

SIBLINGSTOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 1137278

Details

Other names	SIBLINGS TOGETHER
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06848897
Registered	2010-08-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE IN SIBLING GROUPS ACROSS THE UK WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY SEPARATION WITHIN THE CARE SYSTEM, KINSHIP CARE AND ADOPTION BY:THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION, RECREATION AND JOINT ACTIVITIES FOR THESE SIBLING GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN TOGETHER, INCLUDING SUPPORTING SUCH CHILDREN THROUGH MENTORING;UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE SIBLING CONTACT FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN INCLUDING CARRYING OUT, COLLATING AND DISSEMINATING RESEARCH INTO THE EFFECTS OF THE CARE SYSTEM, KINSHIP CARE AND ADOPTION ON SIBLING GROUPS"

Activities: - running creative and nurturing residential camps/retreats/activities for siblings in care to help strengthen their relationships with each other- provide training for those working with children in Care/Care leavers regarding sibling relationships and how best to support them- promoting the importance of strong bonds and sibling relationships in policy discussions.-empowerment projects.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UK
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£69,042	£70,860	-	-
2024-05-31	£61,701	£69,229	-	-
2023-05-31	£41,000	£85,753	-	-
2022-05-31	£99,895	£85,389	-	-
2021-05-31	£65,754	£122,182	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jane Jones		2021-06-28
Luke Jolyon Maxwell Blair		2020-02-21
Yasmina Cherquaoui		2024-07-01

Accounts

**SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

Siblingsto**gether Limited**
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Siblings Together Limited
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

Trustees	Mr Luke Jolyon Maxwell Blair - Trustee Ms Yasmina Cherquaoui - Trustee (appointed 26/08/2024) Ms Jane Lucy Jones - Chair
Charity Number	1137278
Company Number	06848897
Registered Office	4 Market Place Southwark Park Road London SE16 3UQ
Independent Examiner	Claire Atkinson ACMA CGMA Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited Association of International Accountants The Enterprise Centre Earlham Road Norwich NR4 7TJ
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Cooperative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

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

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Siblings Together continues our work in promoting the rights of children and young people in care for regular and meaningful contact with their siblings. We also strengthen friendships, family, identity, belonging and manage the pain of separation.

Being put into care can be a traumatic experience for many children and young people but then being separated from your siblings can add a whole new level of distress. Although it is recognised that siblings who separated should have regular contact with each other there is no statutory requirement for local authorities to make this happen and this contact is often over looked by social workers who are under pressure to deliver statutory obligations.

Currently there are over 80,000 children residing in local authority care across England and Wales and it is estimated that over 50% of these children continue to be placed separately from their brothers and sisters.

Siblings Together is the only charity in the UK that works to ensure children have regular contact with their siblings helping them to make life long memories and connections.

The Charity also operates under the name Siblings Together.

Public Benefit

Our main activities set out below, highlight our continued commitment and dedication to the projects we deliver, which benefit not only the individuals but also the wider communities that we serve. In addition, local authorities regularly request information and want to know how we can support and work with them.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Our ongoing journey, bringing Siblings in Care and Adoption together...



Our charity has for the past few years faced many challenges, it has also undoubtedly been a time of evaluation and of reflection for most small charities, who are often stretched beyond their financial and team limits at times. Thankfully our office base has continued to remain safe and secure at the Big Local centre, it remains a safe haven, which in this challenging climate of funding we were having to re-evaluate potential moves.

Being based within a secure stable environment has been a valued core strength for our charity, where we have been welcoming visitors, training volunteers and taking enquiries from across the different areas of our charity work.

Our small charity has been able to offer some residential trips with our partners at the pirates Castle where our young people enjoys the calm waters of the Regent's canal and other inner London waterways.

These trips never fail to provide young people with fantastic experiences and reassured memory and adventures, working together, with a learning experience of skippering the Pirate Prince; a large 50ft residential barge, under the watchful eyes of the highly experienced main skipper who joins us for a great many trips out, daily of for whole weekends.

We are aiming to provide many more weekends over the coming year, once again with a tried and tested space to be sharing a fun experience together. It is sometimes a challenge to bring all the elements together to make these trips possible but ultimately, they serve the children well in that they always wish to return after growing in confidence.

Foster Carers have also been happy to contact us to ask for advice, or for consultation, which we are always happy to provide and to share our knowledge and skills.

We have once again drawn the interest from volunteers willing to join us, who are themselves interested in the fostering or the adoption process. Joining our team and working with bringing siblings together offers them valuable insight into what it takes, how children enjoy their support during their contact times and shared experiences, which are fun too.

New Camera's for a greater photography aspect:

We have been fortunate to have secured some other very positive funding for the purchase of camera's to be used on our projects and whereby young people can continue to create amazing photo-albums. We have always used the camera to capture these growing relationships, to give each young person an album of images which have been built from the experience of an important life changing adventure. The photo albums we create together are treasured, they are shown to their networks, friends, schools, showing their pride and strong sense of identity and belonging which has often been lost on their journey through care.

As art therapist and trained photo-therapist, our CEO has researched and written of her work in international magazines, about the crucial importance of such photographs, how they influence the young people as they gradually build upon new pathways, friendships and sibling bonds.

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Main Achievements - continued

Her phototherapy work encourages foster carers to make a special effort, to focus upon this not only as a record of their time with them staying in their home but recoding and reflecting upon their vital relationships. These are constantly moving and changing as they themselves move around the care system with great uncertainty and vulnerability. They can gain a great deal of insight and strength from knowing where their siblings are, and that we are here to support them.

Many young people are surprised to see their families in a positive light, with photographs taken during good positive times together, without the stresses or complications of other adult influences around which is often a blessing for so many.



Building Our valued Networks and longstanding partnerships.

Our wide network of social worker teams from London regions, as well as nationwide have remained interested in our mission to support siblings and are continuing to enthusiastically correspond and consider their connections and how best to bring siblings together, safely and meaningfully within their services.

This consultation approach has been a welcome and ever growing demand for our services, we encourage communication which this brings, as it is helping siblings in so many ways beyond what can sometimes provide directly. If we are unable to provide a service due to location or lack of funds we readily offer useful ideas and well implemented solutions to help make things go smoothly for their children, we will always encourage and endeavour to maintain these links should we secure funds to go forward.

Partnerships have always been an important issue for our charity, we have worked closely, with longstanding organisations such as the Pirates Castle, based in Camden town, focussing upon strengthening our valued long-time connections. These are vital organisations with a similar ethos of child centred provision.

We seek out positive relations within the charity sector, as well as the business sector. Reaching out to explore where we can share mutual support, which will lead us toward reaching our objectives of serving our communities vulnerable young people in care, ensuring their relationships have a meaningful chance to thrive and flourish within our programmes.

Building upon new networks and partnerships and associations with other new charities, has always been an essential aspect of our efforts, but more so during this year, enabling us to gain strength and renew our vision and perspective during what has been a very challenging time for our small charity and for other small charities generally.

Learning new skills to move forward with determination and professionalism, with a small team, and terrific volunteers alike, making overall choices which will utilise what we can manage to deliver given the climate of financial struggles for us all.

Training and improving our skills.

As leaders of the activities we deliver for siblings, we have enjoyed taking on the new challenges of improving and updating our skills broadly, to build a stronger framework for the children we work with, particularly in areas of safeguarding. Hence taking on appropriate improved skills to bring us up to speed with new changes etc, which is always a vital development. This is for members of our team, alongside long-standing interested and dedicated volunteers, who work closely alongside us in most of our projects and trips.

Focussing upon Fundraising efforts.

We have been seeking new ways to fundraise for the projects we greatly love and enjoy, delivering for siblings coming together. We have explored new avenues and managed to find many new charities to make applications to, with the support of enthusiastic new fundraising advisors, which we are hoping to keep in touch with. It's been a real help to see more clearly through hard times, to also see light ahead with our fundraising efforts, taking us into new areas with new learnt skills, always believing in what we are aiming for.



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Siblings Together Limited
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy of aiming to maintain reserves equal to approximately 4 months of running costs, which would equate to roughly £60k.

Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date were in deficit of £1,767 (2024: Surplus £907). Rebuilding free reserves is a priority for the Trustees. The Charity is grateful to those funders that provided unrestricted funding in the year. Fundraising has been a priority, and the Trustees are confident that a number of funders are back on board and supporting the work of the Charity going forwards.

Restricted funds at the balance sheet date were £27,863 (2024: £27,007).

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Our goal continues to be improving funding levels year on year so that we can continue to extend our reach to those whom could benefit from our programs.

Fundraising remains extremely challenging but we continue to consider new sources of fundraising, as well as maintaining relationships with our existing funders.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Siblings Together Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

Trustee Selection Methods

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The organisational structure is headed by the Board of Trustees which determines strategy and policy. Implementation of such policies and operational plans is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and her staff. Staff execute policy decisions in close consultation with the Trustees. Staff are delegated authority for the day to day management of Siblings Together's projects, campaigning and fundraising activities. The Charity works close co-operation with other reputable organisations and charities with similar objectives.

Remuneration policy and risk management

The Board of Trustees aim to pay staff a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector and proportionate to the complexity of each role. The Trustees are responsible in line with our charitable objectives based on the following principle: "Pay our staff an appropriate salary to attract and retain people with the leadership, experience knowledge and skills required to lead the transformation we are undergoing."

An annual review of salaries will be undertaken by the Chief Executive, which will take into consideration the rate of inflation over the year and the availability of funds to Siblings Together.

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

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Siblings Together Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Small Company Rules

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

Siblings Together Limited
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Jane Jones

Ms Jane Lucy Jones
Trustee

Date 26/02/2026

Siblingstogether Limited
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Siblingstogether Limited
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity 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.



Claire Atkinson ACMA CGMA
Date 20/02/2026

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Siblings together Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	64,651	3,270	67,921	60,578
Investments	4	1,121	-	1,121	1,123
		<u>65,772</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>69,042</u>	<u>61,701</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	7	(9,127)	-	(9,127)	(7,410)
Charitable activities:	7				
Activities undertaken directly		(56,638)	(2,415)	(59,053)	(58,132)
Support costs		(2,680)	-	(2,680)	(3,687)
		<u>(68,445)</u>	<u>(2,415)</u>	<u>(70,860)</u>	<u>(69,229)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		<u>(2,673)</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>(1,818)</u>	<u>(7,528)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(2,673)</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>(1,818)</u>	<u>(7,528)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		907	27,007	27,914	35,442
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	<u>(1,766)</u>	<u>27,862</u>	<u>26,096</u>	<u>27,914</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Siblings together Limited
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		2024		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	47,578	13,000	60,578
Investments	4	1,123	-	1,123
		<u>48,701</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>61,701</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	7	(7,410)	-	(7,410)
Charitable activities:	7			
Activities undertaken directly		(49,304)	(8,828)	(58,132)
Support costs		(3,687)	-	(3,687)
		<u>(60,401)</u>	<u>(8,828)</u>	<u>(69,229)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE		<u>(11,700)</u>	<u>4,172</u>	<u>(7,528)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(11,700)</u>	<u>4,172</u>	<u>(7,528)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		12,607	22,835	35,442
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	<u>907</u>	<u>27,007</u>	<u>27,914</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Siblings together Limited
Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	12	1,242	-	1,242	986
		1,242	-	1,242	986
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	2,571	1,834	4,405	5,170
Cash at bank and in hand		-	26,028	26,028	29,028
		2,571	27,862	30,433	34,198
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	(5,579)	-	(5,579)	(7,270)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		(3,008)	27,862	24,854	26,928
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(1,766)	27,862	26,096	27,914
NET ASSETS		(1,766)	27,862	26,096	27,914
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				27,862	27,007
Unrestricted Funds				(1,766)	907
TOTAL FUNDS	16			26,096	27,914

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the board

JANE JONES

Ms Jane Lucy Jones
Trustee

Date 26/02/2026

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

Siblingstogether Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 06848897 and registered charity number 1137278. The registered office is 4 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, London SE16 3UQ.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements 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 charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The Charity is reliant upon public donations as well grants from Trusts, Foundations, and some local authorities. The Trustees continue to prioritise fundraising and in particular for unrestricted funds. After making appropriate enquiries and after considering the future plans of the Charity, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.3. Significant judgements and estimations

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

2.4. Fund Accounting

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

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

2.5. Incoming Resources

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.6. Resources Expended

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and in relation to overall management of the Charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's educational operations, including supporting costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2.7. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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

Fixtures & Fittings	20%
Computer Equipment	20%

2.8. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

2.9. Financial Instruments

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

2.10. Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined pension contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2.11. Government Grant

Government grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities in an appropriate manner that matches them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Grants for immediate financial support or to cover costs already incurred are recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities. Grants towards general activities of the entity over a specific period are recognised in the statement of financial activities over that period.

Grants towards fixed assets are recognised over the expected useful lives of the related assets and are treated as deferred income and released to the statement of financial activities over the useful life of the asset concerned.

All grants in the statement of financial activities are recognised when all conditions for receipt have been complied with.

2.12. Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £
Donations	64,651	2,500	67,151
Grants	-	770	770
	<u>64,651</u>	<u>3,270</u>	<u>67,921</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations	47,578	10,000	57,578
Grants	-	3,000	3,000
	47,578	13,000	60,578

4. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds	2024 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	44	43
Investment Income	1,077	1,080
	1,121	1,123

5. Government Grants

Government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

2025	2024
£	£
770	3,000

6. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bad debts	(517)	1,500
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,296	987

7. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 8)	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	9,127	-	9,127
Activities undertaken directly	59,053	-	59,053
Support costs	-	2,680	2,680
	68,180	2,680	70,860

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

	2024		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 8)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	7,410	-	7,410
Activities undertaken directly	58,132	-	58,132
Support costs	-	3,687	3,687
	<u>65,542</u>	<u>3,687</u>	<u>69,229</u>

8. Support Costs

	2025
	Support costs
	£
Depreciation	1,296
Governance costs	1,384
	<u>2,680</u>
	2024
	Support costs
	£
Depreciation	987
Governance costs	2,700
	<u>3,687</u>

9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,384</u>	<u>2,700</u>

10. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	47,180	50,510
Contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	1,013	1,013
	<u>48,193</u>	<u>51,523</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Amounts including employer's national insurance and pension contributions incurred in respect of key management personnel in the year totalled £45,442 (2024: £45,277).

11. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 2 (2024: 3)

Siblings together Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

12. Tangible Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 June 2024	-	12,703	12,703
Additions	1,552	-	1,552
As at 31 May 2025	1,552	12,703	14,255
Depreciation			
As at 1 June 2024	-	11,717	11,717
Provided during the period	310	986	1,296
As at 31 May 2025	310	12,703	13,013
Net Book Value			
As at 31 May 2025	1,242	-	1,242
As at 1 June 2024	-	986	986

13. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,221	3,863
Other debtors	3,184	1,307
	4,405	5,170

14. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	618	2,802
Other creditors	2,031	197
Taxation and social security	765	759
Accruals and deferred income	2,165	3,512
	5,579	7,270

15. Pension Commitments

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,013 (2024: £1,013).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

Siblings Together Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

16. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 31 May 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	907	65,772	(68,445)	(1,766)
Restricted funds				
Camps	11,000	3,300	(2,412)	11,888
MADS	7,132	(30)	(3)	7,099
Questors	3,384	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	5,491
Total restricted funds	27,007	3,270	(2,415)	27,862
Total funds	27,914	69,042	(70,860)	26,096
	As at 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 31 May 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	12,607	48,701	(60,401)	907
Restricted funds				
Camps	3,931	11,000	(3,931)	11,000
MADS	10,029	-	(2,897)	7,132
Questors	3,384	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	5,491
Website design	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Total restricted funds	22,835	13,000	(8,828)	27,007
Total funds	35,442	61,701	(69,229)	27,914

Siblings Together seeks funding for both restricted activities centred on our key activities such as residential camps and monthly activity days, and for core funding allowing for the development of new projects and the running of the Charity. If restricted funding doesn't fully cover the costs of specific project activities a transfer is made from core funding to ensure that they are fully funded.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

2025: Current period

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,242	-	1,242
Current assets	2,571	27,862	30,433
Creditors due within one year	(5,579)	-	(5,579)
	(1,766)	27,862	26,096

2024: Prior period

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	986	-	986
Current assets	7,191	27,007	34,198
Creditors due within one year	(7,270)	-	(7,270)
	907	27,007	27,914

18. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

19. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

20. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

Siblings together Limited
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	67,151	57,578
Contribution from local authorities	770	3,000
	<u>67,921</u>	<u>60,578</u>
Investments		
Investment Income	1,077	1,080
Bank interest receivable	44	43
	<u>1,121</u>	<u>1,123</u>
	<u>69,042</u>	<u>61,701</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Raising funds	(9,127)	(7,410)
	<u>(9,127)</u>	<u>(7,410)</u>
Charitable Activities:		
Activities undertaken directly		
Staff costs	(47,180)	(50,510)
Employer's pensions - defined contribution schemes	(1,013)	(1,013)
Travel and subsistence	300	(32)
Training costs	(516)	(240)
Professional fee	(746)	(767)
Venue Hire	(780)	(860)
Rental	(6,691)	(6,381)
Insurance	(1,082)	(1,178)
Computer software	(1,127)	(3,571)
Food	(103)	(601)
Printing, postage and stationery	(59)	(489)
Bad debts written off	517	(1,500)
Sundry	(447)	9,130
Bank charges	(126)	(120)
	<u>(59,053)</u>	<u>(58,132)</u>
Support costs		
Depreciation	(1,296)	(987)
Independent examiner's fees	(1,384)	(2,700)
	<u>(2,680)</u>	<u>(3,687)</u>
	<u>(70,860)</u>	<u>(69,229)</u>
NET EXPENDITURE	<u>(1,818)</u>	<u>(7,528)</u>

Accounts

SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

Trustees	Jane Jones, Chair Luke Blair, Trustee Clare Marshall-Hardy, Trustee (resigned 19 August 2024) Yasmina Cherquaoui, Trustee (appointed 26 August 2024)
Company registered number	06848897
Charity registered number	1137278
Registered office	4 Market Place Southwark Park Road London SE16 3UQ
Accountants and Independent Examiner	Martin Bailey FCA Goodman Jones LLP Chartered Accountants 1st Floor, Arthur Stanley House 40-50 Tottenham Street London W1T 4RN
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Cooperative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

The Charity also operates under the name Siblings Together



Objectives and activities

a. Executive Summary

SiblingsTogether continues our work in promoting the rights of children and young people in care for regular and meaningful contact with their siblings. We also strengthen friendships, family, identity, belonging and manage the pain of separation.

Being put into care can be a traumatic experience for many children and young people but then being separated from your siblings can add a whole new level of distress. Although it is recognised that siblings who are separated should have regular contact with each other there is no statutory requirement for local authorities to make this happen and this contact is often over looked by social workers who are under pressure to deliver statutory obligations.

Currently there are over 80,000 children residing in local authority care across England and Wales and it is estimated that over 50% of these children continue to be placed separately from their brothers and sisters. SiblingsTogether is the only charity in the UK that works to ensure children have regular contact with their siblings helping them to make life long memories and connections.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Highlights of 2023/24



Over the past year our team have continued to focus upon sharing our knowledge and skills, we have always seen this communication as a vital to offer training for a variety of organisations, social services, The Children's Commissioner, foster carers etc, our information to services across the London is always highly regarded.

We have managed to retain our small team over the year with the support of volunteers, we are constantly looking to re-ignite our Monthly Activity Days as soon as we are able to secure funds, always hoping to prepare and run many more Barge trips for siblings in the coming years.

SiblingsTogether Exciting New Website:

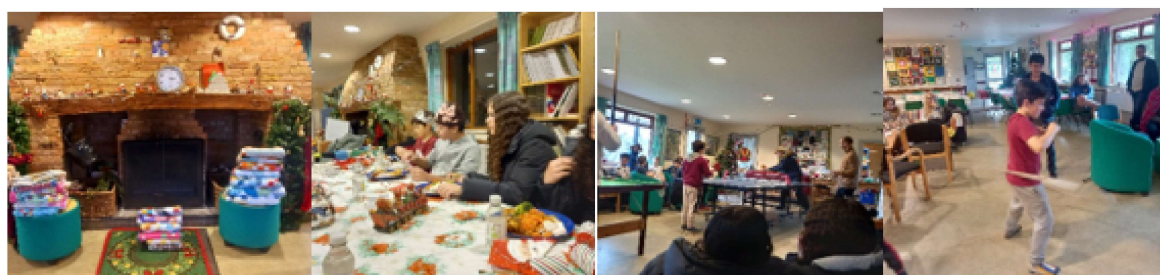
Our new website was finally created following our successfully securing funding from the Newcome Collette Charity. We have been able to modify update and create a wonderful new window to the world, which will inform people about the work we do.

Following months of working closely with our website designers bringing content and photos etc, we were able to bring about our new website, learn how to operate it with relative ease, and learning about how to use its functions. We were delighted to have our new website complete and available to all by July 24. We continue to learn and get used to this new and improved website over time, adding new items.

Having this new website is enabling us to share what we do with the wider world, also for people to locate us and to read about our work, keep in touch with our connections and many different services. We have learnt that with vast changes in social care, such as referring teams, we need to be able to be found whatever the challenges.

We hope to be able to reach new and enthusiastic volunteers which is vital for the Charity, welcome new trustees and other much needed staff over the coming year, and hopefully the website will be able to inform them as much as possible.

The website began in November 23 and was finally completed and went up in July 24, which were able to promote on our twitter and social media groups.



TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

First Christmas Camp at nearby Orpington Environment Centre. Close to London. Centre Ran By The Woodcraft Folk:

The CEO had discussions with their teams. We went out and met with the volunteer team and to make a site visit to explore and discuss the planning for the new Christmas camp which was to be held just 30mins drive out of London.

A relatively small outdoor activity centre, which is our favourite type of space for siblings camps, offering outdoor space which is surrounded by nature and woodlands, where we can experience a campfire and create a very special experience for a few days.

The centre is owned by the 'Woodcraft Folk', and their child-centred approach fits very well with our charity's ethos, where children are able to play together and enjoy these wonderfully exciting and adventure spaces safely, supported by staff who understand their needs and can help work through many issues they may bring.

Making a Christmas space for siblings to reunite has always been something we wanted to aim for. Having connected to a number of local authorities we managed to achieve this with a number of local referrals of brothers and sisters. A total of 16 young people joined the camp in different sized groups, and experienced a wonderful Christmas time together with all the trimmings.

The Children's Commissioner went so far as to donating gifts for the children which was very nice addition to their stay. The Woodcraft team of incredible volunteers created the most amazing Christmas dinner for everyone, followed by deserts and the all-important Christmas cake. There were beautiful decorations, log fires to enjoy, and additionally lots of games we could play as teams, which for most of the young people was a great fun experience to cherish. Many had forgotten what it was like to share time with their siblings at this time of festivities, which they hugely valued and spoke openly about.

We haven't a great deal of funding but with the support of the Woodcraft Folk costs were kept within our means. The 10 volunteers, which included some of the centre's amazing people, helped make this experience positive and very memorable for all who attended.

Despite the cold weather outside we ventured out for long walks, football games, campfires, and fun bush-craft workshops lead by our volunteer Nathaniel Hill.

Invitation to offer full training of Ofsted Inspectors; based at their National Conference Centre:

Over two years we had met with lead directors and managers in Westminster, and our CEO had attended consultations and contributed to Careleavers issues and siblings in care issues over some time.

To be invited to train their national team of staff and national regional leads for inspection services in Childcare was a fantastic point to have reached in our development. Having initially struggled to be accepted or able to meet with them to discuss our work earlier in our development, we could begin to share our skills, learning and new understanding, from a variety of perspectives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

Organising training and materials:

Our CEO and a dedicated trustee, both professional therapists, were able to plan regularly to prepare these training sessions. We aimed to prioritise making the best training we possibly could for these inspectors as their influence to change and considerably improve on services was highly important to us.

Reaching the root causes of separation and looking at how things can improve for all children in care has been core to the charity's aspirations. Not all charities have such a powerful opportunity to advise on shaping services and policies, informed by greater understanding.

To make the presentation have greatest impact, we wanted to make people think carefully and to reflect considerately upon these vital issues.

Those we are training are professionals at the very heart of a child's journey through care, and can make a huge difference by asking the best questions on how to make contact and planning work for the siblings.

We impressed on the idea that to remain working towards positive meaningful contact would offer the young people an essential platform in which to retain a lifelong bonds which would be there in their times trouble and family life long into the future. To think and plan long term for children is best practice.

We put together a very considered pack and presented to a very appreciative and supportive national team of inspectors. Helping them understand the lifelong impact of their work too.

Recruitment of volunteers:

With the ending of 'Team London' volunteering website we have, like many other charities have, been seeking new alternatives. There are fewer that we expected but recruitment of volunteers is paramount for the events and days out etc. Local areas have volunteering opportunities and we are continually reaching out .

Quilts networks and foster carers:

Quilters have continued to offer the most amazing array of quilts which are produced by the large network who connect to us on their social media and other quilting networking events. Many are dedicated quilters who create these amazing gifts which are always much welcomed wherever we take them for the groups of siblings and care leavers.

Visiting local authorities and some colleges to share these quilts we are gifted is something we look forward to and those at university get to know that people understand them and wish to support them by making their room cost with a quilt. Over time we have also been able to provide laptops for their University also.

Staff training, ongoing development:

At a time when the team has less money to spend, it remains important that we continue to update training some of which is becoming even more essential and compulsory. The CEO and volunteers alike maintain these important training levels to ensure that we can offer the quality of skills which are required and offer the best safety for young people. We choose to keep this going and upskilling.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

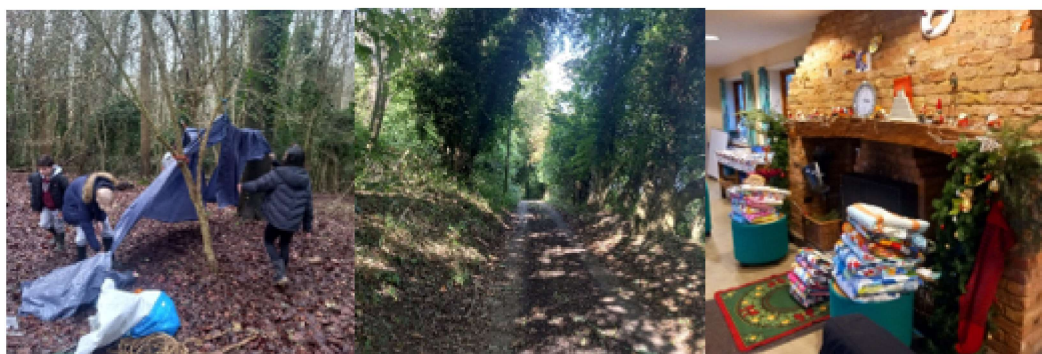
Objectives and activities (continued)

New Trustees:

We never underestimate the importance of their contributions and their ongoing communication and enthusiasm during challenging times. We have a very supportive team who are central to our charity.

We said goodbye to a dedicated trustee, who left to be closer to her family. They remained with us and supported us over 5 years offering her professional skills and working closely with our CEO on creating exciting training for the Ofsted teams. Dr Clair Marshall Hardly will be sorely missed.

We have been Joined by Yasmina who bring with her a great deal of experience in PR and human resources.



Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Our goal continues to be improving funding levels year on year so that we can continue to extend our reach to those whom could benefit from our programs.

Fundraising remains extremely challenging but we continue to consider new sources of fundraising, as well as maintaining relationships with our existing funders.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy of aiming to maintain reserves equal to approximately 4 months of running costs, which would equate to roughly £60k. Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date were £907 (2023: £12,607). Rebuilding free reserves is a priority for the Trustees. The Charity is grateful to those funders that provided unrestricted funding in the year.

Restricted funds at the balance sheet date were £27,007 (2023: £22,835).

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Siblingstogether Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The organisational structure is headed by the Board of Trustees which determines strategy and policy. Implementation of such policies and operational plans is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and her staff. Staff execute policy decisions in close consultation with the Trustees. Staff are delegated authority for the day to day management of Siblings Togethers' projects, campaigning and fundraising activities. The Charity works in close co-operation with other reputable organisations and charities with similar objectives.

d. Remuneration policy

The Board of Trustees aim to pay staff a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector and proportionate to the complexity of each role. The Trustees are responsible in line with our charitable objectives based on the following principle: "Pay our staff an appropriate salary to attract and retain people with the leadership, experience knowledge and skills required to lead the transformation we are undergoing."

An annual review of salaries will be undertaken by the Chief Executive, which will take into consideration the rate of inflation over the year and the availability of funds to Siblings Together.

e. Risk management

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

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jane L Jones
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Jane Jones
Chair
Date: 25-02-25

SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Siblingstogether Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I 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 Charity 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.

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

Signed: *Martin Bailey*

Dated: 26-02-25

Martin Bailey FCA
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London
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SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	47,578	10,000	57,578	39,011
Charitable activities	5	-	3,000	3,000	1,600
Investments	6	1,123	-	1,123	389
Total income		48,701	13,000	61,701	41,000
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		7,410	-	7,410	6,175
Charitable activities	7	52,991	8,828	61,819	79,578
Total expenditure		60,401	8,828	69,229	85,753
Net movement in funds		(11,700)	4,172	(7,528)	(44,753)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		12,607	22,835	35,442	80,195
Net movement in funds		(11,700)	4,172	(7,528)	(44,753)
Total funds carried forward		907	27,007	27,914	35,442

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06848897

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	986	1,973
		986	1,973
Current assets			
Debtors	12	5,170	14,598
Cash at bank and in hand		29,028	33,556
		34,198	48,154
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(7,270)	(14,685)
Net current assets		26,928	33,469
Total assets less current liabilities		27,914	35,442
Net assets excluding pension asset		27,914	35,442
Total net assets		27,914	35,442
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	27,007	22,835
Unrestricted funds	14	907	12,607
Total funds		27,914	35,442

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06848897

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MAY 2024

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jane L Jones
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Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 25-02-25

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

1. General information

SiblingsTogether Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 4 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 3UQ.

The activities of the Charity are set out in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Charity's functional currency is Sterling. All figures in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

2.3 Going concern

The Charity is reliant upon public donations as well grants from Trusts, Foundations, and some local authorities. The Trustees continue to prioritise fundraising and in particular for unrestricted funds. After making appropriate enquiries and after considering the future plans of the Charity, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.4 Fund accounting

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.7 Expenditure

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and in relation to overall management of the Charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's educational operations, including supporting costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	-	20%
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2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

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

2.13 Pensions

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

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	47,578	10,000	57,578	39,011
<i>Total 2023</i>	12,000	27,011	39,011	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Contribution from local authorities	3,000	3,000	1,600
<i>Total 2023</i>	1,600	1,600	

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment income	1,080	1,080	345
Investment income - local cash	43	43	44
	<u>1,123</u>	<u>1,123</u>	<u>389</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>389</u>	<u>389</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	52,991	8,828	61,819	79,578
	<u>17,778</u>	<u>61,800</u>	<u>79,578</u>	
<i>Total 2023</i>				

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	58,132	3,687	61,819	79,578
<i>Total 2023</i>	75,969	3,609	79,578	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Staff costs	51,523	50,082
Food	601	2,437
Travel and subsistence	32	1,175
Venue hire	860	7,800
Materials	-	135
Rent	6,381	6,177
Insurance	1,178	1,202
Printing, postage and stationery	489	387
Training	240	180
Bank charges	120	124
Bad debts	1,500	-
Computer software	3,571	2,295
Sundry	(9,130)	13
Professional fees	767	757
Casual labour	-	500
Admin support	-	2,705
	58,132	75,969

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Depreciation	987	1,029
Independent examiner's fees	2,700	2,580
	3,687	3,609

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9. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50,510	49,069
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,013	1,013
	51,523	50,082

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

2024	2023
No.	No.
3	2

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

Amounts including employer's national insurance and pension contributions incurred in respect of key management personnel in the year totalled £45,277 (2023: £45,471).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2023	12,703
At 31 May 2024	12,703
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2023	10,730
Charge for the year	987
At 31 May 2024	11,717
Net book value	
At 31 May 2024	986
At 31 May 2023	1,973

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12. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	3,863	2,373
Prepayments and accrued income	1,307	12,225
	5,170	14,598

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,802	694
Other taxation and social security	759	851
Other creditors	197	197
Accruals and deferred income	3,512	12,943
	7,270	14,685

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 May 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds	12,607	48,701	(60,401)	907
Restricted funds				
Camps	3,931	11,000	(3,931)	11,000
MADS	10,029	-	(2,897)	7,132
Questors	3,384	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	5,491
Website Design	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
	22,835	13,000	(8,828)	27,007
Total funds	35,442	61,701	(69,229)	27,914

Siblings Together seeks funding for both restricted activities centred on our key activities such as residential camps and monthly activity days, and for core funding allowing for the development of new projects and the running of the Charity. If restricted funding doesn't fully cover the costs of specific project activities a transfer is made from core funding to ensure that they are fully funded.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	32,367	36,400	(39,816)	(16,344)	12,607
Restricted funds					
Camps	3,657	4,600	(4,326)	-	3,931
MADS	12,134	-	(2,105)	-	10,029
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	1,286	-	(39,506)	38,220	-
General Siblings activities/projects	21,876	-	-	(21,876)	-
	47,828	4,600	(45,937)	16,344	22,835
Total funds	80,195	41,000	(85,753)	-	35,442

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	986	-	986
Current assets	7,191	27,007	34,198
Creditors due within one year	(7,270)	-	(7,270)
Total	907	27,007	27,914

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	1,973	-	1,973
Current assets	25,319	22,835	48,154
Creditors due within one year	(14,685)	-	(14,685)
Total	12,607	22,835	35,442

16. Related party transactions

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in either the current or previous year.

Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023**

Trustees Jane Jones, Chair
Luke Blair, Trustee
Clare Marshall-Hardy, Trustee (appointed 6 June 2022)
Daniel North, Trustee (resigned 6 June 2022)

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number** 06848897

**Charity registered
number** 1137278

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

The Charity also operates under the name Siblings Together



Objectives and activities

a. Executive Summary

Siblings Together continue our work in promoting the rights of children and young people in care for regular and meaningful contact with their siblings. We also strengthen friendships, family, identity, belonging and manage the pain of separation.

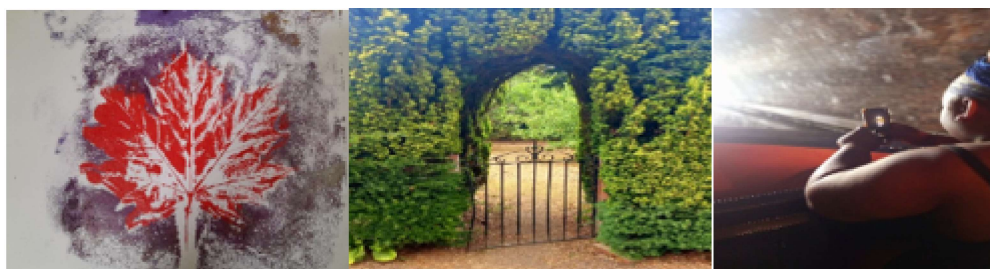
Being put into care can be a traumatic experience for many children and young people but then being separated from your siblings can add a whole new level of distress. Although it is recognised that siblings who are separated should have regular contact with each other there is no statutory requirement for local authorities to make this happen and this contact is often over looked by social workers who are under pressure to deliver statutory obligations.

Currently there is over 80,000 children residing in local authority care across England and Wales and it is estimated that over 50% of these children continue to be placed separately from their brothers and sisters. Siblings Together is the only charity in the UK that works to ensure children have regular contact with their siblings helping them to make life long memories and connections.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Highlights of 2022/23



Activities during this period were predominantly focussed between our Siblings Barge trips, and our creative retreats for Careleavers, followed by more weekend barge trips meeting up together, sharing creative work produced at the retreats together, over the period of many months.

We had come across a wonderful new centre Gorsefield based in the rural heart of Essex, which was thankfully partly a nature reserve and an ideal retreat location. It was used by many schools from the Tower Hamlets area, owned by the Local authority itself.

Funding had yet again been a very challenging year for our small charity, we had also (through lack of funds) lost some much loved people/specialists who had journeyed alongside our charity for a number of years. They had contributing their inspirational presence, care and love into the programmes we created and ran, we take great care to bring them to fruition. There is no quick way to creating a retreat the only way is through having those very important conversations with Careleavers themselves, looking at what their expectation might be, what will help them positively and creatively.



Following 2 years of an enduring a pandemic, many had faced serious isolation, having few opportunities to join with others, or be creative, have fun and begin to think where they wish to be heading in life. Connecting with others together, making new networks friends and meeting others in a similar situation is a welcome a highlight for many.

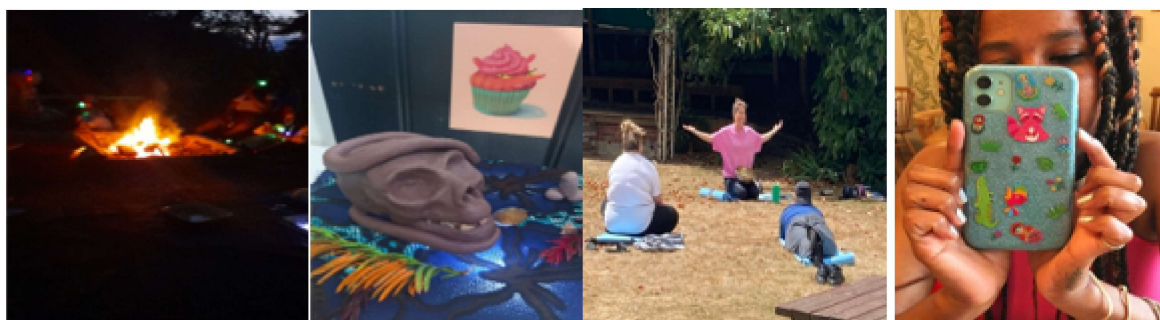
Most are aspiring artists, although we do not insist on this, we encourage people to using the skills they learn as a tool to navigate their way through and to expressing their dreams and aspirations. To share their ideas, their challenges too in finding a positive path they need to follow. Many young people with families would have this support within their support network, but for young Careleavers such a space rarely exists, hence making this space powerful special and meaningful is at the heart of what we do.

We found fantastic new artists poets and musicians who are enthusiastic to join us again on future retreats, we also enlisted one of our long time dedicated volunteers who is a specialist in breathing yoga and relaxation. The team we put together worked extremely well together, complimenting one another's workshops and the culmination of the retreat was a sharing of work, with an exhibition of art work, creation of 'poetry sound scape recording' where each artist was reading out loud their own writing and poems one after the other, edited to

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

ensure each was heard next to another artist. it was very power indeed. The participants gained a wonderful sense of connectedness with each other and with themselves, using this pace to explore and aspire to think beyond their everyday challenges, and to build a strong sense of self-reliance, empowered by their commitment to their own futures.



Incorporating therapeutic reflective groups, enable the groups to get to know one another better and it felt safer. Rather than disappear into our own little worlds with telephones and other distractions we can recognise the importance of making time for connections, allowing for a group discussion and ongoing reflections to flow freely.

We hugely appreciated funding support from The Ashley Family Foundation and others to help make these trips possible, they are much appreciated and highly regarded, along with other amazing supportive donations which made it into a huge success and terrific place to be for Careleavers. This enabled us to hire fantastic artists and specialist teachers, who have empathy and understanding for our community.



Our follow up barge weekends were hugely rewarding and exciting, people began to have a healthy expectation and understanding of teamwork, where we cooked together and skippered the boat along the Regent canal waterways, along to Hackney and the river Lee. The pirates Castle youth centre has always been a place where our charity and young people have felt at home and welcomed, we are grateful for their ongoing support in allowing our charity a reduced rate for the hire of their in incredible Pirate Prince Barge.



TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

We accomplished the creative connections residencies, and feel very proud to be able to learn with each year, how we can build upon these, make them as enriching an experience as possible. They leave young people with a lasting positive experience which can be transformative and life changing for all who attend.

For the 36 Careleavers who were able to join us at different times, including the following the week long residential was something many expressed a wish to join again. If we can secure funding we will continue to make every effort to facilitate these spaces. A space to build inner resilience through the vehicle of creativity, for the great many challenges ahead in their lives, but they also have gained new connections also.



Our siblings Barge trips were vitally important to continue making it possible for the many siblings' groups who are desperate for that special time for a short holiday together. We were very fortunate to be able to offer and run two siblings barge trips for our groups with 16 siblings total, enjoying a special holiday together. There is always the experience of learning all about skippering the barge, to keep in their memories for a lifetime.

It's an enjoyable learning experience for all, with ample time for team work and sharing a space together!, thankfully with plenty of space if the need arises, learning about their siblings is an important part of the journey, which also makes this a vital experience, which is a terrific investment for their future.. Negotiation and reparation are crucial aspects of what we aim to promote during our trips which will help them build stronger bonds and moving into a healthy interactions together.

Many young people have experienced neglect and trauma, it takes these very positive times together and positive opportunities of interacting in a natural way together, which help re-build these highly important, potentially lifelong bonds, family connections, friends for life.



Once again our nationwide group of quilters have done us very proud indeed, as they do each and every year, by creating the most incredibly joyful and beautiful handmade treasured blankets, which are gifted to all of the siblings and Careleavers which we work with.

These quilts bring exceptional comfort and warmth, together with a sense of care and love to young people's lives, in fact brightening children's lives as well as connecting them to each other through these wonderful comforting gifts, as always, treasured for a lifetime. They are unique and special gifts in which all young people immediately understand to be for them forever.

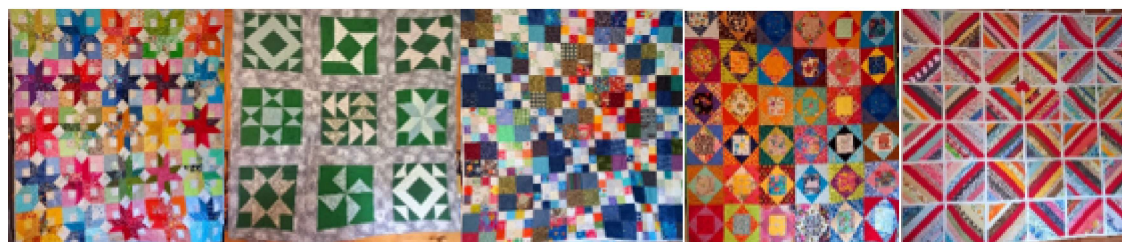
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Objectives and activities (continued)

We have met the most amazing new staff and volunteers across the year, who have made our entire year so special and enjoyable, we hope to keep in contact for future adventures together with all young people. The year has not been without its huge challenges, struggled throughout this period financially funding being sparse and not easily available. We continue to try to secure funding to have in place a strong focussed team, we will keep trying, apply to funders to continue our much loved and much needed work.

We've made a concerted effort to recruit many new volunteers via team London website, with view to starting our buddying project. Looking to hire a highly experienced co-ordinator supervisor in the not too distant future.

We have also began meeting and having very positive discussions with the Ofsted Inspectorate management team in London, for social care. Hoping for new opportunities for our charity to work more closely in the very near future, in areas where we can have the most positive and lasting impact, recognising that as a small charity we can be stronger make more impact tackling these issues together, with many different groups who want to take the message out there.



Fundraising: Has been a big challenge, more so during these past few years, not surprising as we have seen that so many places had closed their doors, or stopped responding to requests for help, which has impacted our charity severely. The siblings together team although small as always became smaller, two of our staff were furlled and for almost an entire year the running of the Charity was left to just two people to manage, which at times became nearly impossible. The team we had during the previous two years had become disbursed, compounded by the lack of funding meant that when they could return to work again we were unable to renew annual contracts due to lack of funds. We sadly lost some really dedicated and very special people during this period. Something we are determined to rebuild and strive for once again as we begin to kickstart projects and funding initiatives.

The reality is that many small charities were/are continuing to struggle in so many areas, as we have been for some time now, we have been fortunate to have survived in many ways, we know we have a uphill journey to bring back into action some of the great projects which we are dedicated to and focussed upon.

Networking with other charities and organisations to highlight these issues and building upon more training in services and foster etc is really important area for us to focus upon in the future.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Our goal continues to be improving funding levels year on year so that we can continue to extend our reach to those whom could benefit from our programs.

Fundraising remains extremely challenging but we continue to consider new sources of fundraising, as well as maintaining relationships with our existing funders.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy of aiming to maintain reserves equal to approximately 4 months of running costs, which would equate to roughly £60k. Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date were £12,607 (2022: £32,367). Rebuilding free reserves is a priority for the Trustees. The Charity is grateful to those funders that provided unrestricted funding in the year.

Restricted funds at the balance sheet date were £22,835 (2022: £47,828).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Siblingstogether Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The organisational structure is headed by the Board of Trustees which determines strategy and policy. Implementation of such policies and operational plans is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and her staff. Staff execute policy decisions in close consultation with the Trustees. Staff are delegated authority for the day to day management of Siblings Togethers' projects, campaigning and fundraising activities. The Charity works in close co-operation with other reputable organisations and charities with similar objectives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Remuneration policy

The Board of Trustees aim to pay staff a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector and proportionate to the complexity of each role. The Trustees are responsible in line with our charitable objectives based on the following principle:

- Pay our staff an appropriate salary to attract and retain people with the leadership, experience knowledge and skills required to lead the transformation we are undergoing.

An annual review of salaries will be undertaken by the Chief Executive, which will take into consideration the rate of inflation over the year and the availability of funds to Siblings Together.

e. Risk management

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

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Jane Jones

Chair

Date: 28-02-24

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Siblingstogether Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I 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 Charity 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.

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

Signed: *Martin Bailey*

Dated: 28-02-24

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SIBLINGSTOGETHER LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	36,011	3,000	39,011	96,595
Charitable activities	5	-	1,600	1,600	2,600
Other trading activities		-	-	-	700
Investments	6	389	-	389	-
Total income		36,400	4,600	41,000	99,895
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		6,175	-	6,175	7,475
Charitable activities	7	33,641	45,937	79,578	77,914
Total expenditure		39,816	45,937	85,753	85,389
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,416)	(41,337)	(44,753)	14,506
Transfers between funds	14	(16,344)	16,344	-	-
Net movement in funds		(19,760)	(24,993)	(44,753)	14,506
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		32,367	47,828	80,195	65,689
Net movement in funds		(19,760)	(24,993)	(44,753)	14,506
Total funds carried forward		12,607	22,835	35,442	80,195

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,973	3,002
		1,973	3,002
Current assets			
Debtors	12	14,598	15,803
Cash at bank and in hand		33,556	80,085
		48,154	95,888
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(14,685)	(18,695)
Net current assets		33,469	77,193
Total assets less current liabilities		35,442	80,195
Net assets excluding pension asset		35,442	80,195
Total net assets		35,442	80,195
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	22,835	47,828
Unrestricted funds	14	12,607	32,367
Total funds		35,442	80,195

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

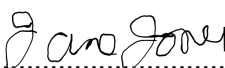
The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MAY 2023

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 28-02-24

The notes on pages 13 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

1. General information

SiblingsTogether Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 4 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 3UQ.

The activities of the Charity are set out in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Charity's functional currency is Sterling. All figures in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

2.3 Going concern

The Charity is reliant upon public donations as well grants from Trusts, Foundations, and some local authorities. The Trustees continue to prioritise fundraising and in particular for unrestricted funds. After making appropriate enquiries and after considering the future plans of the Charity, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.4 Fund accounting

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.7 Expenditure

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and in relation to overall management of the Charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's educational operations, including supporting costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	-	20%
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2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

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

2.13 Pensions

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

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	36,011	3,000	39,011	96,595
<i>Total 2022</i>	83,516	13,079	96,595	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Contribution from local authorities	1,600	1,600	2,600
<i>Total 2022</i>	2,600	2,600	

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment income	345	345	-
Investment income - local cash	44	44	-
	<u>389</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>-</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Charitable activities	33,641	45,937	79,578	77,914
	<u>33,641</u>	<u>45,937</u>	<u>79,578</u>	<u>77,914</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>65,236</u>	<u>12,678</u>	<u>77,914</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Charitable activities	75,969	3,609	79,578	77,914
<i>Total 2022</i>	73,888	4,026	77,914	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Staff costs	50,082	53,221
Food	2,437	541
Travel and subsistence	1,175	156
Activities	-	208
Venue hire	7,800	3,510
Materials	135	1,108
Rent	6,177	6,297
Insurance	1,202	1,180
Printing, postage and stationery	387	741
Training	180	180
Bank charges	124	197
Computer software	2,295	2,583
Sundry	13	136
Professional fees	757	643
Casual labour	500	1,020
Memberships	-	172
Admin support	2,705	1,995
	75,969	73,888

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Depreciation	1,029	1,806
Independent examiner's fees	2,580	2,220
	3,609	4,026

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9. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	49,069	50,887
Social security costs	-	1,216
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,013	1,118
	50,082	53,221

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

2023	2022
No.	No.
2	3

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2022	12,703
At 31 May 2023	12,703
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2022	9,701
Charge for the year	1,029
At 31 May 2023	10,730
Net book value	
At 31 May 2023	1,973
At 31 May 2022	3,002

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12. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	2,373	3,613
Prepayments and accrued income	12,225	12,190
	14,598	15,803

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	694	5,985
Other taxation and social security	851	909
Other creditors	197	196
Accruals and deferred income	12,943	11,605
	14,685	18,695

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 May 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	32,367	36,400	(39,816)	(16,344)	12,607
Restricted funds					
Camps	3,657	4,600	(4,326)	-	3,931
MADS	12,134	-	(2,105)	-	10,029
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	1,286	-	(39,506)	38,220	-
General Siblings activities/projects	21,876	-	-	(21,876)	-
	47,828	4,600	(45,937)	16,344	22,835
Total funds	80,195	41,000	(85,753)	-	35,442

Siblings Together seeks funding for both restricted activities centred on our key activities such as residential camps and monthly activity days, and for core funding allowing for the development of new projects and the running of the Charity. If restricted funding doesn't fully cover the costs of specific project activities a transfer is made from core funding to ensure that they are fully funded.

The transfers to the Creative Connections restricted fund represent use of funds given towards activity costs of the Charity (but not specifically determined) and a transfer from unrestricted to cover a shortfall on the fund. In the prior year, the transfer represents the reclassification of staff costs originally allocated to unrestricted funds but that related to the Camps project.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	17,171	84,216	(72,711)	3,691	32,367
Restricted funds					
Camps	-	8,600	(4,943)	-	3,657
MADS	18,516	-	(6,382)	-	12,134
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	2,639	-	(1,353)	-	1,286
General Siblings activities/projects	18,488	7,079	-	(3,691)	21,876
	48,518	15,679	(12,678)	(3,691)	47,828
Total funds	65,689	99,895	(85,389)	-	80,195

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,973	-	1,973
Current assets	25,319	22,835	48,154
Creditors due within one year	(14,685)	-	(14,685)
Total	12,607	22,835	35,442

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	3,002	-	3,002
Current assets	48,060	47,828	95,888
Creditors due within one year	(18,695)	-	(18,695)
Total	32,367	47,828	80,195

16. Related party transactions

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in either the current or previous year.

Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

Trustees	Jane Jones, Chair (appointed 28 June 2021) Jamie Allen, Chair (resigned 30 June 2021) Alison Benjamin, Trustee (resigned 30 June 2021) Luke Blair, Trustee Clare Marshall-Hardy, Trustee (appointed 6 June 2022) Daniel North, Trustee (resigned 6 June 2022)
Company registered number	06848897
Charity registered number	1137278
Registered office	4 Market Place Southwark Park Road London SE16 3UQ
Accountants and Independent Examiner	Martin Bailey FCA Goodman Jones LLP Chartered Accountants 29/30 Fitzroy Square London W1T 6LQ
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Cooperative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

The Charity also operates under the name Siblings Together



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Objectives and activities

a. Executive Summary

Siblings Together continue our work in promoting the rights of children and young people in care for regular and meaningful contact with their siblings. We also strengthen friendships, family, identity, belonging and manage the pain of separation.

Being put into care can be a traumatic experience for many children and young people but then being separated from your siblings can add a whole new level of distress. Although it is recognised that siblings who are separated should have regular contact with each other there is no statutory requirement for local authorities to make this happen and this contact is often over looked by social workers who are under pressure to deliver statutory obligations.

Currently there is over 80,000 children residing in local authority care across England and Wales and it is estimated that over 50% of these children continue to be placed separately from their brothers and sisters. Siblings Together is the only charity in the UK that works to ensure children have regular contact with their siblings helping them to make life long memories and connections.

Keeping connected:

We have continued to maintaining relations with the local authorities and other departments which have responsibility for the welfare of the children along with externally with foster carers who wanted advice support and information on keeping siblings entertained and enjoying time in Lockdown etc.

b. About Siblings Together



Siblings Together champion the rights of children in care/adoption/kinship, to experience positive contact, with their siblings, whilst living apart.

Our pioneering projects have supported positive sibling bonds and boosted mental health and resilience. We give young people the opportunity of real-life memories and experiences, whilst building a positive narrative.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Highlights of 2021/22

Championing children's right to re-unite

Meeting with significant persons and departments which can further promote the welfare of siblings is very much central and an ongoing part of the work we undertake. As a small charity we recognise our limitations with regards to reaching out to those who need our projects, and we choose use our extensive social media reach to promote the concept of good practice regarding siblings in this area, to networks across the UK.

We realise that there are a great many services which are over stretched and under resourced who value our guidance and research, keeping in touch and keeping the welfare of sibling groups in mind.

Foster carers and social workers value our advice and support, they are always welcome to write in and ask for advice or information, research available etc. We are happy to be a resource for advice and sign-post any other services where necessary. We have collected a wide variety of such information over the years nationally and internationally, it's been important and useful to share this as wide as possible via our website and direct contact with our team.

Training and supporting Young people who once used our services to become volunteers has been important to us, but it has been a challenging time to keep in touch with everyone in our network with a very small team who are doing this work.

With our young Careleavers, we have constantly maintained contact with many young people going back many years, they have become a valuable source of inspiration encouragement and positive energy to our team. During these times we have maintained phone contact as a matter of course in attempt to lessen their sense of isolation. We found we were able to provide a few google chrome computers to some you young people to keep them in contact and keep up with their studies also.

Giving back to others we recognise as being a vital part of their healing and emotional growth, offering this opportunity and leaving this open for young people is very important. We support young people to make their contribution with training should they choose to do this, as a number have. Keeping them connected to a creative and supportive community.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Monthly Activity Days (MADS)



One of our key projects is the Monthly Activity Days (MADS). After piloting successful residential camps, we found that there was an unmet need to provide separated siblings regular contact throughout the year at a stable location.

Whilst the camps provide quality time for those able to attend them, it was evident that camps are not accessible to all sibling groups and that support for on-going contact is also required. Particularly during this time we were unable to utilise this programme, many

of the services we were unable to book plan and run due to their being closed, and sometimes these services we worked with were no longer available and closed during that period, hence we were looking at shorter term breaks..

These were organised with the support of another charity which we have always linked with in North London, who offered their large beautiful barge for a reduced cost for our sibling groups we were able to organise and run three of these trips which ran over long weekends, coming slowly out of lockdowns we were able to bring small groups together safely.

Sibling Barge Trips



For children and young people, who can't attend our week-long camps, we offer day trips and overnight weekends stays.

Siblings Together have been providing this for the past 8 years and we have been actively increasing this service over the past 2 years due to demand. Weekends away is a great opportunity for siblings to develop their team building skills within their sibling group, work and cook together.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Making Memories

Big Hugs/With Love/To Siblings with Love/We Care

Siblings Together work with a network of quilters nationally, who hand make quilts that we gift to children and young people. Each quilt has a personalised label and message to the recipient.

They treasure having something so special made specifically for them which is unique and memorable, extremely beautiful and with great meaning to them.

It's our way to tell these children and young people that there is someone out there thinking of them when they feel lonely or just need a hug.

Knowing that people care for them truly matters on every level, the quilts are a genuine manifestation of love and care which is sadly often missing in their young lives – a symbol that someone is thinking of them when feeling unloved. This group has continued and is thriving, we have managed to raise some funding towards the cost of postage of sending the quilts out to their erecipients.



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Objectives and activities (continued)

Photo Albums



Delma is a trained art therapist and over the 13 years we have been established has created a unique photo therapy model of using the photographs into the therapeutic work we do with children and young people. All of this unique creative approach has continued to be introduced into all Siblings Together's projects and plans for future development.

It is another vital opportunity for children to create life long memories by taking photos with their siblings during sessions collecting and putting a photo album together, that they can each reflect upon keep and cherish.

Children don't often have a record of their life in care – and especially photographs to reflect upon, we use this very positively and actively with view to sharing their sibling's activities and keeping hold of these.

Celebrating Birthdays

Children separated in care do not get a chance to celebrate key events in their lives - like birthdays together. We organise special birthday parties for siblings to celebrate together even if we cannot always be together!, and capture these precious moments in photos, so they have a memory of this occasion (even if it's not their actual birthday)



Online supported Contact and creative play:

Which was ongoing for a large part of the year continued to be supported by our small team to the best of our ability with the little resources we had available during this period of time. We have supported this ongoing and with our volunteers we have managed to continue to enjoy keeping siblings maintaining contact, keeping familiarity and knowing what's going on for each other no matter where they may be during these confusing times.

Creative Groups for Careleavers Online:

We have continued to offer ongoing support online creative groups along with residential creative projects, we have also used the residential boat trips for our older Careleavers, bringing isolated people together was a

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Objectives and activities (continued)

positive and terrific learning experience together. People were working together as a team cooking, joining writing workshops and learning together, evening bar BQ by the canal side, networks were able to join in with our online creative groups and discussions easing the issues around isolation and depression.

Continuing our Nationwide Quilting network which has grown extensively:

The quilts we have gathered each and every year for all participants to our projects have expanded tenfold throughout the period of lockdown. These beautiful quilts were introduced early on in our development as a charity as a unique gift for all who join us, which would remain in their care for as long as possible, forever.

The idea of receiving such an air-loom gift has always been a very special aspect for young people, it's yet another vitally important aspect of life which was missing along with our **unique sibling's photo albums** which we have carefully created and embedded within all of our projects. To be given a beautifully hand-made quilted blanket to treasure and keep all to yourself is indeed special, it becomes a familiar comfort and a colourful asset to their life, part of their journey through care and part of their life story.

These quilts are taken with them when they move through various foster homes, they offer comfort and friendship too. It cannot be underestimated how comforting these can be for a child who is constantly moving from home to home, and in need of a safe familiar blanket to wrap around them in times of loss and huge changes, of which there are often many.

We have been busy fundraising towards the cost of postage etc, as have our volunteers also, in order to cover the cost of send these out, literally hundreds of them! We have been reaching out to foster carers who, fostering sibling groups across the entire country.

When we cannot actively bring siblings together they are assured that they are receiving a gift which all their sibling group have to keep and remember equally. More and more foster carers are getting in contact to make enquiries in this area, and we have been able to discuss and support these carers throughout this process and discovering how refreshingly determined they can be in actively maintaining this family bond, throughout the entire childhood for their young people.

Reaching out to our supporter and volunteers to make change possible.

At a time when we have been unable to actively go outside to physically undertake our much loved projects with young siblings groups we've also been successful in reaching out to recruit a nationwide database of **Sibling Ambassadors**, coming from all walks of life more especially within our network of newly trained social workers who have a mature sense of empathy which they are willing to look at in the professional work.

These same people have chosen to highlight our work within their places of social work, have agreed to champion and speak up for the welfare of these vital family connections. Promoting healthy discussion alongside identifying ways in which their teams can make changes and support our work to make good progress in their local regions, with the intention of impacting positively on young lives in their local areas for longer term benefit.

Fundraising: Has been a big challenge, more so during these past few years, not surprising as we have seen that so many places had closed their doors, or stopped responding to requests for help, which has impacted our charity severely. The siblings together team although small as always became smaller, two of our staff were furlled and for almost an entire year the running of the charity was left to just two people to manage, which at times became nearly impossible. The team we had during the previous two years had become disbursed, compounded by the lack of funding meant that when they could return to work again we were unable to renew annual contracts due to lack of funds. We sadly lost some really dedicated and very special people during this period. Something we are determined to rebuild and strive for once again as we begin to kickstart projects and funding initiatives.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

The reality is that many small charities were/are continuing to struggle in so many areas, as we have been for some time now, we have been fortunate to have survived in many ways, we know we have a uphill journey to bring back into action some of the great projects which we are dedicated to and focussed upon.

Networking with other charities and organisations to highlight these issues and building upon more training in services and foster etc is really important area for us to focus upon in the future.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Our goal continues to be improving funding levels year on year so that we can continue to extend our reach to those whom could benefit from our programs.

Post Covid 19, fundraising remains extremely challenging. We continue to consider new sources of fundraising, as well as maintaining relationships with our existing funders.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy of aiming to maintain reserves equal to approximately 4 months of running costs, which would equate to roughly £60k. Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date were £32k (2021: £17k). Rebuilding free reserves is a priority for the Trustees. The Charity is grateful to those funders that provided unrestricted funding in the year, and to those that allowed restricted funds to be used for other purposes when Covid 19 impacted the specific projects the funds were aimed at.

Restricted funds at the balance sheet date were £47,828 (2021: £48,518).

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Siblingstogether Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The organisational structure is headed by the Board of Trustees which determines strategy and policy. Implementation of such policies and operational plans is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and her staff. Staff execute policy decisions in close consultation with the Trustees. Staff are delegated authority for the day to day management of Siblings Togethers' projects, campaigning and fundraising activities. The Charity works in close co-operation with other reputable organisations and charities with similar objectives.

d. Remuneration policy

The Board of Trustees aim to pay staff a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector and proportionate to the complexity of each role. The Trustees are responsible in line with our charitable objectives based on the following principle:

- Pay our staff an appropriate salary to attract and retain people with the leadership, experience knowledge and skills required to lead the transformation we are undergoing.

An annual review of salaries will be undertaken by the Chief Executive, which will take into consideration the rate of inflation over the year and the availability of funds to Siblings Together.

e. Risk management

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

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....*Jane L Jones*.....
Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 31-03-23

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Siblingstogether Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I 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 Charity 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.

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

Signed: *Martin Bailey*

Dated: 31-03-23

Martin Bailey FCA
Goodman Jones LLP
29/30 Fitzroy Square
London
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	83,516	13,079	96,595	58,554
Charitable activities	5	-	2,600	2,600	-
Other trading activities		700	-	700	7,200
Total income		84,216	15,679	99,895	65,754
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		7,475	-	7,475	11,768
Charitable activities	6	65,236	12,678	77,914	110,414
Total expenditure		72,711	12,678	85,389	122,182
Net income/(expenditure)		11,505	3,001	14,506	(56,428)
Transfers between funds	13	3,691	(3,691)	-	-
Net movement in funds		15,196	(690)	14,506	(56,428)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		17,171	48,518	65,689	122,117
Net movement in funds		15,196	(690)	14,506	(56,428)
Total funds carried forward		32,367	47,828	80,195	65,689

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,002	4,808
		3,002	4,808
Current assets			
Debtors	11	15,803	15,031
Cash at bank and in hand		80,085	61,303
		95,888	76,334
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,695)	(15,453)
Net current assets		77,193	60,881
Total assets less current liabilities		80,195	65,689
Net assets excluding pension asset		80,195	65,689
Total net assets		80,195	65,689
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	47,828	48,518
Unrestricted funds	13	32,367	17,171
Total funds		80,195	65,689

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MAY 2022

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jane L Jones
.....
Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 31-03-23

The notes on pages 16 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2022

1. General information

SiblingsTogether Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 4 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 3UQ.

The activities of the Charity are set out in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Charity's functional currency is Sterling. All figures in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

2.3 Going concern

The Charity is reliant upon public donations and events have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Charity made use of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during both this and the previous reporting period. The Trustees continue to prioritise fundraising and in particular for unrestricted funds. After making appropriate enquiries and after considering the future plans of the Charity, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.4 Fund accounting

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.7 Expenditure

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and in relation to overall management of the Charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's educational operations, including supporting costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	-	20%
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2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

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

2.13 Pensions

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

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	83,516	13,079	96,595	58,554
<i>Total 2021</i>	40,586	17,968	58,554	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Contribution from local authorities	2,600	2,600	-

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Charitable activities	65,236	12,678	77,914	110,414
<i>Total 2021</i>	32,962	77,452	110,414	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Charitable activities	73,888	4,026	77,914	110,414
<i>Total 2021</i>	105,773	4,641	110,414	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Staff costs	53,221	92,171
Food	541	1,475
Travel and subsistence	156	-
Activities	208	28
Venue hire	3,510	-
Materials	1,108	144
Rent	6,297	6,343
Insurance	1,180	1,441
Printing, postage and stationery	741	553
Training	180	-
Bank charges	197	155
Computer software	2,583	2,418
Sundry	136	47
Professional fees	643	998
Casual labour	1,020	-
Memberships	172	-
Admin support	1,995	-
	73,888	105,773

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Depreciation	1,806	2,541
Independent examiner's fees	2,220	2,100
	4,026	4,641

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8. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	50,887	86,238
Social security costs	1,216	4,071
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,118	1,862
	53,221	92,171

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

2022	2021
No.	No.
2	3

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

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2021	12,703
At 31 May 2022	12,703
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2021	7,895
Charge for the year	1,806
At 31 May 2022	9,701
Net book value	
At 31 May 2022	3,002
At 31 May 2021	4,808

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	3,613	2,553
Prepayments and accrued income	12,190	12,478
	15,803	15,031

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12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,985	787
Other taxation and social security	909	1,245
Other creditors	196	311
Accruals and deferred income	11,605	13,110
	18,695	15,453

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 May 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	17,171	84,216	(72,711)	3,691	32,367
Restricted funds					
Camps	-	8,600	(4,943)	-	3,657
MADS	18,516	-	(6,382)	-	12,134
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	2,639	-	(1,353)	-	1,286
General	18,488	7,079	-	(3,691)	21,876
	48,518	15,679	(12,678)	(3,691)	47,828
Total funds	65,689	99,895	(85,389)	-	80,195

Siblings Together seeks funding for both restricted activities centred on our key activities such as residential camps and monthly activity days, and for core funding allowing for the development of new projects and the running of the Charity. If restricted funding doesn't fully cover the costs of specific project activities a transfer is made from core funding to ensure that they are fully funded.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent monies received from funders originally for specific purposes but that were unrestricted by the funders during the Covid 19 pandemic to enable the Charity to use these funds to cover core costs.

The transfer to unrestricted funds represents an underspend on a restricted fund being used for core costs as agreed with the donor. In the prior year, the transfer represents the reclassification of staff costs originally allocated to unrestricted funds but that related to the Camps project.

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	(54,125)	47,786	(44,730)	68,240	17,171
Restricted funds					
Camps	62,747	500	-	(63,247)	-
MADS	83,091	-	(64,575)	-	18,516
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	11,778	-	(4,146)	(4,993)	2,639
General	9,751	17,468	(8,731)	-	18,488
	<u>176,242</u>	<u>17,968</u>	<u>(77,452)</u>	<u>(68,240)</u>	<u>48,518</u>
Total funds	<u>122,117</u>	<u>17,968</u>	<u>(122,182)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,689</u>

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	3,002	-	3,002
Current assets	48,060	47,828	95,888
Creditors due within one year	(18,695)	-	(18,695)
Total	32,367	47,828	80,195

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	4,808	-	4,808
Current assets	27,816	48,518	76,334
Creditors due within one year	(15,453)	-	(15,453)
Total	17,171	48,518	65,689

15. Related party transactions

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in either the current or previous year.

Accounts

Registered number: 06848897
Charity number: 1137278

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

Trustees	Jamie Allen, Chairman (resigned 30 June 2021) Jane Jones, Chair (appointed 28 June 2021) Sian Colley, Trustee (resigned 1 October 2020) Daniel North, Trustee (resigned 31 August 2021) Gloria Barker, Trustee (resigned 28 May 2021) Alison Benjamin, Trustee (resigned 30 June 2021) Luke Blair, Trustee Clare Marshall-Hardy, Trustee (appointed 1 September 2021)
Company registered number	06848897
Charity registered number	1137278
Registered office	351 Southwark Park Road London SE16 2JW
Accountants and Independent Examiner	Martin Bailey FCA Goodman Jones LLP Chartered Accountants 29/30 Fitzroy Square London W1T 6LQ
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ Cooperative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

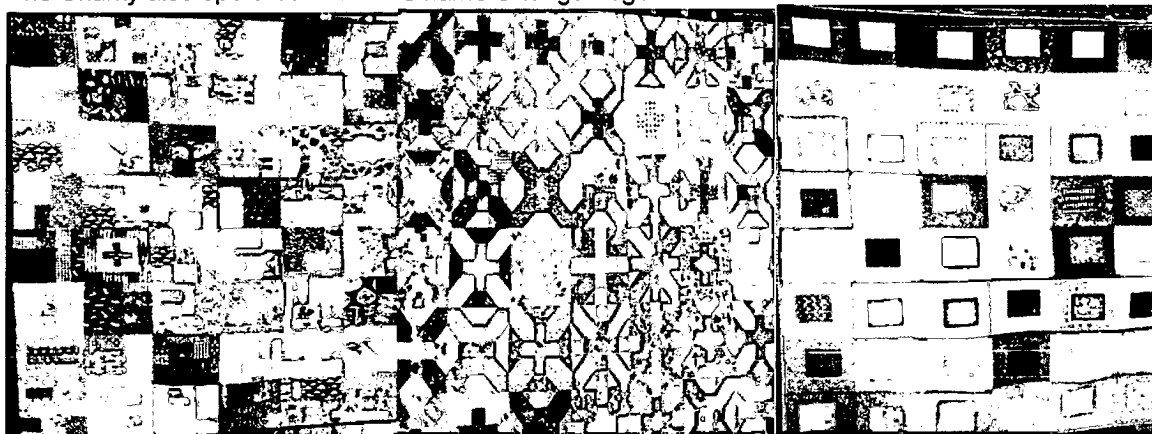
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

The Trustees present their Annual Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2021. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Charity qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic Report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

The Charity also operates under the name Siblings Together



Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to relieve the needs of children and care leavers who have been affected by separation from their siblings as a result of being in the care system, kinship care, or adoption.

This is done through the provision of education, recreation, and joint activities for sibling groups to take part in together, including supporting children and care leavers through mentoring and undertaking activities to promote sibling contact for looked-after children and care leavers. This also includes carrying out, collating and disseminating research into the effects of the care system, kinship care and adoption on sibling groups.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

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b. Review of the year

Over 80,000 children are currently residing in local authority care across England and Wales, an increase of almost 2% since our last report. It is estimated that more than 60% of children continue to be placed separately from their brothers and sisters, with the scarcity of suitable placements for sibling groups cited as the main reason for this, despite significant evidence which supports keeping siblings together in order to reduce the trauma associated with entering the care system. The mental and emotional health and wellbeing of siblings is a crucially protective factor if all contact and relationships can run smoothly and their lives can manage the ongoing stress filled lives they are living.

For almost twelve years, Siblings Together has worked tirelessly to find best ways to reunite separated siblings in care through a range of innovative programs facilitating sibling contact, including residential camps, monthly activity days and creative workshops and retreats. We also work closely with children's services to ensure they are fully informed to take great care before they separate siblings. We are considered the UK's leading voice on issues around sibling separation for looked-after children, with the charity being placed at the forefront in promoting the 'rights of looked after children' to have regular and meaningful contact with their siblings.

We strive to promote best practice for the care and well-being of looked-after children and care leavers during their time in care and beyond, engaging widely with policy makers/ relevant stakeholders to advance policies and practices which support children's rights to maintain sibling relationships and preserve their sense of belonging and family identity. During 2020-21 we have been having some discussions with Ofsted and other organisations to look at partnering with them in delivering training to their inspectorate around the needs and rights of looked-after siblings, although this is yet to take place due to restrictions so far.

During 2020/21 we put together a variety of services to deliver the great siblings work involved with our volunteers and increasingly small team, trying to respond the best we can and offer high quality sibling time together and re-building relationships. The continued restrictions during Covid 19 have placed the charity in an incredibly challenging position trying to constantly keep abreast with the work we really want to do and what we would like to achieve with limited means also. At times our team have been saddened to know children are gradually losing their connections. We try to adapt to all situations but were sometimes unable to act as we would wish which was the situation for all in charity organisations across the sector.

Despite the massive challenges of this Covid 19 pandemic we managed to construct and maintain some highly positive connections which continued in a variety of forms within young people's foster homes, and communication remains as positive an experience as always.

As a small charity with limited resources, we have faced the hardest times ever. We have struggled to a great extent in keeping everything afloat, yet we have managed to do just this by re-thinking our work plans in order to face new challenges coming our way.

Our volunteers continued to be there for us keeping things going. We are always hopeful that things may one day return to normal in these unknown times, but until such time we have had to be very resourceful and imaginative in helping keep things moving and offering continuity the best we possibly could. We planned and sent out art packages to experienced students who remained isolated in their flats and halls of residences. We continued to be there to run a number of online groups and social media events via twitter and facebook. Our Twitter account grew from 3,000 to 8,000 people following so in fact we were reaching a great many people in so many different areas. Even if we were unable to run a camp, for example, we would be reminding carers and social workers the importance of continued contact, even online. Many children were getting many online appointments but made time for their siblings.

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Objectives and activities (continued)



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Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Highlights from 2020/21

Monthly Activity Days

During 2020-21, our Monthly Activity Days Programme attempted to continue. Dates for starting these were ever changing; we simply wanted to take the step forward again to represent sibling families, to have direct quality family contact with their brothers and sister at our activity days, but this was very much out of the question, most of the time this was simply not possible.

Through a variety of child-centred, fun activities, we enabled the children to develop and strengthen their sibling relationships and sense of family identity. Online they wanted to play games and these developed into regular challenges.

The children and young people have been integral to planning the monthly activity days, or new skills/interests they wished to learn with their siblings. There has been sadly very few occasions where we could bring children together due to severe restrictions. We continued online contact for as long as we possibly could, two staff were furloughed as a support measure offered by the government. One member of our team became unwell, with children at home she also found it hugely difficult to continue under these conditions. Eventually we lost this member of staff yet live in hope that one day she will return to join the team.

Impact of Covid 19

During the last part of 2020, the MADs programme was forced to cease providing in-person support when the government imposed the first national lockdown in March 2020. Realising the potential for siblings to become quickly estranged without regular contact, we recognised the increased uncertainty, anxiety, and stress the children were now experiencing as a result of the lockdown, including the potential of the crisis to trigger previous traumatic memories for some children. We felt it imperative to ensure family links were maintained as much as possible.

Having previously risk-assessed the additional challenges in taking contact support online, we updated our safeguarding policy for online safety when working with children, we provided additional training to staff and volunteers through the NSPCC's Keeping Children Safe online programme. With the creation of a new Behaviour Code for the children coming together online, in April offering weekly contact support sessions for individual family groups, through the online platform Zoom.

Our Volunteers age ranging from 21 – 84 years of age

Siblings Together volunteers play a vital role in supporting the staff who deliver our contact support programmes. We were once actively supported by approx. 170 volunteers, at Activity Days, Residential Camps, Care Leaver Retreats/Workshops or making quilts and preparing online resources.

Volunteers come forward from a vastly diverse range of backgrounds, bringing a wide range of skills and talents in supporting the children. They bring enthusiasm, passion and fun to everything they do, boosting the children's confidence to learn new skills, willingness to cooperate, develop stronger sibling bonds etc. They serve as highly positive role models for the children and young people and we cannot speak highly enough of the contribution they make to the charity. Such is their dedication and commitment, they have all been able to rise well to the challenge of now supporting us in an online capacity, after undertaking the requisite additional training. Some have even volunteered to provide additional support, writing letters to the children, which the charity has been able to safely facilitate using a 'Letterbox' process with Siblings Together acting as intermediary in forwarding on letters between volunteers and children.

Our funding during 2020/21 has shown a significant slowdown. One skilled member of our staff took a long period of sick leave prior to leaving the charity for a new post elsewhere, which, given our situation, put a great deal of pressure on the existing team. Another member of the team had been on long term furlough, we were struggling to keep things going from distant locations and yet we were positive that things may one day return to

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some normality for the charity. It really had been yet another terrible year in a number of aspects, for our charity and for our ability to achieve a vision of what we had set out to do.

We continued to keep hopeful, dedicate our energy and focus upon the fundraising side of our work which was getting distinctly more difficult. Many funders had closed down their services, we were in uncharted waters, but our small team continued to plan and keep going. Knowing also that we would soon be forced to leave our office base in the near future, pressure was mounting for us to secure a new base. We had begun looking for a new office space in the midst of a pandemic, prices were sky high as we are located centrally. Thankfully those who had given funds had agreed we could use for core funding for us to keep operating in the hope of seeing a way through, maintaining the charity stability and staff as best we could. The CEO, Operations and finance continued to work through this period.



Quilters/Quilts

The upside to the pandemic has certainly been the case that we have amazingly continued to receive a never ending flow of quilts arriving at our charity daily. This has proven to be a positive avenue for us to keep in constant direct contact with carer and children as well as young care leavers by reaching out to them with these incredible handmade gifts. The number of quilts doubled during this year and I believe over 200 were posted out. People also fundraised for the postage costs to help us achieve this.

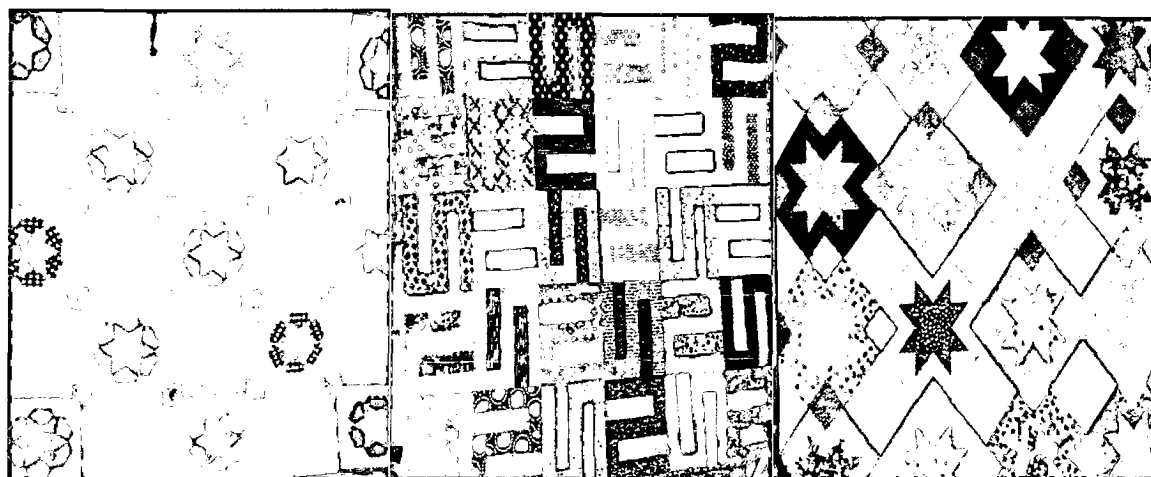
Many young isolated younger care leavers connected with us and again the quilts acted as a really positive bridge in communication and showing that we, as a charity, care for the welfare and wanted to try assist wherever we possibly could. People were requesting quilts for their siblings too; it gave them an positive excuse to meet and to gift something which held a great positive meaning for them as a family.

We held talks with BBC producers who were looking at doing a programme about siblings, we spent many hours on the phone sharing our work our ideas and the reasons why we began this journey. We do not put forward young people for such programmes directly as we are often requested, we choose to protect overall, in fact we are extremely protective of young people in these situations which is our stance.

The quilters have shown themselves to be incredibly resilient and hugely determined. Despite the pandemic they have continued on, offering comfort to many dozens of the young people we came in contact with. Over the year the quilts were at the very heart of all we were doing and achieving.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Our goal continues to be improving funding levels year on year so that we can continue to extend our reach to those whom could benefit from our programs.

Post Covid 19, fundraising remains extremely challenging. We continue to consider new sources of fundraising, as well as maintaining relationships with our existing funders.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy of aiming to maintain reserves equal to approximately 4 months of running costs, which would equate to roughly £60k. Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date were £17k (2020: deficit of £54k). Rebuilding free reserves is a priority for the Trustees. The Charity is grateful to those funders that provided unrestricted funding in the year, and to those that allowed restricted funds to be used for other purposes when Covid 19 impacted the specific projects the funds were aimed at.

Restricted funds at the balance sheet date were £48,518 (2020: 176,242).

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Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Siblingstogether Limited is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The organisational structure is headed by the Board of Trustees which determines strategy and policy. Implementation of such policies and operational plans is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and her staff. Staff execute policy decisions in close consultation with the Trustees. Staff are delegated authority for the day to day management of Siblings Together's projects, campaigning and fundraising activities. The Charity works in close co-operation with other reputable organisations and charities with similar objectives.

d. Remuneration policy

The Board of Trustees aim to pay staff a fair salary that is competitive within the charity sector and proportionate to the complexity of each role. The Trustees are responsible in line with our charitable objectives based on the following principle:

- Pay our staff an appropriate salary to attract and retain people with the leadership, experience knowledge and skills required to lead the transformation we are undergoing.

An annual review of salaries will be undertaken by the Chief Executive, which will take into consideration the rate of inflation over the year and the availability of funds to Siblings Together.

e. Risk management

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

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Plans for future periods

As a milestone year in the Charity's development, 2020 represented a golden opportunity to use its 10th anniversary as a means of raising awareness about the Charity's mission and vision. Whilst the Covid 19 pandemic has delayed the launch of these events, we look forward to being able to initiate plans as we progress through the coming year and hold 'belated' anniversary events.

The Charity's goals continue to be to increase the effectiveness with which we utilise communications technology to better support online delivery of our services.

One of the Charity's goals for 2020/21 was to recruit new trustees with the relevant skills to support the existing Board in realising its strategic aims. This has been achieved, with the recruitment of new trustees whose professional skills and experience will be instrumental to supporting the Charity's growth over the coming year. However, we are constantly on the look out for individuals to join our Board and provide us with the benefit of their valuable, skills, experience, and desire.

Over the coming year our team hope to find the funds to recruit the workers for the MADs etc, alongside our desire to be able to take the Buddying forward as we have had this on our horizon for some time now. We hope to be in further discussions with one or two charities who so far seem an ideal match for us regarding bringing siblings together for holiday camps.

The Charity has always conducted an Equestrian day with ponies and horses, but we will be looking at how we could create a holiday that would be relationship enhancing using these safe and well-behaved ponies. Pretty much all our children have taken to this equine experience with huge enthusiasm and with amazing memories build into these fantastic experiences.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jane L Jones
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Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 07-04-22

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Siblingstogether Limited ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I 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 Charity 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.

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

Signed: *Martin Bailey*

Dated: 07-04-22

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	40,586	17,968	58,554	154,272
Charitable activities	5	-	-	-	23,225
Other trading activities		7,200	-	7,200	2,286
Investments	6	-	-	-	890
Total income		47,786	17,968	65,754	180,673
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		11,768	-	11,768	11,865
Charitable activities	7	32,962	77,452	110,414	166,896
Total expenditure		44,730	77,452	122,182	178,761
Net income/(expenditure)		3,056	(59,484)	(56,428)	1,912
Transfers between funds	14	68,240	(68,240)	-	-
Net movement in funds		71,296	(127,724)	(56,428)	1,912
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		(54,125)	176,242	122,117	120,205
Net movement in funds		71,296	(127,724)	(56,428)	1,912
Total funds carried forward		17,171	48,518	65,689	122,117

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	4,808	2,416
		<u>4,808</u>	<u>2,416</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	15,031	25,967
Cash at bank and in hand		61,303	109,453
		<u>76,334</u>	<u>135,420</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(15,453)	(15,719)
Net current assets		<u>60,881</u>	<u>119,701</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>65,689</u>	<u>122,117</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>65,689</u>	<u>122,117</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>65,689</u></u>	<u><u>122,117</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	48,518	176,242
Unrestricted funds	14	17,171	(54,125)
Total funds		<u><u>65,689</u></u>	<u><u>122,117</u></u>

The Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Jane L Jones
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Jane Jones
Chair

Date: 07-04-22

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

SiblingsTogether Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 351 Southwark Park Road, London, SE16 2JW.

The activities of the Charity are set out in the Trustees' Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The Charity's functional currency is sterling. All figures in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

2.3 Going concern

The Charity is reliant upon public donations and events have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Charity made use of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during both this and the previous reporting period. The Trustees continue to prioritise fundraising and in particular for unrestricted funds. After making appropriate enquiries and after considering the future plans of the Charity, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

2.4 Fund accounting

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income

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

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.7 Expenditure

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

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and in relation to overall management of the Charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Charity's educational operations, including supporting costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, .

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	-	20%
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2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

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

2.13 Pensions

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

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	40,586	17,968	58,554	154,272
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>40,390</u>	<u>113,882</u>	<u>154,272</u>	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Contribution from local authorities	-	-	23,225
<i>Total 2020</i>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>23,225</u>	

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Investment income	-	-	890
<i>Total 2020</i>	890	890	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Charitable activities	32,962	77,452	110,414	166,896
<i>Total 2020</i>	113,588	53,308	166,896	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Charitable activities	105,773	4,641	110,414	166,896
<i>Total 2020</i>	163,182	3,714	166,896	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Staff costs	92,171	118,402
Food	1,475	5,204
Travel and subsistence	-	3,984
Activities	28	13,532
Venue hire	-	7,986
Materials	144	1,197
Rent	6,343	6,274
Insurance	1,441	1,713
Printing, postage and stationery	553	859
Training	-	540
Bank charges	155	125
Staff entertainment	-	74
Computer software	2,418	2,127
Sundry	47	275
Professional fees	998	890
	<u>105,773</u>	<u>163,182</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Depreciation	2,541	1,554
Accountancy	832	-
Independent examiner's fees	1,268	2,160
	<u>4,641</u>	<u>3,714</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	86,238	109,565
Social security costs	4,071	6,510
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	1,862	2,327
	92,171	118,402

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

2021	2020
No.	No.
4	3

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2020	7,770
Additions	4,933
At 31 May 2021	<u>12,703</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 June 2020	5,354
Charge for the year	2,541
At 31 May 2021	<u>7,895</u>
Net book value	
At 31 May 2021	<u>4,808</u>
At 31 May 2020	<u>2,416</u>

12. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	2,553	6,309
Other debtors	-	94
Prepayments and accrued income	12,478	19,564
	<u>15,031</u>	<u>25,967</u>

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	787	3,505
Other taxation and social security	1,245	-
Other creditors	311	413
Accruals and deferred income	13,110	11,801
	15,453	15,719

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 May 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	(54,125)	47,786	(44,730)	68,240	17,171
Restricted funds					
Camps	62,747	500	-	(63,247)	-
MADS	83,091	-	(64,575)	-	18,516
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,491	-	-	-	5,491
Creative Connections	11,778	-	(4,146)	(4,993)	2,639
General	9,751	17,468	(8,731)	-	18,488
	<u>176,242</u>	<u>17,968</u>	<u>(77,452)</u>	<u>(68,240)</u>	<u>48,518</u>
Total funds	<u>122,117</u>	<u>65,754</u>	<u>(122,182)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,689</u>

Siblings Together seeks funding for both restricted activities centred on our key activities such as residential camps and monthly activity days, and for core funding allowing for the development of new projects and the running of the Charity. If restricted funding doesn't fully cover the costs of specific project activities a transfer is made from core funding to ensure that they are fully funded.

Transfers from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represent monies received from funders originally for specific purposes but that were unrestricted by the funders during the Covid 19 pandemic to enable the Charity to use these funds to cover core costs.

The transfer between the Camps restricted fund and unrestricted funds represents a reclassification of staff costs originally allocated to unrestricted funds but that related to the Camps project.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	6,349	42,979	(125,453)	22,000	(54,125)
Restricted funds					
Camps	44,683	45,299	(22,235)	(5,000)	62,747
MADS	54,596	50,890	(22,395)	-	83,091
Questors	3,384	-	-	-	3,384
Buddying	5,214	300	(23)	-	5,491
Creative Connections	5,938	31,495	(8,655)	(17,000)	11,778
General	41	9,710	-	-	9,751
	<u>113,856</u>	<u>137,694</u>	<u>(53,308)</u>	<u>(22,000)</u>	<u>176,242</u>
Total funds	<u>120,205</u>	<u>137,694</u>	<u>(178,761)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,117</u>

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	4,808	-	4,808
Current assets	27,816	48,518	76,334
Creditors due within one year	(15,453)	-	(15,453)
Total	17,171	48,518	65,689

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,416	-	2,416
Current assets	(40,822)	176,242	135,420
Creditors due within one year	(15,719)	-	(15,719)
Total	(54,125)	176,242	122,117

16. Related party transactions

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were no transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in either the current or previous year.