

KUSHTI BOK

England & Wales · Charity number 1136229

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06928675](#)

Registered 2010-06-07

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:-4.1. THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY BY EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE HISTORY, TRADITIONS, CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES; 4.2. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES IN PARTICULAR IN DORSET AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS; AND 4.3. THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH, RELIEF OF SICKNESS, ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES IN DORSET AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

Activities: Educational work among the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Dorset

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DORSET
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£68,055	£44,767	-	-
2024-03-31	£123,533	£61,208	-	-
2023-03-31	£83,847	£56,134	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,077	£3,929	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,031	£1,923	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Billington		2016-01-12
Samantha Worrall		2024-08-12
Susan Miller		2021-02-10
Tina Boswell		2025-04-08

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Accounts

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KUSHTI BOK
TRUSTEES REPORT and UNAUDITED
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025



KUSHTI BOK
31st MARCH 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Trustees are listed on page 9 of this report

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Governing Document

The charity was incorporated on 9 June 2009. The current Articles of Association were adopted by resolution on 18 March 2010. The company was registered as a charity on 7 June 2010.

Objectives

- 1 The promotion of Equality and Diversity by education and raising awareness of the history, traditions, culture and lifestyle of the Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- 2 To advance education of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in particular Dorset and the surrounding areas.
- 3 The promotion and protection of good health, relief of sickness, advancement of education and relief of poverty by the provision of advice, assistance and information on access to public services of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Dorset and the surrounding areas.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives.

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

The Governing Trustees were appointed by their experience and expertise. Subsequent Trustees will be appointed as and when the need arises. New Trustees are made aware of their role and responsibility as a Trustee, the role of the Charity Commission, decision making processes and will be able to field any questions they may have from the documentation which has been provided to them namely, the Annual Report of Accounts, Trustee Report and directed to the Fundraising Regulator website. All Trustees are made aware of external training events and are encouraged to attend. The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year and hold an Annual General Meeting once a year.

Activities

1. Advocacy Work

A new Advocacy Worker: Following the confirmation of five years of National Lottery funding from 1 February 2024, Kushti Bok Dorset strengthened its advocacy services by employing an additional Advocacy Worker to support Gypsy and Traveller communities across Dorset and BCP. This work has focused on helping individuals and families access essential services, including health, education, housing, and benefits, as well as addressing issues such as discrimination, hate crime, and social exclusion.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Activities

1. Advocacy Work (continued)

The Advocacy Workers operate in partnership with Citizens Advice, ensuring that support is coordinated, practical, and tailored to the needs of the community. This approach has proved highly effective, enabling many Dorset Traveller families, who previously struggled to access services to receive consistent, personalised support. During the reporting period, this partnership has resulted in improved engagement with local authorities, enhanced awareness of rights and entitlements, and stronger community connections.

The expanded team enables us to respond more effectively to increasing demand for advocacy around health, education, housing, and benefits, while continuing to promote equality, inclusion, and access to essential services.

2. Events

2.1. Moving for Change Conference: In May 2024, representatives from Kushti Bok Dorset attended the Moving for Change Conference in York. The conference brought together organisations that had received funding, allowing them to share information about their projects, outcomes, and best practice. Presentations provided valuable insight into effective approaches for community engagement, service delivery, and partnership working.

2.2. Drop-in Day at Wareham Carey Hall May 2024: In May 2024, Kushti Bok Dorset held one of their many Drop-in Days at Wareham Carey Hall to connect with the local Gypsy and Traveller community. The event provided an informal and welcoming space for community members to meet the Kushti Bok team, share their experiences, and discuss local issues that matter to them. This particular event had a representative from Citizens Advice Central Dorset in attendance where many local Travellers were helped and advised on how to claim Cost of Living and other benefits. It was a

2.3. Kushti Bok members at Garden Party Buckingham Palace: In May 2024, Our Chair and other representatives from Kushti Bok Dorset were honoured to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, recognising the Chair who was mentioned in the New Years Honours and received a BEM (British Empire Medal) for ongoing commitment to supporting Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities across Dorset and beyond. The invitation served as a celebration of our collective efforts to promote inclusion, equality, and cultural understanding. It was a proud moment for Kushti Bok members, reflecting the growing recognition of our work both locally and nationally.

2.4. Wedding of Kushti Bok volunteer Leon Rawlings: In May 2024, the Kushti Bok community was delighted to celebrate the wedding of our valued friend, Romany Leon Rawlings, which took place at Hilfield Friary. Leon has been active at many of Kushti Bok's events, contributing greatly to our community work. His wedding was a joyful occasion shared with friends, family, and supporters, reflecting the strong sense of togetherness and community spirit that underpins all that we do.

2.5. Roma History Day: In June 2024, Kushti Bok Dorset organised Roma History Day at Borough Gardens, Dorchester, as part of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller (GRT) History Month. The free, family-friendly event celebrated Roma culture, history, and heritage, bringing together community members, partners, performers, and supporters. The day featured a traditional Gypsy wagon display, live music and storytelling, historical exhibitions, creative workshops, children's activities, and opportunities for attendees to explore their Gypsy, Roma, or Traveller ancestry. Refreshments were provided, and the event offered a welcoming space for learning, connection, and cultural celebration. Roma History Day was a great success, fostering community engagement, raising awareness of GRT heritage, and challenging stereotypes.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Events (continued)

2.6. **Holocaust Memorial Service:** In August 2024, Kushti Bok Dorset organised a Holocaust Memorial Service at Sherborne Abbey to commemorate all those who lost their lives during the Holocaust, including members of the Roma and Sinti communities. The service, opened by Angus Campbell, the Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset, featured prayers and readings, historical reflections, and speeches promoting hope, unity, and remembrance. The event provided an opportunity for the community to come together, reflect on past persecution, and reaffirm a commitment to standing against hate and promoting understanding.

2.7. **Kushti Bok flag flying:** During the reporting period, Kushti Bok Dorset successfully arranged for the Romany flag to be flown over the three BCP Civic Offices and at County Hall, Dorchester, in recognition of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller History Month and again on 2nd August – the Night of the Gypsies, which commemorates the Roma and Sinti victims of the Holocaust. This visible show of respect and inclusion was an important symbol of recognition for the GRT community across Dorset. It demonstrated local authorities' growing commitment to equality and cultural awareness, while helping to promote pride, visibility, and understanding of Romany heritage among the wider public. The initiative was warmly received by community members and partners, highlighting the positive impact of collaboration between Kushti Bok Dorset and local councils.

2.8. **One World Festival:** Kushti Bok took part in the One World Festival held at Dorchester Borough Gardens in August 2024. The event celebrated diversity and inclusion within the local community. Kushti Bok hosted an information stall, sharing resources about Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller history, culture, and rights. The day provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the public, challenge stereotypes, and promote greater understanding of Dorset's GRT communities.

2.9. **Latest Developments in Gypsy and Traveller Law:** On 18 September 2024, a team from Kushti Bok Dorset attended the "Latest Developments in Gypsy and Traveller Law" event at Garden Court Chambers, London. The event provided an opportunity to stay informed on recent changes in planning and legal frameworks affecting Gypsy and Traveller communities, as well as to network and exchange knowledge with other organisations working in this field.

2.10. **Dorset Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Forum:** Kushti Bok Dorset continues to play an active role in the Dorset Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller Forum, which meets quarterly as part of the Dorset Liaison Group. Our Chair serves as Vice Chair of the Forum, ensuring that the voices of local Gypsy and Traveller communities are represented and heard. Each meeting brings together key partners who share updates and presentations on the services and support available to GRT communities. Kushti Bok Dorset contributes by highlighting community priorities and advocating for improved health, education, and living conditions across Dorset and BCP. We continue to work closely with residents and local councillors on Traveller site issues, promoting better standards of living and wellbeing. This includes addressing concerns around poor mental health linked to unsuitable living conditions, and encouraging stronger partnership action to ensure that residents' needs are listened to and acted upon. Our involvement in the Forum remains central to ensuring a consistent, collaborative approach to improving outcomes for Gypsy and Traveller families in Dorset.

2.11. **Traveller Movement conference:** In November 2024, the Kushti Bok Dorset CEO, a Board member, and a representative from the Advocacy Team attended the Traveller Movement conference in London. The conference provided an opportunity to share best practice, engage with national organisations, and discuss key issues affecting Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities. Attendance strengthened our knowledge, informed our ongoing advocacy work, and helped build connections with other organisations working to support Travellers across the country.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Events (continued)

2.12. **Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Memorial Day:** In January 2025, Kushti Bok Dorset once again took part in the Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Memorial Day event, held at the Lighthouse in Poole. Our Chair, who continues to serve as a member of the Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Day Committee, contributed to the planning and delivery of the ceremony. The event provided an important opportunity to honour the memory of all those who perished in the Holocaust, including members of the Romany Gypsy and Traveller communities, and to promote ongoing education and remembrance.

2.13. **Empowering Women through Creative & Educational Workshops:** In March 2025, Kushti Bok Dorset delivered two “Empowering Women through Creative & Educational Workshops” sessions for women from Romany Gypsy and Traveller communities. These workshops included:

-A flower-arranging session where each participant created an Easter-themed basket, symbolising new beginnings, self-care and community strength.

-Health-focused discussions: the second workshop addressed breast cancer awareness, and the latest session covered cervical screening—highlighting the importance of regular check-ups, early detection, and women’s wellbeing. We are committed to organising two more workshops in the coming months, each designed to support creativity, learning, community connection and open conversations around health, wellbeing and lifestyle.

2.14. **Visit to House of Parliament:** In March 2025, representatives from Kushti Bok Dorset visited the House of Parliament at the request of Friends, Families, and Travellers (FFT), who hold the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Gypsies and Travellers. Other organisations attending included Gate Herts, York Travellers Trust and the Luton Roma Group. During the visit, Kushti Bok met with MPs Sara Owen and Mary Howe to raise awareness of the issues facing Gypsy and Traveller communities in Dorset, including access to services, discrimination, and advocacy support. The discussions helped strengthen relationships with policymakers and informed our ongoing work to support and empower local Traveller families.

2.15. **Festival Outreach - Postcode Lottery Programme:** In 2024–25, one of our Kushti Bok members took part in four community festivals. These events provided valuable opportunities for outreach and engagement, allowing Kushti Bok to promote greater understanding of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller culture and to strengthen community connections. Through information sharing, conversation, and participation in festival activities, Kushti Bok helped raise awareness of GRT heritage and the ongoing work of Kushti Bok Dorset across the region.

Planning for more Traveller Sites

Kushti Bok Dorset continues to work to improve existing council-run Traveller sites and to advocate for the development of new sites across Dorset and BCP. We have taken part in detailed consultations with planning departments, local councillors, and Dorset Police, including a Chief Inspector, to ensure that the needs and voices of the Gypsy and Traveller community are represented.

Through our partnership with The Oak Project, Kushti Bok members have received valuable training and guidance on national and local planning policy. This has strengthened our ability to support community members effectively, including assistance with three separate planning appeals during the reporting period.

Members also attended public meetings regarding a potential new site proposed by BCP Council in Poole and undertook extensive research to contribute informed feedback. In addition, Kushti Bok has been working with BCP Council to identify a suitable Transit Site, recognising the urgent need for appropriate provision across the area.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Planning for more Traveller Sites (continued)

We have successfully developed and distributed “Information Packs for Travellers” to unauthorised encampments across the area. The packs contain key details about local services - including health, education, and welfare support - and have been well received by families and professionals alike. This initiative has strengthened communication, improved access to services, and built more positive relationships between Travellers and local agencies.

Educational Work

Kushti Bok Dorset members continue to deliver workshops and educational sessions in local schools, promoting understanding and awareness of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller culture and history. In addition, members led two full-day cultural awareness training sessions for the Dorset Learning and Development Services team, helping professionals gain deeper insight into GRT communities and encouraging more inclusive and informed practice across local services.

Board Meetings and staff

The Board continues to meet quarterly, with additional meetings held as required to address urgent matters. Members’ meetings also take place monthly at Kingston Maurward College and remain well attended. Our membership continues to grow, attracting individuals with valuable skills in advocacy, research, public speaking, and administration, further strengthening the organisation’s capacity.

Partnership, to support Kushti Bok Dorset’s expanding portfolio of work. These roles have enhanced our ability to plan, deliver, and evaluate projects effectively. Together, our staff, trustees, and volunteers continue to create meaningful opportunities for Gypsies and Travellers, challenge inequalities, and ensure that their voices are heard and respected across Dorset and beyond.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received income of £68,055 (2024: £123,533) and had resources expended of £53,986 (2024: £61,208) this left a net surplus of £14,069 (2024: £62,325). From this the charitable company had total funds carried forward of £112,746 (2024: £98,677). Of these funds £40,792 (2024: £45,643) are unrestricted free reserves, leaving £71,954 (2024: £53,034) as restricted funds.

A full breakdown can be found in note 11 of the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to keep sufficient funds to cover all administration costs for a period of 3 months.

Risk Management

The Trustees undertake regular reviews of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Charity. They are satisfied that the level of reserves maintained, together with annual reviews of internal financial controls, provides sufficient resources to manage potential adverse conditions. In addition, the Trustees have assessed other operational and strategic risks and confirm that appropriate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate significant risks and safeguard the Charity’s assets, reputation, and ongoing ability to deliver its charitable objectives.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

Plans for Future Periods

Kushti Bok Dorset remains an essential resource for the county's Travelling communities, local councils, and partner organisations. To meet increasing demand, we are expanding our capacity. Recent National Lottery funding has enabled us to establish an office and employ additional Advocacy Workers, strengthening our partnership with Citizens Advice Central Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Citizens Advice Bureau. We have also recruited staff for administration and finance roles, enhancing our organisational infrastructure.

Funding has been secured to deliver a conference aimed at encouraging other organisations to partner with their local Citizens Advice Bureaux and to showcase Kushti Bok's successful work to our partners. We will continue to tour local events and festivals with our presentation, maintaining visibility and engagement with the communities we serve.

Preparations are underway for the 2026 Roma Holocaust Service, including securing a suitable venue and relevant speakers. Planning will also begin for Roma History Day 2026 in Borough Gardens, Dorchester.

Kushti Bok will continue to deliver the DCF and CAN projects, supporting local communities with mental health, cost-of-living, and welfare issues.

We also intend to work closely with partner organisations on issues affecting Council site residents, including their rights and improving living conditions. Initial groundwork for this project was established during Law training delivered by Gate Herts, where Kushti Bok and other delegates agreed on the importance of pursuing this work collaboratively.



Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

06928675

Registered Charity Number

1136229

Registered Office

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Trustees

Elizabeth Billington
Rev. Roger Charles Redding MBE (resigned 14 November 2025)
Susan Miller
Karen Packman
Laura Beddow (appointed 11 June 2024, resigned 8 April 2025)
Samantha Worrall (appointed 10 September 2024)
Tina Boswell (appointed 8 April 2025)

Independent Examiner

Miss J A Richardson FCA FCCA DChA
32 Award Road
Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 7NT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Elizabeth Billington (Chair of Trustees)



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Kushti Bok**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kushti Bok ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year
ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

.....
Miss JA Richardson FCA FCCA DChA

Date



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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	4,368	63,687	68,055	123,533
Investment income		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>4,368</u>	<u>63,687</u>	<u>68,055</u>	<u>123,533</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	9,219	44,767	53,986	61,208
Other		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>9,219</u>	<u>44,767</u>	<u>53,986</u>	<u>61,208</u>
 NET INCOME		 (4,851)	18,920	14,069	62,325
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	11	45,643	53,034	98,677	36,352
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>40,792</u>	<u>71,954</u>	<u>112,746</u>	<u>98,677</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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Balance Sheet 31 March 2025
Registered Company Number 06928675

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	-	24,300	24,300	-
Cash at bank		41,592	47,654	89,246	99,477
		<u>41,592</u>	<u>71,954</u>	<u>113,546</u>	<u>99,477</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(800)	-	(800)	(800)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		40,792	71,954	112,746	98,677
NET ASSETS		<u>40,792</u>	<u>71,954</u>	<u>112,746</u>	<u>98,677</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				40,792	45,643
Restricted funds				71,954	53,034
TOTAL FUNDS	11			<u>112,746</u>	<u>98,677</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Elizabeth Billington (Chair of Trustees)

The notes form part of these financial statements



Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 LEGAL FORM

Kushti Bok is a charity registered in the UK (registered charity number 1136229) and is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (registered company number 06928675). Further details can be found in the Trustee Report of these financial statements.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	741	1,857
Small grants (less than £1,000)	-	4,200
Postcode Lottery	-	30,770
History Day	1,177	-
Friends, Families and Traveller	-	3,700
Heritage Lottery	-	7,303
Community Action Hampshire	2,500	-
Moving 4 Change	25,241	54,751
Citizens Advice Central Dorset	35,946	20,953
Dorset Council	2,450	-
	<u>68,055</u>	<u>123,533</u>

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (see note 5)	Support costs (see note 6)	Total
	£	£	£
General	<u>52,330</u>	<u>1,656</u>	<u>53,986</u>

5 DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Volunteer travel expenses	7,642	3,443
Legend Pole expenditure	89	24,981
Website, phone and computer expenses	3,577	2,078
Wages	9,133	1,867
Event coordinator costs	12,100	16,800
Rent and premises expenses	7,884	-
Individual grants given	1,400	-
Event costs	8,243	10,774
Sundries	2,261	465
	<u>52,330</u>	<u>60,408</u>



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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

6 SUPPORT COSTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Management	856	-
Governance	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
Total	<u><u>1,656</u></u>	<u><u>800</u></u>

7 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year to 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2025, 4 trustees were paid expenses totalling £5,115 (2024: 4 trustees totalling £10,186) for out of pocket charitable expenses incurred in their duty as trustees. This is made up of event costs and travel expenses and included in event costs and travel expenses for the year as detailed in note 5.

8 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	<u>40,501</u>	<u>83,032</u>	<u>123,533</u>	<u>83,847</u>
TOTAL	40,501	83,032	123,533	83,847
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8,029	53,179	61,208	56,134
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL	8,029	53,179	61,208	56,134
NET INCOME	32,472	29,853	62,325	27,713
Transfers	6,437	6,437	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	6,734	29,618	36,352	8,639
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>45,643</u></u>	<u><u>53,034</u></u>	<u><u>98,677</u></u>	<u><u>36,352</u></u>

9 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	<u><u>24,300</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>



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10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income	-	-
Accruals	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u><u>800</u></u>	<u><u>800</u></u>

Deferred income relates to money received for future projects. Should the activity not take place then this amount would be expected to be returned to the funder.

11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2025
Unrestricted					
General	<u>45,643</u>	<u>4,368</u>	<u>9,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,792</u>
Restricted					
DCF	2,858	-	2,858	-	-
HLF	123	-	123	-	-
CACD	14,233	35,946	24,515	-	25,664
CAH	-	2,500	1,049	-	1,451
M4C	<u>35,820</u>	<u>25,241</u>	<u>16,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,839</u>
RESTRICTED	<u>53,034</u>	<u>63,687</u>	<u>44,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,954</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,677</u>	<u>68,055</u>	<u>53,986</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,746</u>

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
Unrestricted	6,734	40,501	8,029	(6,437)	45,643
Restricted					
DCF	4,695	-	1,837	-	2,858
CAN	7,348	-	911	6,437	-
HLF	17,776	7,328	24,981	-	123
CACD		20,953	6,720		14,233
M4C	<u>(200)</u>	<u>54,751</u>	<u>18,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,820</u>
RESTRICTED	<u>29,618</u>	<u>83,032</u>	<u>53,179</u>	<u>6,437</u>	<u>53,034</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,352</u>	<u>123,533</u>	<u>61,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,677</u>



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11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

DCF - Dorset Community Foundation - Funding for Dorset Kushti Bok Meet Ups.
CAH - Community Action Hampshire - Funding for Communities Against Cancer.
HLF - Heritage Lottery Fund - Funding for the Legend Pole project.
CACD - Citizens Advice Central Dorset - Funding for Advocacy workers and general running costs.
M4C - Moving 4 Change- Funding for collaborative working with local councils to work on negotiated stopping places to reduce the pressure on Dorset Police.

12 STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	8,891	1,493
Social security costs	187	373
Other pension costs	56	-
	<u>9,133</u>	<u>1,866</u>

The headcount for staff at the year end was 2 (2024: 1) and the average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year is 0.1.

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

13 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party disclosures for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor the year ended 31 March 2024 other than the out of pocket expenses reimbursed to Trustees as disclosed in note 7.

14 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Kushti Bok is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.



KUSHTI BOK

England & Wales - Charity number 1136229

Accounts

Company registration number
Charity registration number

06928675
1136229

KUSHTI BOK
TRUSTEES REPORT and UNAUDITED
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024



**KUSHTI BOK
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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Trustees are listed on page 7 of this report

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Governing Document

The charity was incorporated on 9 June 2009. The current Articles of Association were adopted by resolution on 18 March 2010. The company was registered as a charity on 7 June 2010.

Objectives

- 1 The promotion of Equality and Diversity by education and raising awareness of the history, traditions, culture and lifestyle of the Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- 2 To advance education of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in particular Dorset and the surrounding areas.
- 3 The promotion and protection of good health, relief of sickness, advancement of education and relief of poverty by the provision of advice, assistance and information on access to public services of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Dorset and the surrounding areas.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives.

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

The Governing Trustees were appointed by their experience and expertise. Subsequent Trustees will be appointed as and when the need arises. New Trustees are made aware of their role and responsibility as a Trustee, the role of the Charity Commission, decision making processes and will be able to field any questions they may have from the documentation which has been provided to them namely, the Annual Report of Accounts, Trustee Report and directed to the Fundraising Regulator website. All Trustees are made aware of external training events and are encouraged to attend. The board continues to meet quarterly and occasionally more frequently if urgent matters arise. Members meetings continue to be well attended each month at Kingston Maurward College. The membership is growing and people are being attracted with real skills in advocacy, research, public speaking and administrative skills.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Activities

Advocacy Work Due to the huge amount of Advocacy work we were already doing, the volume of calls we were already receiving, the work around hate crime, racism, and engagement with the 2 local authorities in 2022 Kushti Bok engaged an advocacy worker. This was extended in 2023 and the decision was taken to apply for funding from the National lottery for a 5 year partnership with the citizens advice bureau. We received confirmation of five years of funding starting 1st February 2024 to employ 3 Advocacy Workers in the first year to work across Dorset and BCP, then another to start on 1st February 2025 It has proved to be a successful way of engaging and supporting local Gypsies and Travellers with health, education, and benefits to name just a few. Very successful work has been done with numerous Dorset Traveller families who previously haven't been able to access the support they are now receiving.

Events Kushti Bok "cost of living" and "Mental Health" meet ups were held in Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch funded by CAN (Community Action Network) and Dorset council area by DCF (Dorset Community Foundation)

BCP Council area: Responding to the cost-of-living crisis and rocketing electricity and gas prices, Kushti Bok organised a number of daytime meet ups for local Travellers. Our aim was to provide warm spaces, but also some activities using the skills of Kushti Bok members, and others. We met at the Traveller friendly Church of the Good Shepherd in Rossmore, the Henry Brown Centre in Kinson, and the Somerford Arc at Christchurch. Lunch was served and craft activities like flower carving, peg making, crochet and pottery painting were all engaged in.

Tracing ancestry was very popular. The spaces were hosted by Kushti Bok members and attracted many local Travellers.

In June one of the meet ups hosted by Kushti Bok was combined with a visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and involved a traditional vardo (Gypsy wagon) a bender (temporary traditional dwelling made from hazel poles), traditional food cooked on a fire, followed by a gathering in the church next door, and a speech from the Archbishop in which he strongly challenged prejudice against Gypsies and Travellers.

Dorset council area: We met in Carey Hall Wareham. These meet ups did a lot to help with Travellers mental health, having the worries of prices rising so fast.

We also held craft workshops, pottery, crocheting, peg making, again a free lunch to try to offset cost of living near Wareham Site help to keep contact as Ash Oaks has no community area.

Dorchester Holocaust: Event: Each January on the nearest Friday to Holocaust Memorial Day, Kushti Bok is asked to speak to remember the many Romany Gypsies and Travellers who suffered and died in the Holocaust. We also take our information stand. The Kushti Bok Chair is on the organisation committee and spoke at the Dorchester event some of our members assist with greeting and setting up of stands.

Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust: Annually, our chair being on the Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust committee contributes to this event, this January 2024 our chair recited a poem written by a Romany In August 2016 our chair visited Auschwitz-Birkenau. She vowed that no longer would Gypsies be the forgotten people of the Holocaust. Therefore, since August 2nd 2017, Kushti Bok has organised the Roma Holocaust Memorial Service which is held annually on 2nd August. This year it was opened by Dorset Chair, Val Potheary, who has attended each year since 2017. His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant has attended and has opened the service 2020/2021 and 2022. His deputy attended this year. The Pengelly room in Kingston Maurward College is always full as it was this year. In August 2024 we have confirmation that our Roma Holocaust Memorial Service will be held in Sherborne Abbey in Dorset.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Activities (continued)

Events (continued)

In January 2024 it was announced that our chair was to receive a British Empire Medal for all the voluntary work she had carried out for the Gypsy and Travelling communities.

In March 2024 it was announced by our local Women's day organisation that she was to receive a "Lifetime Achievement Award".

Kushti Bok flag flying. We were able to have the Romany flag flying over the three BCP Civic Offices and County Hall Dorchester, during Roma History month and 2nd August (Night of the Gypsies).

In June Kushti Bok organised a very successful Gypsy Roma Traveller History Day in Borough Gardens Dorchester which was attended by 100s of people.

In November 2023, 3 Kushti Bok members attended the Traveller Movement Conference. This really useful event is so helpful to Kushti Bok, much is learned through networking and meeting other groups.. We are hoping that next year it will be attended by three new Advocacy workers .

Dorset G & T Forum;

Each quarter Dorset Liaison Group holds a Forum. Our Chair is the Vice Chair of this group. Partners give presentations about the help and support they can offer to GRT communities. Regarding Traveller sites in Dorset and BCP Kushti Bok continues to work with residents and some local councillors to discuss how the residents of sites could have a better standard of living and be listened too with their needs, as some were suffering ill health (poor mental health, partly as a result of poor living conditions.

Planning for more Traveller Sites;

Kushti Bok continues to work to improve existing council run site and advocate for new sites. We have been involved in detailed consultations with planning departments in Dorset and BCP, and Dorset police, one being a Chief Inspector. Through a partnership with the Oak Project, Kushti Bok members have received training and advice on planning policy at a national and local level. Members have supported local Travellers with 3 separate planning appeals. Members attended public meetings regarding a possible new site in Poole proposed by BCP and have done a huge amount of research on the proposed site. Members have been working with BCP council to identify a Transit Site. We are working on a project called "Information packs for Travellers" The packs will be handed to Unauthorised encampments when they come into the area, with much information on who to go to: i.e. Health, Education support.

Educational Work

Kushti Bok members continue to offer workshops lessons in local schools. 2 day long cultural awareness training sessions have been led by members for Dorset Learning and Development Services team.

The Future for Kushti bok is very exciting, we will be employing two part time coordinators to work in our office, financed by the Partnership, which means with paid staff and volunteers we will be taking on new projects, all the make life easier for our Travellers in need, and to empower those marginalised communities. Barriers are being broken down . Kushti Bok is raising the profile of The Travelling communities, in Dorset and beyond.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

Financial Review

During the year the charity received income of £123,533 (2023: £83,847) and had resources expended of £61,208 (2023: £56,134) this left a net surplus of £62,325 (2023: £27,713). From this the charitable company had total funds carried forward of £98,677 (2023: £36,352). Of these funds £40,756 (2023: £6,734) are unrestricted free reserves, leaving £62,995 (2023: £29,618) as restricted funds. A full breakdown can be found in note 10 of the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to keep sufficient funds to cover all administration costs for a period of 3 months.

Risk Management

The Trustees review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Plans for Future Periods

Kushti Bok is needed more than ever by Dorset's Travelling Communities, both Councils, and our Partners. We therefore need to expand. We are hoping to gain lottery funding for an office and to employ some more advocacy workers to enhance our partnership with Citizens Advice Central Dorset and Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Citizens Advice Bureau. We will also be hiring for admin and financial roles within our organisation.

We have obtained funding to deliver a Conference to not only encourage other organisations to partner with their local Citizens Advice Bureaux, but to showcase Kushti Bok to show our partners how Kushti Bok has been successful. We will again be touring local events and festivals with our Kushti Bok presentation. There is funding for the 2024 Roma Holocaust Service, so we will in the year start to organise this event looking for a suitable venue, relevant speakers etc.

Preparations will begin for the Roma History Day which is held in Borough Gardens Dorchester on a Saturday in June.

We will be carrying on with the DCF and CAN projects, helping with mental health and cost of living issues. The "Moving 4 Change re Roadside Travellers" continues to be lead by Project Manager Abby Young. Working with both Dorset and BCP councils, to work on the benefits of Transit, Temporary, Tolerated and Negotiated Stopping places to take pressure off of Dorset Police and save money for the two councils. Updating of existing sites, will also be looked at.

Kushti Bok intends to work with other organisations regarding Council site residents, their rights and how we can work to have an outcome of better living conditions. The seeds for such an important piece of work were planted at the Law training by Gate Herts, Kushti Bok and agreed by other organisation's delegates.

The Kushti Bok Chair put forward the idea of having pro bono solicitors to support Travellers who do not qualify for legal aid but do not have an income to pay solicitors fees.

Kushti Bok intends this year, to look into the possibility of a legal helpline, funded by Kushti Bok for Local Travelling communities.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number
06928675

Registered Charity Number
1136229

Registered Office
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Susan Miller
Karen Packman
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Samantha Worrall (appointed 10 September 2024)

Independent Examiner
Miss J A Richardson FCA FCCA DChA
32 Award Road
Wimborne
Dorset
BH21 7NT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 28 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Elizabeth Billington

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Kushti Bok**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kushti Bok ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year
ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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


Miss JA Richardson FCA FCCA DChA

Date... 5th December 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	40,501	83,032	123,533	83,847
Investment income		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>40,501</u>	<u>83,032</u>	<u>123,533</u>	<u>83,847</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	6,479	49,655	61,208	56,134
Other		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>6,479</u>	<u>49,655</u>	<u>61,208</u>	<u>56,134</u>
 NET INCOME		 34,022	 33,377	 62,325	 27,713
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		6,734	29,618	36,352	8,639
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u>40,756</u>	 <u>62,995</u>	 <u>98,677</u>	 <u>36,352</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2024
Registered Company Number 06928675

Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank	46,423	53,054	99,477	41,152
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	800	-	800	4,800
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	47,223	53,054	100,277	45,952
NET ASSETS	<u>47,223</u>	<u>53,054</u>	<u>100,277</u>	<u>45,952</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds			45,643	6,734
Restricted funds			53,034	29,618
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>98,677</u>	<u>36,352</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
 (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
 (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



 Elizabeth Billington

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 LEGAL FORM

Kushti Bok is a charity registered in the UK (registered charity number 1136229) and is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (registered company number 06928675). Further details can be found in the Trustee Report of these financial statements.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', 'Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	1,857	324
Small grants (less than £1,000)	4,200	1,000
Postcode Lottery	30,770	-
DCF	-	4,870
Friends, Families and Traveller	3,700	-
Heritage Lottery	7,303	65,723
CAN	-	8,680
Moving 4 Change	54,751	-
Citizens Advice Central Dorset	20,953	-
Dorset Council	-	2,250
Edge Fund	-	1,000
	<u>123,533</u>	<u>83,847</u>

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (see note 5)	Support costs (see note 6)	Total
	£	£	£
General	<u>60,408</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>61,208</u>

5 DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Volunteer travel expenses	3,443	2,582
Legend Pole expenditure	24,981	47,947
Website, internet and computer expenses	2,078	562
Wages	1,867	-
Coordinator costs	16,800	-
Event costs	10,774	3,029
Sundries	465	1,105
	<u>60,408</u>	<u>55,225</u>

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6 SUPPORT COSTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Management	-	96
Governance	<u>800</u>	<u>813</u>
Total	<u>800</u>	<u>909</u>

7 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year to 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2024, 4 trustees were paid expenses totalling £10,186 (2023: 3 trustees totalling £2,282) for out of pocket charitable expenses incurred in their duty as trustees. This is made up of event costs and travel expenses and included in event costs and travel expenses for the year as detailed in note 5.

8 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	<u>4,574</u>	<u>79,273</u>	<u>83,847</u>	<u>5,077</u>
TOTAL	4,574	79,273	83,847	5,077
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	-	-	-	49
Charitable activities	6,479	49,655	56,134	3,771
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109</u>
TOTAL	6,479	49,655	56,134	3,929
NET INCOME	(1,905)	29,618	27,713	1,148
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	8,639	-	8,639	7,491
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>6,734</u>	<u>29,618</u>	<u>36,352</u>	<u>8,639</u>

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9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income	-	4,000
Accruals	<u>(800)</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u>(800)</u>	<u>4,800</u>

Deferred income relates to money received for future projects. Should the activity not take place then this amount would be expected to be returned to the funder.

10 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
Unrestricted					
General	<u>6,734</u>	<u>40,501</u>	<u>8,029</u>	<u>(6,437)</u>	<u>45,643</u>
Restricted					
DCF	4,695	-	1,837	-	2,858
CAN	7,348	-	910	6,437	0
HLF	17,776	7,328	24,981	-	123
CACD	-	20,953	6,720	-	14,233
M4C	<u>(200)</u>	<u>54,751</u>	<u>18,731</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,820</u>
RESTRICTED	<u>29,618</u>	<u>83,032</u>	<u>53,179</u>	<u>6,437</u>	<u>53,034</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>36,352</u>	<u>123,533</u>	<u>61,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,677</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
Unrestricted	8,639	4,574	(6,479)	0	6,734
Restricted					
DCF	-	4,870	(175)	-	4,695
CAN	-	8,680	(1,332)	-	7,348
HLF	-	65,723	(47,947)	-	17,776
M4C	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(200)</u>
RESTRICTED	<u>-</u>	<u>79,273</u>	<u>(49,654)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,618</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,639</u>	<u>83,847</u>	<u>(56,134)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,352</u>

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10 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

DCF - Dorset Community Foundation - Funding for Dorset Kushti Bok Meet Ups.
CAN - Community Action Network - Funding for BCP Kushti Bok Meet Ups.
HLF - Heritage Lottery Fund - Funding for the Legend Pole project.
CACD - Citizens Advice Central Dorset - Funding for Advocacy workers and general running costs.
M4C - Moving 4 Change- Funding for collaborative working with local councils to work on negotiated stopping places to reduce the pressure on Dorset Police.

11 STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,493	-
Social security costs	373	-
Other pension costs	-	-
	<u>1,866</u>	<u>-</u>

The average monthly headcount for staff was 1 (2023: nil) and the average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year is 0.08.

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party disclosures for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor the year ended 31 March 2023.

13 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Kushti Bok is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member; or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

KUSHTI BOK

England & Wales - Charity number 1136229

Accounts

Company registration number
Charity registration number

06928675
1136229

KUSHTI BOK LIMITED
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023



KUSHTI BOK LIMITED
31ST MARCH 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The Trustees are listed on page 8 of this report

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Governing Document

The charity was incorporated on 9 June 2009. The current Articles of Association were adopted by resolution on 18 March 2010. The company was registered as a charity on 7 June 2010.

Objectives

- 1 The promotion of Equality and Diversity by education and raising awareness of the history, traditions, culture and lifestyle of the Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- 2 To advance education of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in particular Dorset and the surrounding areas.
- 3 The promotion and protection of good health, relief of sickness, advancement of education and relief of poverty by the provision of advice, assistance and information on access to public services of the Gypsy and Traveller communities in Dorset and the surrounding areas.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the information contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives.

Trustee Appointment, Induction and Training

The Governing Trustees were appointed by their experience and expertise. Subsequent Trustees will be appointed as and when the need arises. New Trustees are made aware of their role and responsibility as a Trustee, the role of the Charity Commission, decision making processes and will be able to field any questions they may have from the documentation which has been provided to them namely, the Annual Report of Accounts, Trustee Report and directed to the Fundraising Regulator website. All Trustees are made aware of external training events and are encouraged to attend. The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year and hold an Annual General Meeting once a year.

Activities

Due to the huge amount of Advocacy work we were already doing, the volume of calls we were already receiving, the work around hate crime, racism, and engagement with the 2 local authorities, the police and numerous other organisations on behalf of Traveller families in Dorset County, in February 2022 we partnered with Citizen's Advice Central Dorset and engaged an Advocacy worker. It was initially a trial, a one-year contract that was renewed in February 2023. It has proved to be a successful way of engaging and supporting local Gypsies and Travellers with health, education, and benefits to name just a few. Very successful work has been done with numerous Dorset Traveller families who previously haven't been able to access the support they are now receiving.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Activities (continued)

Recognising that we have and continue to support the many Traveller families in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole ('BCP'), has led to Kushti Bok seeking to expand on this work with Citizens Advice Central Dorset, and to approach Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole, to also partner with us. Dorset county is made up of two councils. BCP and Dorset. The work has also enhanced the reputation of Kushti Bok amongst Dorset Travellers. April 2022: The Kushti Bok Chair and a trustee attended the Friends Family and Travellers annual awards ceremony at the Irish Embassy in London, where Kushti Bok was nominated and short listed, for "Inspirational Project". We didn't win this year, although our chair won the "Lifetime Achievement Award" the previous year.

The Legend Pole

This major Kushti Bok project was funded by National Heritage Lottery Funding and started in June 2022 to celebrate not only the lives of Dorset Gypsies and Travellers, but also to remember those who died on the road. It has not only engaged and touched the lives and hearts of hundreds of Dorset's Gypsies and Travellers, but nationally has been acclaimed by many as a wonderful piece of work. Travellers are coming from all over the UK to admire the Pole and remember what it stands for. At the centre of the project was the creation of a 10ft plus high wooden sculpture, portraying scenes from the life of nomadic people. Topped by a traditional Romany Wagon under a spreading tree. The pole was carved by Gary Orange a New Traveller and unveiled in its final resting place at Kingston Maurward College Dorchester on 17th July 2022. Over a hundred local Travellers came to the unveiling at The Orchard in Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester. They all took great pride in this symbol of their heritage. We had traditional Gypsy Traveller food, musicians and karaoke. A real Travelling family day.

The project whilst built around this great piece of public art, was much more extensive and involved numerous meet ups, gathering stories, teaching traditional Romany Gypsy skills, and celebrating a People's heritage. Local Travellers were taught waggon painting, flower making, peg making, basket weaving and a number of other crafts. Particularly popular was a series of storytelling evenings put on at Dorset Council owned sites. A whole archive of oral history has also been gathered and preserved for future generations. There is a film, recording started at Gary Orange's yard. the Chainsaw Sculptor, where he made the first cut, witnessed by project manager Abby Young, Kushti Bok chair Betty Smith-Billington, Jake Bowers Romany filmmaker, Shaun Hughes Piddlehinton site resident and young Traveller mentor for Jake. Many interviews from Gary and the other witnesses, have been recorded by Maria Gayton, of Dorset History Centre.

Local Young Travellers gained experience in film making and administration of such projects. There was even a Kushti Bok Legend Pole tour at events in Dorset and other parts of the country, which encouraged more supporters for Kushti Bok. In January 2023, a Tapestry was commissioned, made by Kushti Bok member Debbie Holmes, of velvet material, embroidered with coloured silks, showing aspects of the Travelling lifestyle. The branches of the trees were the outlines of local Travelling children's hands, their names are embroidered onto the branches (fingers).

The rich history of Romany Gypsy camps in Bournemouth and Poole which sadly are no more, is now permanently remembered in a new archive, a digital map. Two local encampments are now marked by 3 excellent sign boards. One is at New England in Kinson, the other two are at the front and back entrances to Branksome Cemetery, which was part of Heavenly Bottom encampment in Rossmore. They were unveiled in July 2023. Afterwards we had a meet up, at Bourne Valley Community Centre, of many local Travellers. We were and still are, asking for historical information about the sites and the Travellers ancestors to enable us to collect as much information as possible to be entered into a digital map of all Dorset's encampments.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Activities (continued)

Each sign has a QR code which can be used to access and input information to the digital map. Since the installation of these signs, there has been much interest from local Romany families whose ancestors lived on these old encampments.

Kushti Bok visited local schools and colleges, which included tutoring by members of the Holocaust and the history of Gypsies and Travellers since they arrived in Britain. Workshops were held at Dorset History Centre, helping local Travellers to trace their ancestors. Also when we visited the schools (some of which were attended by local Travellers etc) it encouraged some students to speak out and identify as Romany, Roma and Irish Travellers.

Kushti Bok Meet ups in Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch funded by CAN.

BCP Council area: Responding to the cost-of-living crisis and rocketing electricity and gas prices, Kushti Bok organised a number of daytime meet ups for local Travellers. Our aim was to provide warm spaces, but also some activities using the skills of Kushti Bok members, and others. We met at the Traveller friendly Church of the Good Shepherd in Rossmore, the Henry Brown Centre in Kinson, and the Somerford Arc at Christchurch. Lunch was served and craft activities like flower carving, peg making, crochet and pottery painting were all engaged in.

Tracing ancestry was very popular. The spaces were hosted by Kushti Bok members and attracted many local Travellers. In June one of these meet ups was combined with a visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and involved a traditional vardo (Gypsy waggon) a bender (temporary traditional dwelling made from hazel poles), traditional food cooked on a fire, followed by a gathering in the church next door, and a speech from the Archbishop in which he strongly challenged prejudice against Gypsies and Travellers.

Our local Romany peg maker, Leon Rawlings, taught the archbishop how to make Dolly pegs. (See photo front cover). We had bacon pudding and Joey Gray all traditional Gypsy food. These meet ups did a lot to help with Travellers mental health, having the worries of prices rising so fast. Kushti Bok Meet Ups in Dorset funded by Dorset Community Foundation.

March 11th, 2023: Our Chair was nominated for an award in the "Eminent Woman of Impact" category, Community Impact Award, at a ceremony, put on by Annual BCP Women's Awards, Arts For Survival, Community Interest Group. The beautiful blue glass award was presented to our Chair by The Mayor of Bournemouth.

Dorset Council area: Kushti Bok continued to support a non-contact Boxing club run by a local Traveller at Carey Hall Wareham every Friday evening, and also ran a number of drop-in sessions at Wareham, Piddlehinton, and Thornicombe site. Some Saturdays meet ups were held at Carey Hall in Wareham, to compliment the Friday night, non-contact boxing club, we had a display showing many aspects of Kushti Bok and what we do and can do to support our local Travellers. We held craft workshops, pottery, crocheting, peg making, again a free lunch to try to offset cost of living. These meetings near Wareham Site help to keep contact as Ash Oaks has no community area.

This year has been the busiest yet for Kushti Bok especially as we are a group of volunteers, and some are trying to hold down jobs. For the past three years 2021,2022,2023 (and we hope to continue) The Kushti Bok Chair and an escort, has had the honour of laying a wreath at County Hall on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Many are unaware that many Gypsies and Travellers fought in both World Wars and that some lost their lives.

Kushti Bok flag flying. We were able to have the Romany flag flying over the three BCP Civic Offices and County Hall Dorchester, during Roma History month and 2nd August (Night of the Gypsies) 2021,22,23.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Activities (continued)

in November 2022, 3 Kushti Bok members attended the Traveller Movement Conference. It was so beneficial for our newly appointed Advocacy worker, leading to her working on some educational cases, with Declan O’Driscoll of Traveller Movement.

This year in November 2023, 3 members will also attend the Traveller Movement Conference. This really useful event is so helpful to Kushti Bok. We are hoping that next year it will be attended by two new Advocacy workers and their Peer (Abby). Dorset G & T Forum. Each quarter Dorset Liaison Group holds a Forum. Our Chair is the Vice Chair of this group. Partners give presentations about the help and support they can offer to GRT communities. Dorset Fire service gifted 50 Safety packs one for each Dorset council site residents. The Chair has been delivering to each resident on all four sites. In the Summer of 2022, there was a breakdown in communications between council owned site residents and the Dorset Liaison Team, mostly regarding the Piddlehinton, Dorchester Camp. Kushti Bok partnered with Shelter and CAB to prevent the eviction of a long term resident. This led the group to produce a document “Vision for Change”, which was presented to the Manager of the Dorset Liaison team, and many other partners. It caught the eye of some local councillors and there were various meetings to discuss how the residents of sites could have a better standard of living and be listened too with their needs, as some were suffering ill health (poor mental health).

Dorchester Holocaust: Each January on the nearest Friday to Holocaust Memorial Day, Kushti Bok is asked to speak to remember the many Romany Gypsies and Travellers who suffered and died in the Holocaust. We also take our information stand. The Kushti Bok Chair is on the organisation committee and some of our members assist with greeting and setting up of stands. January 2022, our chair made a film to be shown at the online event(COVID).

Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust: again Kushti Bok has annually contributed to this event with a talk or poem and the Kushti Bok information stand. The Kushti Bok Chair is also a committee member of Bournemouth and Poole Holocaust Committee and this January will be lighting a candle and reciting a poem written by a Romany author, Michael White. It is 80years since the Roma Holocaust. In August 2016 our chair visited Auschwitz-Birkenau. She vowed that no longer would Gypsies be the forgotten people of the Holocaust. Therefore, since August 2nd 2017, Kushti Bok has organised the Roma Holocaust Memorial Service which is held annually on 2nd August. This year it was opened by Dorset Chair, Val Potheary, who has attended each year since 2017. Our Lord Lieutenant has attended and has opened the service 2020/2021 and 2022. His deputy attended this year. The Pengelly room in Kingston Maurward College is always full as it was this year. Therefore in 2024 we will be looking at a larger venue. Maybe Sherbourne Abbey or Christchurch Priory, we will be working on it.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received income of £83,847 (2022: £5,077) and had resources expended of £56,134 (2022:£3,929) this left a net surplus of £27,713 (2022: £1,148). From this the charitable company had total funds carried forward of £36,352 (2022: £8,639). Of these funds £6,734 (2022: £8,639) are unrestricted free reserves, leaving £29,618 (2022: £nil) as restricted funds. A full breakdown can be found in note 10 of the financial statements.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to keep sufficient funds to cover all administration costs for a period of 3 months.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Risk Management

The Trustees review the major risks which the Charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the Charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Plans for Future Periods

Kushti Bok is needed more than ever by Dorset's Travelling Communities, both Councils, and our Partners. We therefore need to expand. We are hoping to gain lottery funding for an office and to employ some more advocacy workers to enhance our partnership with Citizens Advice Central Dorset and Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Citizens Advice Bureau. We will also be hiring for admin and financial roles within our organisation.

We have obtained funding to deliver a Conference to not only encourage other organisations to partner with their local Citizens Advice Bureaux, but to showcase Kushti Bok to show our partners how Kushti Bok has been successful. We will again be touring local events and festivals with our Kushti Bok presentation. There is funding for the 2024 Roma Holocaust Service, so we will in the year start to organise this event looking for a suitable venue, relevant speakers etc.

Preparations will begin for the Roma History Day which is held in Borough Gardens Dorchester on a Saturday in June.

We will be carrying on with the DCF and CAN projects, helping with mental health and cost of living issues.

The "Moving 4 Change re Roadside Travellers" continues to be lead by Project Manager Abby Young. Working with both Dorset and BCP councils, to work on the benefits of Transit, Temporary, Tolerated and Negotiated Stopping places to take pressure off of Dorset Police and save money for the two councils. Updating of existing sites, will also be looked at.

Kushti Bok intends to work with other organisations regarding Council site residents, their rights and how we can work to have an outcome of better living conditions. The seeds for such an important piece of work were planted at the Law training by Gate Herts, Kushti Bok and agreed by other organisation's delegates.

The Kushti Bok Chair put forward the idea of having pro bono solicitors to support Travellers who do not qualify for legal aid but do not have an income to pay solicitors fees.

Kushti Bok intends this year, to look into the possibility of a legal helpline, funded by Kushti Bok for Local Travelling communities.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number

06928675

Registered Charity Number

1136229

Registered Office

The Orchard
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Dorset
BH23 6AU

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Independent Examiner

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on ...8th December 2023..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Elizabeth Billington

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Kushti Bok Limited**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kushti Bok Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year
ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



.....
Miss JA Richardson FCA FCCA DChA

Date8th December 2023.....

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	4,574	79,273	83,847	5,077
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>4,574</u>	<u>79,273</u>	<u>83,847</u>	<u>5,077</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4	6,479	49,655	56,134	3,929
Other		-	-	-	-
TOTAL		<u>6,479</u>	<u>49,655</u>	<u>56,134</u>	<u>3,929</u>
NET INCOME		(1,905)	29,618	27,713	1,148
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		8,639	-	8,639	7,491
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>6,734</u>	<u>29,618</u>	<u>36,352</u>	<u>8,639</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 March 2023
Registered Company Number 06928675

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		11,534	29,618	41,152	8,639
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(4,800)	-	(4,800)	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,734	29,618	36,352	8,639
NET ASSETS		<u>6,734</u>	<u>29,618</u>	<u>36,352</u>	<u>8,639</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				6,734	8,639
Restricted funds				29,618	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>36,352</u>	<u>8,639</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8th December 2023. and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Elizabeth Billington

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 LEGAL FORM

Kushti Bok Limited is a charity registered in the UK (registered charity number 1136229) and is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (registered company number 06928675). Further details can be found in the Trustee Report of these financial statements.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their transaction price after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	324	327
Small grants	1,000	1,000
BCP	-	-
DCF	4,870	-
Heritage Lottery	65,723	-
CAN	8,680	-
DEED	-	1,250
CAB	-	2,500
Dorset Council	2,250	-
Edge Fund	1,000	-
	<u>83,847</u>	<u>5,077</u>

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (see note 5)	Support costs (see note 6)	Total
	£	£	£
General	<u>55,225</u>	<u>909</u>	<u>56,134</u>

5 DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Volunteer travel expenses	2,582	1,707
Legend Pole expenditure	47,947	-
Website and computer expenses	240	234
Printing, postage and stationery	391	347
Internet and telephone	322	339
Event costs	3,029	348
Sundries	715	845
	<u>55,225</u>	<u>3,820</u>

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6 SUPPORT COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Management	96	96
Governance	<u>813</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	<u>909</u>	<u>109</u>

7 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year to 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2023, 3 trustees were paid expenses totalling £2,282 (2022: 3 trustees totalling £1,660) for out of pocket charitable expenses incurred in their duty as trustees. This is made up of travel expenses and included in travel expenses for the year.

8 COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

All funds are unrestricted

	2022	2021
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and legacies	<u>5,077</u>	<u>5,031</u>
TOTAL	5,077	5,031
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds	49	50
Charitable activities	3,771	1,861
Other	<u>109</u>	<u>23</u>
TOTAL	3,929	1,934
NET INCOME	1,148	3,098
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	7,491	4,394
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>8,639</u></u>	<u><u>7,491</u></u>

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9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income	4000	0
Accruals	<u>800</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4800</u>	<u>0</u>

Deferred income relates to money received for future projects. Should the activity not take place then this amount would be expected to be returned to the funder.

10 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
Unrestricted					
General	<u>8,639</u>	<u>4,574</u>	<u>6,479</u>	-	<u>6,734</u>
Restricted					
DCF	-	4,870	175	-	4,695
CAN	-	8,680	1,332	-	7,348
HLF	-	65,723	47,947	-	17,776
M4C	-	-	200	-	(200)
RESTRICTED	<u>-</u>	<u>79,273</u>	<u>49,654</u>	-	<u>29,618</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>8,639</u></u>	<u><u>83,847</u></u>	<u><u>56,134</u></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><u>36,352</u></u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2022
Unrestricted	7,491	5,077	(3,929)	0	8,639
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>7,491</u></u>	<u><u>5,077</u></u>	<u><u>(3,929)</u></u>	<u>-</u>	<u><u>8,639</u></u>

All funds are unrestricted in 2022

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 M4C - Moving 4 Change- Funding for collaborative working with local councils to work on negotiated stopping places to reduce the pressure on Dorset Police.

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11 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party disclosures for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor the year ended 31 March 2022

12 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Kushti Bok Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.