

Company registration number 06273067

EVERY LINK COUNTS

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 2023

Charity number 1122612

EVERY LINK COUNTS, COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charitable company (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Every Link Counts
Charity registration number	1122612
Company registration number	06273067
Principal Office and Registered Office	Office 26, Maesteg Business Centre Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate Maesteg Bridgend CF34 0BQ

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Miss Adele Gilmour	(Trustee only)		
Mrs Christine Thomas	(Director and Trustee)		
Mr Mark Fairclough	(Trustee only)		
Mr Andrew McLean	(Trustee only)		
Mr Christopher Runnells	(Trustee only)	resigned	
14/01/2023)			
Mr Liam Tomlin	(Trustee only)	resigned	
14/01/2023)			
Miss Lisa Poucher	(Trustee only)		
Mr Richard Poucher	(Trustee only)	appointed	
14/01/2023)			
Mrs Sue Poucher	(Trustee only)	appointed	
14/01/2023)			
Ms Karrieanne Rowe	(Trustee only)	appointed	
14/01/2023)			
Ms Maria Watkins	(Trustee only)	appointed	
14/01/2023)			

Secretary Mr SR Donovan

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees are appointed by the board of trustees and serve for one year after which period they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The trustees meet regularly but there are subgroups, who report to the full board of trustees. The charity is governed by a Constitution adopted 24 June 1993 as amended 12 May 1994 and 4 October 2000.

The charity is run by the trustees and all decisions are made by them.

The charity reviews the risks to which it is exposed regularly and the trustees take steps to ensure that these risks are kept to a minimum.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The core aim of the charity is

- To relieve and assist people with learning difficulties who live in the County of Bridgend. In particular to provide support for such people in their everyday activities with a view to them taking part and being included in all aspects of community life without distinction as to race, age, sex, political, religious or other opinions.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the year to 31 March 2023, Every Link Counts has provided various learning and life skill opportunities. In planning the activities for the year the charity kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The charity secured awards in the previous financial year which enabled young disabled people to take part in leisure activities. These activities have continued through the financial year and into the new financial year on a social basis due to donations received. The charity is now in a position whereby it employs a youth development worker through the profits generated by the social enterprises to lead a project for people with learning disabilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has experienced an increase in incoming resources during the year which is due to monies being gift aided up from its trading arms. The charity has kept a tight rein on its expenditure during the year.

Reserves policy

The directors have established a policy whereby unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity will not fall below £120,000 due to the start-up of a new project and the Covid 19 pandemic crystallising the need for the increased reserve. To this effect the charity has set up a designated fund of £120,000 to be released over the next three years at which point the project should be self funding.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity is looking to consolidate its social enterprises which will assist the charity in moving forward to self sustainability, furthering the charitable cause.

Link up Care has been set up as a trading arm. Link Up Care employs personal assistants to support people with disabilities in the community.

This social enterprise is making profits which are then gift aided to the charity.

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VOLUNTEERS

The committee would like to extend its gratitude and a big thank you to our volunteers for their co-operation.

COVID-19

At the onset of the pandemic in March 2020 the Trustees decided that, following Government Guidelines, all group activities should be suspended. As the main aim of the Charity is to provide social leisure and life skill activities in group formats to adults with learning disabilities it was felt that for the safety of all members and staff we would not re-start activities until it was safe to do so.

This policy is reviewed annually post the pandemic to ensure that this is still applicable.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that year. Under the law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

Quiff Accountancy Limited with continue in office as reporting accountants for the ensuing year.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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Signed by order of the trustees

S Donovan Company Secretary

DATE: 03 July 2023

EVERY LINK COUNTS, COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EVERY LINK COUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

In accordance with our terms of engagement, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, I have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name S Howard on
Behalf of Quiff Accountancy Limited

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

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Date: 04 July 2023

EVERY LINK COUNTS, COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 31.03.2023	Total Funds 31.03.2022
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Income from					
Donations	2	88,102	-	88,102	87,307
Charitable activities	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	3	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		88,102	-	88,102	87,307
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	4	67,661	7	67,668	36,986
Other	6	1,784	-	1,784	480
TOTAL		69,445	7	69,452	37,466
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	7	18,657	(7)	18,650	49,841
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		209,022	22	209,024	159,183
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		227,659	15	227,674	209,024

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

EVERY LINK COUNTS, COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**BALANCE SHEET****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Year ended 31.03.2023	Year ended 31.03.2022
Fixed Assets	10	325	447
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	633	610
Cash at bank		228,080	209,533
		<u>228,713</u>	<u>210,143</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(1,364)</u>	<u>(1,566)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>227,349</u>	<u>208,577</u>
Net Assets		<u>227,674</u>	<u>209,024</u>
Funds			
Restricted Income funds		15	22
Unrestricted income funds	13	107,659	89,002
Unrestricted designated funds		120,000	120,000
Total Funds	14	<u>227,674</u>	<u>209,024</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- preparing the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee on the 03 July 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr Richard Poucher
Trustee

Mrs Christine Thomas
Director/Trustee

Company Registration Number: 06273067

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)1A issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Cash flow statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment	33.33% & 25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	15% reducing balance basis

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. The charity has designated £120,000 to cover the set up and first three years running cost of a new project, these will be utilised over the life of the project.

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.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating 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.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Donations and Charitable activities

	Total unrestricted funds £	Total restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations				
Donations	88,102	-	88,102	87,307
Grants receivable				
Sports Lottery	-	-	-	-
Main Grants	-	-	-	-
People's Health Trust	-	-	-	-
	<u>88,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,102</u>	<u>87,307</u>

3. Investment income

	Total unrestricted funds £	Total restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Main Grants	-	-	-	3,824
Peoples Health	-	-	-	-
Sports Lottery	-	-	-	-
Cornelly Riders	118	-	118	278
Other	55,104	12,446	67,550	32,884
Ticket for Life	-	-	-	-
	<u>55,222</u>	<u>12,446</u>	<u>67,668</u>	<u>36,986</u>

5. Support Cost Allocation

The support costs have been allocated on the following basis:

		Cost £
Printing, postage and stationery	Usage basis	-
Advertising	Usage basis	-
Telephone	Usage basis	-
Rent and rates	Floor area basis	10,941
Room hire	Usage basis	899
Repairs	Usage basis	-
Depreciation	Usage basis	122
Insurance	Usage basis	484
		<u>12,446</u>

6. Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Governance			
Accountancy fees	540	540	480
AGM	-	-	-
Christmas party	1,244	1,244	-
Bank charges	-	-	-
	<u>1,784</u>	<u>1,784</u>	<u>480</u>

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7. Net incoming/outgoing resources

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation –owned assets	122	138
Accountancy fee	540	480

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

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. Taxation

As a registered charity, Every Link Counts is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

9. Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	47,401	23,534
Pensions	970	464
Social security costs	-	-
	<u>48,371</u>	<u>23,998</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, were as follows:

Number of administrative staff	1
Number of Training & Activity staff	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2022-Nil)

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant and Machinery etc Total £
Cost	
At 01 April 2022	20,362
Additions	-
Disposals	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>20,362</u>
Depreciation	
At 01 April 2022	19,915
Charge for year	122
Eliminated on disposal	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>20,037</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	<u>325</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>447</u>

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11. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total unrestricted funds £	Total restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Other debtors	<u>633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>610</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total unrestricted funds £	Total restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Paye and social security	824	-	824	1,086
Other creditors	<u>540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540</u>	<u>480</u>
	<u>1,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,364</u>	<u>1,566</u>

13. Movement in funds

	At 01.04.22 £	Incoming resources £	Expenditure £	At 31.03.23 £
General funds	209,002	88,102	69,445	227,659
Community Voice	22	-	7	15
Sports Lottery	-	-	-	-
Ticket for Life	-	-	-	-
Main Grants	-	-	-	-
Peoples Health	-	-	-	-
	<u>209,024</u>	<u>88,102</u>	<u>69,452</u>	<u>227,674</u>

14. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 31.03.23 £	Year ended 31.03.22 £
Fixed assets	310	15	325	447
Debtors	633	-	633	610
Cash at Bank and in hand	228,080	-	228,080	209,533
Other Net Current liabilities	(1,364)	-	(1,364)	(1,566)
	<u>227,659</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>227,674</u>	<u>209,024</u>

15. Related Party Transactions

The directors of Every Link Counts are also the directors of the trading arm "First Link Trading Limited". A total of £Nil (2022-£517) was received from First Link Trading during the year due to the closure of the company on 04 April 2023. The directors are also the directors of Link up Care. A total of £73,980 (2022-£75,427) was received from Link up Care during the year.

16. Company Limited by Guarantee

The company is a registered charity and as such is limited by guarantee. There is no issued share capital and in the event of winding up the members are limited to £1.00 each.

EVERY LINK COUNTS, COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Income		
Donations	88,102	87,307
Grants	-	-
Youth Project trips	-	-
	<u>88,102</u>	<u>87,307</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest received	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	88,102	87,307
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Costs of generating funds – Charitable activities		
Wages	47,401	23,534
Pension	970	464
Training and workshops	833	563
Transport	2,130	305
Management fees	-	-
General costs	-	45
Subscription	-	-
Trips	124	365
Volunteer expenses	3,764	795
Governance costs		
AGM	-	-
Christmas party	1,244	-
Bank charges	-	-
Accountancy	540	480
	<u>57,006</u>	<u>26,551</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	484	431
Postage and stationery	-	44
Advertising	-	-
Telephone	-	-
Depreciation	122	138
Room hire	899	45
Repairs	-	-
Rent and rates	10,941	10,257
	<u>12,446</u>	<u>10,915</u>
Total resources expended	69,452	37,466
NET SURPLUS	<u>18,650</u>	<u>49,841</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements