

THE KENCH HILL CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1123878

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06558879
Registered	2008-04-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS BY EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL ENDEAVOUR IN THE OUTDOORS AND EDUCATION IN A RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups who do not have access to other facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LONDON
- East Sussex
- Kent
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£352,423	£335,978	-	-
2024-03-31	£334,794	£324,362	-	-
2023-03-31	£302,855	£318,386	-	-
2022-03-31	£249,925	£274,960	-	-
2021-03-31	£147,717	£224,374	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas Corker	Chair	2018-06-28
Adrienne Jung		2023-12-07
Claire Harris		2023-12-07
ELIZABETH COOKE-SZEWCZYK		
Louise Goodison		2020-02-12
Yusuf Gleason		2025-01-01

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1123878 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 06558879

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Annual Report And Unaudited Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Kench Hill Charity

Legal And Administrative Information

Trustees	N Corker	
	E Cooke Szewczyk	
	C Harris	
	P Houston	(Appointed 30 January 2025)
	Y Gleason	
	L Goodison	
	A Jung	
Charity number (England and Wales)	1123878	
Company number	06558879	
Registered office	Kench Hill Centre Appledore Road Tenterden Kent England TN30 7DG	
Independent examiner	Chavereys Limited The Goods Shed Jubilee Way Faversham Kent England ME13 8GD	

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Trustees' Report (Including Directors' Report) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups which do not have access to other facilities.

The key objectives for the financial period under review were:

- Head of Centre to review staffing structure grounds/house teams.
- Centre work schedule to commence with installation of a new boiler.
- Education manager to oversee LOTC accreditation and Centre curriculum.
- Review school pricing structure.
- Fundraise for Kench Hill activity enrichment.
- Continued Centre renovations.
- Garden and grounds operation plan.

Public benefit

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

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The staff team have attended a staff training day in January and also all completed online health and safety at work and manual handling training.

A busy school year for the Kench Hill Charity with schools stays booking into mid December 2024 and returning again from the last week in January 2025 for a full academic year.

- 42 Residential schools (41 2023/4), 6 school day visits, 2 Hackney short breaks and 31 self-catered group stays.
- Centre Diary fully booked for 2025 school term and 2026 filling.

The Centre has passed its LOTC accreditation with outstanding feedback from the assessor, with a focus on the Charities nurturing environment for visiting school children.

An Open Day/dog show was held on the 9th August, 281 visitors, raising £1,800 pounds and local awareness and support for the charity, including 2 additional weekend bookings.

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

House/grounds:

Following the Centre building audit and report a bid and grant from Hackney Council has supported the removal of the old Centre boilers and replacement with 2 new boiler units, saving money and energy use for the charity.

The small teachers' lounge has been renovated and updated to a teachers/adult snug for weekend groups and adult down time.

Kent Community Foundation grant has been used to create a new wildlife garden with a new pond dipping area, bird hide and restored model windmill.

Kitchen:

The new Head Chef Tracy Newman has introduced a new Centre menu where schools can now pick their meals and produce is fresh from the local market.

Additional achievements:

A new fireboard for the main house has been fitted, ensuring a safer and more up to date user friendly system

Recruitment of a part time social media admin and fundraiser support staff member (1-day month and freelance hours).

Partnerships supporting 4 new charities to access outdoor spaces and use Kench Hill as a base for their charitable work with SEND children and adults.

The small dining room in the house has been repainted and decorated with new furnishings.

Public benefit delivered by the charity (statistics)

Residential School Trips April 2024 - March 2025:

- 43 school residential trips (23 of which were Hackney schools) (21 in 2023-24).

- 1166 children (1221 2023/4)

- Average class size of 26 (28 2023/4)

- 154 additional staff

School Day Visits April 2024 - March 2025: 144

Total number of school children visiting: 1,284

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Self catered residential Community/Charity groups using Kench Hill include:

Faith/Spiritual groups

- Ignite church
- Diversity Choir
- Hackney Sea Shanty Choir
- Hackney Small Festival
- Bidwell Woman's swimmers
- Underwood Choir
- Hackney Small Festival

Other charitable/cultural groups

- Edward Carpenter Community
- North London Conservatoire
- Evoke Choir
- Plum village UK mindfulness group
- Mentorwise charity
- Kith & Kids charity
- Brighton Pebbles Charity
- Hoxton Drama
- Shanty Collective
- St John Ambulance training weekend
- Morris Choir
- Our Second Home Charity
- 21 Together Charity

Total number of group accommodation visitors for the year: 1012 (2023-24: 1,056).

Total occupancy rate:

Overall summary (April 1st, 2024 - March 31st, 2025): Total visitors: 2,332

Number of days occupied by users: 280/365, 77% (78% 2023-24)

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Trustees' Report (Including Directors' Report) (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Financial review

This year has seen a busy year for school and weekend/holiday self-catered bookings. It has been a challenging year with additional staffing cost due to long term sickness and long periods of absence that have needed to be covered at an additional cost to the charity.

The 3-year pricing structure and new terms and conditions on deposits the Centre has not hindered bookings and has led to an increased surplus for the year compared to 2024.

Surplus on unrestricted funds for the year was £16,445 (2024: £9,120), with a total unrestricted income of £352,423 (unrestricted 2024: £329,611).

Reserves policy

The free reserves of the charity (excluding fixed assets and long term creditors) are £86,032 (2024: £78,351) which the trustees consider is adequate.

Plans for future periods

- to continue the 3 year phased fee increase for S/C weekend and holiday groups and local schools
- to fill the vacant Assistant Head of Centre position
- To implement a new school visit pricing structure and minimum 3-night booking.
- Continue to link with more Hackney schools through teacher training.
- Review kitchen and domestic team operating procedures and service/food contracts after AB retirement in Feb 26
- Recruit a part time gardener and freelance handyman for the Centre
- Fundraise bid for new Centre minibus.
- To refurb teachers bedrooms on 1st and second floor
- Exterior decoration to main building focusing on window renovation.
- External maintenance of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom.

Structure, governance and management

The company was incorporated on 8 April 2008 and registered as a charity on 24 April 2008.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

N Corker

E Cooke Szewczyk

C Harris

P Houston

(Appointed 30 January 2025)

Y Gleason

L Goodison

A Jung

N Wilson

(Resigned 1 December 2024)

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Trustees' Report (Including Directors' Report) (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

New trustees are invited to meet the other trustees and key employees at the Centre, they are briefed on the organisation, current plans and the financial status of the charity. New trustees are advised of their legal obligations under charity law and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure

The Kench Hill Charity is governed by the board of trustees, which meets termly (3 times a year). It is responsible for the management of the Kench Hill Centre and strategic direction and management of the "activities" of The Kench Hill Charity.

Management of the centre is delegated to the Head of Centre, Barney Clarke. Most staff are employed by The Hackney Learning Trust and the educational services they provide are charged to The Kench Hill Charity. The Head of Centre is responsible for managing the budget agreed by the board of trustees, for implementing curriculum development and management of the premises in accordance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Other matters

Risk management

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

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



N Corker

Trustee

10 July 2025

The Kench Hill Charity

Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of The Kench Hill Charity

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Kench Hill Charity (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

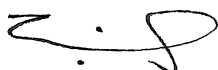
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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10 July 2025

The Kench Hill Charity

Statement Of Financial Activities Including Income And Expenditure Account

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	21,899	55,000	76,899	6,305	5,184	11,489
Charitable activities	3	312,265	-	312,265	285,606	-	285,606
Other trading activities	4	16,300	-	16,300	36,052	-	36,052
Investments	5	1,959	-	1,959	1,648	-	1,648
Total income		352,423	55,000	407,423	329,611	5,184	334,795
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	335,978	10,821	346,799	320,491	3,871	324,362
Total expenditure		335,978	10,821	346,799	320,491	3,871	324,362
Net income and movement in funds		16,445	44,179	60,624	9,120	1,313	10,433
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		144,791	71,028	215,819	135,671	69,715	205,386
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		161,236	115,207	276,443	144,791	71,028	215,819

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

As At 31 March 2025

			2025		2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		244,411		200,468
Current assets					
Debtors	13	32,020		18,893	
Cash at bank and in hand		121,793		134,861	
		153,813		153,754	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(67,781)		(75,403)	
Net current assets			86,032		78,351
Total assets less current liabilities			330,443		278,819
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(54,000)		(63,000)
Net assets			276,443		215,819
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	18		115,207		71,028
Unrestricted funds	19		161,236		144,791
			276,443		215,819

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10 July 2025



N Corker
Trustee

Company registration number 06558879 (England and Wales)

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Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I Accounting policies

Charity information

The Kench Hill Charity is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Kench Hill Centre, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7DG, England.

I.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

I.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

I.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

I.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

I.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and support costs. The charity is not registered for VAT and consequently all expenditure is state gross of irrecoverable VAT incurred.

I.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I Accounting policies

(Continued)

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Tenant's improvements to property	2% - 4% straight line.
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

I.7 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

I.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	21,899	-	21,899	4,789	-	4,789
Grants	-	55,000	55,000	1,516	5,184	6,700
	<u>21,899</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>76,899</u>	<u>6,305</u>	<u>5,184</u>	<u>11,489</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
School journeys and educational breaks	<u>312,265</u>	<u>285,606</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Centre hire and team building events	16,300	35,527
Solar energy	-	525
	<u>16,300</u>	<u>36,052</u>
Other trading activities	<u>16,300</u>	<u>36,052</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>1,959</u>	<u>1,648</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	100,432	75,061
Depreciation	10,157	8,771
Educational services charged by LBH	130,267	126,317
Catering	13,321	13,269
Premises maintenance	22,930	11,747
Equipment maintenance	3,906	4,210
Laundry and cleaning	10,901	11,122
School journey disbursements	14,004	28,623
Motor expenses	3,296	2,340
Heat and light	20,254	18,499
Rates and water	2,303	11,965
Advertising and marketing	1,108	1,013
Insurance	1,680	2,899
Bad debts	-	433
	<u>334,559</u>	<u>316,269</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	12,240	8,093
	<u>346,799</u>	<u>324,362</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	335,978	320,491
Restricted funds	10,821	3,871
	<u>346,799</u>	<u>324,362</u>

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
It, telephone and postage	2,571	2,818
Stationery and office costs	7,298	2,904
Independant examiner's fee	2,358	2,358
Legal fees	13	13
	<u>12,240</u>	<u>8,093</u>
Analysed between:		
Unrestricted funds	<u>12,240</u>	<u>8,093</u>

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8	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,358	2,358
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	10,157	8,771
		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
	12	9
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	99,257	74,333
Other pension costs	1,175	728
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>
	100,432	75,061
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued) For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's improvements to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	258,101	31,525	289,626
Additions	54,000	100	54,100
	<u>312,101</u>	<u>31,625</u>	<u>343,726</u>
At 31 March 2025			
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	66,457	22,701	89,158
Depreciation charged in the year	7,858	2,299	10,157
	<u>74,315</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>99,315</u>
At 31 March 2025			
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	237,786	6,625	244,411
	<u>191,644</u>	<u>8,824</u>	<u>200,468</u>
At 31 March 2024			

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	23,054	15,094
Prepayments and accrued income	8,966	3,799
	<u>32,020</u>	<u>18,893</u>

14 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £	2024 £
Loan	63,000	72,000
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Payable within one year	54,000	63,000
Payable after one year		
	<u>18,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:		
Payable by instalments		

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14 Loans and overdrafts

(Continued)

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Loan	14	9,000	9,000
Other taxation and social security		4,004	1,720
Trade creditors		8,858	12,192
Other creditors		316	67
Accruals and deferred income		45,603	52,424
		<u>67,781</u>	<u>75,403</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Loan	14	54,000	63,000
		<u>54,000</u>	<u>63,000</u>

17 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,175	728
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>728</u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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18 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
LBH - straw bale classroom	42,640	-	(1,040)	41,600
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,101	-	(74)	3,027
Wates - solar panels	17,668	-	(1,123)	16,545
T&DH Soc - mower	400	-	(100)	300
T&DH Soc - garden works	1,568	-	(1,568)	-
KCF - climbing wall	2,535	-	(640)	1,895
KCF - garden works	3,116	-	(3,116)	-
LBH - boiler	-	54,000	(2,160)	51,840
Tesco bag for life - garden works	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>71,028</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>(10,821)</u>	<u>115,207</u>

Previous year:

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
LBH - straw bale classroom	43,680	-	(1,040)	42,640
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,175	-	(74)	3,101
Wates - solar panels	18,791	-	(1,123)	17,668
LBH - short breaks capital grant	894	-	(894)	-
T&DH Soc - mower	-	500	(100)	400
T&DH Soc - garden works	-	1,568	-	1,568
KCF - climbing wall	3,175	-	(640)	2,535
KCF - garden works	-	3,116	-	3,116
	<u>69,715</u>	<u>5,184</u>	<u>(3,871)</u>	<u>71,028</u>

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>144,791</u>	<u>352,423</u>	<u>(335,978)</u>	<u>161,236</u>

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19 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	135,671	329,611	(320,491)	144,791

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	129,204	115,207	244,411
Current assets/(liabilities)	86,032	-	86,032
Long term liabilities	(54,000)	-	(54,000)
	<u>161,236</u>	<u>115,207</u>	<u>276,443</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	134,123	66,345	200,468
Current assets/(liabilities)	73,668	4,683	78,351
Long term liabilities	(63,000)	-	(63,000)
	<u>144,791</u>	<u>71,028</u>	<u>215,819</u>

21 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	2025 £	2024 £
Educational services	130,267	127,519
	<u>130,267</u>	<u>127,519</u>

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21 Related party transactions

(Continued)

The Kench Hill Centre is owned by the London Borough of Hackney. The charity has a licence to occupy the premises. Staffing of the centre is provided by employees of Hackney Education which makes a charge for educational services provided to the charity. Hackney Education is a department within Hackney Council's Children & Young People's Service.

The charity has received an interest free loan of £63,000 (2024: £72,000) from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

The total value of educational services charged for the period from London Borough of Hackney is disclosed above.

THE KENCH HILL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1123878

Accounts

Registered number: 06558879

Charity number: 1123878

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Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

N Corker, Chairperson
N M G Baboneau (resigned 11 July 2024)
S Bain (resigned 4 July 2023)
E Cooke-Szewczyk
C Harris (appointed 28 September 2023)
Y Gleason (appointed 28 September 2023)
L Goodison
B G Hawes (resigned 11 July 2024)
A Jung (appointed 28 September 2023)
N Mulholland (resigned 28 March 2023)
S Race (resigned 15 May 2023)
M Rees (resigned 6 September 2023)
N Wilson (appointed 1 September 2023)

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Reference and administrative details of the company and advisers
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Company registered number

06558879

Charity registered number

1123878

Registered office

Kench Hill Centre, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7DG

Accountants

Chavereys Limited, The Goods Shed, Jubilee Way, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8GD

Bankers

NatWest Bank plc, 58 High Street, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6AX

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Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report (incorporating the directors' report) together with the financial statements of the company for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The company was incorporated on 8 April 2008 and registered as a charity on 24 April 2008.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

New trustees are invited to meet the other trustees and key employees at the Centre, they are briefed on the organisation, current plans and the financial status of the charity. New trustees are advised of their legal obligations under charity law and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Kench Hill Charity is governed by the board of trustees, which meets termly (3 times a year). It is responsible for the management of the Kench Hill Centre and strategic direction and management of the "activities" of The Kench Hill Charity.

Management of the centre is delegated to the Head of Centre, currently Ms Sandi Bain. Most staff are employed by The Hackney Learning Trust and the educational services they provide are charged to The Kench Hill Charity. The Head of Centre is responsible for managing the budget agreed by the board of trustees, for implementing curriculum development and management of the premises in accordance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Risk management

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

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Objectives and strategies for achieving objectives

Policies and objectives

The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups which do not have access to other facilities.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Strategies for achieving objectives

The key objectives for the financial period under review were:

- Head of Centre to pass probation period and settle in role.
- Centre conditions survey and works schedule.
- Review staffing structure and recruit new Education Manager, N&N tutors and Head Chef.
- Implement a 3 year pricing and booking structure.
- Fundraise for Kench Hill Bursary to provide subsidised places for children in need from Hackney.
- Continued Centre renovations.
- Garden and grounds maintenance.

Activities, achievements and performance

Review of activities

It has been a busy year for the Kench Hill Charity with an extra 11 week/split week school residential visit throughout the year, new staff team induction and training and house and grounds maintenance and improvements. The Charity has received outstanding feedback from school and private group bookings and has a full calendar for 2025 and taking school and private booking into 2026. The staff team has undergone a series of staff training days and in house observations.

Achievements

- 41 Residential schools stays, 8 school days visits, 8 holiday club days and 32 self catered group stays.
- Barney Clarke has now taken on the role of acting Head of Centre passing a 6 month acting up probation in Oct 2023.
- Centre Diary booked up for peak season 2025 and 2026 filling.
- An Open Day was held on the 20th April, featuring a Model Railway exhibition, children's activities and farm animals to engage visitors. A hugely successful day with over 250 visitors from Kent and the surrounding area. Raising over £2000 pounds and local awareness and support for the charity.
- The entrance hall to the main house has been redecorated and the childrens front lounge has had a full refurb with beeswax wooden paneling, new sofas and a smart TV for school movie nights and weekend groups. Maintenance continues on the house with staff painting and decorating in downtime.
- Kent Community Foundation grant has paid for a full restock of student and volunteer garden tools and equipment.
- Tesco's Groundwork Funding: Working with local Men in Sheds Charity to build new seating, planters and restore the model windmill.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Additional achievements:

- Centre staff have taken part in a series of onsite training days and have been shadowing and peer observing lessons to improve Centre delivery.
- Barney Clarke conducted a staff training day that included a curriculum workshop lead by Arthur Mynott, service review, fire safety and external training from EduCaveman team.
- Clearance of old games hut and construction of a seating and outdoor games area with traditional playground games.

Public benefit delivered by the charity (statistics)

Residential School Trips April 2023 - March 2024:

- 41 school residential trips (21 of which were Hackney schools) (29 in 2022-23).
- 1,240 children (1221 2022-23)
- Average class size of 28.7
- 151 additional staff

School Day Visits April 2023 - March 2024:

- Home School: 2 day visit
- 8 holiday club
- 8 school visits
- Winter family short break family trip, 3 families.

Total; 366

Total number of school children visiting: 1,606

Self catered residential groups using Kench Hill include:

Faith/Spiritual groups

- Ignite church
- Day-mer youth group

Other charitable/cultural groups

- Edward Carpenter Community
- North London Conservatoire
- Evoke Choir
- Plum village UK mindfulness group
- Mentorwise charity
- Kith & Kids charity
- Brighton Pebbles Charity
- Hoxton Drama
- Shanty Collective
- St John Ambulance training weekend
- Morris Choir

Total number of group accommodation visitors for the year: 1,056 including 3 cancellations with deposits kept (2022-23: 1,303).

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Total occupancy rate

Overall summary (April 1st, 2023 - March 31st, 2024): Total visitors: 2,813
Number of days occupied by users: 285/365, 78% (76% 2022-23)

Financial review

Reserves policy

The free reserves of the charity (excluding fixed assets and long term creditors) are £78,350 (2023: £69,147) which the trustees consider is adequate.

Results for the year

This year has seen a strong return of schools during the year with a mixture of full and split week residential from returning and new schools. With the new 3-year pricing structure and new terms and conditions on deposits the Centre has finished the year with a surplus of £10,432. With a total income of £334,794 (2023: £302,855).

Plans for future periods

- 3 year phased fee increase for S/C weekend and holiday groups and local schoolsLink with more Hackney schools through teacher training.
- Review kitchen and domestic team operating procedures and service/food contracts.
- Recruit a part time apprentice maintenance officer.
- Recruit fundraising volunteer for large Charity bids.
- Fundarise bid for new Centre minibus.
- Diversify use of Centre during down time for local day event hire such as yoga retreats and family events.
- Exterior decoration to main building focusing on window renovation.
- External maintenance of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom.

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

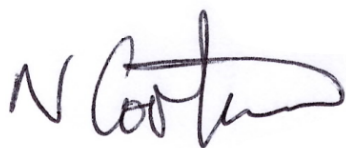
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the trustees on 11 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



N Corker
Chairperson

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Independent examiner's report
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Kench Hill Charity

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

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can 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.



Signed:

Dated: 11 July 2024

Karen Blackiston FCA TEP

Chavereys Limited
Chartered Accountants
Faversham

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Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	5,184	6,305	11,489	13,942
Charitable activities	3	-	285,606	285,606	270,370
Other trading activities	4	-	36,051	36,051	17,933
Investments		-	1,648	1,648	610
Total income		5,184	329,610	334,794	302,855
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	3,871	320,491	324,362	318,386
Total expenditure		3,871	320,491	324,362	318,386
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		1,313	9,119	10,432	<i>(15,531)</i>
Net movement in funds		1,313	9,119	10,432	<i>(15,531)</i>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		69,715	135,671	205,386	220,917
Total funds carried forward		71,028	144,790	215,818	205,386

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

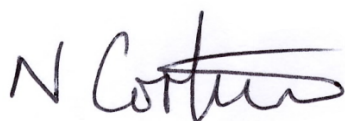
	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		200,468		208,239
Current assets					
Debtors	11	18,893		25,762	
Cash at bank and in hand		134,861		121,388	
		153,754		147,150	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(75,404)		(78,003)	
Net current assets			78,350		69,147
Total assets less current liabilities			278,818		277,386
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(63,000)		(72,000)
Net assets			215,818		205,386
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		71,028		69,715
Unrestricted funds	14		144,790		135,671
Total funds			215,818		205,386

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

The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 11 July 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:

 ,

N Corker (Chairperson)

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The Kench Hill Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The presentation currency is pounds sterling (£) and the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund accounting

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

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

1.4 Income

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

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

The charity is not, and is not required to be, registered for Value Added Tax (VAT), consequently all expenditure is stated gross of any irrecoverable VAT incurred.

1.6 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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I. Accounting policies (continued)

I.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities incorporating the income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Tenant's improvements to property	-	2-4% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

I.8 Pensions

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

I.9 Financial instruments

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

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Notes to the financial statements
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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	<i>Total funds</i>
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	4,789	4,789	4,171
Grants	5,184	1,516	6,700	9,771
Total donations and legacies	5,184	6,305	11,489	13,942
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>9,771</i>	<i>4,171</i>	<i>13,942</i>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
School journeys and educational breaks	285,606	270,370

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other trading activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Centre hire and team building events	35,527	16,907
Solar energy	525	1,026
	36,051	17,933

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly	Support and governance costs	Total	<i>Total</i>
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Educational field trips	316,269	8,093	324,362	318,386
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>311,091</i>	<i>7,295</i>	<i>318,386</i>	

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6. Direct costs

	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Educational services charged by LBH	126,317	<i>144,150</i>
Catering	13,269	<i>10,757</i>
Premises maintenance	11,747	<i>23,033</i>
Equipment maintenance	4,210	<i>2,154</i>
Laundry and cleaning	11,122	<i>5,529</i>
School journey disbursements	28,623	<i>30,998</i>
Motor expenses	2,340	<i>3,486</i>
Heat and light	18,499	<i>15,480</i>
Rates and water	11,965	<i>7,407</i>
Advertising and marketing	1,013	<i>1,400</i>
Insurance	2,899	<i>2,045</i>
Bad debts	433	<i>-</i>
Wages and salaries	74,333	<i>57,175</i>
Pension cost	728	<i>546</i>
Depreciation	8,771	<i>6,930</i>
	316,269	<i>311,090</i>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>311,091</i>	

£3,871 (2023: £16,472) of direct costs related to restricted funds and the balance related to unrestricted funds.

7. Support and governance costs

IT, telephone and postage	2,818	<i>2,510</i>
Stationery and office costs	2,612	<i>2,000</i>
Independant examiner's fee (governance cost)	2,650	<i>2,772</i>
Legal fees	13	<i>13</i>
	8,093	<i>7,295</i>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>7,295</i>	

All support and governance costs in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

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8. Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	8,771	6,930

During the period, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses.

9. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	74,333	57,175
Pension costs	728	546
	75,061	57,721

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

2024	2023
No.	No.
9	10

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

Most of the staff at the Kench Hill Centre are employees of the London Borough of Hackney which makes a charge to the charity for the educational services provided .

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's improvements to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	258,101	30,526	288,627
Additions	-	1,000	1,000
At 31 March 2024	258,101	31,526	289,627
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	60,759	19,629	80,388
Charge for the year	5,698	3,073	8,771
At 31 March 2024	66,457	22,702	89,159
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	191,644	8,824	200,468
At 31 March 2023	197,342	10,897	208,239

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	15,094	23,856
Other debtors	-	6
Prepayments and accrued income	3,799	1,900
	18,893	25,762

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan	9,000	9,000
Trade creditors	12,192	52,143
Other taxation and social security	1,720	662
Other creditors	67	-
Accruals and deferred income	52,425	16,198
	75,404	78,003

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Loan	63,000	72,000

Other loans above include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Repayable by instalments	27,000	36,000

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	135,671	329,610	(320,491)	144,790
Restricted funds				
	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	43,680	-	(1,040)	42,640
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,175	-	(74)	3,101
Wates - solar panels	18,791	-	(1,123)	17,668
LBH - short breaks capital grant	894	-	(894)	-
T&DH Soc - mower	-	500	(100)	400
T&DH Soc - garden works	-	1,568	-	1,568
KCF - climbing wall	3,175	-	(640)	2,535
KCF - garden works	-	3,116	-	3,116
	69,715	5,184	(3,871)	71,028
Total of funds	205,386	334,794	(324,362)	215,818

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
General Fund	144,501	293,084	(301,914)	135,671
Restricted funds				
	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	44,720	-	(1,040)	43,680
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,249	-	(74)	3,175
Wates - solar panels	19,966	-	(1,175)	18,791
LBH - short breaks capital grant	1,788	-	(894)	894
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	6,693	-	(6,693)	-
T&DH Soc - Kitchen garden redevelopment	-	1,987	(1,987)	-
Chip in for Chips - veterinary fees for pony	-	40	(40)	-
KCF - climbing wall	-	5,000	(1,825)	3,175
EDESCO Ltd - holiday club	-	2,744	(2,744)	-
	<u>76,416</u>	<u>9,771</u>	<u>(16,472)</u>	<u>69,715</u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - current year

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	135,671	329,610	(320,491)	144,790
Restricted funds	69,715	5,184	(3,871)	71,028
	205,386	334,794	(324,362)	215,818

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
General funds	144,501	293,084	(301,914)	135,671
Restricted funds	76,416	9,771	(16,472)	69,715
	220,917	302,855	(318,386)	205,386

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2024	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	66,345	134,123	200,468
Current assets	4,683	149,071	153,754
Creditors due within one year	-	(75,404)	(75,404)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(63,000)	(63,000)
	71,028	144,790	215,818

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	69,715	138,524	208,239
Current assets	-	147,150	147,150
Creditors due within one year	-	(78,003)	(78,003)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(72,000)	(72,000)
	<u>69,715</u>	<u>135,671</u>	<u>205,386</u>

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £143 (2023 - £546). Contributions totalling £nil (2023 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

17. Related party transactions

The Kench Hill Centre is owned by the London Borough of Hackney. The charity has a licence to occupy the premises. Staffing of the centre is provided by employees of Hackney Education which makes a charge for educational services provided to the charity. Hackney Education is a department within Hackney Council's Children & Young People's Service.

The charity has received an interest free loan of £72,000 (2023: £81,000) from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

The total value of educational services charged for the period from London Borough of Hackney was as follows:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Educational services	<u>127,519</u>	<u>144,150</u>

THE KENCH HILL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1123878

Accounts

Registered number: 06558879

Charity number: 1123878

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Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

N Corker, Chairperson

N M G Baboneau

S Bain

E Cooke-Szewczyk

L Goodison

B G Hawes

N Mulholland (resigned 28 March 2023)

S Race

M Rees

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Reference and administrative details of the company and advisers
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Company registered number

06558879

Charity registered number

1123878

Registered office

Kench Hill Centre, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7DG

Accountants

Chavereys, 2 Jubilee Way, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8GD

Bankers

NatWest Bank plc, 58 High Street, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6AX

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Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their annual report (incorporating the directors' report) together with the financial statements of the company for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The company was incorporated on 8 April 2008 and registered as a charity on 24 April 2008.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

New trustees are invited to meet the other trustees and key employees at the Centre, they are briefed on the organisation, current plans and the financial status of the charity. New trustees are advised of their legal obligations under charity law and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Kench Hill Charity is governed by the board of trustees, which meets termly (3 times a year). It is responsible for the management of the Kench Hill Centre and strategic direction and management of the "activities" of The Kench Hill Charity.

Management of the centre is delegated to the Head of Centre, currently Ms Sandi Bain. Most staff are employed by The Hackney Learning Trust and the educational services they provide are charged to The Kench Hill Charity. The Head of Centre is responsible for managing the budget agreed by the board of trustees, for implementing curriculum development and management of the premises in accordance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Risk management

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

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Objectives and strategies for achieving objectives

Policies and objectives

The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups which do not have access to other facilities.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Strategies for achieving objectives

The key objectives for the financial period under review were:

- Manage succession and staffing structure prior to retirement of current Head of Centre.
- Increase the level of financial reserves post-pandemic with phased fee increase.
- Continue to strengthen winter school bookings.
- Fundraise for Kench Hill Bursary to provide subsidised places for children in need from Hackney.
- Centre renovations and garden and grounds maintenance.
- Raise funds and install a climbing wall in memory of trustee, John Larter OBE.
- Review the use of a donated bell tent as additional accommodation or workshop space.

Activities, achievements and performance

Review of activities

This year has marked a strong recovery from the pandemic for the Charity. The year has focused on rebuilding visitor levels and the training and handover from the retiring Head of Centre, Sandi Bain. Barney Clarke transitioned to full-time hours in November, while Sandi Bain reduced her hours to focus on handing over responsibilities and management tasks. Barney was interviewed and officially appointed as the Acting Head of Centre in February 2023, with a one-year contract.

Throughout the year the connections established with local schools during the pandemic have continued to strengthen, generating income from day visits and short residencies during off-peak periods. While private and weekend groups are also returning, their recovery is slowly returning to pre-Covid figures. Projected income has been affected by several late cancellations, and the bookings have been adversely impacted by additional Bank Holidays. During the downtime the charity staff have worked hard to repair and decorate the property inside and out. The sector has experienced changes in booking habits due to the impact of Covid and the teaching team have added new activities and been focusing on training and staff wellbeing.

Achievements

- Barney Clarke has now taken on the role of acting Head of Centre after a phased handover with Sandi Bain throughout the year.
- The Centre has continued to receive outstanding feedback from all visiting schools which has led onto 21/29 schools pre booking into 2024/5. The Centre had new winter bookings from St Stephens school in January 23 and has recently taken enquiries for Jan/Feb bookings from Grazebrook Primary, Shacklewell Primary, Thomas Fairchild Community School, Woodberry Down Community Primary School which will hopefully book in for Winter 23/4.
- An Open Day was held on April 1st, featuring a Model Railway exhibition to engage visitors. A hugely successful day with over 250 visitors from Kent and the surrounding area. Raising over £1400 pounds and local awareness.

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for the charity. The Kench Hill bursary is currently not available but has been replaced by the Hyundai Great British School trip funding scheme with full support from KH.

- We now have a team of 4 garden volunteers who have been busy weeding, clearing and planting, the gardens and allotments are in full bloom and looking beautiful. Working in partnership with Little Gate Farm the kitchen garden was refurbished over two supported working days with their adult trainee team. Maintenance continues on the house with staff painting and decorating in downtime.
- In Feb 2023 a new climbing wall and assault course was installed on the site of the old compost heap. It was fully funded by the Kent Community Foundation. It has had very positive feedback from visiting groups and is a one of the highlights on school feedback forms.
- The donated bell tent has been used for school workshops and hired out by weekend self catered groups throughout the summer season.

Additional achievements:

- Centre staff have taken part in a series of onsite training days and have been shadowing and peer observing lessons to improve Centre delivery.
- The Centre has successfully passed its Learning Outside the Classroom quality badge assessment, with very positive feedback about the staff's commitment, experience, and the Center's varied learning opportunities. The Centre's accreditation was renewed on January 24th after a thorough check of risk assessments, policies, maintenance and safety logs, and staff qualifications and training.
- Barney Clarke conducted a staff training day that included a mental health and wellbeing workshop, followed by KCC safeguard training led by the KCC Safeguard lead.
- £5,000 Nectar points were won in a Brakes Ltd prize draw, this has been used to pay for kitchen stock and food orders for the year, greatly reducing the food costs.

Public benefit delivered by the charity (statistics)

Residential School Trips April 2022 - March 2023:

- 29 school residential trips (19 of which were Hackney schools)
- 21 have rebooked for 2024/5 and 6 pending
- 1,221 children (1066 2021-22)
- Average class size of 28.4
- 73 additional staff

School Day Visits April 2022 - March 2023:

- Home School: 8 day visits
- 1:1 Alternative provision pupils: 11 half days
- Tenterden Juniors & Infants
- Homewood 1:1 Support visit alternative provision 13 days
- Woodchurch
- High Halden
- St Michaels all classes
- Benthall School Day large day visit

Total:

- 51 day/half day visits
- 561 children

Holiday clubs

18 days of inclusive holiday club provision was created for local children aged 5-14 years, including SEND pupils. 30+ children received day care and took part in activities during school holidays, at affordable rates. The Charity received grants from the DfE Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme via The Education People (Kent) to fully subsidise 20+ children in receipt of free school meals for the Easter, Summer and Christmas sessions.

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- Easter Holiday Club: 30 children, 4 days (10 HAF-funded places)
- May Holiday Club: 30 children, 3 days
- Summer Holiday Club (20 HAF): 38 children, 5 days
- October Holiday Club: 28 children, 4 days
- December Holiday Club: 30 children, 2 days

Short Breaks for families of children with special needs

- February short break: 4 families
- Easter short break: 4 families
- Summer short break: 6 families

Self catered residential groups using Kench Hill include:

Faith/Spiritual groups

- ACE Orthodox youth Gur College
- Muslim Youth Network x 2 visits
- Belz87 Orthodox boys

Other charitable/cultural groups

- Edward Carpenter Community
- North London Conservatoire
- Evoke Choir
- Morrison group
- Wake Up London Retreat
- Shanty Collective
- St John Ambulance training weekend
- Morris Choir

Total number of group accommodation visitors for the year: 1,303

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Total occupancy rate

Overall Summary (April 1st, 2022 - March 31st, 2023):

Total Visitors: 385 (3040 201-22)

Number of days occupied by users: 278/365, 76% (75% 2021-22)

Financial review

Reserves policy

The charity had free reserves of £78,147 (excluding tangible fixed assets and long term loans). Hackney Education has made an interest-free loan of £90,000 from May 2021 to provide the charity with liquid funds to enable the charity to continue to operate following the losses incurred through the Covid pandemic. The charity is working to achieve surpluses in the upcoming years in order to rebuild its reserves and to be able to repay the loan over 10 years.

Results for the year

This year has seen a steady return of schools during the year with a mixture of full and split week residentials from returning and new schools. This has been reflected in the £50,000 increased revenue from school and charitable groups. However, despite this extra business the Charity has recorded a small overall deficit of total income for the year. This is due to a large number of weekend and holiday groups' late cancellation and additional staffing costs required during the Head of Centre hand over. However, the Charity is now seeing an increase in Hackney and local school bookings and has introduced a new 3-year pricing structure and new deposit and terms & conditions policy for self catered bookings and non- Hackney school groups from April 2023 onwards

The charity incurred a deficit for the year of £8,830 on unrestricted funds and £6,701 on restricted funds.

As at 31 March 2023 the charity had total restricted and unrestricted funds of £205,386 (2022: £220,917).

Plans for future periods

- 3 year phased fee increase for S/C weekend and holiday groups and local schoolsLink with more Hackney schools through teacher training
- Review kitchen and domestic team operating procedures and service/food contracts
- Invest in trained primary/SEND teachers for tutor team to replace previous Education Manager role and responsibilities
- Clear old games hut and create a new picnic/bbq area with raised beds
- Recruit fundraising volunteer for large Charity bids
- Fundraise bid for new Centre minibus
- Diversify use of Centre during down time for local day event hire such as yoga retreats and family events
- Resolve flooding in cellar, land drains to be dug across KH upper garden
- Exterior decoration to main building focusing on window renovation
- Finish restoration of wooden panelling in lounge over Christmas break
- External maintenance of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom

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Trustees' report (continued)
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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the trustees on 4 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



N Corker
Chairperson

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Independent examiner's report
for the year ended 31 March 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Kench Hill Charity

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

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can 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.



Signed:

Dated: 4 July 2023

Karen Blackiston FCA TEP

Chavereys
Chartered Accountants
Faversham

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**Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	9,771	4,171	13,942	21,562
Charitable activities	3	-	270,370	270,370	217,265
Other trading activities	4	-	17,933	17,933	11,081
Investments		-	610	610	17
Total income		9,771	293,084	302,855	249,925
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	16,472	301,914	318,386	274,960
Total expenditure		16,472	301,914	318,386	274,960
Net deficit before other recognised gains and losses		(6,701)	(8,830)	(15,531)	(25,035)
Net movement in funds		(6,701)	(8,830)	(15,531)	(25,035)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		76,416	144,501	220,917	245,952
Total funds carried forward		69,715	135,671	205,386	220,917

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

The Kench Hill Charity
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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		208,239		207,689
Current assets					
Debtors	11	25,762		9,932	
Cash at bank and in hand		121,388		135,489	
		<u>147,150</u>		<u>145,421</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(78,003)</u>		<u>(52,193)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>69,147</u>		<u>93,228</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>277,386</u>		<u>300,917</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		<u>(72,000)</u>		<u>(80,000)</u>
Net assets			<u>205,386</u>		<u>220,917</u>
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		69,715		76,416
Unrestricted funds	14		135,671		144,501
Total funds			<u>205,386</u>		<u>220,917</u>

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

The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 4 July 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:



N Corker (Chairperson)

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The Kench Hill Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The presentation currency is pounds sterling (£) and the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund accounting

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

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

1.4 Income

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

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

The charity is not, and is not required to be, registered for Value Added Tax (VAT), consequently all expenditure is stated gross of any irrecoverable VAT incurred.

1.6 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities incorporating the income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Tenant's improvements to property	-	2-4% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

1.8 Pensions

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	-	4,171	4,171	4,421
Grants	9,771	-	9,771	17,141
Total donations and legacies	9,771	4,171	13,942	21,562
Total 2022	13,783	7,779	21,562	

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023 £	2022 £
School journeys and educational breaks	270,370	217,265

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other trading activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Centre hire and team building events	16,907	10,325
Solar energy	1,026	756
	17,933	11,081

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support and governance costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Educational field trips	311,091	7,295	318,386	274,960
Total 2022	268,216	6,744	274,960	

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6. Direct costs

	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Educational services charged by LBH	144,150	<i>134,870</i>
Catering	10,757	<i>10,206</i>
Premises maintenance	23,033	<i>8,572</i>
Equipment maintenance	2,155	<i>2,154</i>
Laundry and cleaning	5,529	<i>4,395</i>
School journey disbursements	30,998	<i>25,896</i>
Motor expenses	3,486	<i>2,729</i>
Heat and light	15,480	<i>9,713</i>
Rates and water	7,407	<i>4,867</i>
Advertising and marketing	1,400	<i>2,113</i>
Insurance	2,045	<i>2,118</i>
Bad debt	-	<i>1,628</i>
Wages and salaries	57,175	<i>48,789</i>
National Insurance	-	<i>1,272</i>
Pension cost	546	<i>517</i>
Depreciation	6,930	<i>8,377</i>
	311,091	<i>268,216</i>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>268,216</i>	

£16,472 (2022: £23,348) of direct costs related to restricted funds and the balance related to unrestricted funds.

7. Support and governance costs

IT, telephone and postage	2,510	<i>2,541</i>
Stationery and office costs	2,000	<i>1,470</i>
Bookkeeping and accounts software	432	<i>382</i>
Independant examiner's fee (governance cost)	2,340	<i>2,340</i>
Legal fees	13	<i>11</i>
	7,295	<i>6,744</i>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<i>6,744</i>	

All support and governance costs in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

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8. Net Income

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	6,930	8,381

During the period, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses.

9. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	57,175	48,789
Social security costs	-	1,272
Pension costs	546	517
	<u>57,721</u>	<u>50,578</u>

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
	10	8

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

Most of the staff at the Kench Hill Centre are employees of the London Borough of Hackney which makes a charge to the charity for the educational services provided .

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's improvements to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	258,101	23,046	281,147
Additions	-	7,480	7,480
At 31 March 2023	258,101	30,526	288,627
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	55,052	18,406	73,458
Charge for the year	5,707	1,223	6,930
At 31 March 2023	60,759	19,629	80,388
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	197,342	10,897	208,239
At 31 March 2022	203,049	4,640	207,689

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	23,856	9,075
Other debtors	6	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,900	857
	25,762	9,932

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other loans	9,000	10,000
Trade creditors	52,143	27,667
Other taxation and social security	662	548
Other creditors	-	106
Accruals and deferred income	16,198	13,872
	78,003	52,193

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	72,000	80,000

Other loans above include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Repayable by instalments	36,000	40,000

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	144,501	293,084	(301,914)	135,671
Restricted funds				
	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	44,720	-	(1,040)	43,680
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,249	-	(74)	3,175
Wates - solar panels	19,966	-	(1,175)	18,791
LBH - short breaks capital grant	1,788	-	(894)	894
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	6,693	-	(6,693)	-
T&DH Soc - Kitchen garden redevelopment	-	1,987	(1,987)	-
Chip in for Chips - veterinary fees for pony	-	40	(40)	-
KCF - climbing wall	-	5,000	(1,825)	3,175
EDESCO Ltd - holiday club	-	2,744	(2,744)	-
	76,416	9,771	(16,472)	69,715
Total of funds	220,917	302,855	(318,386)	205,386

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General Fund	159,771	236,342	(251,612)	144,501
Restricted funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	45,760	-	(1,040)	44,720
Friends of Kench Hill - student bursaries	2,275	-	(2,275)	-
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,323	-	(74)	3,249
Wates - solar panels	21,141	-	(1,175)	19,966
LBH - short breaks capital grant	2,682	-	(894)	1,788
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	10,000	-	(3,307)	6,693
Student bursary fund	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Tenterden Town Council - Kitchen garden redevelopment	-	500	(500)	-
Chip in for Chips - veterinary fees for pony	-	409	(409)	-
Ashford Borough Council - covid related support grant	-	3,358	(3,358)	-
HMRC - staff furlough	-	2,580	(2,580)	-
Kent Community Foundation - local visits	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
EDESCO Ltd - holiday clubs	-	3,736	(3,736)	-
Goundwork Tesco Bags for Help - day visits	-	500	(500)	-
	<u>86,181</u>	<u>13,583</u>	<u>(23,348)</u>	<u>76,416</u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - current year

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	144,501	293,084	(301,914)	135,671
Restricted funds	76,416	9,771	(16,472)	69,715
	<u>220,917</u>	<u>302,855</u>	<u>(318,386)</u>	<u>205,386</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	159,771	236,342	(251,612)	144,501
Restricted funds	86,181	13,583	(23,348)	76,416
	<u>245,952</u>	<u>249,925</u>	<u>(274,960)</u>	<u>220,917</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	69,715	138,524	208,239
Current assets	-	147,150	147,150
Creditors due within one year	-	(78,003)	(78,003)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(72,000)	(72,000)
	<u>69,715</u>	<u>135,671</u>	<u>205,386</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	69,723	137,968	207,691
Current assets	6,693	138,729	145,422
Creditors due within one year	-	(52,196)	(52,196)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(80,000)	(80,000)
	<u>76,416</u>	<u>144,501</u>	<u>220,917</u>

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £546 (2022 - £517). Contributions totalling £nil (2022 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

17. Related party transactions

The Kench Hill Centre is owned by the London Borough of Hackney. The charity has a licence to occupy the premises. Staffing of the centre is provided by employees of Hackney Education which makes a charge for educational services provided to the charity. Hackney Education is a department within Hackney Council's Children & Young People's Service.

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £9,000 per annum.

The total value of educational services charged for the period from London Borough of Hackney was as follows:-

	2023 £	2022 £
Educational services	<u>144,150</u>	<u>134,870</u>

THE KENCH HILL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1123878

Accounts

Registered number: 06558879

Charity number: 1123878

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Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

N Corker, Chairperson
N M G Baboneau
S Bain
E Cooke-Szewczyk
L Goodison
B G Hawes
N Mulholland
S Race (appointed 22 July 2021)
M Rees

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Reference and administrative details of the company and advisers
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Company registered number

06558879

Charity registered number

1123878

Registered office

Kench Hill Centre, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7DG

Accountants

Chavereys, 2 Jubilee Way, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8GD

Bankers

NatWest Bank plc, 58 High Street, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6AX

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Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their annual report (incorporating the directors' report) together with the financial statements of the company for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The company was incorporated on 8 April 2008 and registered as a charity on 24 April 2008.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

New trustees are invited to meet the other trustees and key employees at the Centre, they are briefed on the organisation, current plans and the financial status of the charity. New trustees are advised of their legal obligations under charity law and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Kench Hill Charity is governed by the board of trustees, which meets termly (3 times a year). It is responsible for the management of the Kench Hill Centre and strategic direction and management of the "activities" of The Kench Hill Charity.

Management of the centre is delegated to the Head of Centre, currently Ms Sandi Bain. Most staff are employed by The Hackney Learning Trust and the educational services they provide are charged to The Kench Hill Charity. The Head of Centre is responsible for managing the budget agreed by the board of trustees, for implementing curriculum development and management of the premises in accordance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Risk management

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

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Objectives and strategies for achieving objectives

Policies and objectives

The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups which do not have access to other facilities.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Strategies for achieving objectives

In light of uncertainty at the time of preparing the previous annual review it was difficult to set objectives. However, we did plan the following:

- Manage a phased return to normal operations post-Covid
- Further maintenance and property improvements. Phased painting of all external woodwork and ironwork on main building. Restoration of original Georgian panelling in main lounge. External painting of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom
- Restoration of the Coach House pond to benefit wildlife, in conjunction with Natural England River Stour Great Crested Newt recovery grant
- Increase uptake by local schools using the Little Cheyne Wind Farm grant
- OFSTED registration as a childcare facility
- Fund-raising activities
- Further improvements to website

Activities, achievements and performance

Review of activities

The charity began its post-pandemic recovery in mid-May 2021, with a rapid return of residential education visits from London schools. As non-residential activities had continued throughout, staff retained and the property maintained in good condition, the Centre was able to commence usual operations as soon as Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. However, weekend groups continued to be adversely affected by the pandemic, which had an impact on income levels. Pre-pandemic bookings, deposits and rates were honoured to existing customers and zero financial penalties applied due to Covid-related cancellations. Storm Eunice caused some damage and a lengthy power cut but did not affect operations unduly. Staff worked innovatively and flexibly to cover staff absences due to Covid or statutory leave and we are thankful that no member of staff has suffered long-term illness as a result of the virus.

Achievements

- The charity was in a strong position to restart normal business operations when the government lifted restrictions in May 2021. The announcement was sudden and unexpected, so required considerable rescheduling of planned activities to accommodate visitors. The charity continued to develop its projects with local schools on day visits eg 1:1 SEND support, Forest School and Home Education groups. Kench Hill Centre had an advantage as a single group site, so users could visit with confidence, maintaining their 'bubbles' of contact. The Centre was fortunate in that no outbreaks of illness occurred at the location.

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- The original wooden panelling in half of the main lounge was restored by removing layers of paint with a lead-safe system. Coach House masonry and guttering was repaired and painted. Other planned maintenance work was put on hold as the building suddenly became occupied with residential visitors again from May 2021. The onset of serious flooding in the cellar in June 2021, coincident with forestry operations on the adjacent plantation, hampered further property improvements, as this became an ongoing priority.
- Restoration work valued at over £7,000 was carried out by Natural England's Stour Catchment Area Great Crested Newt recovery project. Four meters of silt was dredged from the Coach House pond which had dried out completely in the previous year. This is the original brick pond for the site, of historical interest. The silt was deposited on the adjacent Sternberg Farm field with their kind permission. The pond gradually filled with rainwater over winter and is now deemed to be 'Moderate' quality by Natural England surveyors and is expected to be 'Good' in future. It will be out of bounds to visitors until the surrounding paths and platforms are restored in 2023.
- 180 pupils from three Romney Marsh schools (Lydd, Brenzett and St Nicholas, New Romney, Kent) attended day or overnight visits in Autumn 2021, funded by a £2 500 grant awarded by Little Cheyne Wind Farm through the Kent Community Foundation which we had been granted on their behalf. Positive feedback was received from all users and repeat visits have been booked by at least one school for the next academic year.
- A successful inspection by OFSTED in January 2022 resulted in Kench Hill Charity's Childcare registration for provision of day care for children over 5 years. This will enable the Centre to offer more holiday activities to local children and allow parents to pay using Childcare Vouchers, ensuring inclusion to all.
- An impromptu Open House and Art Exhibition in May and a free openair theatre performance by Rye Players in August, attracted over 50 local guests and donations.
- Continued development of the website and use of social media increased our online presence gradually and attracted more supporters.
- In addition, funding was secured and redevelopment of the Kitchen Garden took place, replacing the raised beds with accessible planters and a new camp fire area for visiting groups to enjoy. The project was delivered in partnership with Little Gate Charity.

Public benefit delivered by the charity (statistics)

School educational groups

Residential visits

The government announcement that Covid-19 restrictions were being lifted to enable school residentials came during Easter 2021, leaving very short notice for normal operations to resume in mid-May. Fortunately, the charity was able to restart business promptly, as staff had been retained and premises maintained throughout the pandemic.

34 residential education trips took place from mid-May 2021 to March 2022, although this required considerable reorganisation and late changes to cope with the sudden demand. The business was also subject to cancellations and reduced visitor numbers, due to Covid outbreaks and parental concerns. A few schools opted for shorter visits instead of their usual 4- night stay. The charity did not impose any financial penalties for cancellations or for reduced attendance. 1066 pupils attended a residential visit, a 15%+ increase on pre-pandemic levels.

Day visits

The charity provided half- or full-day outdoor education activities over 65 days to 12 schools and Home Educator groups, mostly from the local area in Kent County Council. This included 1:1 Alternative provision for SEND pupils that were unable to access the curriculum in their own schools. Fees were charged at an affordable rate.

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The charity was awarded grants to support local schools eg Tesco Bags for Help £500 grant (via Groundwork) funded day visits by St Michael's CE Primary School (Tenterden). Current staffing structure and facilities enables multiple occupation by different users concurrently, increasing potential income.

An Open Day was quickly arranged in May 2021 with the lifting of Covid restrictions, attended by 50 local visitors, including several 'Kench Hill Babies' who were born in the former maternity hospital.

Holiday clubs

23 days of inclusive holiday club provision was created for local children aged 5-14 years, including SEND pupils. 30+ children received day care and took part in activities during school holidays, at affordable rates. The charity received grants from the DfE Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme via The Education People (Kent) to fully subsidise 10+ children in receipt of free school meals for each session.

Kench Hill Bursary (School Journey Grant)

£6,582 of the Key Bursary fund was awarded to 159 pupils from eleven Hackney primary schools which organised 15 residential school trips throughout the year. The average value of the bursary was £41.40 per pupil.

Short Breaks for families of children with special needs

54 subsidised places were provided during four Short Break 2-night stays through the year. These catered, fully-supported activity holidays are approved and funded through Hackney Council's Short Breaks team and were particularly valued by families from inner London during the pandemic.

Other residential groups using Kench Hill included:

Faith/spiritual groups

Hasan Ozcan weekend school
Orthodox Jewish youth groups (ACE Gur/Chaim Shel Torah)
Starlight Community Advent weekend
Wake Up London Mindfulness New Year Retreat

Other charitable/cultural groups

Happy Wellfullness Retreat
Evoke Choir
Brighton Pebbles SEND Families
Round Chapel Families Project
Imperial College Post-Grads
Hoxton Drama Group
London Morris Choir
Shanty Collective Choir

Day visitors

Tenterden Rural Alliance schools
Holiday clubs for local children aged 4-15
Alternative provision for SEND pupils from local Kent County Council schools.
Home Educator groups
Little Gate Charity work days
Open Day for local visitors

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Occupancy rate 75%

Kench Hill Centre was occupied by day or residential groups for 274 days during the year. This is approaching pre-pandemic levels (of 85%), despite April-May still being under lockdown restrictions.

Visitor numbers

- 3040 unique visitors
- Approximately 100 children visited on regular repeated occasions, for curriculum-linked school activities or holiday club sessions.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The charity retained free reserves of just £8,000 at the end of March 2022, however Hackney Education has made an interest-free loan of £90,000 from May 2021 to provide the charity with liquid funds to enable the charity to continue to operate following the losses incurred through the Covid pandemic. The charity is working to achieve surpluses in the upcoming years in order to rebuild its reserves and to be able to repay the loan over 10 years.

Results for the year

Despite the return of schools during the year, the charity has recorded a deficit of income for the year. This is due to the slow return of weekend and holiday groups, both private hire and voluntary groups, who were still affected by Covid, especially the Omicron variant. This sector was also subject to late cancellations. However, the charity is now seeing renewed confidence and with the improvements to the property made in the previous year the centre is proving a popular choice for future bookings. There has been a gradual increase in small donations and grant funding, apart from the statutory government Covid-19 related support for Covid-19.

The charity incurred a deficit for the year of £15,270 on unrestricted funds and £9,765 on restricted funds.

As at 31 March 2022 the charity had total restricted and unrestricted funds of £220,917 (2021: £245,952).

Plans for future periods

- Manage succession and staffing structure prior to retirement of current Head of Centre
- Increase the level of financial reserves post-pandemic with phased fee increase
- Continue to strengthen winter school bookings
- Fundraise for Kench Hill Bursary to provide subsidised places for children in need from Hackney
- Renovate and improve pond fencing and platforms on both ponds using sustainable materials to provide safe access for raft-building and pond-dipping
- Replace section of leaking slate roof to rear of main building
- Resolve flooding in cellar
- Exterior decoration to main building
- Continued restoration of wooden panelling in lounge
- External maintenance of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom
- Raise funds and install a climbing wall in memory of trustee, John Larter OBE
- Review the use of a donated bell tent as additional accommodation or workshop space

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the trustees on 28 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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

N Corker
Chairperson

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Independent examiner's report
for the year ended 31 March 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Kench Hill Charity

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

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can 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.


Signed:

Dated: 28 July 2022

Karen Blackiston FCA TEP

Chavereys
Chartered Accountants
Faversham

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**Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	13,583	7,979	21,562	101,850
Charitable activities	3	-	217,265	217,265	38,963
Other trading activities	4	-	11,081	11,081	6,846
Investments		-	17	17	58
Total income		13,583	236,342	249,925	147,717
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	23,348	251,612	274,960	224,374
Total expenditure		23,348	251,612	274,960	224,374
Net deficit before other recognised gains and losses		(9,765)	(15,270)	(25,035)	(76,657)
Net movement in funds		(9,765)	(15,270)	(25,035)	(76,657)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		86,181	159,771	245,952	322,609
Total funds carried forward		76,416	144,501	220,917	245,952

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

The Kench Hill Charity
(A company limited by guarantee)
Registered number: 06558879

Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		207,691		213,156
Current assets					
Debtors	11	9,932		11,781	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,489		52,277	
		<u>145,421</u>		<u>64,058</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(52,195)		(31,262)	
Net current assets			<u>93,226</u>		<u>32,796</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>300,917</u>		<u>245,952</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(80,000)			-
Net assets			<u><u>220,917</u></u>		<u><u>245,952</u></u>
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14	76,416		86,181	
Unrestricted funds	14	144,501		159,771	
Total funds			<u><u>220,917</u></u>		<u><u>245,952</u></u>

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

The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 28 July 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



N Corker (Chairperson)

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The Kench Hill Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The presentation currency is pounds sterling (£) and the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund accounting

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

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

1.4 Income

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

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

The charity is not, and is not required to be, registered for Value Added Tax (VAT), consequently all expenditure is stated gross of any irrecoverable VAT incurred.

1.6 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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I. Accounting policies (continued)

I.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities incorporating the income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Tenant's improvements to property	-	2-4% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

I.8 Pensions

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

I.9 Financial instruments

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

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	4,421	4,421	12,312
Grants	13,583	3,558	17,141	89,538
	<u>13,583</u>	<u>7,979</u>	<u>21,562</u>	<u>101,850</u>
Total donations and legacies	<u>13,583</u>	<u>7,979</u>	<u>21,562</u>	<u>101,850</u>
Total 2021	<u>10,000</u>	<u>91,850</u>	<u>101,850</u>	

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
School journeys and educational breaks	217,265	38,963
	<u>217,265</u>	<u>38,963</u>

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other trading activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Centre hire and team building events	10,325	5,100
Solar energy	756	1,746
	<u>11,081</u>	<u>6,846</u>

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly	Support and governance costs	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Educational field trips	268,216	6,744	274,960	224,374
	<u>268,216</u>	<u>6,744</u>	<u>274,960</u>	<u>224,374</u>
Total 2021	<u>218,108</u>	<u>6,266</u>	<u>224,374</u>	

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6. Direct costs

	Total 2022 £	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Educational services charged by LBH	134,870	130,525
Catering	10,206	388
Premises maintenance	8,572	14,287
Equipment maintenance	2,154	715
Laundry and cleaning	4,395	1,267
School journey disbursements	25,896	3,992
Motor expenses	2,729	669
Heat and light	9,713	4,423
Rates and water	4,867	7,136
Advertising and marketing	2,113	662
Insurance	2,118	2,761
Bad debt	1,628	-
Wages and salaries	48,789	41,951
National insurance	1,272	538
Pension cost	517	425
Depreciation	8,377	8,369
	<u>268,216</u>	<u>218,108</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>		<u>218,108</u>

£23,348 (2021: £3,183) of direct costs related to restricted funds and the balance related to unrestricted funds.

7. Support and governance costs

IT, telephone and postage	2,541	2,535
Stationery and office costs	1,470	1,037
Bookkeeping and accounts software	382	343
Independent examiner's fee (governance cost)	2,340	2,340
Legal fees	11	11
	<u>6,744</u>	<u>6,266</u>
<i>Total 2021</i>		<u>6,266</u>

All support and governance costs in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

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8. Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	8,381	8,373

During the period, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses.

9. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	48,789	41,951
Social security costs	1,272	538
Pension costs	517	425
	50,578	42,914

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

2022	2021
No.	No.
8	6

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

Most of the staff at the Kench Hill Centre are employees of the London Borough of Hackney which makes a charge to the charity for the educational services provided .

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's improvements to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	258,101	20,130	278,231
Additions	-	2,916	2,916
At 31 March 2022	258,101	23,046	281,147
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	49,345	15,730	65,075
Charge for the year	5,707	2,674	8,381
At 31 March 2022	55,052	18,404	73,456
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	203,049	4,642	207,691
At 31 March 2021	208,756	4,400	213,156

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	9,075	7,838
Prepayments and accrued income	857	3,943
	<u>9,932</u>	<u>11,781</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank overdraft	-	908
Other loans	10,000	-
Trade creditors	27,671	14,391
Other taxation and social security	548	756
Other creditors	106	68
Accruals and deferred income	13,870	15,139
	<u>52,195</u>	<u>31,262</u>

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Other loans	80,000	-

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Repayable by instalments	40,000	-

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £10,000 per annum.

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	159,771	236,342	(251,612)	144,501
Restricted funds				
	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	45,760	-	(1,040)	44,720
Friends of Kench Hill - student bursaries	2,275	-	(2,275)	-
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,323	-	(74)	3,249
Wates - solar panels	21,141	-	(1,175)	19,966
LBH - short breaks capital grant	2,682	-	(894)	1,788
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	10,000	-	(3,307)	6,693
Student bursary fund	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Tenterden Town Council - Kitchen garden redevelopment	-	500	(500)	-
Chip in for Chips - veterinary fees for pony	-	409	(409)	-
Ashford Borough Council - covid related support grant	-	3,358	(3,358)	-
HMRC - staff furlough	-	2,580	(2,580)	-
Kent Community Foundation - local visits	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
EDESCO Ltd - holiday clubs	-	3,736	(3,736)	-
Goundwork Tesco Bags for Help - day visits	-	500	(500)	-
	86,181	13,583	(23,348)	76,416
Total of funds	245,952	249,925	(274,960)	220,917

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	244,245	136,717	(221,191)	159,771
Restricted funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	46,800	-	(1,040)	45,760
Friends of Kench Hill - student bursaries	2,275	-	-	2,275
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,397	-	(74)	3,323
Wates - solar panels	22,316	-	(1,175)	21,141
LBH - short breaks capital grant	3,576	-	(894)	2,682
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	-	10,000	-	10,000
Student bursary fund	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>78,364</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>(3,183)</u>	<u>86,181</u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - current year

	Brought forward £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	159,771	236,342	(251,612)	144,501
Restricted funds	86,181	13,583	(23,348)	76,416
	<u>245,952</u>	<u>249,925</u>	<u>(274,960)</u>	<u>220,917</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	244,245	136,717	(221,191)	159,771
Restricted funds	78,364	11,000	(3,183)	86,181
	<u>322,609</u>	<u>147,717</u>	<u>(224,374)</u>	<u>245,952</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	69,723	137,968	207,691
Current assets	6,693	138,729	145,422
Creditors due within one year	-	(52,196)	(52,196)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(80,000)	(80,000)
	<u>76,416</u>	<u>144,501</u>	<u>220,917</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	72,906	140,250	213,156
Current assets	13,275	50,784	64,058
Creditors due within one year	-	(31,263)	(31,263)
	<u>86,181</u>	<u>159,771</u>	<u>245,951</u>

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £517 (2021 - £425). Contributions totalling £nil (2021 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

17. Related party transactions

The Kench Hill Centre is owned by the London Borough of Hackney. The charity has a licence to occupy the premises. Staffing of the centre is provided by employees of Hackney Education which makes a charge for educational services provided to the charity. Hackney Education is a department within Hackney Council's Children & Young People's Service. One of the trustees, Ms S Bain, is an employee of the Hackney Education.

The charity has received an interest free loan of £90,000 from London Borough of Hackney repayable in instalments of £10,000 per annum.

The total value of grants received from and educational services charged for the period from London Borough of Hackney was as follows:-

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants receivable	-	30,000
Educational services	<u>(134,870)</u>	<u>(130,525)</u>

THE KENCH HILL CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1123878

Accounts

Registered number: 06558879

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Trustees
for the year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees

N Corker, Chairperson
Ms N M G Baboneau
Ms S Bain
Ms E Cooke-Szewczyk
Ms L Goodison (appointed 12 February 2020)
B G Hawes
C J Larter MBE (deceased 16 December 2020)
Mrs N Mulholland
Ms M Rees

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**Reference and administrative details of the company and advisers
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Company registered number

06558879

Charity registered number

1123878

Registered office

Kench Hill Centre, Appledore Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7DG

Accountants

Chavereys, 2 Jubilee Way, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8GD

Bankers

NatWest Bank plc, 58 High Street, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6AX

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Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their annual report (incorporating the directors' report) together with the financial statements of the company for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The company was incorporated on 8 April 2008 and registered as a charity on 24 April 2008.

Method of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

New trustees are invited to meet the other trustees and key employees at the Centre, they are briefed on the organisation, current plans and the financial status of the charity. New trustees are advised of their legal obligations under charity law and are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational structure and decision making

The Kench Hill Charity is governed by the board of trustees, which meets termly (3 times a year). It is responsible for the management of the Kench Hill Centre and strategic direction and management of the "activities" of The Kench Hill Charity.

Management of the centre is delegated to the Head of Centre, currently Ms Sandi Bain. Most staff are employed by The Hackney Learning Trust and seconded to The Kench Hill Charity. The Head of Centre is responsible for managing the budget agreed by the board of trustees, for implementing curriculum development and management of the premises in accordance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Risk management

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

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Trustees' report (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Objectives and strategies for achieving objectives

Policies and objectives

The Kench Hill Charity seeks to deliver life-changing experiences for young people and adults by providing educational and recreational activities that inspire personal development, self-confidence, independent life skills and that promote healthy lifestyles in a safe, supportive environment with good quality affordable accommodation for groups which do not have access to other facilities.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Strategies for achieving objectives

The key objectives for the financial period under review were:

- . Major internal redecoration
- . Development of woodland camp as teaching resource for Forest School activities
- . Renovation of external games area and new games hut
- . Special needs nurture group day visits with local schools
- . Growth of Forest School and Home Education groups day visits
- . Installation of yurt to provide an additional 6 bed spaces and workshop space
- . Redesigned website

Activities, achievements and performance

Review of activities

The charity remained operational throughout the year, diversifying its offer to include day visits during term-time, providing affordable outdoor education to key worker and vulnerable children from the Tenterden Rural Alliance, a consortium of local schools in Tenterden and surrounding villages. The charity also developed holiday clubs for local children, a popular child care facility for many families. The charity worked towards the redefined core values of DINE - Diversity, Inclusion, Nurture/Nature and Education in the Environment.

Achievements

- . All internal areas of the main building were redecorated to a high standard, larger bedrooms being themed with hand-painted murals. This was achieved in-house through redeployment of domestic staff. Core areas of external woodwork were also repainted.
- . A Forest School area in adjacent woodland was completed with a Mud kitchen for Early Years participants, plus camp cookery and shelter-building area. It was used regularly by key worker and vulnerable children for outdoor education throughout the pandemic, as well as holiday clubs.
- . A new indoor Games Area was created, with new flooring partly funded by Tenterden Rotary Club. An undercover table tennis area was also improved with installation of concrete flooring.
- . Partnerships with local schools and Home Education groups has generated a sustainable new business stream. Teaching staff gained experience working with children with Special Educational Needs of all ages, and developed many new educational activities and resources. Holiday clubs were very successful and were all over-subscribed.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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- . Six staff undertook or renewed their First Aid qualification.
- . Due to Covid-19, plans for expansion, including installation of a yurt, were put on hold.
- . Newly designed website had a soft launch in March, with further refinements to be implemented.
- . Legacy of £10 000 received from Mrs Christine Fisher, plus donation of £2,000 from a Hackney resident.
- . An Art Exhibition was set up in the Straw Hall in the winter, but with limited visitor numbers as the Kent lockdown was announced in November.

Public benefit delivered by the charity (statistics)

- . **School educational groups**
All residential school visits were cancelled during 2020-21. New links were established with local schools as we assisted with the community response to the Covid pandemic. 81 days of outdoor education were provided during the year to local schools and Home Educators, mainly for children with special educational needs. The charity also provided weekly 1:1 Alternative Provision for 2 primary children with behavioural difficulties who cannot access a classroom setting.
- . **Holiday clubs**
29 days of holiday club provision were created for local children, working within Covid-19 guidelines. Groups of 15-30 children attended day care provision, at affordable rates.
- . **Kench Hill Bursary (School Journey Grant)**
No bursaries were awarded during the year. We received a legacy of £10,000 from the deceased mother of Mrs Christine Fisher who was born at Kench Hill, plus an anonymous donation of £2,000 from a Hackney resident. These funds will provide bursaries for 2021-22.
- . **Short Breaks for families of children with special needs**
78 subsidised places were provided during four Short Break weekends between August and December 2020. These fully-catered, supported holidays were permissible under the Covid regulations.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Other residential groups using Kench Hill included:

Faith/spiritual groups

South East London Malayalee Association
Friends of Shekel Cong TYY

Other charitable/cultural groups

Orthodox Jewish families
Happy Wellfullness Retreat

Day visitors

Tenterden Rural Alliance schools
'Crafty Basketry' weaving craft groups
Holiday clubs for local children aged 4-15
Alternative provision for two SEND pupils from local Kent County Council schools

Occupancy rate 45%

Kench Hill Charity provided 164 days of service to the community during the pandemic.

Visitor numbers

Numbers are not comparable with previous years because of the impact of Covid. Unlike in previous years many visitors came regularly on repeated occasions.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The charity retained free reserves of circa £19,000 at the end of March 2021. This is deemed sufficient to allow the charity to operate for one month in the event income from the centre is interrupted, Hackney Education has agreed an interest-free loan of £90,000 from May 2021 to provide the charity with liquid funds to enable the charity to continue to operate if the Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect income.

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Trustees' report (continued)

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Results for the year

The Covid-19 pandemic caused the forced cessation of our usual business, as residential school groups and most self-catered bookings were not permitted during the entire period of 2020-21. This resulted in a large financial deficit, although staffing costs were reduced through access to the government furlough scheme. Essential expenses were partially offset by Additional Restrictions grants. It was considered inadvisable to close down operations fully as this would result in deterioration of the fabric of the Grade II listed building, with potentially high cost of restoration. There has been an increase in income from donations and grant funding.

The charity incurred a deficit for the year of £84,474 on unrestricted funds and a surplus of £7,817 on restricted funds.

As at 31 March 2021 the charity had total restricted and unrestricted funds of £245,952 (2020: £322,609).

Plans for future periods

- . Manage a phased return to normal operations post-Covid.
- . Further maintenance and property improvements. Phased painting of all external woodwork and ironwork on main building; restoration of original Georgian panelling in main lounge; external painting of Straw Hall and Barn Classroom.
- . Restoration of Coach House pond to benefit wildlife, in conjunction with English Nature.
- . Increase uptake by local schools using Little Cheyne Wind Farm grant.
- . OFSTED registration as childcare facility for over 5's, to enable local families to use childcare vouchers for affordable holiday provision.
- . Fund-raising activities including Winter Art Exhibition and Open Days.
- . Further improvements to website.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the

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Trustees' report (continued)
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charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

N Corker
Chairperson

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Independent examiner's report
for the year ended 31 March 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Kench Hill Charity

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

This report is made solely to the company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's trustees, as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can 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.

Signed:

Dated: 22 July 2021

M A Crawley FCA TEP

Chavereys
Chartered Accountants
Faversham

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**Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	11,000	90,850	101,850	16,923
Charitable activities	3	-	38,963	38,963	195,500
Other trading activities	4	-	6,846	6,846	28,735
Investments		-	58	58	257
Total income		11,000	136,717	147,717	241,415
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	3,183	221,191	224,374	255,822
Total expenditure		3,183	221,191	224,374	255,822
Net deficit before other recognised gains and losses		7,817	(84,474)	(76,657)	(14,407)
Net movement in funds		7,817	(84,474)	(76,657)	(14,407)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		78,364	244,245	322,609	337,016
Total funds carried forward		86,181	159,771	245,952	322,609

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		213,156		221,529
Current assets					
Stocks	11	-		900	
Debtors	12	11,781		5,855	
Cash at bank and in hand		52,277		125,237	
		64,058		131,992	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(31,262)		(30,912)	
Net current assets			32,796		101,080
Net assets			245,952		322,609
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		86,181		78,364
Unrestricted funds	14		159,771		244,245
Total funds			245,952		322,609

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

The trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees on 22 July 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:

N Corker (Chairperson)

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

The Kench Hill Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund accounting

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

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

1.4 Income

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

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Charitable activities and governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity.

The charity is not, and is not required to be, registered for Value Added Tax (VAT), consequently all expenditure is stated gross of any irrecoverable VAT incurred.

1.6 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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I. Accounting policies (continued)

I.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of financial activities incorporating the income and expenditure account.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Tenant's improvements to property	-	2-4% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

I.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

I.9 Pensions

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

I.10 Financial instruments

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

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	<i>Total funds</i>
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations	10,000	2,312	12,312	3,698
Grants	1,000	88,538	89,538	13,225
Total donations and legacies	11,000	90,850	101,850	16,923
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	16,923	16,923	

3. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
School journeys and educational breaks	38,963	195,500

All income from charitable activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

4. Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Centre hire and team building events	5,100	26,021
Solar energy	1,746	2,714
	6,846	28,735

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly	Support and governance costs	Total	<i>Total</i>
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Educational field trips	218,108	6,266	224,374	255,823
<i>Total 2020</i>	248,066	7,757	255,823	

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6. Direct costs

	Total 2021 £	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Educational services charged by LBH	130,525	<i>149,661</i>
Catering	388	<i>8,388</i>
Premises maintenance	14,287	<i>7,657</i>
Equipment maintenance	715	<i>2,289</i>
Laundry and cleaning	1,267	<i>4,693</i>
School journey disbursements	3,992	<i>18,079</i>
Motor expenses	669	<i>2,149</i>
Heat and light	4,423	<i>9,554</i>
Rates and water	7,136	<i>7,418</i>
Advertising and marketing	662	<i>2,311</i>
Insurance	2,761	<i>2,981</i>
Bad debts	-	<i>200</i>
Wages and salaries	41,951	<i>24,724</i>
National insurance	538	<i>-</i>
Pension cost	425	<i>205</i>
Depreciation	8,369	<i>7,757</i>
	218,108	<i>248,066</i>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>248,066</i>	

£3,183 (2020: £11,068) of direct costs related to restricted funds and the balance related to unrestricted funds.

7. Support and governance costs

IT, telephone and postage	2,535	<i>3,052</i>
Stationery and office costs	1,037	<i>1,916</i>
Bookkeeping and accounts software	343	<i>449</i>
Independant examiner's fee (governance cost)	2,340	<i>2,340</i>
Legal fees	11	<i>-</i>
	6,266	<i>7,757</i>
<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>7,757</i>	

All support and governance costs in the current and prior year related to unrestricted funds.

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8. Net income

This is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	8,373	7,757
	<u>8,373</u>	<u>7,757</u>

During the period, no trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses.

9. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,951	24,724
Social security costs	538	-
Pension costs	425	205
	<u>42,914</u>	<u>24,929</u>

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

2021	2020
No.	No.
6	7

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

Most of the staff at the Kench Hill Centre are employees of the London Borough of Hackney, the services they provide to the charity are recharged at cost.

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Tenant's improvements to property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	258,101	20,130	278,231
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	43,638	13,064	56,702
Charge for the year	5,707	2,666	8,373
At 31 March 2021	49,345	15,730	65,075
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	208,756	4,400	213,156
At 31 March 2020	214,463	7,066	221,529

11. Stocks

	2021 £	2020 £
Heating oil	-	900

12. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	7,838	2,448
Prepayments and accrued income	3,943	3,407
	11,781	5,855

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank overdraft	908	120
Trade creditors	14,391	13,261
Other taxation and social security	756	389
Other creditors	68	200
Accruals and deferred income	15,139	16,942
	31,262	30,912

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	244,245	136,717	(221,191)	159,771
Restricted funds				
	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	46,800	-	(1,040)	45,760
Friends of Kench Hill - student bursaries	2,275	-	-	2,275
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,397	-	(74)	3,323
Wates - solar panels	22,316	-	(1,175)	21,141
LBH - short breaks capital grant	3,576	-	(894)	2,682
Christine Fisher bursary fund - student bursaries	-	10,000	-	10,000
Student bursary fund	-	1,000	-	1,000
	78,364	11,000	(3,183)	86,181
Total of funds	322,609	147,717	(224,374)	245,952

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
General funds	260,809	228,190	(244,755)	244,244
Restricted funds				
	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Connect and Collect - local primary school day trips	1,000	4,000	(5,000)	-
LBH - Straw Bale classroom	47,840	-	(1,040)	46,800
Friends of Kench Hill - student bursaries	-	2,495	(220)	2,275
Hackney Ark - short breaks	3,471	-	(74)	3,397
Wates - solar panels	23,491	-	(1,175)	22,316
Brook Trust - sports equipment	405	-	(405)	-
West Hackney Parochial Fund - school visit	-	1,730	(1,730)	-
LBH - short breaks capital grant	-	5,000	(1,424)	3,576
	76,207	13,225	(11,068)	78,364

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - current year

	Brought forward	Income	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
General funds	244,245	136,717	(221,191)	159,771
Restricted funds	78,364	11,000	(3,183)	86,181
	322,609	147,717	(224,374)	245,952

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	260,809	228,190	(244,755)	244,244
Restricted funds	76,207	13,225	(11,068)	78,364
	337,016	241,415	(255,823)	322,608

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2021	Total funds 2021
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	72,906	140,250	213,156
Current assets	13,275	50,784	64,059
Creditors due within one year	-	(31,263)	(31,263)
	86,181	159,771	245,952

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	76,089	145,436	221,525
Current assets	2,275	129,718	131,994
Creditors due within one year	-	(30,910)	(30,910)
	<u>78,364</u>	<u>244,244</u>	<u>322,609</u>

16. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £425 (2020 - £205). Contributions totalling £nil (2020 - £nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

17. Related party transactions

The Kench Hill Centre is owned by the London Borough of Hackney. The charity has a licence to occupy the premises. Staffing of the centre is provided by employees of The Hackney Learning Trust which makes a charge for educational services provided to the charity. The Hackney Learning Trust is a department within Hackney Council's Children & Young People's Service. One of the trustees, Ms S Bain, is an employee of the Hackney Learning Trust.

In the year the charity has benefited from unrestricted grants made by the London Borough of Hackney. The total value of grants received and educational services charged for the period was as follows:-

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants receivable	30,000	5,000
Educational services	(130,525)	(149,661)