

THE WHITE HORSE PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1131750

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06941257
Registered	2009-09-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF: A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS; B) ADVANCING EDUCATION; C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT; D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS; E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. F) PROMOTE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

Activities: The charity aims to act as a resource for young people in the area of Rossendale, primarily Whitewell ward. Inspired by Christian faith we provide advice and assistance and organise programmes of physical, educational and other activities. We aim to create a safe environment for young people where they can reach their full potential, allowing them to build a better future for themselves.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£110,830	£77,436	-	-
2024-03-31	£68,833	£64,556	-	-
2023-03-31	£41,019	£59,952	-	-
2022-03-31	£72,225	£47,572	-	-
2021-03-31	£83,238	£58,293	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Andrew Roberts EdD	Chair	
AMANDA ROBERTSON		
JILL LORAIN BEVAN BSC HONS		
REV ROD BEVAN		
Susan Elizabeth Hopkinson		2024-02-05

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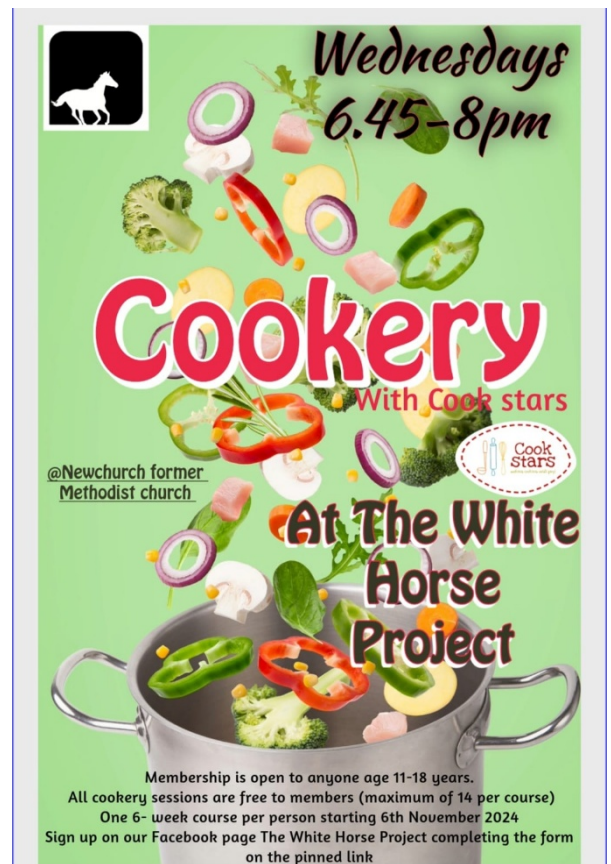
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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The White Horse Project

Registered Number: 1131750

Company Number: Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

Governing Document: Memorandum & Articles of Association incorporated 23rd June 2009

Official Address: St Anne's Vicarage, Ashworth Road, Rossendale, BB4 9JE

Charitable Objects

The charities objects, as laid out in the memorandum and articles of association, are:

TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:

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- E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
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Names of Trustees

Rodney Bevan

Amanda Robertson

Jill Loraine Bevan

Andrew John Roberts

Susan Elizabeth Hopkinson

Claire Louise Wise

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Project Manager

Léonie Ford-Miah

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. Unless reported in Related Party Transactions at the end of this report all officers and management team members give their time and services for free.

Jill Bevan and Andrew Roberts are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:

Barclays Bank

Leicester

LE87 2BB

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Peter Terry

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work. It is our policy to keep 6 months running costs, building improvement costs and funds towards a large event held every 3 years in reserves when possible.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The key public benefit delivered by The White Horse Project is the provision of high-quality activities and services for Young People which enable them to enjoy better life chances. Through the wide range of programs individuals develop new skills, improve their academic performance, take on additional responsibilities and therefore improve their whole individual wellbeing.

Policies of the Charity

Policies

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Arrival & Departure
Building security
Communication
Complaints*
Computer use
Confidentiality
Code of Conduct
Conflict of interest
Copyright
Disciplinary
Disclosure
Environment
Extremism*
Equipment
Equal Opportunities*
Equality*
Finance
Fire safety
First Aid
Flood evacuation
Health & Safety*
GDPR
Lettings
Lone Worker
Reserves
Safeguarding Children & Young People*
Security
Sexual health
Staff & Volunteers
Training
Travel
Trustees
Visits
Vulnerable adults

*These policies are reviewed annually by the Trustees

Trustees Introduction

The year 2024-25 started off with a brand-new program and the return of Friday night socials.

THE WHITE HORSE PROJECT 

★ **FREE! 11-18 YRS ALL WELCOME!** ★
BOOKING IS NEEDED: 07389884525

SINGING ★
Make a note of Tuesdays
5.30pm-6.30pm
with the one and only Sean Ruane

★ **BAND** ★
Rock out with the talented Dave Jackson
Tuesdays @ 6.45pm-7.45pm

★ **ART** ★
Get creative with amazing artist
Ruth Evans
Wednesdays @ 5pm-6.30pm

SOCIALS ★
Hang out with your mates,
make new ones, or just have fun!
with the lovely Lorraine Williams
Every other Friday @ 5pm-7pm

**FIND US IN THE
FORMER
METHODIST
CHURCH,
TURNPIKE
BB4 9UD**

 follow us on facebook or insta
@ White Horse Project

**Friday Night
Socials!!**  

Hang out with your mates,
make new ones,
or just have fun!

Every other Friday 
@ 5pm-7pm

Dates for your diary!

		19th April
		3rd May
		17th May
		14th June
		28th June
		12th July

ring 07389884525
or book in @membermeister

After the incredible concert in June work began on our garden project in association with Rossendale Men Shed. We were pleased to deliver a full summer program of activities. Whilst it is disappointing we have been unable to confirm a long term arrangement for our building we will continue to operate there for the foreseeable future.



The Trustees would like to thank our supporters, staff and volunteers for all their hard work during this year.

Andrew Roberts

On behalf of The Trustees of The White Horse Project

Highlight of the year

The highlight of the year had to be the concert on the 29th of June. After months of practice our young people entertained a packed house at St Annes church.



They were
awesome, well
done.

Comments on
Facebook

They were super
stars 😊

They were brilliant,
well done everyone
x

It was FANTASTIC!
Well done to
everyone involved



Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2024-25

Engagement With Young People

We have continued to engage positively with local young people, offering both a weekly term-time workshop programme and a holiday programme. Each week in term-time we have continued to offer music tuition (via zoom), singing, band and art workshops free of charge to young people. This was supplemented with a further Cookery Workshop, following the success of last year's pilot, and a new Gardening Project. We have expanded our holiday programme to include full days of activities in most school holidays and seen the introduction of dance, board games and the very popular Warhammer. Again, we were pleased to deliver sessions outside in Edgeside Park during the summer holidays.

Led by Sean & Vicky Ruane and Dave Jackson our musicians and singers have excelled themselves this year. They held their first solo gig in St Anne's Church in June 2024, when they performed an extensive programme to an audience of over a hundred people. Other young people volunteered to serve refreshments in the interval (which included mocktails) and to sell merchandise. This debut was followed up with a Christmas concert in December, which due to the hard work and commitment of all involved, was again very successful. We have been delighted to receive a generous legacy which will be used to introduce an annual award for singers and musicians. We will be working out the details of this in the year ahead, but it will mean recognition and a considerable prize for one young person each year.

Led by Ruth Evans our Art Workshop joined in once again with the annual Lantern Parade in October organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group. The artists also worked hard on creating mini mosaics celebrating local wildlife. This was another joint venture with *Civic Pride*, and when complete the mosaics will form a permanent trail in the centre of Waterfoot.

A very welcome addition to our programme has been the return of Friday night socials, renamed Youth Club. Lorraine started these on a monthly basis, which was extended to fortnightly, and sessions now happen every Friday and for an extended time of 5.30 – 8.00 pm. There is a varied programme – pool, table tennis, table football, craft, karaoke, pool, board games – and every week the young people eat a simple supper together. All young people, from Year 6 upwards are very welcome.

Our young people's council, known as *Limitless*, has continued to meet regularly to input their ideas into the way we operate and the activities we provide. Most notable they have shaped the Youth Club which has been reintroduced, and they have also requested a Homework Club.

Staffing

In June 2024 we welcomed Leonie Ford-Miah as our Project Manager, and she has brought a whole range of valuable skills from her experience in the business world and in volunteering roles in the community. She has overseen the modernising of our IT provision, so we work more smartly.

We have also been pleased to recruit some new volunteers, both in term-time and holidays. We are very grateful for their commitment and all they give to the young people.

Governance and Management

Our six trustees have continued to meet quarterly. We met in October for a Team Building Day when we worked together on our long-term vision and short-term objectives and this proved a very useful exercise. In March this was followed by a Team Building Day for trustees, staff and volunteers. This was facilitated by Bill Webster, trustee of the Igen charity who have supported us for many years. We were able to share the vision more widely and gather further input as we planned our way forward. In addition, we have signed up to *Charity Excellence* which provides a wealth of online training resources on all aspects of running a charity. As trustees we plan to work through these resources together.

Schools Outreach

In October we were pleased to welcome Kelsea Bennett to our staff as Outreach Co-ordinator. She had worked for us previously, alongside Siana. We recognise schools are very busy places and building long-term relationships with high schools in particular is a long-term work. We have made considerable progress in building relationships with local primary schools. Kelsea has worked in St Nicholas and St Peter's schools in Newchurch, and has sessions planned in St Anne's Edgeside. Her MusMeums project has been very well received, as Kelsea has worked with Year 6 students to help them prepare for the transition to high school. At the end of her six-week project parents and carers have been invited to come and view what their children have created. These sessions have been very well attended and have helped us in promoting what we have on offer. We have seen a rise in the number of young people attending Friday Youth Club as a result. Going forward we would like to continue working with these Year 6 students as they join Year 7 in local high schools.

Partnership

Partnership working remains a priority for us. We continued as members of Rossendale Borough Council's Rossendale Connected monthly online networking meeting and their Rawtenstall Community Partnership which meets quarterly and brings together councillors and members of organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors. Our Project Manager has been invited to join the Town Board.

We have also continued to work with Rossendale Leisure Trust who administer the governments Healthy Activity and Food programme which again enabled us to run workshops through the Easter holidays and the long summer holidays.

We were pleased that our application to join Lancashire County Council's Social Movement Campaign was successful. This project encouraged young people across the county to champion a cause of their choosing, to highlight it through any art form and to present it to the public and local councillors. Our Art Group chose to highlight the problem of single use plastics and in particular that plastic is found at all levels in our food chain. They worked on a very successful project culminating in a presentation to visitors from Rossendale Borough Council – elected members and officers. Ruth also produced boards to show what the young people produced and capture the message of the project, and these were displayed in Waterfoot centre.

Use of our building

Unfortunately, we have still been unable to secure a long-term lease of the former Newchurch Methodist Church which means our future there remains uncertain. In view of this we have not

worked to achieve our target of increasing the number of regular users. We have though, welcomed one-off meetings, e.g. for Rossendale Borough Council's Rawtenstall Community Partnership and the Town Board.

Well-being

We continue to keep the well-being of young people central to all our projects. One of our trustees is the Community & Neighbourhood Team Manager for Burnley, as part of Lancashire County Council's Children and Family Wellbeing Service and a second continued as a member of Lancashire County Council's Family Hub Network in Rossendale. This enables us to keep up to date with provision for young people across our region, and to access material for training purposes.



Objectives for the coming year 2025-26

The charities objectives for 2025-2026 are as follows:

1. Volunteering

- We will aim to recruit at least six new volunteers.
- We will focus on recruiting volunteers from a diverse age range, including an accredited scheme for young volunteers.
- As a result of attracting more volunteers we will be able to improve our programme scheduling.

2. Youth Voice and influence

- We will develop our Young People's Council. We will ensure that all our workshops are represented on the Council, and there is a clear route from the Council to the decision making of the trustees.
- We will review our Mentoring Scheme.

3. Sustainability

- We will establish a funding committee.
- We will plan for the two-year fall off of existing funders.

4. Training

- We will revise and develop our Induction Training.
- We will conduct a skills audit of staff, trustees and volunteers to identify 'gaps', but also to support Continuing Professional Development plan.

5. Communication

- We will seek to understand the scale and use of social media
- We will review our marketing plan
- We will improve our IT provision and develop our use of software including Microsoft 365

6. Activities

- We will continue existing successful workshop activities
- We will look at wider general engagement, e.g. Friday night 'socials'
- We will aim to grow the numbers of young people engaging with us by 20%.

Financial Review

The White Horse Project Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

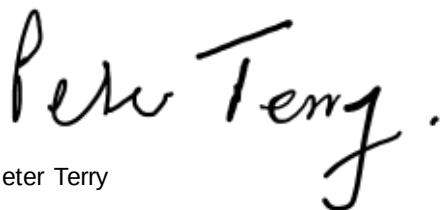
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Peter Terry

Independent Examiner

25th November 2025

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2025
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	3,399	107,431	-	110,830	68,833
Charitable activities			-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-		
Total		3,399	107,431	-	110,830	68,833
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699
Separate material item of expense						
Other		898	186	-	1,084	857
Total		7,240	70,196	-	77,436	64,556
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
		(3,841)	37,235	-	33,394	4,277
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,841)	37,235	-	33,394	4,277
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		(9,186)	9,186	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(13,027)	46,421	-	33,394	4,277
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		51,447	25,261	-	76,708	72,430
Total funds carried forward		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	1,790	378	-	2,168	3,252
Total fixed assets		1,790	378	-	2,168	3,252
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		2,988	-	-	2,988	1,552
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		33,642	71,304	-	104,946	71,903
Total current assets		36,630	71,304	-	107,934	73,455
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		36,630	71,304	-	107,934	73,455
Total assets less current liabilities		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	0	-	-	0	0
Total net assets		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			71,682		71,682	25,261
Unrestricted funds		38,420		-	38,420	51,447
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		38,420	71,682	-	110,102	76,707

For the year ending 31st March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 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 FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 25th November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Bevan'.

J Bevan - Director

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'AJ Roberts'.

AJ Roberts - Director

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	33,043	7,485
Cash flows from investing activities	7	0	(1,554)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		<u>33,043</u>	<u>5,931</u>
Cash at 1st April 2024		<u>71,903</u>	<u>65,972</u>
Cash at 31st March 2025		<u>104,946</u>	<u>71,903</u>

The White Horse Project

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
	They are valued at cost.
	Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic lives as follows]:
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	33.3% reducing balance basis

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	1,962	-	-	1,962	5,368
Gift Aid	1,437	-	-	1,437	1,693
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	107,431	-	107,431	61,772
Total	3,399	107,431		110,830	68,833

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,342	70,010	-	76,352	63,699

4 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	28,307	24,661
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,108	2,049
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	30,415	26,710

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2024	1,700	36,871	38,571
Additions		-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	1,700	36,871	38,571

Depreciation

At 1st April 2024	1,700	33,619	35,319
Charge in year	-	1,084	1,084
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	1,700	34,703	36,403

Net book values

At 31st March 2025	-	2,168	2,168
At 31st March 2024	-	3,252	3,252

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year £	Last year £
Provision for dilapidations	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

7 Cash flows

	This year £	Last year £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	33,394	4,277
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(1,435)	2,351
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	<u>1,084</u>	<u>857</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>33,043</u>	<u>7,485</u>
Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	0	1,554

Net cash in investing activities

0

1,554

8 Related Party Transactions

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £1,399 (2024 £1,001) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.

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Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

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Copyright
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Environment
Extremism
Equipment
Equal Opportunities
Equality
Finance
Fire safety
First Aid
Flood evacuation
Health & Safety
GDPR
Knives & Weapons
Lettings
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Reserves
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Sexual health
Smoking & Alcohol
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Travel
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Visits
Vulnerable adults

Trustees Introduction

The year 2023-24 has been another year of change. In July 2023 one of our founding Trustees and long-time Chair Chris Eacott resigned. The charity would like to thank Chris for his many years of service to White Horse Project and the young people of Rossendale.

Our base has continued to be the former Newchurch Methodist Church where negotiations to take on a long-term lease for the building continues.

The development of a fresh long-term vision for the charity and strengthening our governorship has been a priority for the Trustees.

During the year we welcomed two new trustees Susan Hopkinson and Claire Wise

The Trustees would like to thank our staff and volunteers for all their hard work. Particularly we would like to thank Siana Farrow for her inspiring role as our Youth Worker who left the project during the year.

Andrew Roberts

On behalf of The Trustees of The White Horse Project



Highlight of the year

The highlight of the year had to be our Young People singing the national anthem live on ITV in front of the 80,000 fans at the Gallagher Premiership rugby final at Twickenham Stadium.



Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2023-24

Engagement With Young People

We have continued to engage positively with local young people, offering both a weekly workshop programme during school terms and a holiday programme which was extended to include Easter in addition to the long summer break. Each week in term-time we have continued to offer music, singing, band and art workshops free of charge to young people. This has been supplemented with a pilot Cookery Workshop, which was popular and is something for which we would like to secure funding to continue. During the holidays we also added dance and football sessions. Again, we were pleased to deliver sessions outside in Edgeside Park.

The highlight of our programme for the year was in May when members of the singing workshop together with members from Dansworks singers, led by Sean & Vicky Ruane, travelled by minibus to the Gallagher Premiership Rugby Final at Twickenham. Here they sang the National Anthem on the pitch – in front of a live audience of 80,000 and live on ITV! We are very grateful to Sean & Vicky, and to Siana who also led the 18-hour round trip, for providing such a wonderful opportunity for our young people. It was an invaluable experience and did so much to raise their confidence and self-esteem.

Our art workshop, led by Community Artist Ruth Evans, continues to be our most popular workshop and Ruth offers a variety of activities and a great wealth of resources. Very skilfully Ruth is able to challenge the young people to try new skills and many have achieved results that they didn't think they were capable of. Many young people recognise the contribution art makes to their wellbeing. Once again, we made lanterns and took part in the annual Lantern Parade organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group in October. We are grateful for the skill and musicianship of Dave Jackson, who gives tuition in a variety of instruments and in singing and leads our band. Our band has grown in numbers and in variety of instruments included. Together with our singers they took part in summer and Christmas concerts organised by St Anne's Community Choir and performed to an audience of 200 people and were very well received. Many young people fed back how nervous they had been and how this pushed them outside their comfort zone but left them feeling proud and with a sense of achievement.

We have been pleased to continue with our monthly workshop for those who have opted for home education, and we are particularly pleased to find that many members of this group now move on to engage with our weekly programme whereas in former years these two groups of young people have been quite separate.

Our young people's council have chosen the name Limitless and they have continued to meet regularly to input their ideas into the way we operate and the activities we provide. We will build on this in the year ahead so the young people can be part of the delivery of the changes they suggest.

We are very grateful to The Igen Trust and The Big Lottery Community Fund for continuing to fund our main workshop programme. We are also grateful to our staff for creating a positive, welcoming environment where the young people can thrive. When interviewed many young people highlighted the fact they could 'be themselves' and did not feel 'judged' at our activities.

Staffing

Recruitment of staff has remained a challenge for us during this year. Sadly, we said goodbye to Siana Farrow early in 2024. She had been with us for many years, first as a young person, then as Youth Worker and most recently as General Manager. We wish her well in the future and she will be sadly missed. We ended the year looking to recruit a new Project Manager. In November 2023 we appointed Lorraine Williams as Lead Youth Worker. Lorraine is well known within our community and brings with her many local contacts, and she has worked hard to maintain our programme whilst we seek to recruit more staff. She has brought great energy and enthusiasm and many new ideas which we look forward to seeing come to fruition in the year ahead.

Governance and Management

We have been delighted to meet our target and welcome two new trustees this year, Mrs Susan Hopkinson and Mrs Claire Wise. Both bring a wealth of skills and experience which will be invaluable in moving our work forward. For the first time we have also separated the work of trustees and the Project Management Committee. The trustees meet quarterly to work on vision and strategic planning and the Project Management Committee, chaired by our Project Manager, meets monthly to deal with operational matters, and to date involves members of staff and a representative from the trustees.

Schools Outreach

During the year we have continued to work in two local High Schools, The Valley Leadership Academy and All Saints High School. In both schools Siana provided workshops around well-being for those struggling with some aspect of school life. In the summer term we were pleased to engage Kelsea Bennett to work alongside Siana in eight local primary schools. Kelsea's drama skills were invaluable in engaging the Year 6 students and supporting them as they faced the transition to High School. This work did result in some Year 6 students joining our workshops in the summer term.

Of all our objectives this was the one which presented us with the greatest difficulty, due to the changes in staffing. We did not see the expansion in the number of schools reached and

the services we offered which we had hoped for, but this is high on our priorities to address in the coming year.



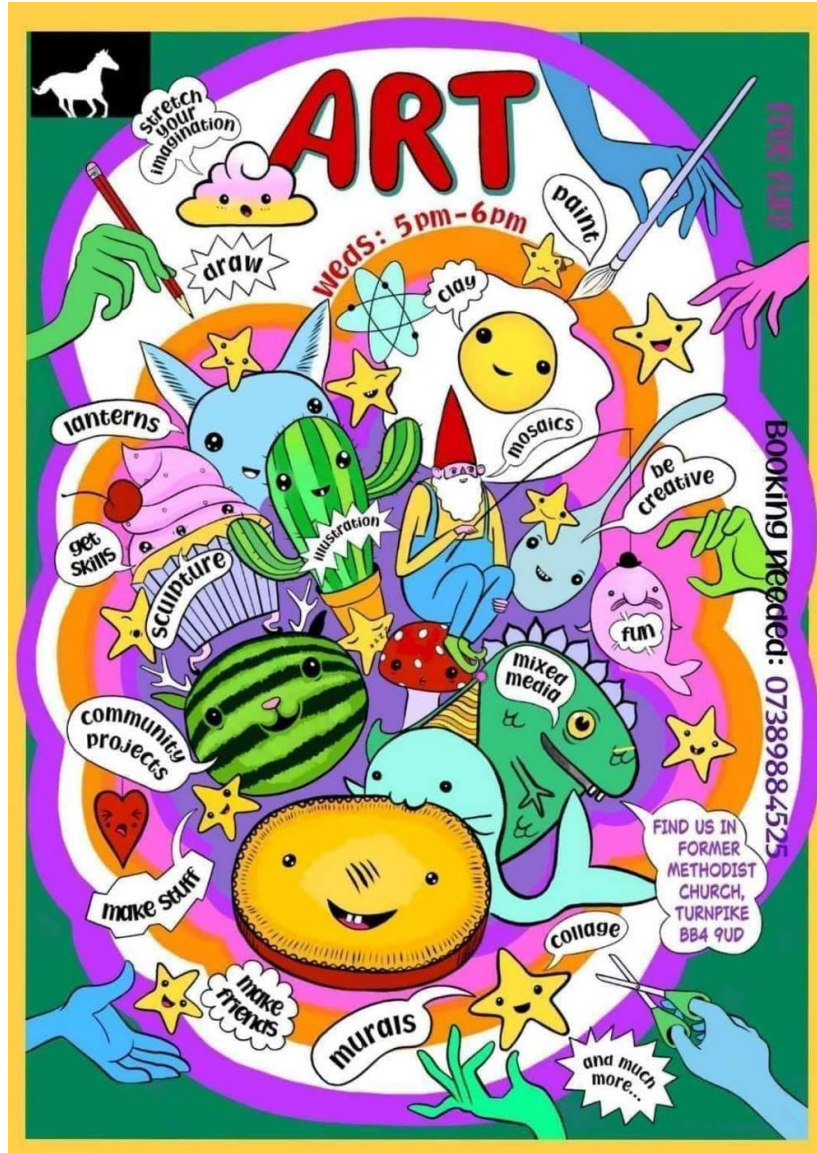
Partnership

Partnership working remains high on our agenda. We continued as members of Rossendale Borough Council's Rossendale Connected monthly online networking meeting and their Rawtenstall Community Partnership which brings together councillors and members of organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors.

We were pleased to work with Rossendale Leisure Trust who administer the governments Healthy Activity and Food programme which enabled us to run workshops through the Easter holidays and the long summer holidays.

In March 2024 we were pleased to host a Community Day at Newchurch, which was headed

up by Trustee, Amanda Robertson and Lead Youth Worker, Lorraine Williams. This provided a morning of positive activities for all ages – we were grateful to our workshop providers for volunteering their time to provide these activities. It also brought together many local organisations to enable them to showcase the services they had to offer, and it was a good opportunity to get to know each other. Also, young people were at the forefront and worked very hard as volunteers – performing, hosting and providing refreshments. This is something we aim to make a regular event.



Objectives for the coming year 2024-25

The charities objectives for 2024-2025 are as follows:

Engagement with young people

We will aim to increase the number of young people we engage with. We will focus on our outreach to Year 6 students and aim to recruit at least five members of Year 6 to join our regular sessions. We will develop our Young People's Council. We will ensure that all our workshops are represented on the Council, and there is a clear route from the Council to the decision making of the trustees.

Staffing

We will focus on team development of staff, sessional staff and volunteers. We will start to measure satisfaction among staff and volunteers by developing and using an anonymous survey. We will conduct a skills audit of staff and volunteers to identify training needs. We will improve our IT provision so we work more smartly, and we will develop a central repository for documents for staff and volunteers.

Governance & Management

We will seek to embed the improvements we have made with our governance and management and hold a Team Building Day to share our vision. We will access training for trustees.

Schools Outreach

We will aim to maintain our regular contact with 2 High Schools; due to recent staffing changes growth in this is delayed. We will aim to deliver outreach sessions in 6 primary schools and work regularly in 2 of these.

Partnership

Partnership working remains a priority for us. We will evaluate our Community Day and build on this event.

Use of our building

Our building is a resource for our community, and we will promote its use. We will aim to increase the number of regular users from 3 to 6.

Well-being

Improving the wellbeing of young people remains central to all we do. We will ensure wellbeing is an element of all our projects. We will reintroduce our mentoring scheme.

The White Horse Project
Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records: or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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

- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Terry'.

Peter Terry

Independent Examiner

25th November 2024

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2024
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	7,060	61,772	-	68,833	36,019
Charitable activities			-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-		5,000
Total		7,060	61,772	-	68,833	41,019
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	6,674	57,025	-	63,699	58,675
Separate material item of expense						
Other		571	286	-	857	1,277
Total		7,245	57,311	-	64,556	59,952
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
		(184)	4,462	-	4,277	(18,933)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(184)	4,462	-	4,277	(18,933)
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	9			-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(184)	4,462	-	4,277	(18,933)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		51,251	21,179	-	72,430	91,363
Total funds carried forward		51,067	25,641	-	76,707	72,430

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2024
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	2,687	565	-	3,252	2,555
Total fixed assets		2,687	565	-	3,252	2,555
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		1,552	-	-	1,552	3,903
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		47,208	24,695	-	71,903	65,972
Total current assets		48,760	24,695	-	73,455	69,875
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		48,760	24,695	-	73,455	69,875
Total assets less current liabilities		51,447	25,260	-	76,707	72,430
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	0	-	-	0	0
Total net assets		51,447	25,260	-	76,707	72,430
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			25,260		25,261	21,179
Unrestricted funds		51,447		-	51,447	51,251
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		51,447	25,260	-	76,707	72,430

For the year ending 31st March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 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 FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 25th November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Bevan - Director



A J Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	7,486	(23,963)
Cash flows from investing activities	7	(1,554)	(0)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		5,932	(23,964)
Cash at 1st April 2023		65,972	89,935
Cash at 31st March 2024		71,903	65,972

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: · the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and · the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
	They are valued at cost.
	Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic lives as follows :
	Fixtures and fittings 33.3% reducing balance basis
	Office Equipment 33.3% reducing balance basis

The White Horse Project
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2. Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	5,368	-	-	5,368	9,863
Gift Aid	1,693	-	-	1,693	1,309
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	61,772	-	61,772	24,847
Total	7,060	61,772		68,833	36,019

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	6,674	57,025	-	63,699	35,801
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	-	-	-	22,874
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,674	57,025	-	63,699	58,675

4 Staff Costs

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Salaries and wages	24,661	17,573
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	2,049	1,932
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	26,710	19,504

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

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5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st April 2023	1,700	35,316	37,016
Additions		1,554	1,554
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	1,700	36,870	38,570

Depreciation

At 1st April 2023	1,691	32,770	34,461
Charge in year	9	849	857
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	1,700	33,618	35,318

Net book values

At 31st March 2024	-	0	3,252	3,252
At 31st March 2023		9	2,546	2,555

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Provision for dilapidations	0	0

7 Cash flows

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	4,277	(23,933)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	2,351	(1,308)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	857	1,277
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,486	(23,963)
Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	1,554	0
Net cash in investing activities	1,554	0

8 Related Party Transactions

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £1,001 (2023 £1,152) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.

The charity also paid Lindsay Bevan £417 (2023 £1,114) for programmes she delivered.

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Accounts



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In addition to the Directors the following have served on the Management Committee:

Lindsay Bevan

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Communication
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Computer use
Confidentiality
Conduct
Conflict of interest
Copyright
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Disclosure
Environment
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Equipment
Equal Opportunities
Equality
Finance
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First Aid
Flood evacuation
Health & Safety
GDPR
Knives & Weapons
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In March 2023 the resignation of one of our founding Trustees, David Bevan was a huge loss. His skills in many areas have played a leading part in our story to date. His loss has made the recruitment of new Trustees an imperative.

Our funding by Children in Need also came to an end during the year as their criteria for projects they supported changed significantly. Fortunately, three years funding for staff posts was secured from Big Lottery and we look forward to what these new posts will bring to our work over that time.

Our base has continued to be the former Newchurch Methodist Church. The negotiations to take on a long-term lease for the building have continued to be drawn out, a cause of frustration. We have been permitted to make some minor yet essential improvements, including the introduction of a telephone line, the installation of Wi-Fi and the addition of external lighting to the premises, which have enhanced what we can do in the building. The lease will enable us to secure funding for the larger scale improvements we envision.

Our core work has remained the provision of workshops in music, singing and art. We were also able to offer other workshops in drama and cookery. The Home Education Group continued to operate with varying attendance, but significant impact for those involved. Work in high schools and transition work in a number of primary schools has remained an important element of our programme, though we would like to expand on this going forward. Outreach work in Edgeside Park and Waterfoot continued to make an impact and our Summer holiday programme in 2022 in partnership with HAF was well received.

Partnership working has continued to be vitally important to us and we are grateful for the links we have not only with the HAF Programme, but Rossendale Borough Council, schools and our funders such as Igen.

The development of a fresh long-term vision for our work has been a priority for the Trustees and we began at the start of 2023 the ongoing process of drawing up our "Vision 2028" Document.

One of the highlights of the year saw the installation and unveiling of a Mosaic in Waterfoot, commissioned by Civic Pride and produced by young people from the art workshop under the direction of community artist, Ruth Evans. This has proven to be a valued community asset which enhances the area of Trickett's Memorial Garden in Waterfoot and is a positive contribution to the community by young people, something we see as a key part of our work. One other highlight of the year was The Singers and The Band performing at A Community Carol Concert at St Anne's Church, Edgeside in December 2022.



Once again it was wonderful to see young people being acclaimed for making a positive contribution to community life.

The Trustees would like to thank our staff and volunteers for all their hard work. Particularly we would like to mention the role played by Siana Farrow in her capacity of Youth Worker. Her story of having been a young person accessing our programme, then a young volunteer, an adult volunteer and eventually a paid employee is an inspiring example of the impact we can have on young lives in our area.

Rod Bevan

On behalf of The Trustees of The White Horse Project



Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2022-23

New premises

We continue to work towards taking on a long-term lease of the former Newchurch Methodist Church, but this remains in the hands of lawyers. In the meantime, we continue to deliver all our workshops, and we have been able to make some minor improvements to make it more comfortable for everyone, and in particular more user friendly for young people. Notably the second room downstairs has been brought in to use for young people. It is a great performance space and has been fitted out with sound and light thanks to David Bevan and is used weekly for band practices and for socials.

Staffing

We were delighted to achieve our target for the year and receive an offer of three years' funding from The National Lottery Community Fund. Primarily this will enable us to employ a Project Director to drive forward our vision for growth, and in addition pay for the salary of a Lead Youth Worker and some sessional youth work. Testimony to the dedication of our Youth Leader Siana Farrow is the fact she has continued as our lone employee for several months, and with her we look forward to our new staff team starting in their posts.

Engagement with young people

We have continued to deliver a weekly programme of workshops during term-time in the former Newchurch Methodist Church. The largest of these groups is our Wednesday evening Arts Workshop led by local community artist Ruth Evans, who we have worked with for over fifteen years. Ruth has brought a variety of activities, to give the young people the opportunity to develop new skills. A notable achievement during the year was the unveiling of our mosaic in Trickett's Memorial Ground in Waterfoot in July. This was a partnership project with Civic Pride Rossendale, and Ruth led the young people in designing and creating the mosaic which celebrates the local history of shoe making, and the variety of wildlife in our valley. Ruth was assisted by fellow artists, her son Felix and Laura Barnes. We are very proud of this contribution the young people have made to the Waterfoot community. In October the art group worked on making lanterns to take part in the annual Lantern Parade organised by Stacksteads Countryside Park Group, and again we were proud to see the positive contribution made by the young people to this evening which was enjoyed by hundreds of local people.

Our music workshop has remained on zoom and Dave Jackson gave weekly individual tuition in a variety of instruments and in singing. We were very pleased that we were able to launch our own band after Easter, and this has thrived. The band is led by Dave Jackson who was supported by Siana Farrow and David Bevan and it has been amazing to see the growth in confidence in the members, and the hidden talents that have emerged.

In November we started our singing workshop led by Sean Ruane and his wife Vicky. This group has gone from strength to strength under Sean's skilful leadership and we look forward to hearing more from them in the future. We were glad of the opportunity for the singers' and band's debut public performance when we were invited to take part in St Anne's Community Choir's Christmas Concert and the young people were greatly appreciated by an audience of over two hundred people.

Our grateful thanks go to the Igen Trust for financing these workshops.

During the year, through sourcing other smaller grants we have been able to add dance and cooking to our workshop programme. Cath Eddisford led a successful Theatre Workshop until September, and this is

a workshop we are aiming to bring back in the future.

The Home-school Workshop has continued to meet monthly, and we have also offered monthly Friday night socials – both projects which we are aiming to offer more often.

Outreach in the local area has focussed on Edgeside Park where we have also offered games sessions to get alongside local young people. During the summer holidays we were pleased to partner with the government's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, which is delivered in Rossendale by Rossendale Leisure Trust. We offered a programme of activities in Edgeside Park, including for the first time American Football, which were open to all young people. We extended our holiday working to the October half term and will continue to develop holiday working in the future.

Volunteers

We have continued to work to increase our base of volunteers and supporters. We held a meal for all our supporters in July at the Gate of India in Rawtenstall which was enjoyed by over fifty people of all ages. In January we held an Open Day at the former Newchurch Methodist Church when we invited local people to see what was now happening inside the building, and it gave us the opportunity to sign up volunteers and network with local organisations.

Schools Outreach

During the year Siana and Cath worked in three local High Schools offering weekly lunch-time sessions supporting young people with their wellbeing. The following case study written by Siana gives a glimpse of the benefit this work can offer to young people:

Young person 1 was asked by a teacher to attend the new lunch time group in her school. She made it clear during the first session that she didn't want to join but only did because her teacher made her and she got to leave her lesson early. She was disruptive during the session, used offensive language, said the group is boring and pointless and spent most of the group on her phone. I had a chat with this young person at the end of the session and she mentioned that she just gets really angry all the time and she said she liked to do colouring instead of games. For the third session I prepared some mindfulness colouring sheets and planned the session around anger/emotional management. She engaged well with this topic and voiced quite a few things that were triggers for her anger which showed good self-awareness and reflection. We then looked at the behaviours/impacts of this and worked together to look at some management techniques which she worked very hard on and said she would try. The following week Young person 1 was still quite loud and went on her phone a few times but the change from last week to this week was huge. This young person said she feels under a lot of pressure, doesn't have anyone to talk to and feels like no matter what she does she just gets into trouble either at home or at school. I think its great progress that she willingly participated in the session this week and has started to open up to me about her feelings.

This is the third week in school and before the group I got pulled aside by the assistant headteacher. Young person 1 had been crying and got into some trouble- she refused to speak to any staff members and said the only person she was willing to talk to was me. I had a 1:1 meeting with her where she got quite emotional and shared some of the things going on in her life at the moment which explain the outbursts she had been having at school. We had a good chat and looked at some strategies she could try to avoid having an outburst and getting into trouble. I also mentioned that through The WHP she could see a trained counsellor within a week if she wanted some extra support- the young person was very keen and said she has tried to see a counsellor before but the waiting lists are always long and nothing ever gets sorted out for her. Her teacher is going to follow this up and then we can organise a meeting for her with our counsellor.

The chair of the school governors spoke to me after these sessions/meetings and said that she had received lots of positive feedback from the staff about the work I have been doing in school recently but also the headteacher had contacted her to say that The WHP had been into school, told her about the situation and said that the work I had done on this day had a huge impact on all of the young people that were involved and was also helpful for the staff.



Siana and Cath also ran sessions with Year 6 students in seven local primary schools to support them in their transition to High School and from Easter we welcomed year 6 members to our workshops.

Partner Outreach

Partnership working remains of prime importance to us and during the year we were proud to work with many local organisations. In particular Siana and Lindsay Bevan welcomed Councillors Gemma Rooke and Samara Barnes from Safer Rossendale to engage with our young people so that their voice could be heard in Safer Rossendale's plans going forward. We have been pleased to work with Dansworks and Cookstars who have delivered workshops for us, and with Rossendale Borough Council – we are members of Rossendale Connected and Rawtenstall Community Partnership.

Governance and Management

We continue to review our governance procedures and are working towards separating the roles of the Board of Trustees, who would focus on long term vision, from that of the Management Committee which would concentrate on operational matters. We are currently seeking members of both these groups and look forward to driving this plan forward once we have new staff in place.



Objectives for the coming year 2023-24



Engagement with young people: we will continue to engage positively with young people and will aim to increase the range of activities we offer and increase the number of young people we engage with. We will restart a programme of regular socials and increase the variety of workshops we offer. We will focus on the development of the Young People's Council to ensure the voice of young people contributes to all our decision-making.

Staffing: we will seek drive our work forward under the newly appointed Project Director who will work with our trustees develop our vision and see it is put into practice, and ensure our plans are based on robust monitoring and evaluation of all that we do. We will also employ more Youth Workers to engage with our young people and provide excellent role models.

Governance and Management: following our review of our governance two key aims will be to set up a Management Committee to concentrate on operational issues and which is separate to our board of trustees who will be able to focus on our long-term vision. We will seek to increase the number of trustees by at least two and recruit new members to the Management Committee.

Schools Outreach: we will continue to engage in outreach work in local high schools, aiming to increase the number of schools we work in to four. We will aim to increase our engagement with primary school students in order to develop relationships with them before they face the major transition to high school.

Partnership: we will continue to place high priority on networking and partnering with a variety of organisations within our local community.

The White Horse Project

Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Peter Terry

Independent Examiner

3rd December 2023

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	11,172	24,847	-	36,019	72,225
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other		5,000	-	-	5,000	
Total		16,172	24,847	-	41,019	72,225
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	7,961	50,714	-	58,675	45,656
Separate material item of expense						
Other		858	419	-	1,277	1,916
Total		8,819	51,133	-	59,952	47,572
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
		7,353	-26,286	-	-18,933	24,653
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		7,353	-26,286	-	-18,933	24,653
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	9			-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,353	(26,286)	-	-18,933	24,653
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		43,898	47,465	-	91,363	66,710
Total funds carried forward		51,251	21,179	-	72,430	91,363

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2023
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	1,704	851	-	2,555	3,832
Total fixed assets		1,704	851	-	2,555	3,832
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		3,903	-	-	3,903	2,595
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		45,644	20,328	-	65,972	89,936
Total current assets		49,547	20,328	-	69,875	92,531
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		49,547	20,328	-	69,875	92,531
Total assets less current liabilities		51,251	21,179	-	72,430	96,363
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	0	-	-	0	-5,000
Total net assets		51,251	21,179	-	72,430	91,363
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			21,179		21,179	47,465
Unrestricted funds		51,251		-	51,251	43,898
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		51,251	21,179	-	72,430	91,363

For the year ending 31st March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 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 FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 6th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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JL Bevan - Director

Handwritten signature of AJ Roberts in black ink.

AJ Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	-23,963	25,278
Cash flows from investing activities	7	(0)	(0)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		<u>(23,964)</u>	<u>25,278</u>
Cash at 1st April 2022		<u>89,935</u>	<u>64,658</u>
Cash at 31st March 2023		<u>65,972</u>	<u>89,935</u>

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.
	They are valued at cost.
	Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic lives as follows:
Fixtures and fittings	33.3% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	33.3% reducing balance basis

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	9,863	-	-	9,863	10,582
Gift Aid	1,309	-	-	1,309	1,290
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	24,847	-	24,847	60,353
Total	11,172	24,847		36,019	72,225

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	7,961	27,839	-	35,801	24,937
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	22,874	-	22,874	20,719
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,961	50,714	-	58,675	45,656

4 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	17,573	16,917
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,932	1,475
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	19,504	18,392

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

The White Horse Project
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5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2022	1,700	35,316	37,016
Additions	-		-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	1,700	35,316	37,016

Depreciation

At 1st April 2022	1,687	31,497	33,184
Charge in year	4	1,273	1,277
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	1,691	32,770	34,461

Net book values

At 31st March 2023	9	2,546	2,555
At 31st March 2022	13	3,819	3,832

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year £	Last year £
Provision for dilapidations	0	5000

7 Cash flows

	This year £	Last year £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	(23,933)	24,653
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(1,308)	0
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	1,277	1,916
Net cash provided by operating activities	(23,963)	26,569
Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0

Net cash in investing activities

0

0

**8 Related Party
Transactions**

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £720 (2021 £1,152) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.

The charity also paid Lindsay Bevan £1,114 (2020 £1,646) for programmes she delivered.

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The White Horse Project

Registered Number: 1131750

Company Number: Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

Governing Document: Memorandum & Articles of Association incorporated 23rd June 2009

Official Address: St Anne's Vicarage, Ashworth Road, Rossendale, BB4 9JE

Charitable Objects

The charities objects, as laid out in the memorandum and articles of association, are;

TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:

- A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;
- B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;
- C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;
- D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS;
- E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
- F) PROMOTE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

Names of Trustees

Rodney Bevan
David Charles Bevan
Amanda Robertson
Christopher John Eacott (Chair)
Jill Loraine Bevan
Andrew John Roberts

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Management Committee of the Charity

In addition to the Directors the following have served on the Management Committee:

Lindsay Bevan

Policies

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Arrival & Departure
Building security
Communication
Complaints
Computer use
Confidentiality
Conduct
Conflict of interest
Copyright
Disciplinary
Disclosure
Environment
Extremism
Equipment
Equal Opportunities
Equality
Finance
Fire safety
First Aid
Flood evacuation
Health & Safety
GDPR
Knives & Weapons
Lettings
Lone Worker
Reserves
Safeguarding
Security
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Vulnerable adults

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. Unless reported in Related Party Transactions at the end of this report all officers and management team members give their time and services for free.

Jill Bevan and Andrew Roberts are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:

Barclays Bank

Bank St

Rawtenstall

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Peter Terry

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work. It is our policy to keep 6 months running costs, building improvement costs and funds towards a large event held every 3 years in reserves when possible.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The key public benefit delivered by The White Horse Project is the provision of high-quality activities and services for Young People which enable them to enjoy better life chances. Through the wide range of programs individuals develop new skills, improve their academic performance, take on additional responsibilities and therefore improve their whole individual wellbeing.

Chair's Comments



On behalf of The White Horse Project Trustees and Management Team members, I am pleased to present this latest Annual Report of the charity.

Managing our programmes through the ongoing coronavirus restrictions proved challenging, but we were still able to achieve our goals. The good news was that, as restrictions were lifted, we were able to meet with more of our young people face-to face. We believe this made a tangible difference to their wellbeing, which took a hard knock during the worst periods of the pandemic.

There were a couple of notable and exciting developments during 2021. First, we recruited a new member of staff, Cath Eddisford. Cath has brought additional skills and energy to the work of the charity and fulfils the critical role of Youth Worker and Wellbeing Leader. Second, after more than ten years of hard work and happy memories, we finally said farewell to the Boilerhouse, our first premises, and relocated a few hundred metres to Newchurch Methodist Church, which is no longer used as a place of worship. These developments reflect our constant desire to find new and better resources, to provide the very best outcomes for our young people.

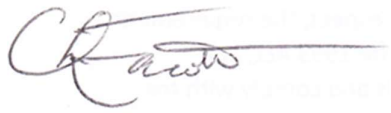
A quick review of the many programmes and activities we have been able to run during our 2021-22 period reveals just how vibrant and busy the charity continued to be: weekly theatre and arts workshops, taster course in dance, regular music sessions, young volunteering scheme leading to AQA qualifications, home-schooled young people's workshops, social nights, regular outreach work with young people in Edgeside Park and Waterfoot town centre, social media outreach and engagement, programme of games, sports and workshops in Edgeside Park during the summer holidays. Our regular outreach work in three local high schools (The Valley Leadership Academy, All Saints and Alder Grange) focussed on wellbeing. Our thanks go especially to Siana Farrow, Cath Eddisford and Lindsay Bevan for their hard work and efforts.

Looking forwards, we believe there are new and exciting opportunities awaiting The White Horse Project, as we continue to recover from the negative consequences of the coronavirus pandemic. In particular, the new premises, located as it is mid-way between the Edgeside and Staghills communities, will enable us to reach more young people. Additionally, its size means there are opportunities to put on more and different types of activities, including in conjunction with other local community groups.

Perhaps our greatest challenge as we look forward is the need to boost our volunteer base, which has declined somewhat as a consequence of the pandemic. Great thanks to our current volunteers for their invaluable work. We encourage readers to please get in touch with us if they feel they might like to become involved in our very worthwhile and rewarding work. We need you!

I commend this latest Annual Report to you and thank you for your continuing support for the charity.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Chris Eacott

Director and Chair of Trustees & Management Committee - The White Horse Project



Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2021-22

Staffing

We were very pleased to meet our target of recruiting a Youth Worker and Wellbeing Leader, funded by BBC Children in Need. Cath Eddisford joined us in June 2021, to work alongside Siana Farrow, our Young Volunteering Leader. Cath was already known to many through her work with the local charity Cotton Shed, an inclusive theatre company where she gained extensive experience working with children and young people. With her training in musical theatre, she brought a raft of new skills to our charity, in particular using performing arts to engage with young people about wellbeing.



New premises



It was with very mixed emotions that we finally moved out of The Boilerhouse in August 2021. These leased premises had been our base for over ten years and had become a safe place to meet for many local young people. However, the poor state of the building and its unsuitability for working with young people in a world with covid – no windows, very poor ventilation – made our decision easier.

It was brought to our notice that Newchurch Methodist Church on Turnpike – a stone's throw away from the Boilerhouse – was closing as a place of worship. Their building comprises several rooms on two floors, which was used by many community groups, and would make an ideal venue for working with young people. We entered into discussions with Rossendale Methodist Circuit who agreed in principle to a plan whereby we would take on a long-term lease of the building for a peppercorn rent in exchange for managing the building and retaining it for community use, and fundraising to improve the premises. We recognise this building has tremendous potential, but it will need a lot of finance and effort to restore and improve. The young people are already excited about the opportunity, and we will seek to involve as many volunteers as possible from the local community. The Central Methodist Church is in the process of drawing up a formal lease and we await the outcome of this.

In the meantime, we are grateful to be able to store all our equipment from The Boilerhouse in one of the rooms, and we rent space in the building for our workshops with young people.

Engagement with young people

We continue to explore new ways of engaging with young people, so we offer as varied a programme as possible. Wellbeing remains the major issue as many young people continue to suffer from the effects of the pandemic, particularly the periods of isolation. We have continued to run a weekly programme of workshops, largely funded by the Igen Trust for which we remain very grateful. We have been pleased to add the new Theatre Workshop, led by Cath.

Recognising the value of the performing arts we were also able to offer a taster course in dance which was well received, and we are currently fundraising to repeat this.

Our longest running workshop is Art, led by community artist Ruth Evans assisted by her son Felix, and this continues to be our most popular. Ruth is working with the young people on a commission from Civic Pride to produce a mosaic for the local Trickett's Memorial Ground in Waterfoot, and we anticipate this will soon be ready for unveiling!

We continue to operate a dual economy and our music workshop, led by local musician Dave Jackson, still operates via zoom and has done so very successfully. Currently Dave is providing weekly tuition in guitar, drums, keyboard, bass, voice and music theory. We are working towards bringing our musicians together very soon to form their own band, and we are all very excited about this.



Siana has worked hard to improve our Young Volunteering Scheme, to help young people take responsibility in workshops, and training in this has enabled the young people to achieve AQA Awards.



Our workshop for those young people who are home-schooled has continued on a monthly basis. Young people are involved in choosing the focus for each session, and again they have achieved AQA awards for their efforts.

Detached Outreach Work twice weekly in the local park and town centre remains important for us in meeting with many young people who choose not to engage in other ways. Under Siana's leadership we have been able to supplement the outreach sessions with various games, and during the summer holidays ran a programme of games, workshops, and sport in the local park.

Social media is an important means of engaging with young people and their carers. Lindsay Bevan continues as our Social Media Manager and our Facebook page ended the year with nearly 900 followers, up from 747 reported last time – evidence of a job well done.

Schools Outreach

Great progress has been made through the year in our Schools Outreach due to Cath's work. Currently she is working in three local High Schools each week – Valley Leadership Academy, All Saints and Alder Grange. She has engaged with many young people with the aim of improving wellbeing, using the medium of drama-based games and activities. This has been very well received, with staff at school referring young people to the groups. We are also able to offer immediate access to our Project Counsellor, and we are pleased that some young people have joined our workshops as a result of contact in school.

In the final term of the school year we contacted several local primary schools, offering support for students in year 6 facing the transition to High School. We provided information about the services we offer and ran a 5-week transition course via zoom.

Partner Outreach

Partnership working is of prime importance to us. We are pleased to continue our partnership with Rossendale Borough Council, attending their monthly Rossendale Connected Meetings via zoom. We are currently exploring working with Rossendale Leisure Trust who deliver the government's Holiday Activity and Food Programme in Rossendale. Our partnership with local schools, primary and High School, has greatly improved over the year and we continue to explore working with local voluntary agencies in order to improve our offer for young people.

Governance & Management

We are proud to say that the seven members of our Management Committee (which includes the six trustees) have all been in place since our charity started in 2009. Whilst this provides a very stable and committed base we are conscious of the need to recruit new members with new skills. We have though, made good progress giving young people a voice in governance. Siana has set up a young people's council, which they have named Limitless, who meet monthly to discuss the way we operate and to plan for the future. They are able to report directly to the Management Committee, and we look forward to developing this further in the year ahead. Cath has come to us with much experience in fundraising, and we are currently working with her on a bid to the National Lottery Communities Fund which would enable us to employ a Project Director, to take our charity to the next level. We are pleased to report we remain on a firm financial footing and will continue to work constantly to identify new sources of funding.



Coronavirus Crisis Management

We have continued to work hard to maintain the highest standards of hygiene and working practice to do our best to stay safe in a world with covid. We are pleased to say that our programme has not been interrupted due to covid since the start of 2022, and we have been able to relax some of our 'rules'; we have been able to reintroduce socials to our timetable, which include serving a hot supper. Siana and Cath provided a varied programme including Talent Night and Quiz Night, and we look forward to increasing the socials we provide as young people tell us this is what they most want.

We will continue to work on zoom, so we have the flexibility to adapt the way we work if covid or any other issues make this necessary. The work need not stop!

Objectives for the coming year 2022-23

New premises: we will develop plans for the new premises (Newchurch Methodist Church building), taking due account of the needs of other groups of users. We will negotiate a long-term lease in order justify the significant financial investment required to repair and improve the building for our needs.

Staffing: the increasing complexity of our operations, including maintaining our own large premises, justifies a new post of Projects Director. We will attempt to secure funding for such a post.

Engagement with young people: we will continue to engage positively with young people by enhancing the effectiveness of well-being programmes including music, art, healthy-eating, sports, mentoring, counselling, drama, young volunteering et al. Following the coronavirus pandemic, a key aim is to increase the overall number of young people involved in our programmes and activities.

Volunteers: as the effects of the coronavirus pandemic subside, we will make robust efforts to re-build our volunteer base through personal invitations, newsletters, outreach events and the like.

Schools Outreach: to ensure that as many young people in our area get the opportunity to access our services, we will continue to enhance our outreach work in local primary and secondary schools.

Partner Outreach: we will seek new opportunities to partner with relevant statutory agencies and other organisations in order to improve our own capabilities and effectiveness, and to find new ways to support our young people.

Governance and Management: We will continue to review governance aspects e.g. membership and working practices of the senior management committee. Recruitment of new trustees and management committee members is a key aim.



The White Horse Project

Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

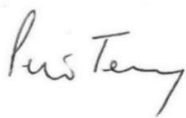
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records: or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Peter Terry
Independent Examiner
28th November 2022

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	11,872	60,353	-	72,225	83,238
Charitable activities			-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-		
Total		11,872	60,353	-	72,225	83,238
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	624	45,032	-	45,656	56,106
Separate material item of expense						
Other		1,290	626	-	1,916	2,186
Total		1,914	45,658	-	47,572	58,293
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		9,958	14,695	-	24,653	24,946
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		9,958	14,695	-	24,653	24,946
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	9			-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,958	14,695	-	24,653	24,946
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		33,940	32,770	-	66,710	41,764
Total funds carried forward		43,898	47,465	-	91,363	66,710

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2022
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	2,562	1,270	-	3,832	5,748
Total fixed assets		2,562	1,270	-	3,832	5,748
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		2,595	-	-	2,595	1,303
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		43,742	46,195	-	89,936	64,658
Total current assets		46,335	46,195	-	92,531	65,961
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		46,336	46,195	-	92,531	65,961
Total assets less current liabilities		48,898	47,465	-	96,363	71,709
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	-5,000	-	-	-5,000	-5,000
Total net assets		43,898	47,465	-	91,363	66,709
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			47,465		47,465	32,769
Unrestricted funds		43,898		-	43,898	33,940
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		43,898	47,465	-	91,363	66,709

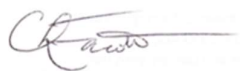
For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 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 FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 30th November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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CJ Eacott - Director

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AJ Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	25,279	32,011
Cash flows from investing activities	7	(0)	(1,375)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		25,279	30,637
Cash at 1st April 2021		64,658	34,021
Cash at 31st March 2022		89,936	64,658

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.				
	They are valued at cost.				
	Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic lives as follows:				
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2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	10,582	-	-	10,582	7,651
Gift Aid	1,290	-	-	1,290	1,367
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	60,353	-	60,353	74,220
Total	11,872	60,353		72,225	83,238

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	624	24,313	-	24,937	35,952
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	20,719	-	20,719	20,154
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	624	45,032	-	45,656	56,106

4 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	16,917	17,119
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	1,475	1,545
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	18,392	18,664

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

The White Horse Project
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5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2021	1,700	35,316	37,016
Additions	-		-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,700</u>	<u>35,316</u>	<u>37,016</u>

Depreciation

At 1st April 2021	1,680	29,588	31,268
Charge in year	7	1,909	1,916
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2022	<u>1,687</u>	<u>31,497</u>	<u>33,184</u>

Net book values

At 31st March 2022	13	3,819	3,832
At 31st March 2021	20	5,728	5,748

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year £	Last year £
Provision for dilapidations	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5000</u>

7 Cash flows

	This year £	Last year £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	24,653	24,946
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(1,290)	0
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	0
Depreciation	<u>1,916</u>	<u>2,186</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>25,279</u>	<u>27,132</u>
Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>0</u>	<u>1,374</u>
Net cash in investing activities	<u>0</u>	<u>1,374</u>

8 Related Party

Transactions

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £1,152 (2021 £939) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.

The charity also paid Lindsay Bevan £1,646 (2021 £1,523) for programmes she delivered.

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The White Horse Project

Registered Number: 1131750

Company Number: Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

Governing Document: Memorandum & Articles of Association incorporated 23rd June 2009

Official Address: St Anne's Vicarage, Ashworth Road, Rossendale, BB4 9JE

Charitable Objects

The charities objects, as laid out in the memorandum and articles of association, are;

TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:

- A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;
- B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;
- C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;
- D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS;
- E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
- F) PROMOTE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

Names of Trustees

Rodney Bevan
David Charles Bevan
Amanda Robertson
Christopher John Eacott (Chair)
Jill Loraine Bevan
Andrew John Roberts

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Management Committee of the Charity

In addition to the Directors the following have served on the Management Committee:

Lindsay Bevan

Policies

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Arrival & Departure	First Aid
Building security	Flood evacuation
Communication	Health & Safety
Complaints	GDPR
Computer use	Knives & Weapons
Confidentiality	Lettings
Conduct	Lone Worker
Conflict of interest	Reserves
Copyright	Safeguarding
Disciplinary	Security
Disclosure	Sexual health
Environment	Smoking & Alcohol
Extremism	Staff & Volunteers
Equipment	Training
Equal Opportunities	Travel
Equality	Trustees
Finance	Visits
Fire safety	Vulnerable adults

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. Unless reported in Related Party Transactions at the end of this report all officers and management team members give their time and services for free.

Jill Bevan and Andrew Roberts are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:

Barclays Bank
Bank St
Rawtenstall

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Peter Terry

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work. It is our policy to keep 6 months running costs, building improvement costs and funds towards a large event held every 3 years in reserves when possible.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. The key public benefit delivered by The White Horse Project is the provision of high-quality activities and services for Young People which enable them to enjoy better life chances. Through the wide range of programs individuals develop new skills, improve their academic performance, take on additional responsibilities and therefore improve their whole individual wellbeing.



Chair's Comments



On behalf of The White Horse Project Trustees and Management Team members, I am pleased to present this latest Annual Report of the charity.

Like many organisations during 2020 and early 2021, we had to adapt quickly to the challenges and uncertainties arising from multiple COVID-19 lockdowns, and the need to keep our staff, volunteers and young people safe from the virus. We were especially concerned about the well-being of our young people, who were isolated and unable to attend school, or generally socialise face-to-face with their peers.

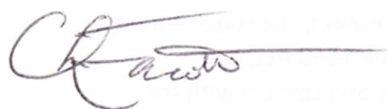
We quickly organised programmes of activities via Zoom, and were able to attract young people to art, music, quiz sessions etc. Siana Farrow was in regular contact with as many young people as possible, especially via the popular social media platforms used by them. During periods of opening-up, we engaged appropriately in socially distanced outdoor meetings with our young people, especially in Edgeside Park and Waterfoot. Our qualified counsellor was able to support many young people during these difficult times, including in school settings, when this was possible.

Even though we were unable to use our leased premises, The Boilerhouse, throughout this time, we were still required to pay rent and some running costs. We were grateful for community grants made by Rossendale Borough Council which covered these costs. Additionally, our main programmes and staff costs were covered by ongoing funding by our major supporters including BBC Children in Need and Igen. This meant that the charity was able to remain both financially viable and maintain effective programmes that engaged with, and supported, our young people through these very challenging times.

Looking forwards, we hope soon to emerge from the worst effects of the pandemic and are already preparing for exciting new developments including the possibility of a new and better premises, and a new staff post.

I commend this latest Annual Report to you and thank you for your continuing support for the charity.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Chris Eacott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Chris Eacott

Director and Chair of Trustees & Management Committee - The White Horse Project

Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2020-21

Engagement with young people

Our first objective for this year was to 'continue to develop new ways to engage positively with young people'. This we achieved – but not by any of the ways we envisaged! The Boilerhouse closed to young people in March 2020, when the government lockdown due to the pandemic came into effect. Very quickly we moved our work with young people to the videoconferencing platform Zoom, social media and telephone.

Our staff members, Siana Farrow & Megan Cartridge, and volunteers proved very adaptable, and we soon replaced our Boilerhouse sessions with a weekly programme of Zoom workshops. Again, our workshop leaders rose to the challenge, particularly our community artist Ruth Evans and Dave Jackson our music tutor, and with the support of our workers, were able to offer young people some excellent online sessions.



zoom SCHEDULE	
MONDAY:	MUSIC LESSONS 5.15-6.15PM
TUESDAY:	MUSIC LESSONS 3.30-5.30PM
TUESDAY-	BOILER HOUSE COUNCIL 5-6PM
TUESDAY:	RECKLESS 7- 8PM
WEDNESDAY:	HOME EDUCATION GROUP 12.30-1.30PM
WEDNESDAY:	ART WORKSHOP 5.30-6.30PM
FRIDAY:	QUIZ NIGHT 7-8PM

We were able to maintain a weekly pattern of at least five sessions on Zoom from April – December 2020 without a break. The ‘old’ termly pattern meant very little to young people when schools were so often closed, or they were at home isolating whilst schools remained open – so we were able to provide some constant and basic routine in their increasingly chaotic lives. To our weekly programme of art and music Zooms we were able to add a weekly quiz, usually lead by young volunteer Thomas Wise, a monthly Home School Zoom, a weekly maths tuition Zoom, led by Young Volunteer Nathaniel Hughes, and Reckless - a group, discussing faith-based topics. We are extremely grateful to our volunteers who joined these sessions faithfully throughout the pandemic, to make this programme possible.

We learnt so much during the year and despite the very real problems caused by the pandemic for young people there were positive outcomes too. To comply with online safeguarding, we had much greater contact with the parents and carers of young people and these relationships we wish to continue as we move back to face to face work. Zoom was far more successful than we had envisaged in enabling young people to ‘socialise’ and make friends and reduce the sense of isolation and loneliness young people reported.



Our workers also devoted many hours each week to contacting young people by phone and some young people took up their offer of regular phone support. We also developed our social media presence – Facebook & Instagram. During lockdown we had a programme of at least three regular posts each week. Again, this is something we are continuing to develop, and Lindsay Bevan has continued in her post as Social Media Manager. Our Facebook page currently has 747 followers, and this number continues to rise – evidence of a job well done.

Tribute must also go to Siana Farrow who is employed as our Young Volunteering Leader. Our second worker, Megan Cartridge, our Well-being Leader left us in the summer 2020 so for several months Siana has shown considerable resilience in working as a lone employee – and has continued to supervise Young Volunteers who were active throughout lockdown, and to offer AQA Unit Awards.

We were very conscious during the year that we had not maintained our relationship with a number of young people who came regularly to the Boilerhouse but were not interested in using Zoom. We were able to resume face to face Outreach Work once lockdown was lifted. Siana, along with Felix Evans and others, met many young people twice weekly in Edgeside Park and Waterfoot town centre. Many old relationships were restored, and we met many young people for the first time.

The Boilerhouse has not reopened to young people during this year. Very poor ventilation and extreme damp meant we felt unable to resume safely, but we look forward to exciting opportunities ahead to resume face to face working.



Schools Outreach

Our planned increase in our work in schools did not progress as planned, but again we were able to develop this work. Our Well-being Leader produced a weekly *Well-being Wednesday* post on social media to support young people, and this was shared by many High Schools on their own sites. Particularly well received was the Well-being Handbook she produced which schools circulated to their students.

In the summer term we were used to welcoming Year 6 students in primary school to the Boilerhouse, to support them in their transition to High School. This could not happen but we were able to offer a Transition Course on Zoom, and were able to spend time in one primary school. We visited six local primary schools to deliver Well-being packs for all year 6 students, and we plan to build on these links in the future.

When lockdown was lifted, Dena Lord, our Project Counsellor, was able to work in a local High School with young people on a Well-being Course held outdoors for a group of students in particular need of support. Again, we plan to build on these links in the future.

Partner Outreach

Partnership also took on a new meaning in the pandemic and we continued to build relationships with local organisations, statutory and voluntary. We attended weekly Zoom Covid Response Meetings chaired by Rossendale Borough Council, which has enabled us to strengthen relationships. In particular, we were able to highlight the problems faced by young people, and have been invited to present, via video, at an upcoming Video Conference. Young people have been able to input into the plans to develop our local Edgeside Park, mainly through our Outreach Work, and young people will soon see these plans begin to be put in to practice and know their voice has been heard. The Covid Response Meetings opened up further opportunities to share experiences with other local charities, and join with the first time with some, such as The Waterwell Foundation, and we look forward to developing these relationships as covid restrictions are eased.

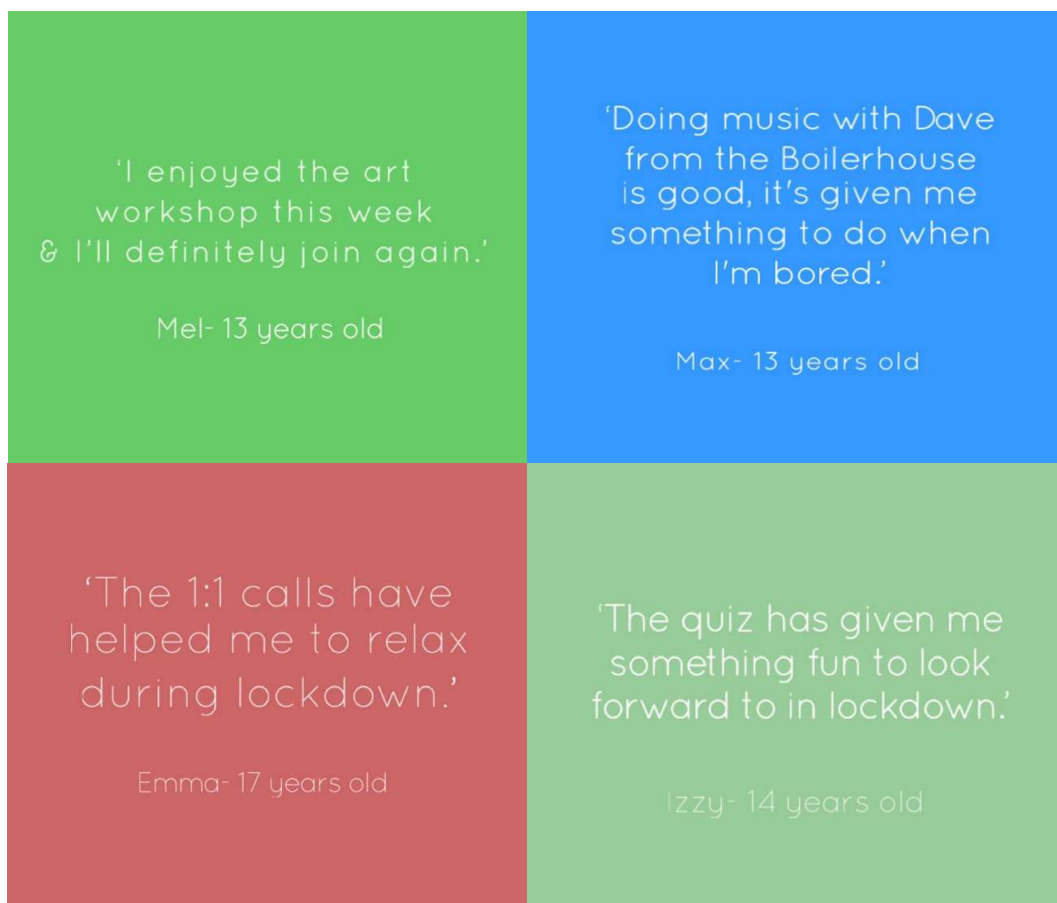
Governance & Management

Our aim remains to fundraise to recruit a 'Project Manager to manage and enhance day-to day aspects of running The Boilerhouse venues and programmes', and considerable progress towards this was made in the final months of our last financial year through working with the fundraising consultant, Stephen Hobson. When we are clear what 'normality' will look like in a world with covid we will proceed with these plans. A long-term aim of our charity has been to ensure the voice of young people is heard at Management Committee level. Despite lockdown restrictions Siana has continued to work to this end and a Boilerhouse Council met via Zoom and reported to The Management Committee. We continue to work to ensure the views presented to the Management Committee truly represent the views of all young people. We learn that sometimes no meeting, whatever form it takes, will do this – it relies on informal consultation and feedback by outreach workers.

Coronavirus crisis management

The Management Committee met more frequently than usual in order to navigate our way through the very uncertain times of the pandemic. Particular challenges were to access safeguarding training for online working, as we recognised the particular risks of working on videoconferencing platforms with young people. We are pleased to be able to report no incidents. We are also pleased to report that our charity has not suffered financially as a result of the pandemic. We are very grateful to our major funders, BBC Children in Need and Igen, for their flexibility in continuing to fund despite very different ways of working, and both providing opportunities to access additional funding to offset the costs of working differently. We were able to invest in equipment and resources for successful online working, and also deliver resources to young people to enable them to fully participate in Zoom workshops. We were also able to access new sources of funding, e.g. government support through Rossendale Borough Council, to enable us to continue to pay our bills, and make up for loss of funding in other ways.

We look forward with optimism to a future that will look different to what we have known, but where exciting new opportunities are opening up.



Objectives for the coming year 2021-22

Staffing: we will increase and enhance our capabilities by employing a new member of staff under the overall title Youth Worker and Well-being Leader. The new staff member will assist with the provision of positive mental health support and services, help develop partnerships with schools and relevant agencies, and be involved in running the project's programmes and activities.

New premises: given the significant deterioration in the fabric of The Boilerhouse that occurred throughout 2020, due to lack of occupancy and the consequent effects of damp and water ingress, we will intensify our efforts to find an alternative and better premises from which to operate.

Engagement with young people: we will continue to develop new ways to engage positively with young people by regularly reviewing and enhancing the effectiveness of activities-led and well-being programmes including music, art, healthy-eating, sports, mentoring, counselling, drama.

Schools Outreach: to ensure that as many young people in our area get the opportunity to access our services, we will continue to enhance our outreach work in local primary and secondary schools.

Partner Outreach: we will seek new opportunities to partner with relevant statutory agencies and other organisations in order to improve our own capabilities and effectiveness, and to find new ways to support our young people.

Governance and Management: We will take opportunities to review governance aspects e.g. membership and working practices of the senior management committee.

Coronavirus crisis management: we will extend this 2020 special objective into 2021 given that the effects of the pandemic continue to reverberate. We will continue to make full and effective use of social media, socially distanced outdoor contact, counselling support etc to help our young people continue to cope with, and recover from, the adverse effects of the pandemic. We will also continue to ensure our financial base is sound.



The White Horse Project

Independent Examiners Report

I set out my report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

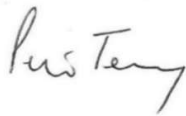
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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.



Peter Terry
Independent Examiner
14th December 2021

The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2021
including Income and Expenditure Account

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	9,018	74,220	-	83,238	59,399
Charitable activities			-	-	-	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
Other			-	-		
Total		9,018	74,220	-	83,238	59,399
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds				-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	3,502	52,604	-	56,106	81,510
Separate material item of expense						
Other		1,929	257	-	2,186	7,348
Total		5,431	52,861	-	58,293	88,858
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
		3,587	21,359	-	24,946	(29,459)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		3,587	21,359	-	24,946	(29,459)
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	9			-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,587	21,359	-	24,946	(29,459)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		30,353	11,411	-	41,764	71,223
Total funds carried forward		33,940	32,770	-	66,710	41,764

The White Horse Project
Balance sheet as at 31st March 2021
Company Number 6941257

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5	3,852	1,896	-	5,748	6,560
Total fixed assets		3,852	1,896	-	5,748	6,560
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors		1,303	-	-	1,303	6,183
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		33,785	30,873	-	64,658	34,021
Total current assets		35,088	30,873	-	65,961	40,204
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	0	-	0	0
Net current assets		35,088	30,873	-	65,961	40,204
Total assets less current liabilities		38,940	32,769	-	71,709	46,764
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	6	-5,000	-	-	-5,000	-5,000
Total net assets		33,940	32,769	-	66,709	41,764
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-			-	-
Restricted income funds			32,769		32,769	11,411
Unrestricted funds		33,940		-	33,940	30,353
Revaluation reserve					-	-
Total funds		33,940	32,769	-	66,709	41,764

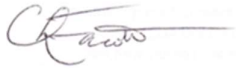
For the year ending 31st March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the 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 FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Board on 14th December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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CJ Eacott - Director

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AJ Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	32,011	(23,182)
Cash flows from investing activities	7	(1,375)	(1,863)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Change in cash in reporting period		30,637	(25,045)
Cash at 1st April 2019		34,021	59,066
Cash at 31st March 2020		64,658	34,021

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the the company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), with the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

The White Horse Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Income

Recognition of income These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Support costs

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

1.4 Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.

They are valued at cost.

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic lives as follows[:

Fixtures and fittings	33.3% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	33.3% reducing balance basis

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

2. Income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Donations and Legacies					
Donations and gifts	7,651	-	-	7,651	9,470
Gift Aid	1,367	-	-	1,367	1,071
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	74,220	-	74,220	48,858
Total	9,018	74,220		83,238	59,399

3 Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Charitable Activities					
Youth Activities	3,502	32,450	-	35,952	56,196
Youth Mentoring CIN	-	20,154	-	20,154	25,314
Youth Counselling CCG	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Music	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,502	52,604	-	56,106	81,510

4 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	18,664	19,337
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs	- 1,545	2,190
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	17,119	21,527

During the year the charity employed 3 part time staff equivalent to less than 1 fulltime member

The White Horse Project
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

5 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st April 2020	1,700	33,942	35,642
Additions	-	1,374	1,374
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	1,700	35,316	37,016

Depreciation

At 1st April 2020	1,670	27,411	29,082
Charge in year	10	2,177	2,186
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	1,680	29,588	31,268

Net book values

At 31st March 2021	20	5,728	5,748
At 31st March 2020	30	6,531	6,560

6 Provision for liabilities

	This year £	Last year £
Provision for dilapidations	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5000</u>

7 Cash flows

	This year £	Last year £
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year	24,946	(29,459)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	4,879	(1,071)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	0	5,000
Depreciation	<u>2,186</u>	<u>2,348</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>32,011</u>	<u>(23,182)</u>

Interest received	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets	<u>1,374</u>	<u>1,863</u>
Net cash in investing activities	<u>1,374</u>	<u>1,863</u>

8 Related Party Transactions

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £939 (2020 £739) from Avoira Ltd where Andrew Roberts is a Director. There was no outstanding balance at the year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than comparable services and therefore good value for money.

The charity also paid Lindsay Bevan £1,523 (2020 £878) for programmes she delivered.