	8,963 <u>54,900</u>	7,500 <u>45,531</u>
	<u>63,863</u>	<u>53,031</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Northampton Borough Council - Covid grant	-	10,000
National Lottery Community Funding	-	9,032
National Lottery - COVID funding	-	8,981
Northampton Borough Council - Public Health	7,500	7,500
Goodwill Solutions	-	7,486
NCF - COVID Emergency Funding	-	2,532
National Lottery	43,000	-
St Giles	<u>4,400</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>54,900</u>	<u>45,531</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>38,726</u>	<u>9,545</u>	<u>48,271</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs	26,525	22,568
Postage and stationery	134	922
Sundries	176	-
Training	1,154	1,545
Property repairs	-	92
Equipment	2,145	2,773
Cleaning	3,263	2,390
Memberships and subscriptions	126	24
Group Work	4,374	4,599
Toys & Equipment	<u>829</u>	<u>244</u>
	<u>38,726</u>	<u>35,157</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>5,763</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>9,545</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2022 Provision of Community facilities £	2021 Total activities £
Wages	400	300
Premises utilities	2,927	2,307
Telephone	679	930
Advertising	-	(23)
Premises expenses	<u>1,757</u>	<u>330</u>
	<u>5,763</u>	<u>3,844</u>

Finance

	2022 Provision of Community facilities £	2021 Total activities £
Bank charges	26	22
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>446</u>	<u>88</u>
	<u>472</u>	<u>110</u>

Governance costs

	2022 Provision of Community facilities £	2021 Total activities £
Independent Examiner fees	3,038	2,790
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>272</u>	<u>113</u>
	<u>3,310</u>	<u>2,903</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner fees	2,202	1,716
Independent examiner fees - payroll bureau	836	1,074
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>446</u>	<u>88</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £2,327 of expenses (2021: £309) were reimbursed to one trustee for expenses paid for on behalf of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	25,942	21,682
Other pension costs	<u>983</u>	<u>1,186</u>
	<u>26,925</u>	<u>22,868</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Annex	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total trustee and key management personnel remuneration for the year was £22,237 (2021: £22,237).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	3,185	-	3,185
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	17,500	35,531	53,031
Investment income	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44</u>
Total	20,729	35,531	56,260
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	14,597	27,417	42,014

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	6,132	8,114	14,246
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	39,910	-	39,910
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>46,042</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>54,156</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Toys & Equipment £	Computer and office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	-	790	790
Additions	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,000</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>3,790</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	-	88	88
Charge for year	<u>183</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>446</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>183</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>534</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,817</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>3,256</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>702</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	3,750	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>312</u>	<u>307</u>
	<u>4,062</u>	<u>307</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Social security and other taxes	275	279
Other creditors	24,127	23,950
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,605</u>	<u>2,558</u>
	<u>27,007</u>	<u>26,787</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	46,042	(3,458)	42,584
Restricted funds			
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	2,500	(2,500)	-
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	5,614	(5,614)	-
National Lottery	-	25,418	25,418
ST Giles Fund	-	<u>3,221</u>	<u>3,221</u>
	<u>8,114</u>	<u>20,525</u>	<u>28,639</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,156</u>	<u>17,067</u>	<u>71,223</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,438	(13,896)	(3,458)
Restricted funds			
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	7,500	(10,000)	(2,500)
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	-	(5,614)	(5,614)
National Lottery	43,000	(17,582)	25,418
ST Giles Fund	<u>4,400</u>	<u>(1,179)</u>	<u>3,221</u>
	<u>54,900</u>	<u>(34,375)</u>	<u>20,525</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,338</u>	<u>(48,271)</u>	<u>17,067</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,910	6,132	46,042
Restricted funds			
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	-	2,500	2,500
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	-	5,614	5,614
	-	8,114	8,114
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,910</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>54,156</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,729	(14,597)	6,132
Restricted funds			
Stay and play	9,032	(9,032)	-
COVID Emergency funding	2,532	(2,532)	-
Supporting the Community - COVID-19	8,981	(8,981)	-
Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)	7,500	(5,000)	2,500
Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions	7,486	(1,872)	5,614
	35,531	(27,417)	8,114
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,260</u>	<u>(42,014)</u>	<u>14,246</u>

Public Health Fund (previously Health and Wellbeing Project)

Public Health funding for supporting health and wellbeing within the community.

Freedom Project - Goodwill Solutions

Funding received from Goodwill Solutions to run the Freedom Project for 2 years, including £1,000 for an update of the charity website.

ST Giles Fund

Funding received from the St Giles Charitable Trust to provide experience with age appropriate IT, for young children at home in the Castle Ward area of Northampton Town, and children in key stages 1 & 2 at school, where such equipment is limited.

The balance on the fund includes IT equipment with a net book value of £2,816, which will be depreciated over the next 3 years of their remaining life.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

National Lottery Community Fund - RC Midlands Region

This is a National Lottery funded project given to 1. Enabling families in 'hard to reach' communities, that have not been supported previously, to enjoy the same outcomes and impacts as the other families that the Charity support, and 2. Improving the inclusion of families from marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the community through involvement in group activities. Other key aims of the project are to enable friendships to establish, increase confidence in self and child rearing, enable joint participation in community activities and projects and to improve wellbeing, confidence, and mental health.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made donations without conditions of £1,200 (2021: £2,135) in total during the year.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

THE SPRING CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1121126

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1121126

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
THE SPRING CHARITY**

THE SPRING CHARITY

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THE SPRING CHARITY

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

TRUSTEES	Mrs J Spiby Mr D McAlpine Dr M Dickie Mr B N Burnett Cllr W A Strachen Mrs C Bull Mr J Dickie Mrs J Freeman
REGISTERED OFFICE	The Spring Charity Annex Community Centre Spring Lane Northampton NN1 2JW
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05898293 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1121126
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	DNG Dove Naish LLP Chartered Accountants Eagle House 28 Billing Road Northampton Northamptonshire NN1 5AJ

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's aims are; to benefit families in the Northampton area by the provision of activities and facilities for care, leisure and recreation; to promote social welfare by improving the conditions of life, and to benefit the public at large but especially those who are disadvantaged due to their youth, age, financial hardship or social, health or economic circumstances.

Changes in Focus of Charity Activity

The Charity remain committed to the long term future of supportive activity within the locality. In addition to the delivery of virtual activities via zoom, our accommodation continues to be well used to this end. The Early Years work continues to be undertaken by our partners Spring Lane Primary School.

The Trustees remain confident in the future of The Spring Charity. We continue to hold sufficient reserves to sustain planned projects. The core membership trustee remains committed, enthusiastic and continue to provide a broad range of skills to give the necessary leadership and support to the flexible, skilled and dedicated staff and management of the charity.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and believe the activities of the charity further the charity's purposes for public benefit.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The partnership agreement between the Spring Charity and Spring Lane Primary School agreed in November 2017 has been very productive and has thrived to the benefit of parents and children. Numbers have continued to grow and we continue build on the shared vision to support parents and children in the locality.

Our Senior Community Development Worker has further developed the Charity's services for parents and children. Thanks to financial support from Goodwill Solutions CIC, she has been able to add the Freedom programme to the Solihull parenting course and other wellbeing groups. She has worked cooperatively and effectively both with our school partners and with others, including other local Charity bodies, to deliver food and household essentials to local families. The value of this work was acknowledged by the grant from Public Health to support our wellbeing activities.

During 2020-2021 the treasurer continued to address navigating our way through the challenges of supporting local families through lockdowns, social distancing and the resulting social isolation.

For much of the year, the Charity was faced by the challenge of Covid-19, lockdowns and restrictions ensuring safe gatherings. Fully supported by the Board, the Senior Community Development Worker closed our Community Centre and continued with individual support and contact online, by phone and via social media, (Facebook: "Spring Charity Venture"). At the Charity's request our commissioned story-teller moved her sessions on-line and reached a wider audience. In consultation with the treasurer, support packages were purchased and distributed to identified families, all families were given the contact details for a local food-bank; our community worker supported the distribution of food. The Charity applied for financial donations to support the adaptation to and expansion of our work. We are very fortunate and grateful to receive grants from Goodwill Solutions CIC, Northampton Community Foundation, the National Lottery Covid Emergency Fund, Northampton Business Emergency Fund and Public Health Northamptonshire. In February 2021 the National Lottery invited the charity to reopen an application, (paused April 2020 do the pandemic) to the National Lottery Supporting Community Fund, applying for grant supporting health and wellbeing in Spring Boroughs.

We look forward to the year ahead with some confidence and the realisation that we will be working differently in support of our objectives in the coming year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Position and Reserves

The trustees' current policy is to hold reserves of 25% of the core costs and new community project. The Charity has more than sufficient in reserve to cover this contingency.

Unrestricted reserves held at the year end are £46,042 (2020: £39,910), and total reserves are £54,156 (2020: £39,910).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity changed its name from Spring Lane out of School Club to The Spring Charity in November 2011.

THE SPRING CHARITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Charity is constituted as a registered private company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and Articles of Association. There are no trustee vacancies. The Charity is organised so that the Board of Trustees meets regularly to manage its affairs. The number of meetings has been reduced, but trustees, either in smaller quorum groups or as a whole body meet sometimes virtually, to develop procedures and policies or respond to the needs of the community it serves.

Trustees are recruited and appointed on an individual basis from representatives of the community or from representatives of the services that the charity provides to the community, are vetted by the Board and undergo DBS clearance. The committee is actively involved in the activities of the Charity and held in high esteem.

The Charity vests the overall running of the Spring Charity Venture in the appointed Senior Community Development Worker, supported by the treasurer and Chair.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18th Oct 2021..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Dr M Dickie - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SPRING CHARITY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Spring Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also 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 your charity's accounts as 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

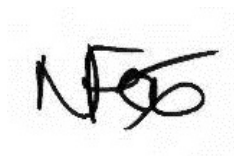
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our independent examination work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Date: 1 November 2021

THE SPRING CHARITY

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	3,185	-	3,185	1,960
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	4	17,500	35,531	53,031	8,058
Investment income	3	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>414</u>
Total		20,729	35,531	56,260	10,432
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Provision of Community facilities	5	14,597	27,417	42,014	35,478
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		6,132	8,114	14,246	(25,046)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		39,910	-	39,910	64,956
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>46,042</u></u>	<u><u>8,114</u></u>	<u><u>54,156</u></u>	<u><u>39,910</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE SPRING CHARITY

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	702	-	702	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	307	-	307	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>71,820</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>79,934</u>	<u>66,453</u>
		72,127	8,114	80,241	66,453
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(26,787)	-	(26,787)	(26,543)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>45,340</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>53,454</u>	<u>39,910</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		46,042	8,114	54,156	39,910
NET ASSETS		<u>46,042</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>54,156</u>	<u>39,910</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				46,042	39,910
Restricted funds				<u>8,114</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>54,156</u>	<u>39,910</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

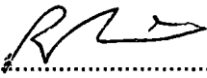
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THE SPRING CHARITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18th Oct 2021..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Dr M Dickie - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentational currency is pounds sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer and office equipment - 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Items under £200 are not capitalized.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The directors are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The directors consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Significant Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	<u>3,185</u>	<u>1,960</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>44</u>	<u>414</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 Provision of Community facilities £	2020 Total activities £
Fees	-	289
Contribution towards Annex	7,500	7,529
Crèche provision	-	240
Grants	<u>45,531</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>53,031</u>	<u>8,058</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Northampton Borough Council - Covid grant	10,000	-
National Lottery Community Funding	9,032	-
National Lottery - COVID funding	8,981	-
Northampton Borough Council - Public Health	7,500	-
Goodwill Solutions	7,486	-
NCF - COVID Emergency Funding	<u>2,532</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>45,531</u>	<u>-</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 6) £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>35,157</u>	<u>6,857</u>	<u>42,014</u>

6. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs	22,568	19,539
Postage and stationery	922	438
Training	1,545	590
Property repairs	92	511
Equipment	2,773	1,578
Travel expenses	-	7
Cleaning	2,390	1,233
Memberships and subscriptions	24	359
Group Work	4,599	1,820
Toys & Equipment	<u>244</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>35,157</u>	<u>26,275</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of Community facilities	<u>3,844</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>6,857</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

	2021 Provision of Community facilities £	2020 Total activities £
Wages	300	564
Premises utilities	2,307	2,535
Telephone	930	696
Advertising	(23)	65
Premises expenses	<u>330</u>	<u>1,596</u>
	<u>3,844</u>	<u>5,456</u>

Finance

	2021 Provision of Community facilities £	2020 Total activities £
Professional fees	-	393
Bank charges	22	26
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>110</u>	<u>419</u>

Governance costs

	2021 Provision of Community facilities £	2020 Total activities £
Independent Examiner fees	2,790	2,909
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>113</u>	<u>419</u>
	<u>2,903</u>	<u>3,328</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner fees	1,716	1,670
Independent examiner fees - payroll bureau	1,074	1,239
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year £309 of expenses (2020: £nil) were reimbursed to one trustee for expenses paid for on behalf of the charity.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	21,682	19,374
Other pension costs	<u>1,186</u>	<u>729</u>
	<u>22,868</u>	<u>20,103</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Annex	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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

Total trustee and key management personnel remuneration for the year was £22,237 (2020: £19,539).

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,960	-	1,960
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	8,058	-	8,058
Investment income	<u>414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>414</u>
Total	10,432	-	10,432
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Provision of Community facilities	35,478	-	35,478

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(25,046)	-	(25,046)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	64,956	-	64,956
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>39,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,910</u>

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer and office equipment £
COST	
Additions	<u>790</u>
DEPRECIATION	
Charge for year	<u>88</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>702</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>307</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Social security and other taxes	279	292
Other creditors	23,950	24,046
Accruals and deferred income	<u>2,558</u>	<u>2,205</u>
	<u>26,787</u>	<u>26,543</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,910	6,132	46,042
Restricted funds			
Health and Wellbeing Project	-	2,500	2,500
Freedom Project	<u>-</u>	<u>5,614</u>	<u>5,614</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,114</u>	<u>8,114</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,910</u>	<u>14,246</u>	<u>54,156</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,729	(14,597)	6,132
Restricted funds			
Stay and play	9,032	(9,032)	-
COVID Emergency funding	2,532	(2,532)	-
Supporting the Community - COVID-19	8,981	(8,981)	-
Health and Wellbeing Project	7,500	(5,000)	2,500
Freedom Project	<u>7,486</u>	<u>(1,872)</u>	<u>5,614</u>
	<u>35,531</u>	<u>(27,417)</u>	<u>8,114</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>56,260</u>	<u>(42,014)</u>	<u>14,246</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	64,956	(25,046)	39,910
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,956</u>	<u>(25,046)</u>	<u>39,910</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,432	(35,478)	(25,046)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,432</u>	<u>(35,478)</u>	<u>(25,046)</u>

Stay and Play - National Lottery funding

To deliver stay and play sessions for families with young children. The project aims to ensure that families are able to reduce anxiety relieve risk of domestic abuse and improve mental health and wellbeing during the current coronavirus pandemic.

NCF - COVID-19 Emergency Fund

To provide care and activity packs for vulnerable families in Spring Boroughs.

National Lottery COVID-19 Supporting the Community Funding

To provide online and phone assistance to local people experiencing issues such as mental ill health. The project aims to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health and Wellbeing Project

NBC - Public Health funding for supporting health and wellbeing within the community.

Freedom Project

Funding received from Goodwill Solutions to run the Freedom Project for 2 years, including £1,000 for an update of the charity website.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Trustees made donations without conditions of £2,135 (2020: £1,960) in total during the year.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

THE SPRING CHARITY

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,185	1,960
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	44	414
Charitable activities		
Fees	-	289
Contribution towards Annex	7,500	7,529
Crèche provision	-	240
Grants	<u>45,531</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>53,031</u>	<u>8,058</u>
Total incoming resources	56,260	10,432
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	21,382	18,810
Pensions	1,186	729
Postage and stationery	922	438
Training	1,545	590
Property repairs	92	511
Equipment	2,773	1,578
Travel expenses	-	7
Cleaning	2,390	1,233
Memberships and subscriptions	24	359
Group Work	4,599	1,820
Toys & Equipment	<u>244</u>	<u>200</u>
	35,157	26,275
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	300	564
Premises utilities	2,307	2,535
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Premises expenses	<u>330</u>	<u>1,596</u>
	3,844	5,456
Finance		
Professional fees	-	393
Bank charges	22	26
Carried forward	22	419

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THE SPRING CHARITY**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Finance		
Brought forward	22	419
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>88</u>	<u>-</u>
	110	419
Governance costs		
Independent Examiner fees	2,790	2,909
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>113</u>	<u>419</u>
	<u>2,903</u>	<u>3,328</u>
Total resources expended	<u>42,014</u>	<u>35,478</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>14,246</u>	<u>(25,046)</u>

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