

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2022



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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
Sexual health
Smoking & Alcohol
Staff & Volunteers
Training
Travel
Trustees
Visits
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.

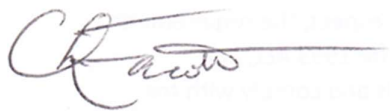
A quick review of the many programmes and activities we have been able to run during our 2021-22 period reveals just how vibrant and busy the charity continued to be: weekly theatre and arts workshops, taster course in dance, regular music sessions, young volunteering scheme leading to AQA qualifications, 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

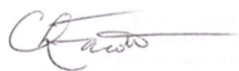
For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'AJ Roberts', with a stylized, cursive script.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

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.