

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE (BSRC)

England & Wales · Charity number 1128721

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06771265](#)

Registered 2009-03-20

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR WITHIN THE CITY OF BRISTOL BYA) THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, GENDER, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR RELIGIONB) ADVANCING EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS IN EQUALITY AND DIVERSITYC) PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, IN PARTICULAR INCLUDING THOSE OF SOMALI ORIGIN OR HERITAGE) CONDUCTING OR COMMISSIONING RESEARCH ON EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES AND PUBLISHING THE RESULTS TO THE PUBLIC) CULTIVATING A SENTIMENT IN FAVOUR OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY2 TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO PEOPLE OF SOMALI ORIGIN OR HERITAGE LIVING AND/OR WORKING WITHIN THE CITY OF BRISTOL, IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.3 THE PROMOTION OF RACIAL HARMONY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BYA) PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPSB) ADVANCING EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS, AND IN PARTICULAR INCLUDING THOSE OF SOMALI ORIGIN OR HERITAGEC) WORKING TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE

Activities: Somali Resource Centre is community based not for profit organisation which provides a wide range of services to assist migrant communities acclimatise to UK environment. We provide training with the aim of breaking down psycho-social barriers and bring equality and diversity alive. We offer practical support to migrants to enable them develop skills and confidence in accessing mainstream services.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE CITY OF BRISTOL
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£399,779	£324,282	-	-
2024-03-31	£364,545	£263,158	-	-
2023-03-31	£261,856	£212,030	-	-
2022-03-31	£252,208	£161,880	-	-
2021-03-31	£285,305	£136,953	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abdi Mohamed		2016-03-25
Dr Henrietta Wilkinson		2020-09-11
Huda Ismail		2025-07-04
Mubarig Bodleh		2024-11-28
Ruth Pickersgill MBE		2021-10-22
Samira Muse Ms		2020-09-02
Zahra Kosar		2025-02-27

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Accounts

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Status

Bristol Somali Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee (06771265) incorporated on 12th December 2008 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 20th March 2009 under number 1128721

Directors and Trustees

The board of directors, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

Dr Henrietta Wilkinson	Chair	
Fatia Gure	Co-Chair	resigned May 2025
Abdi Osman Mohamed	Treasurer	
Samira Muse		
Ruth Pickersgill MBE		
Zahra Kosar		appointed May 2025
Huda Ismail		appointed July 2025
Mubarig Bodleh		appointed May 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of trustees, not including persons co-opted in accordance with article 20 shall not be more than nine or less than three. Trustees are elected for a two-year term after which they are eligible to stand for re-election.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity:

- 1) The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit in particular within the city of Bristol by:
 - (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds, in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage;
 - (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public;
 - (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community, in particular but not limited to people Somali of origin or heritage living and/or working within the city of Bristol, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (3) The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:
 - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, and in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage
 - (c) working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

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- (4) Any other charitable purpose agreed by special resolution under the Articles of the Company, and notified to, and accepted by the Charity Commission as charitable.

Summary of main objectives in relation to the above objects

Who we are - Our Story

Established in 2006 and a registered charity since 2008, Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) offers information, advice and support to socially and economically disadvantaged people in the Bristol area. BSRC offers culturally competent support and services in several languages including English, Somali and Arabic. As our organisation and its reputation have grown, we have come to serve people from an ever widening range of backgrounds, while maintaining a focus on the needs of our city's Somali population.

Our Work

BSRC provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including benefits, housing, immigration, schools and employment.

We aim to get the voice of the Somali community heard in the area, promote community cohesion and reduce the isolation of Somali people.

BSRC continues to serve as a key partner for organisations and bodies seeking to establish an understanding of Bristol's Somali community.

Our Goal

BSRC aims to grow a strong and vibrant community of self-reliant, confident individuals, capable of taking up their place as significant participants in Bristol society.

The Need

The most significant challenges reported by our services users this year were

1. The deepening cost of living crisis, which saw prices for essential items and living costs continue to rise far faster than local incomes.
2. A shrinking number of stable, permanent job opportunities, as temporary agency work took up a growing share of the labour market.
3. The worsening shortage of suitable and affordable housing in Bristol, especially for larger households (5+ people).

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Chair's message:

We are delighted to present Bristol Somali Resource Centre's Annual Report for 2024-2025, a year of forward strides for our organisation. After nearly 15 years of working from the same offices, we have moved our centre into a larger premises, one fit for our growing team of dedicated staff and volunteers. Having more space means more people getting support from BSRC each day, a crucial improvement as demand for our services continues to rise.

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This was another difficult year for many in our community. Despite rises in the living wage and lower inflation rates, the cost of living crisis has persisted. In March, 82% of Britons told YouGov that the cost of goods is still rising faster than their income. Meanwhile, private housing costs have outstripped inflation, and disproportionately so in Bristol. In the face of these challenges, BSRC has worked doubly hard this year to support individuals and families away from the brink of destitution and towards financial stability and independence.

We are, as always, grateful to our vocal and motivated service user base for guiding us in the development of our services. In response to their requests, we increased the range of learning on offer at our centre to include IT & Maths; we grew our staff in order to deliver more activities and support around mental and physical health, including advice for people struggling with drugs and alcohol.

For many in our community, however, the most exciting development this year was the return of youth services to the Barton Hill area after over a decade of no provision. BSRC is proud to be delivering a weekly programme of youth activities in partnership with the Wellspring Settlement, from the brand new Swannery youth club, as well as 1-to-1 mentoring for those in need. Alongside our education advice and support, we hope this work will broaden the opportunities for local young people and help break cycles of generational disadvantage.

Our thanks go out to all our funders, with much appreciation for their ongoing support. Huge congratulations to the staff and volunteer team, including service users who contributed to the work of the organisation and our board members, and we look forward to an equally successful year ahead.

- *Hen Wilkinson, Chair*

Big Changes for BSRC

The increase in service delivery and impact this year would have been impossible without the move to our new, larger centre. Still within the bounds of the Wellspring Settlement site, our new office comprises the upper floor of the recently converted Black Swan pub, directly above the new Swannery youth centre. Our staff now have five rooms in which to deliver confidential one-to-one support, as well as a designated classroom and meeting space, allowing us to run classes and group activities throughout the week. Meanwhile, we have retained our old reception and one advisor's room on the ground floor, to make sure our services are accessible to people with all mobility needs.

With more space to deliver our services in, we have also been able to grow our staff team this year, which now includes a Youth Worker and Women and Family Engagement Worker. We have also increased the hours of our part-time Older Adults Support Worker. All these changes have helped us make sure we can extend our support to every part of our community.

Our new Youth Services

Until this year, young people in and around Barton Hill had no youth centre and few freely available activities. The opening of the Swannery youth club (pictured), directly below the new BSRC premises, marked a big change for the better. Since the opening, our Youth Worker Charlie has been running sessions for boys and girls of all ages, offering a safe and supportive place to socialise as well as a range of structured activities, including cooking, sport and indoor games.

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Charlie himself grew up in the area and remembers when youth services were still on offer. "For us growing up it brought some consistency, opportunities and new experiences. It kept us out of trouble. As youth services dwindled, unless your parents were able to take you to get those opportunities elsewhere, those benefits just disappeared."

In addition to these sessions, Charlie provided **one-to-one mentoring to 26 young people** aged 11-17. Most had been referred by their schools, who had identified them as in need of extra guidance. Charlie also spent three hours each week in detached work, speaking to young people on the streets, hearing their concerns and inviting them to get involved.

Our impact during 2024/2025

This year, we supported a total of **2382 individuals** through one-to-one advice. However, with a mean household size of 3.4 among our service users, the true number of people who benefited from our advice services this year is **over 8,000 people**.

We helped **623** people with issues around their **housing**, including managing rent and council tax, repairs to their properties and communicating with their landlords.

Of those struggling with inadequate housing and homelessness (around 200 people), **29** gained new temporary or permanent homes.

670 people accessed our employability advice service. Of them, a record-breaking **260** gained new jobs.

66 adult learners attended our classes, developing key life skills in English, Maths & IT.

26 young people benefited from one-to-one mentoring with our Youth Worker.

We provided work experience to **11** members of the community, both young people and adults.

We also helped...

519 people manage their **benefits**.

198 people with **consumer issues** (especially phone and broadband contracts).

226 people to access debt advice and manage their arrears.

330 people to manage their utilities, and **20** of them to pay less for their water.

93 people to handle issues around their immigration status and, where necessary, access immigration advice and legal support through our partners.

187 people to communicate with the local authority around their Council Tax, agree on payment plans and request new bills.

63 people to communicate with HMRC and ensure they have paid the correct Income Tax.

17 families find school places for their children.

The Demand

Across the year, **2382 individuals** accessed our advice services, attending **6222 face-to-face sessions** on a range of pressing issues including employment, housing, debt and benefits. Most (54.5%) needed help with two or more different issues.

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Case Study

Many of the people who come through the doors of BSRC end up drawing on our support in various areas of their lives, often across several years, as they work towards independence and self-reliance. The stories below are a celebration of two such individuals, who feel they have gone from strength to strength with help from BSRC.

Fadumo's Story

"In Somalia there are lots of people around you who can help with everything, but here in the UK you are on your own, especially single mums. We have to be the strongest people in the world, to look after our children and look after ourselves too, waking up early every morning to work and support our families. I have my elderly mum living with us now too, and she has broken her leg, so she needs a lot of help too. Sometimes I feel tired when I finish work but I get on with cooking for today and for the next day, so there is food for my children while I am out at work. I clean the house at night because I am out all day working, doing the shopping and taking my children to school and appointments.

When my marriage ended in 2021, I knew I had to be strong for myself and my children. It was very difficult to do everything on my own, but I never gave up. When I felt tired I said to myself "Fadumo, wake up, don't be lazy". Fortunately, everyone at the Bristol Somali Resource Centre was there to help me. They worked together to help me with different things and knew what I needed to do.

Four years later, after a lot of hard work, life is good. I have changed careers from cleaning to care work, which I love. My new job has also helped me get better at English, so now I am really confident talking to people. I have started studying English at college and passed all my exams this summer. I have even learned to drive and passed my theory test and practical, which is really helpful for my work as a carer. I passed my tests for the British citizenship and am now proud to call myself British. I even managed to save up and travel with all my children back to Somaliland last year. I was so proud to introduce three of my children to their grandfather for the first time. I love living in Bristol and am excited to see what the future holds for me and my family.

Thank you for reading my story. My wish is that all women who are struggling can be strong like me."

Helping the whole family

After moving from Sweden to join his wife Amal, Ahmed sought our help finding work locally that would allow him to support his family. We helped him develop his CV and explore his options. Soon he had found stable warehouse work. Our advisors also helped Amal maximise her income through better paid work and ensure she claimed her full entitlement of benefits, to help cover the costs of a growing household.

We helped Ahmed's daughter, who moved with him to Bristol, to convert her Swedish Early Years qualifications and find work at a local nursery. There she is valued not just for her skills as an educator, but also for her language skills, which helps her communicate with Somali parents. We signposted Ahmed to immigration advice, allowing him to bring his youngest son to the UK from Somalia. Once here, we helped find a school place for him.

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We have supported the family to apply for social housing and now, finally, secure permanent accommodation that suits all their needs. In recent months, Ahmed has also benefited from our partnership with the careers team at NHS North Bristol Trust, completing a workplace traineeship at Southmead Hospital.

Ahmed continues to visit us to apply for better work, gain advice around bills and benefits, and catch up with friends he has made at our centre. After three years in Bristol, he has come to view the city fondly: "It's a friendly and open city where you can find work, live in peace and practise your religion. I love being here"

Finance, reserves policy and risk management

Our unrestricted funds stand at £277,488 (2024: £237,128) and £40,000 (2024: 40,000) of this has been set aside as a designated fund for the development of new building that we acquired recently. A further £42,000 (2024: £31,000) has been set aside as a designated fund in case of future restructuring in the event of a reduction of funding. The present level of free reserves less fixed assets and designated funds, available to the charity is £193,650 (2024: £164,910).

Based on the budget prepared for the 24/25 financial year, 6 months running costs equates £152,000, and therefore, the trustees feel the level of free reserves is adequate and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

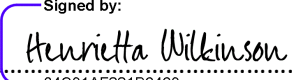
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The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Approved by the trustees on.....22/10/2025.....and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Henrietta Wilkinson

22/10/2025
Date

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 11-20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

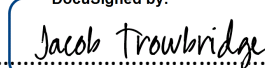
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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

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

It should be noted that Bristol Community Accountants provide bookkeeping services to Bristol Somali Resource Centre. I confirm that my duties are segregated, and I am not involved in the day to day bookkeeping matters of the charity.

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22/10/2025
Date.....

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	32,531	361,953	394,484	358,902
Charitable Activities	4	3,225	-	3,225	4,066
Investments	5	2,070	-	2,070	1,577
Total		37,826	361,953	399,779	364,545
Expenditure On:					
Charitable activities	7	(2,534)	318,704	316,170	256,136
Other	8	-	8,112	8,112	7,022
Total		(2,534)	326,816	324,282	263,158
Net income/(expenditure)		40,360	35,137	75,497	101,387
Net movement in funds		40,360	35,137	75,497	101,387
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		237,128	211,201	448,329	346,942
Total funds Carried Forward	18	277,488	246,338	523,826	448,329

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

*Details of the allocation of 2024 total funds between unrestricted and restricted are shown in note 21

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	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	17	1,838	1,218
Current assets			
Debtors	15	25,441	1,213
Cash at bank and in hand		506,931	453,231
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>532,372</u>	<u>454,444</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(10,384)</u>	(7,333)
<i>Net Current assets or liabilities</i>		521,988	447,111
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>523,826</u>	<u>448,329</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	18	246,338	211,201
Unrestricted funds	18	<u>277,488</u>	237,128
Total charity funds		<u>523,826</u>	<u>448,329</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

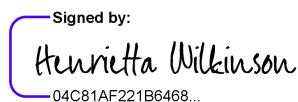
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

22/10/2025

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:


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Henrietta Wilkinson - Director

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

- b) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- c) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.

- b) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- c) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support cost have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line - not charged in year of purchase
- g) 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- h) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants	31,862	361,953	393,815	355,931
Donations	669	-	669	2,971
	<u>32,531</u>	<u>361,953</u>	<u>394,484</u>	<u>358,902</u>

Donations and Legacies prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants	40,511	315,420	355,931
Donations	2,971	-	2,971
	<u>43,482</u>	<u>315,420</u>	<u>358,902</u>

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Events	3,225	-	3,225	4,066
	<u>3,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,225</u>	<u>4,066</u>

Charitable Activities prior year - all unrestricted

5 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investment Interest	2,070	-	2,070	1,577
	<u>2,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,577</u>

Investments prior year - all unrestricted

6 Government Grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council and North Bristol NHS Trust to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £143,123 (2024: £108,130). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the year ended 31 March 2025.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Community Engagement	-	3,061	3,061	5,478
Staffing costs	(5,000)	278,746	273,746	217,562
Volunteer expenses	-	652	652	881
Consultancy & professional fees	-	17,265	17,265	10,888
Postage, stationery & printing	-	791	791	639
Training & publications	-	2,773	2,773	806
Rent & room hire	-	-	-	3,226
Travel	-	390	390	289
Website & computer	500	5,560	6,060	3,845
Misc.	-	-	-	33
Telephone	-	884	884	915
Advertising and marketing	-	-	-	160
Payroll services	-	1,134	1,134	-
Subscriptions	936	2,408	3,344	3,504
Repairs & maintenance	-	4,573	4,573	5,984
Refreshments	-	467	467	308
Depreciation	1,030	-	1,030	1,618
	(2,534)	318,704	316,170	256,136

Charitable activities prior year

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2024</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Community Engagement</i>	<i>2,900</i>	<i>2,578</i>	<i>5,478</i>
<i>Staffing costs</i>	<i>6,829</i>	<i>210,733</i>	<i>217,562</i>
<i>Volunteer expenses</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>635</i>	<i>881</i>
<i>Consultancy & professional fees</i>	<i>7,590</i>	<i>3,298</i>	<i>10,888</i>
<i>Postage & stationery</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>639</i>
<i>Training & publications</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>614</i>	<i>806</i>
<i>Rent & room hire</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,226</i>	<i>3,226</i>
<i>Travel</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>274</i>	<i>289</i>
<i>Website & computer</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,845</i>	<i>3,845</i>
<i>Misc.</i>	<i>(7)</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>915</i>	<i>915</i>
<i>Advertising and marketing</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>160</i>
<i>Subscriptions</i>	<i>824</i>	<i>2,680</i>	<i>3,504</i>
<i>Repairs & maintenance</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>5,594</i>	<i>5,984</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>308</i>	<i>308</i>
<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>1,618</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,618</i>
	<i>20,897</i>	<i>235,239</i>	<i>256,136</i>

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****8 Other**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	-	1,038	1,038	943
Bookkeeping support	-	5,908	5,908	5,099
Insurance	-	783	783	707
Governance	-	383	383	273
	-	8,112	8,112	7,022

Other prior year

	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Total Funds 2024 £</i>
<i>Independent Examiner's Fee</i>	943	-	943
<i>Bookkeeping support</i>	838	4,261	5,099
<i>Insurance</i>	-	707	707
<i>Governance</i>	-	273	273
	1,781	5,241	7,022

9 Net incoming resources for the year**This is stated after charging:**

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination fees	1,038	943

10 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and Salaries	246,521	195,246
Social Security Costs	17,091	12,770
Pension Costs	10,134	9,546
	273,746	217,562

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 10 staff (2024: 8 staff)

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The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two staff members. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £90,900 (2024: £86,452).

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2024: £nil)

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	25,277	750
Prepayments and other debtors	164	463
	<u>25,441</u>	<u>1,213</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,703	801
Pension costs	1,379	1,149
HM Revenue & Customs	5,264	4,440
Accruals & deferred Income:		
Independent examination	1,038	943
	<u>10,384</u>	<u>7,333</u>

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****17 Tangible fixed assets**

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost	2,639	2,214	4,853
Addition in year	1,650	-	1,650
As at year end	<u>4,289</u>	<u>2,214</u>	<u>6,503</u>
Depreciation			
Beginning of the year	2,639	996	3,635
Charge for the year	550	480	1,030
As at year end	<u>3,189</u>	<u>1,476</u>	<u>4,665</u>
Net book value			
As at year end	<u>1,100</u>	<u>738</u>	<u>1,838</u>

18 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 01-Apr 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Quartet Community Foundation	36,040	20,000	(51,505)	-	4,535
Black South West Network	26,585	20,000	(18,974)	-	27,611
Bristol City Council	74,363	111,576	(99,482)	-	86,457
Bristol City Council - Capital	9,950	23,290	(16,915)	-	16,325
Dolphin Society	8,286	-	(8,286)	-	-
North Bristol NHS Trust	-	8,257	-	-	8,257
Nilaari Agency	35,035	30,000	(14,949)	-	50,086
The Henry Smith Charity	1,062	46,000	(39,113)	-	7,949
Nisbets Trust	-	26,352	(24,845)	-	1,507
Citizens Advice	-	36,528	(36,528)	-	-
Grateful Society	8,732	-	(605)	-	8,127
St Monica Trust	2,684	-	(2,684)	-	-
Bris Doc	-	6,000	(2,773)	-	3,227
South West Community Matters	-	2,000	(386)	-	1,614
National Lottery	-	31,950	(9,771)	-	22,179
Locality	8,464	-	-	-	8,464
Total Restricted Funds	<u>211,201</u>	<u>361,953</u>	<u>(326,816)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>246,338</u>

Unrestricted funds cont'd

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Unrestricted funds

Designated funds - Capital Exp	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Designated funds - Redundancy	31,000	-	-	11,000	42,000
General Funds	166,128	37,826	2,534	(11,000)	195,488
Total Unrestricted Funds	237,128	37,826	2,534	-	277,488
Total funds	448,329	399,779	(324,282)	-	523,826

Purpose of restricted funds

Quartet Community Foundation	Recovery strategy programme supporting a part time post for Impact and fundraisng officer
Black South West Network	Providing support to people affected by covid-19. Providing advice, digital and food and financial support.
Bristol City Council	Bristol Impact Funding, Bristol City Drug Project funding and support for community events.
Bristol City Council - Capital	Support for professional fees in relation to purchase of building lease
Dolphin Society	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
North Bristol NHS Trust	Community Mental Health Programme
Nilari Agency	Mental health support for people recovering from Covid-19
The Henry Smith Charity	Running costs grant
Nisbet Trust	Employability Advice Project
Citizens Advice	Increasing Advisors salary
Grateful Society	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
St Monica Trust	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
Bris Doc	Support with the costs of making the new reception area accessible and welcoming to our clients
South West Community Matters	Support for activities provided by BSRC
National Lottery	Cost of living Crisis Support Project
Locality	Cost of Living Grant Programme

Purpose of designated funds

Development of building during the 2025/26 financial year and office equipment
Redundancy costs based on eligibility for statutory redundancy pay.

Transfer between funds

The trustees have designated the contribution towards future building development costs

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****19 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	1,838	-	1,838
Cash at Bank and In Hand	286,034	246,338	532,372
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(10,384)	-	(10,384)
Total	277,488	246,338	523,826

20 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

21 Analysis of charitable funds - previous year, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming and Endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	43,482	315,420	358,902
Charitable Activities	4,066	-	4,066
Investments	1,577	-	1,577
Total	49,125	315,420	364,545
Expenditure On:			
Charitable Activities	20,897	235,239	256,136
Other	1,781	5,241	7,022
Total	22,678	240,480	263,158
Net income/(expenditure)	26,447	74,940	101,387
Transfer between funds	21,621	(21,621)	-
Net movement in funds	48,068	53,319	101,387
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward	189,060	157,882	346,942
Total funds Carried Forward	237,128	211,201	448,329

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Accounts

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Charity Number 1128721

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Status

Bristol Somali Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee (06771265) incorporated on 12th December 2008 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 20th March 2009 under number 1128721

Directors and Trustees

The board of directors, who are trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

Samira Muse	Chair	stepped down 28 th Nov 2023
Abdi Osman Mohamed	Treasurer	
Dr Henrietta Wilkinson	Co-Chair	appointed co-chair 28 th Nov 2023
Fatia Gure	Co-Chair	appointed co-chair 28 th Nov 2023
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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of trustees, not including persons co-opted in accordance with article 20 shall not be more than nine or less than three. Trustees are elected for a two-year term after which they are eligible to stand for re-election.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity:

- 1) The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit in particular within the city of Bristol by:
 - (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds, in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage;
 - (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public;
 - (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community, in particular but not limited to people Somali of origin or heritage living and/or working within the city of Bristol, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (3) The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:
 - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, and in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage
 - (c) working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

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- (4) Any other charitable purpose agreed by special resolution under the Articles of the Company, and notified to, and accepted by the Charity Commission as charitable.

Vision

To create a strong and vibrant Somali community that is fully integrated into British society as active, social and economic participant.

Summary of main objectives in relation to the above objects

The Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including welfare, housing, schools and employment. BSRC also organises training activities and workshops to enhance employment opportunities, social interaction and to help reduce isolation. We work with the most disadvantaged people in Bristol, resolving many problems and challenges that they face. We are committed to improving the lives of most vulnerable people in the community who are facing barriers such cultural and language barriers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Co-chairs' message

It is our great pleasure to present the Bristol Somali Resource Centre's 2023-2024 Annual Report, recording another year of hard work and success from our dedicated staff team. This was a challenging year, with the ever-deepening cost-of-living crisis weighing disproportionately on our service users. The year also brought novel opportunities for support, particularly the sudden evacuation of local Council tower block Barton House, in which over 250 people, many Somalis, were moved out of their homes for several months. Just as it had in the time of COVID-19, the BSRC team responded with amazing agility and speed to this emergency, supporting the building's tenants through the evacuation with advice, advocacy and all sorts of practical support. In an age where many other agencies have moved to remote support, BSRC proudly continues to offer its services face-to-face, recognising that many of the people we serve would otherwise have nowhere to turn. We want to thank all the staff and volunteers for their outstanding commitment and achievements through such a difficult year.

Yet again, demand for our services increased markedly across the year, owing to the rising cost of living as well as BSRC's growing reputation. The staff have helped an astonishing 2696 people facing multiple deprivations with the potential to impact following generations, generating cycles of food poverty, inadequate housing and precarious employment. As BSRC managed to change these challenges into opportunities for education, employment and connection, the organisation has gone from strength to strength, attracting repeat and new resources from funders across the city and beyond.

Our thanks go out to all our funders, with much appreciation for their ongoing support. Huge congratulations to the staff and volunteer team, including service users who contributed to the work of the organisation and our board members, and we look forward to an equally successful year ahead.

Fatia Gure and Hen Wilkinson
Co-chairs, Bristol Somali Resource Centre

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Bristol Somali Resource Centre Annual Report 2023-2024

Our Story

Established in 2006 and a registered charity since 2008, Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) offers information, advice and support to socially and economically disadvantaged people in the Bristol area.

BSRC offers culturally competent support and services in several languages including English, Somali and Arabic. As our organisation and its reputation grown, we have come to serve people from an ever widening range of backgrounds, while maintaining a focus on the needs of our city's Somali population.

Our Work

BSRC provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including benefits, housing, immigration, schools and employment.

We aim to get the voice of the Somali community heard in the area, promote community cohesion and reduce the isolation of Somali people.

BSRC has been, and continues to be, a key partner for organisations and bodies seeking to establish facts and understanding of the Somali community.

The Need

The greatest challenges reported by our service users in 2023-2024 were

1. the ongoing rise in the cost of living, which has drastically outstripped typical local incomes;
2. the acute housing crisis in Bristol, particularly for households of 5+ people (as are typical in the communities we serve);
3. the shortage of agencies offering face-to-face support, as more and more move towards delivery online or over the telephone, creating additional barriers to those already struggling with low levels of English.

November also saw the sudden evacuation of Barton House, a high-rise council tower block with a predominantly Somali and Arabic speaking population, two minutes' walk from the BRSC office. Our team provided emergency relief, advice and advocacy to many of the 98 households during the following months, while tenants were housed in emergency hotel accommodation and following their return to Barton House in February.

The Demand

Across the year, our team has provided 5000+ one to one advice sessions to 2000+ individuals, on employment, benefits, housing and a ranges of other pressing issues. We have also run 12 group activities ranging from elders' trips to coffee mornings and community consultations. These were attended by over 500 local people.

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Our impact

Our work this year has had a quantifiable impact on the lives of many service users, helping them cope better with the three main challenges named above, the cost-of-living crisis, the housing crisis and the decline in local, accessible face-to-face advice services. Among those who came through our doors this year...

- 483 households were helped to maximise their income
- 44 homeless households secured stable housing
- 238 people acceded specialist legal, debt and energy efficiency advice
- 29 families secured school places for their children
- 133 individuals made new CV's
- 77 gained new stable jobs
- 31 gained accredited qualifications and 14 took on new volunteering roles

"My electricity bills were so high and I was very stressed.

Advice from the Somali Resource Centre helped me save money and make sense of my bills, even though I don't speak English"

- Muna, Lawrence Hill

Information, advice and guidance

This year our advisors delivered over 4000 hours of face-to-face support to 2096 individuals. The numbers seeking our support in the eight most needed areas is illustrated below, as well as a breakdown of the principal issues our service users faced around housing specifically.

Users of our housing advice service needed a mix of advocacy and language support to enjoy their rights to the full, as well as support navigating the necessary procedures and obligations (homelessness forms, Council Tax and Housing Benefits). A smaller but very significant number of people sought our support as they were facing eviction. Through our advocacy and advice, we helped 10 families avoid eviction. Overcrowding remains a problem for the majority of council tenants we assisted with Home Choice.

Community events and activities

We have run a range of group activities, trips and events serving a broad cross-section of our local community. Wherever possible, group members have had a decisive role in the design of these, choosing topics for discussion, inviting guest speakers, shaping the English classes' syllabuses and selecting destinations for walks and trips.

Highly innovative teaching

This year, three more skilled and qualified volunteers joined us to expand our innovative English programme. These classes are targeted at practising and mastering vital everyday communication skills, and improving employment options: one class builds confidence in speaking, for those distanced from the labour market by lack of spoken English. The other focuses on literacy and grammar, to help those already in hands-on jobs progress towards work requiring more written and digital communication.

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Battling isolation

Many local older adults continued to report feeling socially isolated and struggling with health problems made worse by a lack of activity. In response, BSRC recruited a older adults engagement worker to run a range of physical and social activities, as well as visiting less mobile elders at home. We have also run regular events from the community room of a Lawrence Hill tower block with a large older female population, offering the chance to socialise, share food and get support without the need to travel.

Who we supported

- 58% of clients were female
- 22% were disabled or care for a disabled dependent
- 10% were aged 65 or older
- 87% have dependent relatives and children
- 27% live in overcrowded or inadequate housing
- 99% were from a minoritised ethnic background
- We helped people from a wide range of backgrounds spanning 25 nationalities and 19 first languages.

The geographical spread

Last year we supported residents of numerous Bristol wards, including Southmead, Hartcliffe & Withywood, Stockwood and Knowle, as well as neighbouring local authorities South Gloucestershire, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and Swindon Borough Council. The majority of those we support, however, reside in the most deprived neighbourhoods of Bristol according to 2021 census data, and in particular Barton Hill, where our office is located. Our ward of Lawrence Hill has the highest number of benefits claimants in Bristol (76.9%), the highest rates of child poverty (46.6%) as well as a concentration of overcrowded Council tower blocks.

Success stories

Overcoming multiple challenges

Ms S is an older Senegalese woman who sought our services as she was destitute, unable to find work and struggling to pay for her temporary accommodation. She spoke no English and relied on an interpreter to access any services. We immediately recruited a French-speaking volunteer via the local council's volunteering platform, who has helped her to explain her situation and needs to our staff and offered a welcome point of contact.

Meanwhile, we invited Ms S to join our English programme. She attended regularly for six months, and gained enough confidence to secure two part-time cleaning jobs. The class also allowed her to make local friends and form a valuable support network at a time of need, with several women independently helping Ms S with donations of food.

One particular struggle for Ms S was her failure to prove her entitlement to benefits. However, we collaborated with staff from Bristol City Council to secure her housing benefits, meaning her housing costs at least were now paid for. More importantly still, with our guidance, she was then able to use this award of housing benefits to prove her entitlement to Universal Credit, offering her much-needed financial security.

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Ms S also benefited from our housing advice and advocacy. Facing antisocial behaviour in her shared temporary house, she had tried unsuccessfully to complain to the council about other occupants' binge drinking and all night parties. These took a growing toll on her mental health as she grew more sleep deprived, and as the fasting month of Ramadan approached. We contacted the council's homelessness prevention team on Ms S's behalf, urging them to find more suitable housing. Within a month, she had been offered the tenancy of a council flat to herself, close to her workplaces.

Changing directions

After a career in cleaning, Khadijo wanted to find work that she could do from home, where she cares for a son who was a victim of a stabbing. Our advisor helped her through the process of registering as a nanny, navigating Ofsted requirements and preparing for a home visit, and provided information on public liability insurance.

Family pressures led Ilhan to leave Sweden in the middle of her care worker training and relocate to Bristol in January. Despite arriving with very little English, she took full advantage of our spoken English classes and one-to-one sessions. By April, she had successfully interviewed for a role in a local care home. Alongside her job, she now attends our more advanced, writing-focused classes with a view to progressing eventually into a leadership role.

Getting back on track

After a misunderstanding with a customer, Ahmed's taxi licence was suspended until he could complete an accredited ESOL course. As the sole earner in a large household, Ahmed did not have time to enrol on a local college course, which would take several months. We helped him explore other options and enrol on a fast-track programme with an independent provider, allowing him to gain his qualification and return to work within six weeks.

Staying active

Mr K, a socially active pensioner, has been getting his health back on track after joining our elders' walking group:

Every Sunday my group and I follow the public footpath along the river, walk 3km to Troopers Hill and the same distance back. I found the walking helps me manage my blood pressure and diabetes. I also lost 5lb of weight. Being active is good for my physical and mental health, a chance to spend time with friends and explore nature.

Thankyou

To all our funders, and all those whose donations and volunteering help us meet the demands and needs of our community.

Our vision to create a healthy and vibrant Somali community, integrated into British society as active social and economic participants.

Our mission is to promote a culture that values all individuals and communities, in particular the Somali community.

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Finance, reserves policy and risk management

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. We received multi-year restricted funding from different funders which we received in the last couple of months of the financial year and carried forward. This prepaid funding is part of our budget for activities that will take place in the financial year 2024-2025.

Our unrestricted funds stand at £237,128 and £40,000 of this has been set aside as a designated fund for the development of land the Bristol City Council is planning to lease to the organisation. A further £31,000 has been set aside as a designated fund in case of future restructuring in the event of a reduction of funding. The present level of free reserves less fixed assets and designated funds, available to the charity is £164,910. Based on the budget prepared for the 24/25 financial year, 6 months running costs equates £152,000, and therefore, the trustees feel the level of free reserves is adequate and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Approved by the trustees on.....and signed on their behalf by:

..... Date

Fatia Gure

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 11-20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

It should be noted that Bristol Community Accountants provide bookkeeping services to Bristol Somali Resource Centre. I confirm that my duties are segregated, and I am not involved in the day to day bookkeeping matters of the charity.

Jacob Trowbridge MAAT
BCA, The Park, Daventry Road
Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ

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Date.....

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	43,482	315,420	358,902	256,383
Charitable Activities	4	4,066	-	4,066	4,700
Investments	5	1,577	-	1,577	773
Total		49,125	315,420	364,545	261,856
Expenditure On:					
Charitable activities	7	20,897	235,239	256,136	210,087
Other	8	1,781	5,241	7,022	1,943
Total		22,678	240,480	263,158	212,030
Net income/(expenditure)		26,447	74,940	101,387	49,826
Transfers between funds		21,621	(21,621)	-	-
Net movement in funds		48,068	53,319	101,387	49,826
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		189,060	157,882	346,942	297,116
Total funds Carried Forward	18	237,128	211,201	448,329	346,942

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

*Details of the allocation of 2023 total funds between unrestricted and restricted are shown in note 21

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	17	1,218	1,395
Current assets			
Debtors	15	1,213	13,000
Cash at bank and in hand		453,231	341,304
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>454,444</u>	<u>354,304</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(7,333)</u>	(8,757)
<i>Net Current assets or liabilities</i>		447,111	345,547
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>448,329</u>	<u>346,942</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	18	211,201	157,882
Unrestricted funds	18	<u>237,128</u>	189,060
Total charity funds		<u>448,329</u>	<u>346,942</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

Fatia Gure- Director

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

- c) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- d) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- b) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- c) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support cost have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line - not charged in year of purchase
- g) 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- h) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	40,511	315,420	355,931	255,375
Donations	2,971	-	2,971	1,008
	<u>43,482</u>	<u>315,420</u>	<u>358,902</u>	<u>256,383</u>

Donations and Legacies prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	32,720	222,655	255,375
Donations	1,008	-	1,008
	<u>33,728</u>	<u>222,655</u>	<u>256,383</u>

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Events	4,066	-	4,066	4,700
	<u>4,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,066</u>	<u>4,700</u>

Charitable Activities prior year - all unrestricted

5 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investment Interest	1,577	-	1,577	773
	<u>1,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,577</u>	<u>773</u>

Investments prior year - all unrestricted

6 Government Grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2024 was £108,130 (2023: £64,600). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the year ended 31 March 2024.

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Expenditure on:

7 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Community Engagement	2,900	2,578	5,478	5,648
Staffing Costs	6,829	210,733	217,562	179,300
Volunteer Expenses	246	635	881	235
Consultancy & professional fees	7,590	3,298	10,888	450
Postage & Stationery	300	339	639	5
Training & Publications	192	614	806	498
Rent & Room Hire	-	3,226	3,226	9,939
Travel	15	274	289	584
Website & Computer	-	3,845	3,845	1,739
Printing	-	-	-	265
Misc.	(7)	40	33	1,248
Telephone	-	915	915	1,178
Advertising and Marketing	-	160	160	194
Payroll Services	-	-	-	1,428
Subscriptions	824	2,680	3,504	4,034
Repairs & Maintenance	390	5,594	5,984	1,995
Refreshments	-	308	308	209
Depreciation	1,618	-	1,618	1,138
	<u>20,897</u>	<u>235,239</u>	<u>256,136</u>	<u>210,087</u>

Charitable activities prior year

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Community Engagement	77	5,571	5,648
Staffing Costs	6,159	173,141	179,300
Volunteer Expenses	21	214	235
Consultancy & professional fees	-	450	450
Postage & Stationery	-	5	5
Training & Publications	-	498	498
Rent & Room Hire	-	9,939	9,939
Travel	279	305	584
Website & Computer	300	1,439	1,739
Printing	-	265	265
Misc.	38	1,210	1,248
Telephone	1	1,177	1,178
Advertising and Marketing	-	194	194
Payroll Services	1,428	-	1,428
Subscriptions	128	3,906	4,034
Repairs & Maintenance	67	1,928	1,995
Refreshments	42	167	209
Depreciation	1,138	-	1,138
	<u>9,678</u>	<u>200,409</u>	<u>210,087</u>

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8 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Independent Examiner's Fee	943	-	943	816
Bookkeeping support	838	4,261	5,099	603
Insurance	-	707	707	524
Governance	-	273	273	-
	<u>1,781</u>	<u>5,241</u>	<u>7,022</u>	<u>1,943</u>

Other prior year bookkeeping support £557 restricted, all other costs unrestricted

9 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination fees	943	816
	<u>943</u>	<u>816</u>

10 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and Salaries	195,246	160,971
Social Security Costs	12,770	10,452
Pension Costs	9,546	7,877
	<u>217,562</u>	<u>179,300</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2023: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 8 staff (2023: 6 staff)

11 Key personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two staff members. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £86,452 (2023: £78,993).

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12 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil).

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023: £nil)

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	750	-
Prepayments and other debtors	463	13,000
	<u>1,213</u>	<u>13,000</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Creditors	801	3,028
Pension Costs	1,149	1,002
HM Revenue & Customs	4,440	3,408
Accruals & Deferred Income:		
Independent Examination	943	1,319
	<u>7,333</u>	<u>8,757</u>

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17 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost	2,639	774	3,413
Addition in year	-	1,440	1,440
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>2,214</u>	<u>4,853</u>
Depreciation			
Beginning of the year	1,760	258	2,018
Charge for the year	879	738	1,617
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>3,635</u>
Net book value			
As at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,218</u>

18 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 01-Apr 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Quartet Community Foundation	41,591	20,000	(25,551)	-	36,040
Black South West Network	9,914	30,000	(13,329)	-	26,585
Bristol City Council	47,371	108,130	(71,188)	-	84,313
Dolphin Society	4,492	8,000	(2,766)	(1,440)	8,286
North Bristol NHS Trust	95	-	(95)	-	-
Nilaari Agency	7,253	40,000	(12,218)	-	35,035
The Henry Smith Charity	(123)	43,000	(41,815)	-	1,062
Nisbet Trust	19,476	-	(19,476)	-	-
Grateful Society	1,623	8,000	(891)	-	8,732
St Monica Trust	-	8,000	(5,316)	-	2,684
Richmond Fellowship	18,476	-	-	(18,476)	-
university Hospital Bristol	2,350	-	(645)	(1,705)	-
Go Fund Yourself	5,364	-	(5,364)	-	-
Citizens Advice	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
National Lottery	-	18,930	(18,930)	-	-
National Grid	-	6,360	(6,360)	-	-
Locality	-	10,000	(1,536)	-	8,464
Total Restricted Funds	<u>157,882</u>	<u>315,420</u>	<u>(240,480)</u>	<u>(21,621)</u>	<u>211,201</u>

Unrestricted funds cont'd

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Unrestricted funds

Designated funds - Capital Exp	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
Designated funds - Redundancy	-	-	-	31,000	31,000
General Funds	149,060	49,125	(22,678)	(9,379)	166,128
Total Unrestricted Funds	189,060	49,125	(22,678)	21,621	237,128
Total funds	346,942	364,545	(263,158)	-	448,329

Purpose of restricted funds

Quartet Community Foundation	Money for Barton Hill Activities Club – a group of women who have no bank and asked us to hold money for them
Black South West Network	Providing support to people affected by covid-19. Providing advice, digital and food and financial support.
Bristol City Council	Supporting people affected by Covid-19 who are in crisis and people with mental health. Also promoting vaccination uptake
Dolphin Society	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
North Bristol NHS Trust	Community Mental Health Programme
Nilari Agency	Mental health support for people recovering from Covid-19
The Henry Smith Charity	Running costs grant
Nisbet Trust	Funding the Employability Project
Grateful Society	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
St Monica Trust	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
Richmond Fellowship	Core cost support
University Hospital Bristol	IT and Core Costs
Go Fund Yourself	Salary costs
Citizens Advice	Increasing Advisors salary
National Lottery	Cost of living Crisis Support Project
National Grid	Advice and Energy Support Project
Locality	Cost of Living Grant Programme

Purpose of designated funds

Development of building during the 2023/24 financial year and office equipment

Transfer between funds

The trustees have designated the contribution towards future building development costs

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	1,218	-	1,218
Cash at Bank and In Hand	243,243	211,201	454,444
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(7,333)	-	(7,333)
Total	237,128	211,201	448,329

20 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

21 Analysis of charitable funds - previous year, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Incoming and Endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	33,728	222,655	256,383
Charitable Activities	4,700	-	4,700
Investments	773	-	773
Total	39,201	222,655	261,856
Expenditure On:			
Charitable Activities	9,678	200,409	210,087
Other	1,386	557	1,943
Total	11,064	200,966	212,030
Net income/(expenditure)	28,137	21,689	49,826
Transfer between funds	38,464	(38,464)	-
Net movement in funds	66,601	(16,775)	49,826
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward	122,489	174,627	297,116
Total funds Carried Forward	189,090	157,852	346,942

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE (BSRC)

England & Wales - Charity number 1128721

Accounts

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Reference and administration details of the charity and its advisors

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Status

Bristol Somali Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee (06771265) incorporated on 12th December 2008 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 20th March 2009 under number 1128721

Directors and Trustees

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

Samira Muse	Chair	
Abdi Osman Mohamed	Treasurer	
Madge Dresser	Member	resigned December 2021
Kuba Jablonowski	Member	resigned July 2022
Dr Henrietta Wilkinson		
Fatia Gure		appointed March 2021
Ruth Pickersgill		appointed December 2021

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BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of association directors, not including persons co-opted in accordance with article 20 shall not be more than nine or less than three. Directors of Association are elected for a two-year term after which they are eligible to stand for re-election.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity:

- 1) The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit in particular within the city of Bristol by:
 - (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds, in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage;
 - (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public;
 - (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community, in particular but not limited to people Somali of origin or heritage living and/or working within the city of Bristol, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (3) The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:
 - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, and in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage
 - (c) working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

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- (4) Any other charitable purpose agreed by special resolution under the Articles of the Company, and notified to, and accepted by the Charity Commission as charitable.

Vision

To create a strong and vibrant Somali community that is fully integrated into British society as active, social and economic participant.

Summary of main objectives in relation to the above objects

The Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including welfare, housing, schools and employment. BSRC also organises training activities and workshops to enhance employment opportunities, social interaction and to help reduce isolation. We work with the most disadvantaged people in Bristol, resolving many problems and challenges that they face. We are committed to improving the lives of most vulnerable people in the community who are facing barriers such cultural and language barriers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Co-chairs' message

It is our great pleasure to present the Bristol Somali Resource Centre's 2023 Annual Report, which outlines an exceptional year of delivery and hard work from our dedicated staff team. There have been multiple challenges and opportunities in this reporting period, including the cost-of-living crisis which has disproportionately affected our service users. We want to thank all the staff and volunteers for their outstanding commitment and achievements through such a difficult year.

The effects of the cost-of-living crisis continues to be felt throughout the city and beyond and has greatly impacted Bristol's Somali community. As a result, demand for our services increased exponentially across the year, requiring our team to support service users through a raft of different needs and requirements. They have helped an astonishing 2696 people who are facing multiple deprivations with the potential to impact life chances over generations, generating cycles of food poverty, inadequate housing, precarious employment and digital exclusion. As BSRC managed to change these challenges into opportunities for education, employment and connection, the organisation has gone from strength to strength, attracting repeat and new resources from funders across the city and beyond.

Our thanks go out to all our funders, with much appreciation for their ongoing support as well as for a new period of four-year funding, which will allow us to build on our work to date and develop our organisational sustainability. Huge congratulations to the staff and volunteer team, including service users who contributed to the work of the organisation, and we look forward to an equally successful year in 2023-24.

Fatia Gure and Hen Wilkinson
Co-chairs, Bristol Somali Resource Centre

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This year, we supported individuals and families across the City of Bristol, including those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis. As most of our service users are low-income families who are struggling to make ends meet, it has disproportionately affected our community and driven many households into food and energy poverty. Demand for advice, information, and guidance has increased and pressure on our services has risen as more and more people start to fall behind with their rent and utility bill payments, which has caused homelessness and debt problems.

The BSRC's Board of Trustees reviews our aims and objectives each year. Below we summarise our major activities and highlight what we have achieved over the last 12 months. Our core areas of holistic support are grouped under in four areas:

1. **Information, advice and guidance**
2. **Employability and education support**
3. **Wellbeing support**
4. **Digital inclusion support.**

Information, advice and guidance

We have given information, advice, and guidance on debt, benefits, housing, utility bills, education, discrimination issues and consumer issues. This was mainly one-off general advice to individual service users.

- We offered 1-1 **housing advice** to **315** people who have been threatened with eviction, disrepair, and homelessness, and ran housing advice sessions to give new arrivals information about housing rights and responsibilities. We also challenged a number of landlords who take advantage of people who are facing language and cultural barriers.
- We have given **benefit advice** to more than **677** people who needed advice in relation to Universal Credit, Personal Independent Payment, Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance and others.
- We have seen an increased number of people who are seeking **energy advice** because of the cost-of-living crisis. We have supported **525** people who were struggling with their energy bills, giving them advice on how to save energy and access energy support available for low-income families.
- We also gave families **debt advice** in relation to utilities bills, referring them on to other specialist energy advice agencies such as the Centre for Sustainable Energy. We also supported **215** people who were struggling to pay their water and telephone bills, helping them to apply to water help schemes and to find cheaper telephone and broadband deals.
- We have given **general advice and advocacy support** to **119** people who faced discrimination, including consumer issues. We challenged their employers, phone companies, landlords and other institutions who are treating people who are facing language and cultural barriers unfairly.

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Case study

Mrs S is a single mother with four children. She lived in a privately rented property and was behind with the rent payment and energy bills. The benefit cap and Cost-of-living Crisis affected her.

Mrs S works part-time and earns £600 a month. She also gets Universal Credit. She came to Bristol Somali Resource Centre seeking benefits and energy advice. Mrs S was worried about losing her house and was receiving warning letters with eviction if she did not pay her rent on time. She also received a letter from her energy provider reminding her that she had not paid her bills for the last three months. She told us that she cannot afford to pay her energy bills and rent at the same time. 'I must make a choice between feeding my children and paying these bills'. We checked her benefit entitlement and found that her benefit has been capped. We advised her to increase her working hours so that the benefit cap can be lifted. Our employment advisor helped her find another part-time job, and the benefit cap has been lifted. We also gave her food bank vouchers and advice on how to save energy and referred her to the Centre for Sustainable Energy for energy vouchers.

Employability and education support

Now into our second year of employment support, we have continued to see demand grow for our assistance. Although job opportunities have widened in the years since the COVID-19 lockdowns, the rising cost of living and benefit cap has driven more local people towards poverty and a need to find additional work. To meet this growing need and demand, we increased the provision of our employment advice service to four days a week from January 2023. Meanwhile, we tripled the number of English (ESOL) classes that we provide free to the community, all of which have a focus on key practical skills to help our most economically vulnerable service users become more self-reliant and closer to work readiness.

We take pride in how quickly we are able to support people into independence while also welcoming anyone who requires more intensive, longer-term support. An amazing **188** individuals have benefited from our employment advice this year, and of these,

- **76** found **new jobs** (40.4%)
- **94** developed a **new CV** (50.0%)
- **2** were offered places for degrees at **university**
- **18** enrolled on **other accredited courses** leading to qualifications (9.5%).
- **29** people attended our English for Employability courses (15.4%).

Our employment advice is available to all without any limit on the number of appointments. This is a rarity in careers advice nationally and allows us to support those furthest from the labour market and in the greatest need. As a result, we supported **20 long-term economically inactive** people into work or accredited training over the course of the last year. At the same time, we focus on building independence in those closer to the labour market, with the result that most service users (78%) require only 1-2 sessions before they progress into work or are confident enough to continue their work search independently. 21% of people need 3 or more appointments, and only 10% need 5 or more appointments.

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This year, we also greatly increased our provision of Friday English classes, and continue to experiment with the formats that suit our learners best. Our 2-mornings-a-week classes focused on spoken communication for employability. For many, these classes offer a first taste of education in the UK and also help learners towards other progressions (further courses and new jobs, for example). The afternoon class supports a cohort of 12 committed female learners, all with a good foundation in spoken English, to develop skills in reading and writing, allowing progression into better-paying jobs or courses.

Thanks to Bristol City Council's Community Learning team, who provided us with a suite of laptops, we have also been able to build computer-based activities into our ESOL classes. This is something that many learners have requested, especially those benefiting from our digital inclusion project (see below).

Employability success stories

X is on his gap year, preparing to apply to study medicine at university, and needed to save some money. Our service referred him to the Prince's Trust emergency services course to find paid work relevant to his university goals. As a result, X has an upcoming interview for a job as a 999 operator and meanwhile is volunteering at BSRC's reception to get experience at handling calls.

Y was told she could not return for her second year of sixth form, as she had missed too many classes the previous year on health grounds. We helped X explore her options and enrol at another local college for a Criminology and Psychology diploma, subjects she is more interested in. She combines her studies with a part-time job at a local GP surgery, where her bilingualism allows her to welcome and support the surgery's many Somali patients in their mother tongue.

Z is a dentist from Sudan who originally came for advice on how to return to her profession in the UK. We helped her identify the necessary steps and explore options for IELTS (International English Language Testing) courses locally – the world's most popular English language proficiency test for higher education and global migration. We explored volunteering at a local dental practice as an interpreter to develop her English in the area, but financial pressures meant Z needed to find a job. She is now working as a swimming instructor while working towards her IELTS test, and has also recently completed further training and gained a place on an open-water swimming coaching course. This will allow her to earn considerably more from her swimming lessons and make time for volunteering as a dental interpreter.

Wellbeing support

Over the past 12 months, we have organised group wellbeing sessions in which **427** people participated. We also offered 1-1 support to 150 people, most of whom accessed more than one session. Some 95% of service users reported that their well-being improved as a result of our holistic therapeutic support, which is great feedback for the hardworking staff team. However, there is still more work to be done to engage with more men who would benefit from emotional well-being services either 1:1 or in group sessions.

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We are currently working with an increasing number of people with complex mental health issues, many of whom – and particularly elders - are now disclosing feelings of loneliness and social isolation for the first time. During this reporting period, the people we saw who needed wellbeing support were facing a wide range of everyday life challenges, from housing-related problems such as homelessness and rent arrears to other debt and benefit issues. Those seeking help for their mental health problems are struggling with low mood, anxiety and trauma, mainly caused by witnessing and/or being victims of civil war and sleep-related problems or insomnia, all of which are having a huge impact on people's mental health.

Our referrals come from GPs, from mental health services (both from the community mental health teams and the psychiatric hospitals), from prisons and youth offending services, from children's services and schools, and from parents who are seeking support for themselves and for their children. We also receive referrals from other voluntary agencies, as well as between BSRC colleagues when someone identifies a service user struggling with their emotional wellbeing.

Many people we are working with are facing challenges in accessing mental health support services. Language barriers and difficulties navigating the system are holding them back from getting or even seeking the right support at the right time, but when they do, they report how hard it is to get an appointment with their GPs. We have been providing culturally and linguistically relevant support and therapeutic social interventions, including self-care support and group sessions delivered within a social setting. These have covered, for example, how to manage stress, low mood, anxiety and sleep deprivation.

Digital Inclusion Report

Despite the growing availability of affordable smartphones, much of our client base has continued to struggle with digital poverty. This is true even for families with several devices: from primary years upwards, a growing amount of school homework requires a device with a large screen (laptop or tablet), with the result that a typical family of five children will find it harder to succeed academically without access to several larger devices. Young service users have reported having to write school and college essays on smartphones. Likewise, finding and applying for jobs is markedly more difficult without access to a device with a larger keyboard and display. Such digital poverty only exacerbates existing disparities in wealth and opportunity for young people and adults alike.

Continuing a partnership with Digi Local that was started in **October 2020**, we distributed **230** digital devices comprising laptops, desktops and tablets to 230 local households this year. Our policy is one family, one laptop, although there are some families which, due to the size of their household, received more than one. After checking their financial situations, DigiLocal and BSRC granted refurbished devices, and provided replacements for any that suffered from any functionality issues. Although people of all ages have benefited from these devices, we have prioritised families with children in Year 11 and above, to ensure they have the digital tools needed to prepare fully for the public examinations that are vital for their future progression.

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Closing the digital divide

A mother of five school-age children with only one digital device in the home asked for a laptop. After an assessment of the family's finances, she was given a laptop. A few weeks later, she visited BSRC's center, saying she wished she had visited earlier. Her son, who is in year 11, was delighted when he got the laptop he badly needed for his upcoming exams.

A socially isolated older man reported that after becoming connected to the outside world through his device, both his health and wellbeing have improved. He noticed he had become up-to-date on current affairs and is starting to make friends online.

Finance, reserves policy and risk management

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. We received multi-year restricted funding from different funders which we received in the last couple of months of the financial year and carried forward. This prepaid funding is part of our budget for activities that will take place in the financial year 2023-2024.

Our unrestricted funds stand at £189,060 and £25,000 has been set aside for the development of new building that we acquired recently. Further £15,000 funds the office equipment of the charity. The present level of free reserves available to the charity is £149,060

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

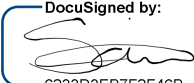
The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Date

Samira Muse

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 12-21.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

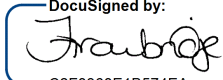
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
BCA, The Park, Daventry Road
Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ

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BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	33,728	222,655	256,383	251,950
Charitable Activities	4	4,700	-	4,700	-
Investments	5	773	-	773	258
Total		39,201	222,655	261,856	252,208
Expenditure On:					
Charitable activities	7	9,678	200,409	210,087	160,360
Other	8	1,386	557	1,943	1,520
Total		11,064	200,966	212,030	161,880
Net income/(expenditure)		28,137	21,689	49,826	90,328
Transfers between funds		38,434	(38,434)	-	-
Net movement in funds		66,571	(16,745)	49,826	90,328
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		122,489	174,627	297,116	206,788
Total funds Carried Forward	18	189,060	157,882	346,942	297,116

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

*Details of the allocation of 2022 total funds between unrestricted and restricted are shown in note 21

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**BALANCE SHEET****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	17	1,395	2,533
Current assets			
Debtors	15	13,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		341,304	299,233
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>354,304</u>	<u>299,233</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(8,757)</u>	(4,650)
<i>Net Current assets or liabilities</i>		345,547	<u>294,583</u>
Total net assets or liabilities		<u><u>346,942</u></u>	<u><u>297,116</u></u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	18	157,882	174,627
Unrestricted funds	18	<u>189,060</u>	122,489
Total charity funds		<u><u>346,942</u></u>	<u><u>297,116</u></u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

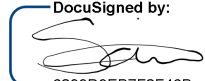
Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 8/12/2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Samira Muse - Director

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

- c) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- d) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.

- b) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- c) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support cost have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line - not charged in year of purchase
- g) 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- h) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants	32,720	222,655	255,375	250,652
Donations	1,008	-	1,008	1,298
	<u>33,728</u>	<u>222,655</u>	<u>256,383</u>	<u>251,950</u>

Donations and Legacies prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants	16,517	234,135	250,652
Donations	1,298	-	1,298
	<u>17,815</u>	<u>234,135</u>	<u>251,950</u>

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Events	4,700	-	4,700	-
	<u>4,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,700</u>	<u>-</u>

Charitable Activities prior year - all unrestricted

5 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Investment Interest	772	-	772	258
	<u>773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>258</u>

Investments prior year - all unrestricted

6 Government Grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2023 was £64,600 (2022: £69,080). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the year ended 31 March 2023.

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****Expenditure on:****7 Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Community Engagement	77	5,571	5,648	2,318
Staffing Costs	6,159	173,141	179,300	131,732
Volunteer Expenses	21	214	235	180
Consultancy & professional fees	-	450	450	4,300
Postage & Stationery	-	5	5	26
Training & Publications	-	498	498	260
Rent & Room Hire	-	9,939	9,939	9,751
Travel	279	305	584	336
Website & Computer	300	1,439	1,739	2,750
Printing	-	265	265	316
Misc.	38	1,210	1,248	105
Telephone	1	1,177	1,178	615
Advertising and Marketing	-	194	194	21
Payroll Services	1,428	-	1,428	288
Subscriptions	128	3,906	4,034	3,237
Repairs & Maintenance	67	1,928	1,995	2,883
Refreshments	42	167	209	362
Depreciation	1,138	-	1,138	880
	9,678	200,409	210,087	160,360

Charitable activities prior year

	<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	<i>Restricted Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Community Engagement</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>2,232</i>	<i>2,318</i>
<i>Staffing Costs</i>	<i>8,458</i>	<i>123,274</i>	<i>131,732</i>
<i>Volunteer Expenses</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>180</i>
<i>Consultancy & professional fees</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4,300</i>	<i>4,300</i>
<i>Postage & Stationery</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Training & Publications</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>260</i>
<i>Rent & Room Hire</i>	<i>2,478</i>	<i>7,273</i>	<i>9,751</i>
<i>Travel</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>336</i>
<i>Website & Computer</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2,750</i>	<i>2,750</i>
<i>Printing</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>316</i>
<i>Misc.</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>105</i>
<i>Telephone</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>615</i>	<i>615</i>
<i>Advertising and Marketing</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Payroll Services</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>288</i>	<i>288</i>
<i>Subscriptions</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,237</i>	<i>3,237</i>
<i>Repairs & Maintenance</i>	<i>782</i>	<i>2,101</i>	<i>2,883</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>222</i>	<i>362</i>
<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>880</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>880</i>
	13,258	147,102	160,360

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****8 Other**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Independent Examiners Fee	816	-	816	742
Bookkeeping support	46	557	603	306
Insurance	524	-	524	472
	<u>1,386</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>1,943</u>	<u>1,520</u>

Other prior year - all unrestricted

9 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination fees	816	742
	<u>816</u>	<u>742</u>

10 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and Salaries	160,971	119,268
Social Security Costs	10,452	6,758
Pension Costs	7,877	5,706
	<u>179,300</u>	<u>131,732</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 6 staff (2022: 5 staff)

11 Key personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two staff members. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £78,993 (2022: £65,910).

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The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil).

13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2022: £nil)

14 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and other debtors	13,000	-
	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,028	-
Pension Costs	1,002	822
HM Revenue & Customs	3,408	3,085
Accruals & Deferred Income:		
Independent Examination	1,319	743
	<u>8,757</u>	<u>4,650</u>

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****17 Tangible fixed assets**

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost	2,639	774	3,413
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>3,413</u>
Depreciation			
Beginning of the year	880	-	880
Charge for the year	880	258	1,138
As at year end	<u>1,760</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>2,018</u>
Net book value			
As at year end	<u>879</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>1,395</u>

18 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 01-Apr 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Oasis Talk	220	-	(220)	-	-
Quartet Community Foundation	18,890	37,110	(14,409)	-	41,591
Black South West Network	(1,507)	20,000	(8,579)	-	9,914
Bristol City Council	57,446	64,600	(74,675)	-	47,371
Dolphin Society	4,579	-	(87)	-	4,492
Lloyds Foundation	38,434	-	-	(38,434)	-
North Bristol NHS Trust	3,335	-	(3,240)	-	95
Nilaari Agency	2,958	28,000	(23,705)	-	7,253
The Henry Smith Charity	-	35,000	(35,123)	-	(123)
Nisbet Trust	20,625	23,945	(25,094)	-	19,476
Grateful Society	(264)	6,000	(4,113)	-	1,623
St Monica Trust	9,085	-	(9,085)	-	-
Richmond Fellowship	18,476	-	-	-	18,476
UHB	2,350	-	-	-	2,350
GFY	-	8,000	(2,636)	-	5,364
Total Restricted Funds	<u>174,627</u>	<u>222,655</u>	<u>(200,966)</u>	<u>(38,434)</u>	<u>157,882</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds - Capital Exp	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
General Funds	122,489	39,201	(11,064)	(1,566)	149,060
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>122,489</u>	<u>39,201</u>	<u>(11,064)</u>	<u>38,434</u>	<u>189,060</u>
Total funds	<u>297,116</u>	<u>261,856</u>	<u>(212,030)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>346,942</u>

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****Purpose of restricted funds**

Oasis Talk	Community Elders activities
Quartet Community Foundation	Money for Barton Hill Activities Club – a group of women who have no bank and asked us to hold money for them
Black South West Network	Providing support to people affected by covid-19. Providing advice, digital and food and financial support.
Bristol City Council	Supporting people affected by Covid-19 who are in crisis and people with mental health. Also promoting vaccination uptake
Dolphin Society	Supporting older people who are affected by Covid-19
Lloyds Bank	Support activities and costs relating to charitable purposes and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised people affected by Covid-19
North Bristol NHS Trust	
Nilari Agency	Mental health support for people recovering from Covid-19
The Henry Smith Charity	Running costs grant
Nisbet Trust	Funding the Employability Project
Grateful Society	
St Monica Trust	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.
Richmond Fellowship	
UHB	
GFY	

Purpose of designated funds

Development of building during the 2023/24 financial year and office equipment

Transfer between funds

The trustees have designated the contribution towards future building development costs

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Fixed assets	1,395	-	1,395
Cash at Bank and In Hand	196,422	157,882	354,304
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(8,757)	-	(8,757)
Total	189,060	157,882	346,942

BRISTOL SOMALI RESOURCE CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023****20 Company limited by guarantee**

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

21 Analysis of charitable funds - previous year, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	17,815	234,135	251,950
Charitable Activities	-	-	-
Investments	258	-	258
Total	18,073	234,135	252,208
Expenditure On:			
Charitable Activities	13,258	147,102	160,360
Other	742	778	1,520
Total	14,000	147,880	161,880
Net income/(expenditure)	4,073	86,255	90,328
Transfer between funds	8,851	(8,851)	-
Net movement in funds	12,924	77,404	90,328
Reconciliation of Funds:			
Total funds brought forward	109,565	97,223	206,788
Total funds Carried Forward	122,489	174,627	297,116

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Reference and administration details of the charity and its advisors

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Status

Bristol Somali Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee (06771265) incorporated on 12th December 2008 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 20th March 2009 under number 1128721

Directors and Trustees

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

Samira Muse	Chair	
Abdi Osman Mohamed	Treasurer	
Madge Dresser	Member	resigned December 2021
Kuba Jablonowski	Member	resigned July 2022
Dr Henrietta Wilkinson		
Fatia Gure		appointed March 2021
Ruth Pickersgill		appointed December 2021

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The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of association directors, not including persons co-opted in accordance with article 20 shall not be more than nine or less than three. Directors of Association are elected for a two-year term after which they are eligible to stand for re-election.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity:

- 1) The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit in particular within the city of Bristol by:
 - (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds, in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage;
 - (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public;
 - (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community, in particular but not limited to people Somali of origin or heritage living and/or working within the city of Bristol, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (3) The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:
 - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, and in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage
 - (c) working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

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- (4) Any other charitable purpose agreed by special resolution under the Articles of the Company, and notified to, and accepted by the Charity Commission as charitable.

Vision

To create a strong and vibrant Somali community that is fully integrated into British society as active, social and economic participant.

Summary of main objectives in relation to the above objects

The Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including welfare, housing, schools and employment. BSRC also organises training activities and workshops to enhance employment opportunities, social interaction and to help reduce isolation. We work with the most disadvantaged people in Bristol, resolving many problems and challenges that they face. We are committed to improving the lives of most vulnerable people in the community who are facing barriers such cultural and language barriers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Chair's report

I am delighted to present such a positive report about the activities of the Bristol Somali Resource Centre over the year 2021-22. In particular, I want to thank all the staff and volunteers for their commitment and achievements through such a difficult year, as the effects of the pandemic continue to be felt throughout the Somali community and beyond.

It is also a great pleasure to note that the organisation goes from strength to strength, attracting repeat and new resources from funders across the city and beyond. This has only been possible because of the exceptional work delivered by the organisation in supporting service users through a raft of different needs and requirements. Our thanks go out to all our funders, with much appreciation for their ongoing support as well as for a new period of four-year funding which will allow us to build on our work to date and develop our organisational sustainability.

Huge congratulations to the staff and volunteer team, service users who contributed to the work of the organisation, and I look forward to an equally successful year in 2022-23.

Chair of Bristol Somali Resource Centre

Summary of the main activities of the charity during the year

This year we supported individuals and families across the City of Bristol, including those most affected by the COVID pandemic. As COVID highlighted, many families face multiple deprivations which have the potential to impact their life chances over generations, generating cycles of food poverty, inadequate housing, and precarious employment and digital exclusion (IT skills and equipment). The demand for advice information and guidance has increased and pressure on our services has risen as more and more people start to fall behind with their rent and utility bill payments. This has caused homelessness and debt problems. We have given information advice and guidance on debt, benefit, housing, water, employment, utility bills, education, discrimination issues

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and consumer issues. We have given information, advice, and guidance to more 1176 people who needed crisis intervention and handholding support. Most people presented multiple issues concerning benefits, debt, employment, consumer issues, and health (both physical and mental) issues. Some of the people faced immediate crises such as evictions, workplace discrimination and the Benefit Cap. We run information sessions to promote vaccination and health issues.

Wellbeing and Mental Health support

The Coronavirus pandemic and lockdowns have severely affected the overall wellbeing of many people in our local communities including those who use BSRC's services. Some people we work with had previous experience of mental health problems and some have developed emotional distress because of Covid-19's effects. A majority of our service users approached us seeking support with multiple problems they face including housing related problems, unemployment, debt, benefits issues and so on. Others have been referred by another organisation. Many service users are facing a significant degree of anxiety, worries and low mood which negatively impact on their general wellbeing and quality of life. We offered them individual or group support over the telephone and face to face (where the person would benefit more from face-to-face and it was safe to do so, by strictly following covid-19 guidelines). 113 people benefited from our one-to- support. We also provided group mental health awareness events via Zoom and 135 people participated. We used evidence-based approaches such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) approaches to enable people to understand their emotional difficulties and learn ways to improve their wellbeing.

We also run activities for community elders in a community setting, including a coffee morning, visiting green spaces, and social events to enhance social connections for lonely elders. In addition, we promoted a healthy diet and provided emotional wellbeing and gentle physical exercise. 68 older people benefited and reported improved wellbeing.

Employment and Adult Education project

In July 2021, we added to our team a designated employability and adult advisor. From July 2021 to March 2022 our advisor supported 299 people. Of those 53 got paid jobs, 38 progressed to interview stage and 75 received help with CV building, interview techniques and online job searching. We supported 27 young people who need help with accessing high education, 2 of them with UCAS applications to universities, and both were given unconditional offers for undergraduate degrees. We helped 4 service users to apply for PGCE courses and 3 of the 4 were offered places locally.

In addition to helping service users find English classes locally, we provided weekly English sessions for a class of women, led by a CELTA-qualified volunteer. 28 people attended and gained confidence in using English language. Our employment advisor also ran weekly advanced English sessions for 10 service users who were preparing for PGCEs.

Digital Inclusion

Our digital inclusion project supported more 217 people who were experiencing extreme digital exclusion. Families, isolated older people and college students all benefitted from the digital inclusion project. We gave them refurbished laptops and desktops collected from the businesses and education institutions such as universities. It helped them maintain their social ties, accessing education, skills training and improved their psychological wellbeing. A colleague student who could

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not afford to buy community for his homework told us, *'The laptop helped me pass my exam as I was able study independently'*. In addition, parents who had school-age children benefitted from digital devices to track their children's educational progress.

Finance, reserves policy and risk management

The trustees have examined the major financial risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks – for example failing to secure adequate funds to cover our running costs in these uncertain times. In line with our legal requirement, the trustees are working towards building unrestricted reserves that can cover salaries and running costs for 6 months should they be needed. At present the unrestricted reserves stand at £114,412 which is close to the figure we need.

These procedures will be periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity. In 2021-2022, we received multi-year restricted funding (£18,2704) from different funders which we received in the last couple of months of the financial year and carried forward. This prepaid funding is part of our budget for activities that will take place in the financial year 2022-2023.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

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The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..... Date 2022

Samira Musse

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 - 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
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Date.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	17,815	234,135	251,950	285,305
Investments	4	258	-	258	205
Total		18,073	234,135	252,208	285,510
Expenditure On:					
Charitable activities	5	13,258	147,102	160,360	136,953
Other	6	742	778	1,520	1,077
Total		14,000	147,880	161,880	138,030
Net income/(expenditure)		4,073	86,255	90,328	147,480
Transfers between funds		8,851	(8,851)	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,924	77,404	90,328	147,480
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		109,565	97,223	206,788	59,308
Total funds Carried Forward	16	122,489	174,627	297,116	206,788

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

*Details of the allocation of 2020 total funds between unrestricted and restricted are shown in note 17

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	2,533	2,639
Current assets			
Debtors	13	-	267
Cash at bank and in hand		299,233	208,893
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>299,233</u>	<u>209,160</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(4,650)</u>	<u>(5,011)</u>
<i>Net Current assets or liabilities</i>		294,583	204,149
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>297,116</u>	<u>206,788</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	16	174,627	97,223
Unrestricted funds	16	<u>122,489</u>	109,565
Total charity funds		<u>297,116</u>	<u>206,788</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

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Samira Muse - Director

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

- c) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- d) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- b) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- c) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support cost have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line - not charged in year of purchase
- g) 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- h) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants	16,517	234,135	250,652	284,090
Donations	1,298	-	1,298	1,215
	<u>17,815</u>	<u>234,135</u>	<u>251,950</u>	<u>285,305</u>

Donations and Legacies prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants	54,243	229,847	284,090
Miscellaneous Income	1,215	-	1,215
	<u>55,458</u>	<u>229,847</u>	<u>285,305</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Investment Interest	258	-	258	205
	<u>258</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>205</u>

Investments prior year - all unrestricted

5 Government Grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council and North Bristol NHS Trust to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2022 was £69,080 (2021: £46,623). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Expenditure on:

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Community Engagement	86	2,232	2,318	32,577
Staffing Costs	8,458	123,274	131,732	83,112
Volunteer Expenses	180	-	180	1,450
Consultancy & professional fees	-	4,300	4,300	1,200
Postage & Stationery	16	10	26	2
Interpreting	-	-	-	600
Training & Publications	20	240	260	160
Rent & Room Hire	2,478	7,273	9,751	9,460
Travel	168	168	336	28
Website & Computer	-	2,750	2,750	5,687
Printing	50	266	316	367
Misc.	-	105	105	200
Telephone	-	615	615	423
Advertising and Marketing	-	21	21	842
Payroll Services	-	288	288	-
Subscriptions	-	3,237	3,237	-
Repairs & Maintenance	782	2,101	2,883	595
Refreshments	140	222	362	250
Depreciation	880	-	880	-
	13,258	147,102	160,360	136,953

Charitable activities prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Community Engagement	-	32,577	32,577
Staffing Costs	450	82,662	83,112
Volunteer Costs	1	1,449	1,450
Consultancy	1,200	-	1,200
Postage & Stationery	2	-	2
Interpreting	600	-	600
Training & Publications	160	-	160
Rent & Room Hire	731	8,729	9,460
Travel	28	-	28
Website & Computer	-	5,687	5,687
Printing	-	367	367
Misc.	97	103	200
Telephone	-	423	423
Advertising and Marketing	-	842	842
Repairs & Maintenance	7	588	595
Refreshments	-	250	250
	3,276	133,677	136,953

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6 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Independent Examiners Fee	742	-	742	707
Bookkeeping support	-	306	306	-
Insurance	-	472	472	370
	<u>742</u>	<u>778</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,077</u>

Other prior year - all unrestricted

7 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination fees	742	707
	<u>742</u>	<u>707</u>

8 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and Salaries	119,268	76,938
Social Security Costs	6,758	2,768
Pension Costs	5,706	3,406
	<u>131,732</u>	<u>83,112</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2021: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 5 staff (2021: 3 staff)

9 Key personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two staff members. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £60,413 (2021: £51,683).

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10 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2021: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil).

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2021: £nil)

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and other debtors	-	267
	<u>-</u>	<u>267</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Creditors	-	1,200
Pension Costs	822	639
HM Revenue & Customs	3,085	2,465
Accruals & Deferred Income: Independent Examination	743	707
	<u>4,650</u>	<u>5,011</u>

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15 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
Addition in year	2,639	774	3,413
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>3,413</u>
Depreciation			
Charge for the year	880	-	880
As at year end	<u>880</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880</u>
Net book value			
As at year end	<u>1,759</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>2,533</u>

16 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 01-Apr 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Oasis Talk	220	-	-	-	220
Quartet Community Foundation	9,747	11,899	(2,756)	-	18,890
Anti Tribalism Movement	1,462	-	(1,456)	(6)	-
Barton Hill Settlement	7,569	9,009	(8,534)	(8,044)	-
Black South West Network	162	33,296	(34,965)	-	(1,507)
Bristol City Council	35,623	65,080	(43,257)	-	57,446
Dolphin Society	3,808	6,670	(5,899)	-	4,579
Lloyds Bank	20,000	30,000	(11,566)	-	38,434
North Bristol NHS Trust	-	10,000	(6,665)	-	3,335
Nilaari Agency	12,500	4,000	(13,542)	-	2,958
Race Equality Foundation	432	-	(405)	(27)	-
Nisbet Trust	-	23,247	(2,622)	-	20,625
Grateful Society	-	-	(264)	-	(264)
St Monica Trust	5,700	13,334	(9,949)	-	9,085
Richmond Fellowship	-	19,250	-	(774)	18,476
UHB	-	8,350	(6,000)	-	2,350
Total Restricted Funds	<u>97,223</u>	<u>234,135</u>	<u>(147,880)</u>	<u>(8,851)</u>	<u>174,627</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	109,565	18,073	(14,000)	8,851	122,489
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>109,565</u>	<u>18,073</u>	<u>(14,000)</u>	<u>8,851</u>	<u>122,489</u>
Total funds	<u>206,788</u>	<u>252,208</u>	<u>(161,880)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,116</u>

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Purpose of restricted funds

Oasis Talk	Community Elders activities
Quartet Community Foundation	Money for Barton Hill Activities Club – a group of women who have no bank and asked us to hold money for them
Anti Tribalism Movement (ATM)	Employ part time support worker to support families in affected by Covid-19
Barton Hill Settlement	Staff cost for providing support to Boost Finance Project.
Black South West Network	Providing support to people affected by covid-19. Providing advice, digital and food and financial support.
Bristol City Council	Supporting people affected by Covid-19 who are in crisis and people with mental health. Also promoting vaccination uptake
Dolphin Society	Supporting older people who are affected by Covid-19
Lloyds Bank	Support activities and costs relating to charitable purposes and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised people affected by Covid-19
MIND	Providing mental health support to people affected Covid-19
Nillari Agency	Mental health support for people recovering from Covid-19
Race Equality Foundation	Supporting older people with dementia or at risk of developing dementia and their families
SOLON	Supporting people affected by Covid-19
Charity Aid Foundation	Supporting people affected by Covid-19
St Monica Trust	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.

17 Analysis of charitable funds - previous year, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	55,458	229,847	285,305
Investments	205	-	205
Total	55,663	229,847	285,510
Expenditure On:			
Charitable Activities	3,276	133,677	136,953
Other	1,077	-	1,077
Total	4,353	133,677	138,030
Net income/(expenditure)	51,310	96,170	147,480
Transfer between funds	1,880	(1,880)	-
Net movement in funds	53,190	94,290	147,480
Total funds brought forward	56,375	2,933	59,308
Total funds Carried Forward	109,565	97,223	206,788

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	2,533	-	2,533
Cash at Bank and In Hand	124,606	174,627	299,233
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(4,650)	-	(4,650)
Total	122,489	174,627	297,116

19 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

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Reference and administration details of the charity and its advisors

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Status

Bristol Somali Resource Centre is a company limited by guarantee (06771265) incorporated on 12th December 2008 and granted charitable status by the Charity Commission on 20th March 2009 under number 1128721

Directors and Trustees

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

Trustees

Saed Ali	Chair	resigned April 2021
Samira Muse	Chair	
Abdi Osman Mohamed Treasurer		
Sado Jirde	Member	resigned April 2021
Madge Dresser	Member	
Kuba Jablonowski	Member	
Dr Henrietta Wilkinson		
Fatia Gure		appointed March 2021

Registered Office

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Independent Examiner

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
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Bankers

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The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

Structure, Governance and Management

The number of association directors, not including persons co-opted in accordance with article 20 shall not be more than nine or less than three. Directors of Association are elected for a two year term after which they are eligible to stand for re-election.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year and planning activities, the trustees have considered the Charity commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Objectives and activities

Objects of the Charity:

- 1) The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit in particular within the city of Bristol by:
 - (a) the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexual orientation or religion;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - (c) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds, in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage;
 - (d) conducting or commissioning research on equality and diversity issues and publishing the results to the public;
 - (e) cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.
- (2) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community, in particular but not limited to people Somali of origin or heritage living and/or working within the city of Bristol, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- (3) The promotion of racial harmony for the public benefit by:
 - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups;
 - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups, and in particular including those of Somali origin or heritage
 - (c) working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race.

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- (4) Any other charitable purpose agreed by special resolution under the Articles of the Company, and notified to, and accepted by the Charity Commission as charitable.

Vision

To create a strong and vibrant Somali community that is fully integrated into British society as active, social and economic participant.

Summary of main objectives in relation to the above objects

The Bristol Somali Resource Centre (BSRC) provides free and impartial information, advice and guidance on range of issues including welfare, housing, schools and employment. BSRC also organises training activities and workshops to enhance employment opportunities, social interaction and to help reduce isolation. We work with the most disadvantaged people in Bristol, resolving many problems and challenges that they face. We are committed to improving the lives of most vulnerable people in the community who are facing barriers such cultural and language barriers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was a strange and challenging year for all of us. Our normal way of service delivery has been disrupted by challenges presented by Covid-19. As a result, we had to adapt our services and respond to those challenges. We realised that the challenges are immense, and the community has been hit hard and disproportionately affected by Covid-19. Therefore, we mobilised the community resources and set up a Covid-19 task force to support those who were self-isolating, lost loved ones or lost their livelihood. We helped people affected by lockdown with advice, guidance, information and translated information about the Covid-19 into community languages. We raised awareness about Covid-19, translated government Covid-19 guidelines and promoted vaccine uptake.

We continued to support Somali individuals and families across the City of Bristol, including those most affected by the COVID pandemic. As COVID highlighted, many families face multiple deprivations which have the potential to impact on their life chances over generations, generating cycles of digital exclusion (IT skills and equipment), food poverty, inadequate housing, and precarious employment.

We have been giving support and advice around employment, housing, mental health support, education, relocation and benefits, among many other areas. Our fantastic staff team has continued to perform miracles in the face of very limited time and resources and overwhelming demand for support.

Whilst providing ongoing free advice and support services, BSRC also learnt that there is existing food poverty among the community we serve, where many families and individuals struggle to afford adequate food. The reason is that majority of service users were on zero-hour contract and were not entitled to the furlough payments scheme. Also, many of them were self-employed or work in precarious jobs, which made them prone to catch the virus (Covid-19) and thus led them into self-isolation if not hospitalisation. Therefore, they could easily face loss of income within a short period

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of time, which led them to struggle to put food on the table. To tackle this apparent food shortage, BSRC maximised its capacity to reach the most vulnerable people in the City. On a weekly basis, food boxes have been distributed to most disadvantaged people whom Covid19 and the subsequent lockdowns exacerbated their predicaments.

Since 1st lockdown, BSRC learnt through food delivery visits that digital poverty is also part of the problem in which most of our service users have. To respond to this, BSRC contacted digital trusts, foundations, private companies, and individuals for assistance on this. We secured refurbished laptops, PCs and brand-new tablets. Since April 2020, devices distribution has been underway, hundreds of families have been connected to the net for educational and societal purposes.

Similarly, BSRC spotted another group of people who had an extreme digital exclusion. Older adults encountered reduced social interaction during the lockdown. The use of Personal computers would help them maintain their social ties, which also improves their psychological wellbeing. A self-isolated elderly who lost his social contacts had after been reconnected lamented, “had I knew this would be accessible, I would have called BSRC in April (1st lockdown)”. In addition, parents who had school-age children benefitted from digital devices to track their children’s educational progress.

Coronavirus pandemic and lockdowns have severely affected the overall wellbeing of many people in our local communities, including those who use BSRC services. Some people we work with had previous experience of mental health problems, and some have developed emotional distress as the result of the Covid-19 effects. The majority of our service users approach us seeking support with multiple problems they face, including housing-related problems, unemployment, debt, benefits issues and so on. These create a significant degree of anxieties, worries and low mood, which negatively impact their general wellbeing and quality of life.

Therefore, we (BSRC) provided 1 to 1 support over the telephone and face to face (where the person would benefit more on the f2f and it is safe to do so by strictly following covid-19 guidelines). We also provided group mental health awareness events via Zoom.

On the funding front, we thank all those who have supported us across the year, through funding and in-kind, including Bristol City Council, Quartet Community Foundation, BSWN, Lloyds Foundation and many more.

Samira Musse

Chair of Board of Trustees

Reserves policy and risk management

The trustees are working towards building reserves which will ensure it has sufficient funds to cover salaries and running costs. At present the unrestricted reserves stand at £106,926.

The trustees have examined the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures will be periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

..... Date 2021

Samira Musse

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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I report on the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 - 17.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 The Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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

Joanne Trowbridge MAAT
BCA, The Park, Daventry Road
Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ

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Date.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	55,458	229,847	285,305	90,154
Charitable Activities	4	-	-	-	1,300
Investments	5	205	-	205	303
Total		55,663	229,847	285,510	91,757
Expenditure On:					
Charitable activities	6	3,276	133,677	136,953	68,411
Other	7	1,077	-	1,077	1,053
Total		4,353	133,677	138,030	69,464
Net income/(expenditure)		51,310	96,170	147,480	22,293
Transfers between funds		1,880	(1,880)	-	-
Net movement in funds		53,190	94,290	147,480	22,293
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		56,375	2,933	59,308	37,015
Total funds Carried Forward	17	109,565	97,223	206,788	59,308

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements

As required by paragraph 4.67 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

*Details of the allocation of 2020 total funds between unrestricted and restricted are shown in note 18

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BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	16	2,639	-
Current assets			
Debtors	14	267	-
Cash at bank and in hand		208,893	63,660
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>209,160</u>	<u>63,660</u>
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(5,011)</u>	(4,352)
<i>Net Current assets or liabilities</i>		204,149	<u>59,308</u>
Total net assets or liabilities		<u>206,788</u>	<u>59,308</u>
The Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	17	97,223	2,933
Unrestricted funds	17	<u>109,565</u>	56,375
Total charity funds		<u>206,788</u>	<u>59,308</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on and are signed on their behalf by:

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Samira Muse - Director

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements

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1 Basis of Preparation

- a) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

- c) The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.
- d) The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

2 Accounting Policies

- a) Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:
- i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
 - ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-condition have been met.
- b) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- c) Most expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities, and have been included in those cost categories. Support cost have been allocated 100% towards the charitable activities of the charity.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- e) Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.
- f) Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:
Computer equipment - 33.3% straight line - not charged in year of purchase
- g) 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.
- h) The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund. Pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charitable company during the year.

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Income and Endowments From:

3 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Grants	54,243	229,847	284,090	89,874
Miscellaneous Income	1,215	-	1,215	280
	<u>55,458</u>	<u>229,847</u>	<u>285,305</u>	<u>90,154</u>

Donations and Legacies prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Grants	82,374	7,500	89,874
Miscellaneous Income	280	-	280
	<u>82,654</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>90,154</u>

4 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Events	-	-	-	1,200
Room Hire	-	-	-	100
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,300</u>

Charitable Activities prior year - all unrestricted

5 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Investment Interest	205	-	205	303
	<u>205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>303</u>

Investments prior year - all unrestricted

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Expenditure on:

6 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Community Engagement	-	32,577	32,577	3,014
Staffing Costs	450	82,662	83,112	48,347
Volunteer Expenses	1	1,449	1,450	-
Elders	-	-	-	800
Consultancy	1,200	-	1,200	-
Postage & Stationery	2	-	2	24
Interpreting	600	-	600	450
Training & Publications	160	-	160	628
Rent & Room Hire	731	8,729	9,460	10,738
Travel	28	-	28	30
Website & Computer	-	5,687	5,687	862
Printing	-	367	367	280
Misc.	97	103	200	363
Telephone	-	423	423	326
Advertising and Marketing	-	842	842	-
Payroll Services	-	-	-	576
Bank Charges	-	-	-	23
Repairs & Maintenance	7	588	595	713
Refreshments	-	250	250	1,237
	<u>3,276</u>	<u>133,677</u>	<u>136,953</u>	<u>68,411</u>

Charitable activities prior year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Community Engagement	2,477	537	3,014
Staffing Costs	46,847	1,500	48,347
Elders	-	800	800
Postage & Stationery	24	-	24
Interpreting	-	450	450
Training & Publications	628	-	628
Rent & Room Hire	10,738	-	10,738
Travel	30	-	30
Website & Computer	862	-	862
Printing	30	250	280
Misc.	363	-	363
Telephone	176	150	326
Payroll Services	576	-	576
Bank Charges	23	-	23
Repairs & Maintenance	713	-	713
Refreshments	357	880	1,237
	<u>63,844</u>	<u>4,567</u>	<u>68,411</u>

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7 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Independent Examiners Fee	707	-	707	683
Insurance	370	-	370	370
	<u>1,077</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>1,053</u>

Other prior year - all unrestricted

8 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination fees	707	683
	<u>707</u>	<u>683</u>

9 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate payroll costs were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and Salaries	76,938	45,353
Social Security Costs	2,768	878
Pension Costs	3,406	2,116
	<u>83,112</u>	<u>48,347</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2020: £Nil)

The average monthly head count was 3 staff (2020: 2 staff)

10 Key personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the board of trustees & two staff members. The total employee benefits of key management personnel, during the year, total £51,683 (2020: £48,347).

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11 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2020: £nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2020: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £nil).

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2020: £nil)

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

14 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and other debtors	267	-
	<u>267</u>	<u>-</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Creditors	1,200	769
Pension Costs	639	280
HM Revenue & Customs	2,465	2,620
Accruals & Deferred Income: Independent Examination	707	683
	<u>5,011</u>	<u>4,352</u>

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16 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
Addition in year	2,639	2,639
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>2,639</u>
Depreciation		
Charge for the year	-	-
As at year end	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value		
As at year end	<u>2,639</u>	<u>2,639</u>

17 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	At 01-Apr 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31-Mar 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Oasis Talk	220	-	-	-	220
Quartet Community Foundation	2,713	15,000	(7,966)	-	9,747
Anti Tribalism Movement	-	15,000	(13,538)	-	1,462
Barton Hill Settlement	-	7,569	-	-	7,569
Black South West Network	-	41,995	(39,953)	(1,880)	162
Bristol City Council	-	46,623	(11,000)	-	35,623
Dolphin Society	-	10,000	(6,192)	-	3,808
Lloyds Bank	-	38,476	(18,476)	-	20,000
MIND	-	13,386	(13,386)	-	-
Nillari Agency	-	12,500	-	-	12,500
Race Equality Foundation	-	9,998	(9,566)	-	432
SOLO	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Charity Aid Foundation	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
St Monica Trust	-	13,800	(8,100)	-	5,700
Total Restricted Funds	<u>2,933</u>	<u>229,847</u>	<u>(133,677)</u>	<u>(1,880)</u>	<u>97,223</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	56,375	55,663	(4,353)	1,880	109,565
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>56,375</u>	<u>55,663</u>	<u>(4,353)</u>	<u>1,880</u>	<u>109,565</u>
Total funds	<u>59,308</u>	<u>285,510</u>	<u>(138,030)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206,788</u>

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Purpose of restricted funds

Oasis Talk	Community Elders activities
Quartet Community Foundation	Money for Barton Hill Activities Club – a group of women who have no bank and asked us to hold money for them
Anti Tribalism Movement (ATM)	Employ part time support worker to support families in affected by Covid-19
Barton Hill Settlement	Staff cost for providing support to Boost Finance Project.
Black South West Network	Providing support to people affected by covid-19. Providing advice, digital and food and financial support.
Bristol City Council	Supporting people affected by Covid-19 who are in crisis and people with mental health. Also promoting vaccination uptake
Dolphin Society	Supporting older people who are affected by Covid-19
Lloyds Bank	Support activities and costs relating to charitable purposes and respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised people affected by Covid-19
MIND	Providing mental health support to people affected Covid-19
Nillari Agency	Mental health support for people recovering from Covid-19
Race Equality Foundation	Supporting older people with dementia or at risk of developing dementia and their families
SOLON	Supporting people affected by Covid-19
Charity Aid Foundation	Supporting people affected by Covid-19
St Monica Trust	Supporting Community elders and providing advice and support.

18 Analysis of charitable funds - previous year, as required by paragraph 4.2. of the SORP

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Incoming and Endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	82,654	7,500	90,154
Charitable Activities	1,300		1,300
Investments	303	-	303
Total	84,257	7,500	91,757
Expenditure On:			
Charitable Activities	63,844	4,567	68,411
Other	1,053	-	1,053
Total	64,897	4,567	69,464
Net income/(expenditure)	19,360	2,933	22,293
Net movement in funds	19,360	2,933	22,293
Total funds brought forward	37,015	-	37,015
Total funds Carried Forward	56,375	2,933	59,308

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	2,639	-	2,639
Cash at Bank and In Hand	111,937	97,223	209,160
Other Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(5,011)	-	(5,011)
Total	109,565	97,223	206,788

20 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.