

ACCESS DORSET LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1142171

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07384409
Registered	2011-05-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ESTABLISH A CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING IN DORSET WHICH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ADVICE, PEER SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND TRAINING, AND GENERALLY SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND IMPROVE THEIR LIFE CHANCES.2. TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF DISABLED PEOPLE, CARERS, OLDER PEOPLE AND OTHER USERS OF SUPPORT IN DORSET, BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

Activities: Access Dorset is a member led organisation of disabled people, older people, carers and other users of support. In partnership with twenty local organisations we provide a Center for Independent Living providing information, advice, peer support and advocacy. We are currently bringing our website alive with a project that introduces peer support videos and citizen journalism online.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£148,296	£177,483	-	-
2023-09-30	£174,333	£204,401	-	-
2022-09-30	£164,801	£205,523	-	-
2021-09-30	£215,269	£196,369	-	-
2020-09-30	£226,066	£226,787	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNE HARTLAND		2023-09-22
Andrew Stephen Bule		2021-08-21
Edward Down		2023-06-20
Ian Hamilton		2023-09-22

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07384409 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024
for
Access Dorset Limited

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

Access Dorset is recognised locally and nationally by individuals and organisations as the leading user-led, pan-impairment disability rights organisation in Dorset. Through our Information and Advice Services, our Crisis Advocacy Service, our Vocational Support Services, our Community Café, our Activity Program, Training and Outreach we are in daily contact with disabled people, older people and carers who self-refer, or are referred by our partner organisations, other voluntary sector organisations and increasingly by statutory authorities.

Access Dorset's purpose as an organisation is to support and champion the lived experience of our constituents, particularly those at the margins, who are isolated because of social circumstances and whose voices are seldom heard. We do this by involving those who have lived experience in the running of our organisation, as Board Members, volunteers and staff. The majority of our Trustees are disabled people.

We are committed to the social model of disability and are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing, challenging stereotypes and empowering people to attain their full potential. As a pan-impairment organisation we strive to be inclusive and accessible to all disabled people regardless of impairment, age or any other protected characteristic.

From our base at The Bridge we think of everyone as members of the community we are creating. The people who benefit from our projects, our volunteers, our customers, our staff and our trustees are all members of our community - each of equal worth. Beyond that, some members have additional responsibilities and duties. We are adopting a therapeutic community approach in pursuing our Objectives.

Public Benefit

The Board confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All current and future activities are and will be of direct benefit to the public.

Objects

The founding members of Access Dorset adopted the following objectives which we remain committed to:

" To establish a Centre for Independent Living in Dorset which will provide information and advice, peer support, advocacy and training, and generally supporting people to live independently and improve their life chances

" To develop the capacity and skills of disabled people, carers, older people and other users of support in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society

Vision

Our vision is a community where disabled people, older people and carers, whatever their impairment type or background, have the same life chances as other people.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities

With a small team of paid employees Access Dorset is heavily dependent on a team of dedicated volunteers who support the governance, administration and activities of the charity. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities (continued)

"I really like the people at Access Dorset. Coming here gives me purpose and is enjoyable. Everyone works so hard and it's nice to be round other people because I live on my own". A

We have a core pool of 30 volunteers who are involved in a range of peer support activities, including Board Membership; Vocational Skills Projects (including our Woodwork and Gardening Groups and our Horizons Café), our Activity Program, Outreach, and our Disability Equality Consultations. We continue to deliver our Volunteer Development Program to volunteers, to ensure that their training and development needs are met. We celebrate all our volunteers' achievements on social media and with our Volunteer of the Month programme.

Most of those we support have learning disabilities and/or mental health support needs - many previously missed out on opportunities for personal development or are struggling with transition. When our beneficiaries start at The Bridge, they are often anxious, socially isolated, and lacking confidence.

"I love coming here. It feels like a family to me" M.

We have on average 80 beneficiaries attending activity at The Bridge per week. Before each new beneficiary joins our Activity Program at Access Dorset, they meet one to one with the Activity and Volunteer Lead for an informal discussion. During this meeting, the Activity and Volunteer Lead and new beneficiary will assess the individual's needs and identify a plan for meeting these needs together, using an assessment/application form as a guide.

The main needs of our beneficiaries include support in building self-confidence and self-esteem, reducing isolation, gaining experience, meeting new people, building relationships, building resilience and help in considering next steps. Other needs are either immediately apparent or emerge over time, and might include seeking re-assessment of care needs by Social Care, support around Housing, support to access welfare benefits or appeal decisions.

We receive referrals from Supported Living providers, the NHS Learning Disability Team, Social Workers and other local charities. We also have a strong relationship with YMCA's youth disability project Chatterboxes, Sheiling College, Autism Unlimited and some local schools that refer to us.

We support our beneficiaries to undergo training courses when needed, including Makaton Basics, First Aid, Adult Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Food Hygiene. We have introduced nationally accredited vocational training, for example an Entry Level Woodwork course and aim to add other courses around catering and gardening during the year. We are an approved centre with Open College Network.

Risk Management

The Board has appropriate Policies and Procedures in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. Access Dorset Staff and Trustees have worked tirelessly to keep our Covid Risk Assessments up to date and have publicised these risk assessments and current protocols to all who visit Access Dorset.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Access Dorset is delivering key services in what is an extremely challenging environment.

We are one of many charities that has been challenged by the changes to local authority spend and stiff competition for grant funding. However, Trustees and staff shared and have successfully taken forward our vision for creating a vibrant community hub and establishing an environment where local people can learn, experience, share, and support each other in maintaining an independent quality of life. We are bridging the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood, the gap between unemployment and employment and the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions. We are supporting disabled people in housing and financial crisis and taking great steps to reduce social isolation. We monitor outcomes using the Outcome Star where appropriate.

Information and Advice Service

Access Dorset's Information and Advice Service provides independent, free, peer-led support to disabled people, older people and carers. Enquiries to our service relate to a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits and financial advice
- Rights and discrimination
- Aids and adaptations in the home
- Health and self-management
- Social and leisure activities
- Community Safety
- Transport

This service currently provides telephone advice 5 days per week aimed at disabled people of all ages (and any impairment type), older people and carers. All Access Dorset staff and volunteers contribute to delivering our Information and Advice Service and each bring different areas of expertise.

Disabled people face the impact of combined cuts to care and support for independent living and welfare benefits. These cuts are having a profoundly negative impact on disabled people's independent living and participation in the wider community. Consequently, there is enormous demand for the provision of free information, advice and support. This has only increased as a result of the pandemic.

Advocacy

We have previously provided a flagship Crisis Advocacy Service for disabled people in housing, health and financial crisis. Independent evaluation highlighted this as an exceptionally successful service that supported disabled people to navigate across and between various statutory and non-statutory services, with the individual in the centre of our holistic approach to support. Although we were able to extend this service from its initial 5-year funding period, we eventually ran out of project funding. We are still routinely approached by services, including Bournemouth Hospital and Adult Social Care, hoping to refer into the service, and we continue to support some of beneficiaries through our building-based activities. Given the demand for this service we still consider it a priority to seek replacement funding to support disabled people who struggle to access more generic support.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Build/Grow/Cook

Build and Grow continues to meet two times per week, the Cook team meeting twice per week, welcoming up to 20 participants at each session.

The Grow team have formed a focus group who have made a planting calendar for the year to get the most out of the polytunnel. They continue to supply the café and Cook group with fresh organic vegetables and herbs - this year the café hardly had to buy tomatoes from the supermarket for their use over the summer.

The Cook team create a plan at the beginning of each quarter of recipes they would like to try with an emphasis on using seasonal produce, from the garden and polytunnels where possible. The team cooks up to 2 recipes each week, compiling a recipe book which they can use at home with their newly acquired skills as the weeks progress.

"I take the recipe cards and make the recipes at home. I never really used to cook a lot at home but this group gives me new ideas and I get to try new things. I cook more for myself at home now" M

The Build group has formed a focus group who are working on designing and building accessible furniture and shelving for inside the polytunnel and has taken commissions for wooden furniture and upcycling projects. They have been involved in making the suggestion box for the new Community Forum group and are happy to get involved in any of the other projects where items can be made as required. The small profits generated are reinvested in the projects allowing an element of self-sustainability and further diversity.

Four of our members have transitioned into paid employment with our support this year:

"I like to come in and take part in build group because I like working with my hands making things for other people". -D

Horizons Café and Chatty Café

The café is open four days per week, supporting three vocational training participants at a time, who rotate to gain experience in roles - taking orders, meal preparation and waiting. Members experience an increase in confidence and the development of both individual and team-working skills. We have also become an official member of the Chatty Café scheme with volunteers hosting a chatty table one day per week which is open to anyone who would like to talk to someone.

"I've just started in the café and it's hard work taking all the tea and coffee orders but I love it" R.

Art Groups & Performing Arts

We have two art sessions per week - a creative volunteer team who work on creative projects for Access Dorset such as backdrops for the drama group and signs for the garden as well as a tutored art session where the facilitator tailors sessions according to individual's abilities and interests.

Our Performing Arts group goes from strength to strength and gave a packed performance of Aladdin during the year, making their own costumes and props in collaboration with the Art Groups.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (continued)

Walking, Games and Sports

Our volunteer run walking group meet each week for a walk around a local park. Participants take it in turns to create a short quiz on a different theme which adds an element of fun and competition to the session. On their return to the Bridge they have lively board games sessions, where everyone keeps an eye on each other to make sure no-one wins by cheating!

Our weekly sports group operates both indoors in poor weather and outdoors when the weather permits. They participate in indoor bowling, Quoits and Jenga to name a few indoor activities on offer

50+

Our weekly peer led group for over 50s participate in a variety of activities together designed to provide opportunities for social interaction and reduce loneliness. Recent activities have included arts and crafts, Uno, crosswords and Sudoku, walking, chair yoga, quizzes, origami and a visit to the Bournemouth Natural Science Society.

Warm Space

We have been lucky enough to receive funding to operate an almost continuous Warm Space at the Bridge through this financial year where we have been able to provide a safe haven for vulnerable local people most affected by the cost-of-living crisis. Twice a week we opened The Bridge, for people in most need of shelter and support. There were free refreshments; a communal lunch prepared by disabled young people on work experience. There was free access to the internet, peer leisure activities and cooking on a budget group, as well as the opportunity for group learning of basic skills like budgeting and healthy eating.

Social Events

Our social events and outings programme is thriving with beneficiaries choosing activities and designing the programme. Our in-house social events have included discos, , karaoke and quiz nights and bingo and DJ evenings hosted by beneficiaries.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

Access Dorset are committed to the implementation of an ongoing Funding Strategy that recognises the need for a healthy mix of income from varied sources to ensure that the charity is not overly dependent on any one particular funding source. Our aim has been to secure a balance between core grant funding, project grant funding, enterprise, business sponsorship, fundraising initiatives and service contracts. The funding environment is currently highly competitive. We are extremely grateful to DOTS Disability for the core grant funding support that it has provided throughout the year, as well as the Trusts and Foundations that have provided both restricted and unrestricted grants to support our activities (including Lloyds Bank Foundation, Peoples Health Trust and Nationwide Building Society).

Reserves

In line with Charity Commission guidelines Access Dorset's spends income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there is a good reason not to. Access Dorset has in place stringent management accounting practices including cash flow forecasting.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy is to maintain free reserves, which have been calculated to cover costs of redundancy payments to staff and any tax liability. They also cover the cost of the office rental, which would still be due and any other outstanding monies due. These costs are currently estimated at £23,537 and are met through total funds carried forward.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy aims to build reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs.

FUTURE PLANS

Our key goals are focussed on providing support to disabled people, older people and carers so that we can enjoy the same life chances as others.

Aims

1. To continue to develop The Bridge as a vibrant community resource that provides meaningful personal development opportunities for individuals and promotes positive mental and physical wellbeing within a therapeutic community environment.
2. To secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
3. To tackle health inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions.
4. To tackle employment inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between unemployment and employment.
5. To promote independent living and provide welfare benefit support.
6. To challenge disability related hate crime/harassment.
7. To work closely with our voluntary sector partners to strengthen ourselves collectively.
8. To develop as therapeutic community where we value everyone as equal members of the community we are creating.

Objectives

1. We will seek to strengthen and widen our Activity Program at The Bridge to meet demand for meaningful personal development opportunities for individuals and promote positive mental and physical wellbeing within a therapeutic environment.
2. We will review our funding approach and explore ways of reducing our reliance on grants.
3. We will sustain our Vocational Training Opportunities, building on our accredited woodwork course to introduce further courses focused horticulture and our Community Café, providing beneficiaries with transferrable skills and confidence.
4. We will increase the capacity of the charity to meet the demand for information, advice and welfare benefit guidance. We will seek funding to re-introduce our advocacy service.
5. We will look to introduce training and individual support to help disabled and older people to be more in control of their finances and better equipped to manage their affairs digitally.
6. We will introduce new and accessible exercise opportunities for disabled and older people to support them to lead healthier lives and self-manage health conditions.
7. We will introduce new opportunities that bring together people of different backgrounds and ages to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.
8. We will value our volunteers, develop our Volunteer Development Program and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our volunteers.
9. We will continue to work in partnership with Dorset Healthwatch (who are based with us here at The Bridge) and will support increased use by other organisations and the wider community. Our objective is for The Bridge to be a place of safety and support - vibrant, enterprising, and inclusive.
10. We will build upon our previous work on tackling disability hate crime, prejudice and inequality by continuing to work in partnership with Dorset Police and other statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness and celebrate diversity and equality.
11. We will further develop our services and activities at The Bridge with stringent Performance Review and Financial Control systems in use so that the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team can easily access the information they need to secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
12. Our goals are far reaching and encompass our broad vision of supporting disabled people, carers and older people to participate more fully in society and have improved life chances. To achieve that we recognise the importance of developing joined up working relationships with a wide range of partners in the community, voluntary, statutory and business community to provide our beneficiaries with the best possible opportunities. We will continue to foster and build partnerships to achieve this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Access Dorset is a registered charity (No. 1142171) and Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 7384409) and is accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House. The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which meets the legal requirements of both those bodies.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and between Annual General Meetings meet quarterly to oversee the business of Access Dorset. New Trustees receive a package of support which includes induction, Trustee training and peer mentoring from fellow Trustees.

The rules of the charity are laid out in full in the Articles of Association. Accordingly, elections to the Board of Trustees are held annually with a third of elected Trustees retiring at each General Meeting. Membership of Access Dorset is free and open to all disabled people, older people and carers living and/or working in the shire of Dorset. Any member can stand for election to the Board and vote at the election. Trustees serve for a maximum term of three years at which stage they retire and can if they chose stand for re-election. Six partner organisations can appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees who become co-opted full members of the Board.

All trustees serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their role.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership of Access Dorset. The Charity is extremely fortunate to have Trustees from a variety of backgrounds and ages whose skills, knowledge and experience combine to help inform and guide the strategic direction of the organisation.

Staffing

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the organisation to the Chief Executive, Jonathan Waddington-Jones.

Access Dorset's staff team currently consists of 5 members of staff supported by a team of extremely committed volunteers.

Jonathan Waddington-Jones remained in post as Chief Executive. Jayne McCann (Development Manager), Kamila Gembal (Volunteer and Activity Lead), Anna Adler (Project Worker) and Karen Davies (Executive Assistant).

Risk management

The Board has appropriate Policies in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07384409 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142171

Registered office

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Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

Trustees

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Senior Management

Jonathan Waddington-Jones - Chief Executive Officer

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Dorset Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Leighton John Barnes FCCA

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26 June 2025

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	66,771	49,112	115,883	147,298
Charitable activities	5				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		25,950	-	25,950	20,703
Other trading activities	3	3,955	-	3,955	5,182
Investment income	4	2,508	-	2,508	1,150
Total		<u>99,184</u>	<u>49,112</u>	<u>148,296</u>	<u>174,333</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	4,161	-	4,161	4,830
Charitable activities	7				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		<u>121,387</u>	<u>51,935</u>	<u>173,322</u>	<u>199,571</u>
Total		<u>125,548</u>	<u>51,935</u>	<u>177,483</u>	<u>204,401</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(26,364)	(2,823)	(29,187)	(30,068)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		102,227	38,089	140,316	170,384
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>75,863</u></u>	<u><u>35,266</u></u>	<u><u>111,129</u></u>	<u><u>140,316</u></u>

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.24 Total funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	4,762	-	4,762	6,457
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,395	-	1,395	5,329
Cash at bank and in hand		101,365	75,085	176,450	133,422
		102,760	75,085	177,845	138,751
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(31,659)	(39,819)	(71,478)	(4,892)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		71,101	35,266	106,367	133,859
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		75,863	35,266	111,129	140,316
NET ASSETS		75,863	35,266	111,129	140,316
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				36,008	37,133
Designated fund				39,855	65,094
				75,863	102,227
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				35,266	38,089
TOTAL FUNDS				111,129	140,316

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Access Dorset Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

30 September 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The time of volunteers is not recognised, refer to the Trustee's annual report for more information about their contribution.

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.

Expenditure

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

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, repairs and maintenance costs, finance etc which supports the charity's activities. All support costs are deemed to relate to charitable activities, any costs related to other income methods are deemed to be immaterial.

Governance costs

Those costs incurred to meet the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charitable company. These are now shown as part of support costs due to the new reporting regulations.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in no notice bank accounts.

Creditors and provisions

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

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Grants & donations by project	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
<u>033 - Grow</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	-	-	-	7,699
Peoples Health Trust	-	-	-	7,271
BH Live	-	-	-	200
<u>038 - Build</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	-	12,500	12,500	12,680
Peoples Health Trust	-	-	-	7,271
JP Morgan	-	-	-	1,000
Car Wash	-	-	-	95
<u>040 - Cook</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	-	-	-	7,699
Peoples Health Trust	-	-	-	7,272
<u>Food & Energy</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	-	6,342	6,342	-
<u>General Core Income</u>				
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	-	-	27,250
DOTS Disability	27,164	-	27,164	58,764
Other	38,334	-	38,334	10,000
The Big Lottery Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
<u>Activities Program</u>				
Peoples Health Trust	-	11,936	11,936	-
BCP Funded Activities	716	-	716	-
Talbot Village Trust	-	8,334	8,334	-
	66,214	49,112	115,326	147,201
 General grants & donations	 557	 -	 557	 97
	66,771	49,112	115,883	147,298

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
Sales of Goods				
038 - Build	192	-	192	599
Cafe income				
031 - Enterprising Projects	3,763	-	3,763	4,583
	<u>3,955</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,955</u>	<u>5,182</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
Bank interest				
General	2,508	-	2,508	1,150
	<u>2,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,508</u>	<u>1,150</u>

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
Provision of Support services				
<u>035 - Social Events</u>				
General	934	-	934	-
<u>040 - Cook</u>				
Cooking class	1,705	-	1,705	718
<u>041 Performing Arts</u>				
Drama class	2,123	-	2,123	1,073
Shrek	50	-	50	-
Aladdin	112	-	112	-
Grease	164	-	164	-
Panto	-	-	-	420
<u>042 - Art</u>				
Art Class	1,647	-	1,647	2,812
Woodwork Class	70	-	70	-
<u>General</u>				
Room hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
<u>029 - Room Hire</u>				
Room hire	17,945	-	17,945	14,480
	25,950	-	25,950	20,703

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
Cafe purchases				
031 - Enterprising Projects	4,161	-	4,161	4,830
	4,161	-	4,161	4,830

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

**Support for disabled people, older people
and carers**

	30.09.24 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.24 Restricted funds £	30.09.24 Total funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £
Grants to Individuals				
HTC Emergency Support	-	2,439	2,439	4,404
Build & Support	-	-	-	1,220
	-	2,439	2,439	5,624
Other costs				
Staff salaries	71,803	46,310	118,113	127,853
NI contributions	5,074	-	5,074	5,143
Pensions	3,551	-	3,551	3,805
Staff expenses	228	-	228	241
Volunteer expenses	140	-	140	498
Training	1,678	-	1,678	-
Rates	1,455	-	1,455	-
Rent, room hire & storage	1,858	-	1,858	1,858
Telephone	4,284	-	4,284	2,151
Print, post & stationery	1,981	-	1,981	1,812
Light & heat	3,886	-	3,886	4,108
Computers & I.T.	2,172	-	2,172	2,135
Repairs & renewals	7,064	-	7,064	5,751
Insurance	2,015	-	2,015	2,046
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	2,440
Sessional workers	2,225	-	2,225	2,141
Hospitality	-	-	-	425
Cleaning and laundry	3,186	3,186	6,372	8,324
Sundry	619	-	619	268
Depreciation	1,975	-	1,975	20,026
	115,194	49,496	164,690	191,025
Governance				
Accountancy fees	1,374	-	1,374	1,248
Legal & professional fees	3,250	-	3,250	275
Bank charges	84	-	84	146
Admin & secretarial	-	-	-	254
Insurance & bookkeepers fees	1,485	-	1,485	999
	6,193	-	6,193	2,922
	121,387	51,935	173,322	199,571

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,975	20,026
	<u>1,975</u>	<u>20,026</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	147,298	-	147,298
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	20,703	-	20,703
Other trading activities	5,182	-	5,182
Investment income	1,150	-	1,150
Total	<u>174,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,333</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,830	-	4,830
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	126,019	73,552	199,571
Total	<u>130,849</u>	<u>73,552</u>	<u>204,401</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	43,484	(73,552)	(30,068)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	58,743	111,641	170,384

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	102,227	38,089	140,316

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2023	99,034	15,126	13,308	127,468
Additions	-	-	280	280
At 30 September 2024	99,034	15,126	13,588	127,748
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2023	98,402	9,952	12,657	121,011
Charge for year	633	1,035	307	1,975
At 30 September 2024	99,035	10,987	12,964	122,986
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2024	(1)	4,139	624	4,762
At 30 September 2023	632	5,174	651	6,457

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
Trade debtors	397	437
Other debtors	998	892
Accrued income	-	4,000
	1,395	5,329

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	(1)
Social security and other taxes	1,832	1,835
Accrued expenses	3,160	3,058
Deferred grant income	66,486	-
	<u>71,478</u>	<u>4,892</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,133	(1,125)	36,008
Designated fund	65,094	(25,239)	39,855
	<u>102,227</u>	<u>(26,364)</u>	<u>75,863</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	38,089	(2,823)	35,266
	<u>140,316</u>	<u>(29,187)</u>	<u>111,129</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,264	(5,389)	(1,125)
Designated fund	94,920	(120,159)	(25,239)
	<u>99,184</u>	<u>(125,548)</u>	<u>(26,364)</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	49,112	(51,935)	(2,823)
	<u>148,296</u>	<u>(177,483)</u>	<u>(29,187)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,952	(17,819)	37,133
Designated fund	3,791	61,303	65,094
	58,743	43,484	102,227
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	111,641	(73,552)	38,089
TOTAL FUNDS	170,384	(30,068)	140,316

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,448	(20,267)	(17,819)
Designated fund	171,885	(110,582)	61,303
	174,333	(130,849)	43,484
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	(73,552)	(73,552)
TOTAL FUNDS	174,333	(204,401)	(30,068)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,952	(18,944)	36,008
Designated fund	3,791	36,064	39,855
	58,743	17,120	75,863
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	111,641	(76,375)	35,266
TOTAL FUNDS	170,384	(59,255)	111,129

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,712	(25,656)	(18,944)
Designated fund	266,805	(230,741)	36,064
	273,517	(256,397)	17,120
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	49,112	(125,487)	(76,375)
TOTAL FUNDS	322,629	(381,884)	(59,255)

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

AE Simpson, LM Brooks, CL King, Trustees and J Waddington-Jones, CEO, are also directors of DOTS Disability Community Interest Company.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	2	1
Donations	556	97
Grants	115,325	147,200
	115,883	147,298
Other trading activities		
Sale of goods	192	599
Cafe income	3,763	4,583
	3,955	5,182
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,508	1,150
Charitable activities		
Provision of support services	6,805	5,023
Room hire	19,145	15,680
	25,950	20,703
Total incoming resources		
	148,296	174,333
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cafe expenditure	4,161	4,830
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries	118,113	127,853
NI contributions	5,074	5,143
Pensions	3,551	3,805
Staff expenses	228	241
Volunteer expenses	140	498
Training costs	1,678	-
Rates	1,455	-
Rent, room hire and storage	1,858	1,858
Telephone	4,284	2,151
Print, postage and stationery	1,981	1,812
Light & heat	3,886	4,108
Computers & I.T.	2,172	2,135
Carried forward	144,420	149,604

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	144,420	149,604
Repairs and renewals	7,064	5,751
Insurance	2,015	2,046
Consultancy fees	-	2,440
Hospitality costs	-	425
Sessional workers	2,225	2,141
Laundry and cleaning	6,372	8,324
Sundry	619	268
Improvements to property	633	18,412
Fixtures and fittings	1,035	1,294
Computer equipment	307	320
Grants to individuals	2,439	5,624
	167,129	196,649
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,374	1,248
Bank charges	84	146
Legal & professional	3,250	275
Insurance and bookkeeper fees	1,485	999
Human resources	-	254
	6,193	2,922
Total resources expended	177,483	204,401
Net expenditure	(29,187)	(30,068)

ACCESS DORSET LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1142171

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07384409 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2023
for
Access Dorset Limited

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

Access Dorset is recognised locally and nationally by individuals and organisations as the leading user-led, pan-impairment disability rights organisation in Dorset. Through our Information and Advice Services, our Crisis Advocacy Service, our Vocational Support Services, our Community Café, our Activity Program, Training and Outreach we are in daily contact with disabled people, older people and carers who self-refer, or are referred by our partner organisations, other voluntary sector organisations and increasingly by statutory authorities.

Access Dorset's purpose as an organisation is to support and champion the lived experience of our constituents, particularly those at the margins, who are isolated because of social circumstances and whose voices are seldom heard. We do this by involving those who have lived experience in the running of our organisation, as Board Members, volunteers and staff. The majority of our Trustees are disabled people.

We are committed to the social model of disability and are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing, challenging stereotypes and empowering people to attain their full potential. As a pan-impairment organisation we strive to be inclusive and accessible to all disabled people regardless of impairment, age or any other protected characteristic.

From our base at The Bridge we think of everyone as members of the community we are creating. The people who benefit from our projects, our volunteers, our customers, our staff and our trustees are all members of our community - each of equal worth. Beyond that, some members have additional responsibilities and duties. We are adopting a therapeutic community approach in pursuing our Objectives.

Public Benefit

The Board confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All current and future activities are and will be of direct benefit to the public.

Objects

The founding members of Access Dorset adopted the following objectives which we remain committed to:

- to establish a Centre for Independent Living in Dorset which will provide information and advice, peer support, advocacy and training, and generally supporting people to live independently and improve their life chances
- to develop the capacity and skills of disabled people, carers, older people and other users of support in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society

Vision

Our vision is a community where disabled people, older people and carers, whatever their impairment type or background, have the same life chances as other people.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities

With a small team of paid employees Access Dorset is heavily dependent on a team of dedicated volunteers who support the governance, administration and activities of the charity. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities (continued)

"Being part of the woodwork group was such a boost for me, even though it was for a short time. I had barely left my house after the pandemic and then being welcomed into this lovely community gave me the confidence to get out and find paid work for the first time in three years". -D

We have a core pool of 30 volunteers who are involved in a range of peer support activities, including Board Membership; Vocational Skills Projects (including our Woodwork and Gardening Groups and our Horizons Café), our Activity Program, Outreach, and our Disability Equality Consultations. We continue to deliver our Volunteer Development Program to volunteers, to ensure that their training and development needs are met. We celebrate all our volunteers' achievements on social media and with our Volunteer of the Month programme.

Most of those we support have learning disabilities and/or mental health support needs - many previously missed out on opportunities for personal development or are struggling with transition. When our beneficiaries start at The Bridge, they are often anxious, socially isolated, and lacking confidence.

"When I first came here a few months ago I could barely walk through the door, I was so anxious. You've made me feel so welcome, it's lovely community" M.

We have on average 75 beneficiaries attending activity at The Bridge per week. Before each new beneficiary joins our Activity Program at Access Dorset, they meet one to one with the Activity and Volunteer Co-ordinator for an informal discussion. During this meeting, the co-ordinator and new beneficiary will assess the individual's needs and identify a plan for meeting these needs together, using an assessment/application form as a guide.

The main needs of our beneficiaries include support in building self-confidence and self-esteem, reducing isolation, gaining experience, meeting new people, building relationships, building resilience and help in considering next steps. Other needs are either immediately apparent or emerge over time, and might include seeking re-assessment of care needs by Social Care, support around Housing, support to access welfare benefits or appeal decisions.

We receive referrals from Supported Living providers, the NHS Learning Disability Team, Social Workers and other local charities. We also have a strong relationship with YMCA's youth disability project Chatterboxes, Sheiling College and some local schools that refer to us.

We support our beneficiaries to undergo training courses, including Makaton Basics, First Aid, Adult Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Food Hygiene. We have introduced nationally accredited vocational training, for example an Entry Level Woodwork course and aim to add Horticulture Skills later in the year. We are an approved centre with Open College Network.

Risk Management

The Board has appropriate Policies and Procedures in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. Access Dorset Staff and Trustees have worked tirelessly to keep our Covid Risk Assessments up to date with a rapidly changing environment and have publicised these risk assessments and current protocols to all who visit Access Dorset.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Access Dorset is delivering key services in what is an extremely challenging environment.

We are one of many charities that has been challenged by the changes to local authority spend and stiff competition for grant funding. However, Trustees and staff shared and have successfully taken forward our vision for creating a vibrant community hub and establishing an environment where local people can learn, experience, share, and support each other in maintaining an independent quality of life. We are bridging the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood, the gap between unemployment and employment and the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions. We are supporting disabled people in housing and financial crisis and taking great steps to reduce social isolation. We monitor outcomes using the Outcome Star where appropriate.

Information and Advice Service

Access Dorset's Information and Advice Service provides independent, free, peer-led support to disabled people, older people and carers. Enquiries to our service relate to a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits and financial advice
- Rights and discrimination
- Aids and adaptations in the home
- Health and self-management
- Social and leisure activities
- Community Safety
- Transport

This service currently provides telephone advice 5 days per week aimed at disabled people of all ages (and any impairment type), older people and carers. All Access Dorset staff and volunteers contribute to delivering our Information and Advice Service and each bring different areas of expertise.

Disabled people face the impact of combined cuts to care and support for independent living and welfare benefits. These cuts are having a profoundly negative impact on disabled people's independent living and participation in the wider community. Consequently, there is enormous demand for the provision of free information, advice and support. This has only increased as a result of the pandemic.

Advocacy

For the past 7 years we have provided a flagship Crisis Advocacy Service for disabled people in housing, health and financial crisis. Independent evaluation highlighted this as an exceptionally successful service that supported disabled people to navigate across and between various statutory and non-statutory services, with the individual in the centre of our holistic approach to support. Although we were able to extend this service from its initial 5-year funding period, we eventually ran out of project funding. We are still routinely approached by services, including Bournemouth Hospital and Adult Social Care, hoping to refer into the service, and we continue to support some of beneficiaries through our building-based activities. Given the demand for this service we still consider it a priority to seek replacement funding to support disabled people who struggle to access more generic support.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Build/Grow/Cook

Build and Grow continues to meet three times per week, the Cook team meeting once per week, welcoming up to 20 participants at each session.

"I love volunteering in the Build and Grow project - it is awesome. I'm humbled if I have perhaps made some small difference to the project but the difference in my life has been huge; the skills I have gained here in relating to people will follow me for my whole life. I only wish I could volunteer here every day". -E

The Grow team have formed a focus group who have made a planting calendar for the year to get the most out of the polytunnels. They continue to supply the café and Cook group with fresh organic vegetables and herbs - a large crop of carrots which was made into a beautiful carrot cake is one example.

The Cook team create a plan at the beginning of each quarter of recipes they would like to try with an emphasis on using seasonal produce, from the garden and polytunnels where possible. The team cooks a recipe each week, compiling a recipe book which they can use at home with their newly acquired skills as the weeks progress.

The Build group has formed a focus group who are working on designing and building accessible furniture and shelving for inside the polytunnel and has taken commissions for wooden furniture and upcycling projects. They also recently designed and built a large work bench which they can move around. The small profits generated are reinvested in the projects allowing an element of self-sustainability and further diversity.

Five of our members have transitioned into paid employment with our support:

"Being part of the Build group was such a boost for me, even though it was for a short time. I had barely left my house after the pandemic and then being welcomed into this lovely community gave me the confidence to get out and find paid work for the first time in three years. Thank you Access Dorset". -D

Horizons Café and Chatty Cafe

"I've been volunteering here for 3 years now - I used to always burn the toast! Now I take all the orders by myself and am looking at applying for jobs with my mum!" R

The café is now open five days per week, supporting three vocational training participants at a time, who rotate to gain experience in roles - taking orders, meal preparation and waiting. Members experience an increase in confidence and the development of both individual and team-working skills. We have also become an official member of the Chatty Café scheme with volunteers hosting a chatty table one day per week which is open to anyone who would like to talk to someone.

"You and everyone here have made me feel so welcome, it's a little family here, a lovely community. Everyone is so nice. I love it here and I really feel part of it all. I can't wait to start volunteering in the café". M

Art Groups & Performing Arts

We have two art sessions per week - a creative volunteer team who work on creative projects for Access Dorset such as backdrops for the drama group and signs for the garden as well as a tutored art session where the facilitator tailors sessions according to individual's abilities and interests.

"Two years ago I had never painted - this year one of my artworks won a prize and another one was used for a Christmas card. It's the friendly, supportive atmosphere here - it helped me find my creativity which was waiting inside. And Sharon's encouragement and tips of course!" J

Our popular Performing Arts recently wrote and choreographed their own pantomime version of Beauty and the Beast - starring Elvis of course!

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (continued)

Walking and Sports

Our volunteer run walking group meet each week for a walk around a local park. Participants take it in turn to create a short quiz on a different theme which adds an element of fun and competition to the session.

Our weekly sports group caters to a wide variety of abilities and now meets weekly year-round. Participants have tried a variety of sports including badminton, and new Olympic sport 3 x 3 football remains a firm favourite!

50+

Our weekly peer led group for over 50s participate in a variety of activities together designed to provide opportunities for social interaction and reduce loneliness. Recent activities have included arts and crafts, walking, yoga, baking, and guest speakers including representatives from local shopping centres and a solicitor who spoke about wills.

Social Events

Our social events and outings programme is thriving with beneficiaries choosing activities and designing the programme. Our in-house social events have included discos, live bands, karaoke and quiz nights and a DJ evening hosted by one of our beneficiaries. Popular outings include adventure golf, meetups at local cafés and visits to the beach.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

Access Dorset are committed to the implementation of an ongoing Funding Strategy that recognises the need for a healthy mix of income from varied sources to ensure that the charity is not overly dependent on any one particular funding source. Our aim has been to secure a balance between core grant funding, project grant funding, enterprise, business sponsorship, fundraising initiatives and service contracts. During Covid 19 emergency funding was available that has now stopped. The funding environment is now highly competitive. We are extremely grateful to DOTS Disability for the core grant funding support that it has provided throughout the year, as well as the Trusts and Foundations that have provided both restricted and unrestricted grants to support our activities (including Lloyds Bank Foundation, Peoples Health Trust and Nationwide Building Society).

Reserves

In line with Charity Commission guidelines Access Dorset's spends income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there is a good reason not to. Access Dorset has in place stringent management accounting practices including cash flow forecasting.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy is to maintain free reserves, which have been calculated to cover costs of redundancy payments to staff and any tax liability. They also cover the cost of the office rental, which would still be due and any other outstanding monies due. These costs are currently estimated at £23,537 and are met through total funds carried forward.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy aims to build reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs.

FUTURE PLANS

Our key goals are focussed on providing support to disabled people, older people and carers so that we can enjoy the same life chances as others.

Aims

1. To continue to develop The Bridge as a vibrant community resource that provides meaningful personal development opportunities for individuals and promotes positive mental and physical wellbeing within a therapeutic community environment.
2. To secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
3. To tackle health inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions.
4. To tackle employment inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between unemployment and employment.
5. To promote independent living and provide welfare benefit support.
6. To challenge disability related hate crime/harassment.
7. To work closely with our voluntary sector partners to strengthen ourselves collectively.
8. To develop as therapeutic community where we value everyone as equal members of the community we are creating.

Objectives

1. We will seek to strengthen and widen our Activity Program at The Bridge to meet demand for meaningful personal development opportunities for individuals and promote positive mental and physical wellbeing within a therapeutic environment.
2. We will review our funding approach and explore ways of reducing our reliance on grants.
3. We will sustain our Vocational Training Opportunities, building on our accredited woodwork course to introduce further courses focused horticulture and our Community Café, providing beneficiaries with transferrable skills and confidence.
4. We will increase the capacity of the charity to meet the demand for information, advice and welfare benefit guidance. We will seek funding to re-introduce our advocacy service.
5. We will look to introduce training and individual support to help disabled and older people to be more in control of their finances and better equipped to manage their affairs digitally.
6. We will introduce new and accessible exercise opportunities for disabled and older people to support them to lead healthier lives and self-manage health conditions.
7. We will introduce new opportunities that bring together people of different backgrounds and ages to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.
8. We will value our volunteers, develop our Volunteer Development Program and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our volunteers.
9. We will continue to work in partnership with Dorset Healthwatch (who are based with us here at The Bridge) and will support increased use by other organisations and the wider community. Our objective is for The Bridge to be a place of safety and support - vibrant, enterprising, and inclusive.
10. We will build upon our previous work on tackling disability hate crime, prejudice and inequality by continuing to work in partnership with Dorset Police and other statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness and celebrate diversity and equality.
11. We will further develop our services and activities at The Bridge with stringent Performance Review and Financial Control systems in use so that the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team can easily access the information they need to secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
12. Our goals are far reaching and encompass our broad vision of supporting disabled people, carers and older people to participate more fully in society and have improved life chances. To achieve that we recognise the importance of developing joined up working relationships with a wide range of partners in the community, voluntary, statutory and business community to provide our beneficiaries with the best possible opportunities. We will continue to foster and build partnerships to achieve this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Access Dorset is a registered charity (No. 1142171) and Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 7384409) and is accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House. The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which meets the legal requirements of both those bodies.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and between Annual General Meetings meet quarterly to oversee the business of Access Dorset. New Trustees receive a package of support which includes induction, Trustee training and peer mentoring from fellow Trustees.

The rules of the charity are laid out in full in the Articles of Association. Accordingly, elections to the Board of Trustees are held annually with a third of elected Trustees retiring at each General Meeting. Membership of Access Dorset is free and open to all disabled people, older people and carers living and/or working in the shire of Dorset. Any member can stand for election to the Board and vote at the election. Trustees serve for a maximum term of three years at which stage they retire and can if they chose stand for re-election. Six partner organisations can appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees who become co-opted full members of the Board.

All trustees serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their role.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership of Access Dorset. The Charity is extremely fortunate to have Trustees from a variety of backgrounds and ages whose skills, knowledge and experience combine to help inform and guide the strategic direction of the organisation.

Sadly Dave Oakley, one of our founding Trustees passed away in May 2023. He is very sadly missed by both fellow Trustees and the staff team.

Staffing

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the organisation to the Chief Executive, Jonathan Waddington-Jones.

Access Dorset's staff team currently consists of 5 members of staff supported by a team of extremely committed volunteers.

Jonathan Waddington-Jones remained in post as Chief Executive as did David Thompson (Development Manager), Jayne Robertson (Senior Volunteer and Activity Coordinator) and Karen Davies (Project Administrator). Access Dorset welcomed Anna as Project Worker and Kamila Gembal (Volunteer and Activity Coordinator),

Risk management

The Board has appropriate Policies in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07384409 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142171

Registered office

The Bridge
Chaseside
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH7 7BX

Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Trustees

L M Brooks
M D Hurst (resigned 24.1.23)
C L King
D L Oakley (deceased 8.5.23)
A E Simpson
A S Bule
R D Picken (resigned 20.6.23)
Ms A Hartland (appointed 22.9.23)
I Hamilton (appointed 22.9.23)
Mrs P Hamilton (appointed 22.9.23)
E Down (appointed 20.6.23)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

Leighton John Barnes FCCA
LJB Chartered Certified Accountants
Tax & Business Advisors
864 Christchurch Road
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH7 6DQ

Bankers

HSBC Plc, 15 High Street, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 1AF

Senior Management

Jonathan Waddington-Jones - Chief Executive Officer

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Dorset Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Leighton John Barnes FCCA

LJB Chartered Certified Accountants
Tax & Business Advisors
864 Christchurch Road
Bournemouth
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21 May 2024

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	147,298	-	147,298	136,112
Charitable activities	5				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		20,703	-	20,703	25,549
Other trading activities	3	5,182	-	5,182	3,082
Investment income	4	1,150	-	1,150	58
Total		<u>174,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,333</u>	<u>164,801</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	4,830	-	4,830	1,971
Charitable activities	7				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		<u>126,019</u>	<u>73,552</u>	<u>199,571</u>	<u>203,552</u>
Total		<u>130,849</u>	<u>73,552</u>	<u>204,401</u>	<u>205,523</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		43,484	(73,552)	(30,068)	(40,722)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		58,743	111,641	170,384	211,106
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>102,227</u></u>	<u><u>38,089</u></u>	<u><u>140,316</u></u>	<u><u>170,384</u></u>

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.23 Total funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	6,457	-	6,457	26,483
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	5,329	-	5,329	7,702
Cash at bank and in hand		95,333	38,089	133,422	139,284
		<u>100,662</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>138,751</u>	<u>146,986</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,892)	-	(4,892)	(3,085)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>95,770</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>133,859</u>	<u>143,901</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>102,227</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>140,316</u>	<u>170,384</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>102,227</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>140,316</u>	<u>170,384</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				37,133	54,952
Designated fund				65,094	3,791
				<u>102,227</u>	<u>58,743</u>
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				38,089	111,641
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>140,316</u>	<u>170,384</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Access Dorset Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

30 September 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The time of volunteers is not recognised, refer to the Trustee's annual report for more information about their contribution.

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.

Expenditure

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

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, repairs and maintenance costs, finance etc which supports the charity's activities. All support costs are deemed to relate to charitable activities, any costs related to other income methods are deemed to be immaterial.

Governance costs

Those costs incurred to meet the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charitable company. These are now shown as part of support costs due to the new reporting regulations.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in no notice bank accounts.

Creditors and provisions

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Grants & donations by project	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
<u>033 - Grow</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	7,699	-	7,699	-
Peoples Health Trust	7,271	-	7,271	-
BH Live	200	-	200	-
<u>038 - Build</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	12,680	-	12,680	-
Peoples Health Trust	7,271	-	7,271	-
JP Morgan	1,000	-	1,000	-
Car Wash	95	-	95	-
<u>040 - Cook</u>				
Dorset Community Fund	7,699	-	7,699	-
Peoples Health Trust	7,272	-	7,272	-
<u>General Core Income</u>				
Lloyds Bank Foundation	27,250	-	27,250	25,000
DOTS Disability	58,764	-	58,764	31,900
Other	10,000	-	10,000	5,431
<u>Help Through Crisis</u>				
Nationwide Community Awards	-	-	-	37,002
The Big Lottery Fund	-	-	-	-
<u>Activities Program</u>				
Peoples Health Trust	-	-	-	13,678
DCF Neighbourhood Fund	-	-	-	4,985
DCF Living Legacy Fund	-	-	-	3,700
CIL Neighbourhood Levy	-	-	-	2,200
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	1,000
McCarthy & Stone	-	-	-	500
Lucy Blanc	-	-	-	100
Lloyds Bank Enterprise Project	-	-	-	-
Talbot Village Trust	-	-	-	-
	147,201	-	147,201	125,496
 General grants & donations	 97	 -	 97	 10,616
	147,298	-	147,298	136,112

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
Sales of Goods				
038 - Build	599	-	599	9
Cafe income				
031 - Enterprising Projects	4,583	-	4,583	3,073
	<u>5,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,182</u>	<u>3,082</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
Bank interest				
General	1,150	-	1,150	58
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150</u>	<u>58</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
Provision of Support services				
<u>035 - Social Events</u>				
Open Mic Night	-	-	-	58
<u>040 - Cook</u>				
Cooking class	718	-	718	40
<u>041 Performing Arts</u>				
Drama class	1,073	-	1,073	580
Double Act	-	-	-	2,249
Panto	420	-	420	-
<u>042 - Art</u>				
Art Class	2,812	-	2,812	1,910
<u>043 - Exercise</u>				
Exercise class	-	-	-	100
<u>General</u>				
Room hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
<u>029 - Room Hire</u>				
Room hire	14,480	-	14,480	10,182
	20,703	-	20,703	16,319
 Local Authority Service Contracts				
<u>015 - Police Consultation Service</u>				
Dorset Police	-	-	-	9,230
	-	-	-	9,230
	20,703	-	20,703	25,549

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
Cafe purchases				
031 - Enterprising Projects	4,830	-	4,830	1,971
	<u>4,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,830</u>	<u>1,971</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

**Support for disabled people, older people
and carers**

	30.09.23 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.23 Restricted funds £	30.09.23 Total funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £
Grants to Individuals				
HTC Emergency Support	4,404	-	4,404	6,173
Build & Support	-	1,220	1,220	6,457
	4,404	1,220	5,624	12,630
Other costs				
Staff salaries	56,300	71,553	127,853	127,862
NI contributions	5,143	-	5,143	5,719
Pensions	3,805	-	3,805	3,784
Staff expenses	241	-	241	15
Volunteer expenses	381	117	498	372
Training	-	-	-	608
Rates	-	-	-	114
Rent, room hire & storage	1,858	-	1,858	1,858
Telephone	2,151	-	2,151	3,296
Print, post & stationery	1,812	-	1,812	1,290
Light & heat	4,108	-	4,108	1,364
Computers & I.T.	1,628	507	2,135	2,336
Repairs & renewals	5,596	155	5,751	8,461
Insurance	2,046	-	2,046	2,114
Consultancy fees	2,440	-	2,440	850
Sessional workers	2,141	-	2,141	1,829
Hospitality	425	-	425	157
Cleaning and laundry	8,324	-	8,324	-
Sundry	268	-	268	4,944
Depreciation	20,026	-	20,026	20,507
	118,693	72,332	191,025	187,480
Governance				
Accountancy fees	1,248	-	1,248	1,218
Legal & professional fees	275	-	275	308
Bank charges	146	-	146	135
Admin & secretarial	254	-	254	287
Insurance & bookkeepers fees	999	-	999	1,494
	2,922	-	2,922	3,442
	126,019	73,552	199,571	203,552

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
Depreciation - owned assets	20,026	20,507

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	111,549	24,563	136,112
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	25,549	-	25,549
Other trading activities	3,082	-	3,082
Investment income	58	-	58
Total	140,238	24,563	164,801
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,971	-	1,971
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	125,104	78,448	203,552
Total	127,075	78,448	205,523
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	13,163	(53,885)	(40,722)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	45,580	165,526	211,106

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	58,743	111,641	170,384

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023	99,034	15,126	13,308	127,468
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2022	79,990	8,658	12,337	100,985
Charge for year	18,412	1,294	320	20,026
At 30 September 2023	98,402	9,952	12,657	121,011
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2023	632	5,174	651	6,457
At 30 September 2022	19,044	6,468	971	26,483

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
Trade debtors	437	4,941
Other debtors	892	861
Accrued income	4,000	1,900
	5,329	7,702

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	1
Social security and other taxes	1,834	1,884
Accrued expenses	3,058	1,200
	<u>4,892</u>	<u>3,085</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,952	(17,819)	37,133
Designated fund	3,791	61,303	65,094
	<u>58,743</u>	<u>43,484</u>	<u>102,227</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	111,641	(73,552)	38,089
	<u>170,384</u>	<u>(30,068)</u>	<u>140,316</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,448	(20,267)	(17,819)
Designated fund	171,885	(110,582)	61,303
	<u>174,333</u>	<u>(130,849)</u>	<u>43,484</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	(73,552)	(73,552)
	<u>174,333</u>	<u>(204,401)</u>	<u>(30,068)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,601	(8,649)	54,952
Designated fund	(18,021)	21,812	3,791
	45,580	13,163	58,743
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,526	(53,885)	111,641
TOTAL FUNDS	211,106	(40,722)	170,384

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,873	(20,522)	(8,649)
Designated fund	128,365	(106,553)	21,812
	140,238	(127,075)	13,163
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,563	(78,448)	(53,885)
TOTAL FUNDS	164,801	(205,523)	(40,722)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,601	(26,468)	37,133
Designated fund	(18,021)	83,115	65,094
	45,580	56,647	102,227
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,526	(127,437)	38,089
TOTAL FUNDS	211,106	(70,790)	140,316

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,321	(40,789)	(26,468)
Designated fund	300,250	(217,135)	83,115
	314,571	(257,924)	56,647
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,563	(152,000)	(127,437)
TOTAL FUNDS	339,134	(409,924)	(70,790)

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

AE Simpson, LM Brooks, CL King, Trustees and J Waddington-Jones, CEO, are also directors of DOTS Disability Community Interest Company.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	1	3
Donations	97	10,615
Grants	147,200	125,494
	147,298	136,112
Other trading activities		
Sale of goods	599	9
Cafe income	4,583	3,073
	5,182	3,082
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,150	58
Charitable activities		
Provision of support services	5,023	14,167
Room hire	15,680	11,382
	20,703	25,549
Total incoming resources	174,333	164,801
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cafe expenditure	4,830	1,971
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries	127,853	127,862
NI contributions	5,143	5,719
Pensions	3,805	3,784
Staff expenses	241	15
Volunteer expenses	498	372
Training costs	-	608
Rates	-	114
Rent, room hire and storage	1,858	1,858
Telephone	2,151	3,296
Print, postage and stationery	1,812	1,290
Light & heat	4,108	1,364
Computers & I.T.	2,135	2,336
Carried forward	149,604	148,618

Access Dorset Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	149,604	148,618
Repairs and renewals	5,751	8,461
Insurance	2,046	2,114
Consultancy fees	2,440	850
Hospitality costs	425	157
Sessional workers	2,141	1,829
Laundry and cleaning	8,324	-
Sundry	268	4,944
Improvements to property	18,412	18,412
Fixtures and fittings	1,294	478
Computer equipment	320	1,617
Grants to individuals	5,624	12,630
	196,649	200,110
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,248	1,218
Bank charges	146	135
Legal & professional	275	308
Insurance and bookkeeper fees	999	1,494
Human resources	254	287
	2,922	3,442
Total resources expended	204,401	205,523
Net expenditure	<u>(30,068)</u>	<u>(40,722)</u>

ACCESS DORSET LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1142171

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07384409 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142171

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2022
for
Access Dorset Limited

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

Access Dorset is recognised locally and nationally by individuals and organisations as the leading user-led, pan-impairment disability rights organisation in Dorset. Through our Information and Advice Services, our Crisis Advocacy Service, our Vocational Support Services, our Community Café, our Activity Program, Training and Outreach we are in daily contact with disabled people, older people and carers who self-refer, or are referred by our partner organisations, other voluntary sector organisations and increasingly by statutory authorities.

Access Dorset's purpose as an organisation is to support and champion the lived experience of our constituents, particularly those at the margins, who are isolated because of social circumstances and whose voices are seldom heard. We do this by involving those who have lived experience in the running of our organisation, as Board Members, volunteers and staff. As a minimum 75% of our Trustees are disabled people. Currently, all our Trustees are disabled people, older people or carers.

We are committed to the social model of disability and are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing, challenging stereotypes and empowering people to attain their full potential. As a pan-impairment organisation we strive to be inclusive and accessible to all disabled people regardless of impairment, age or any other protected characteristic.

From our base at The Bridge we think of everyone as members of the community we are creating. The people who benefit from our projects, our volunteers, our customers, our staff and our trustees are all members of our community - each of equal worth. Beyond that, some members have additional responsibilities and duties. We are adopting a Psychologically Informed Environment (PIE) approach in pursuing our Objectives.

Post Covid-19 pandemic, all of activities have returned to face-to-face delivery at The Bridge.

Public Benefit

The Board confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All current and future activities are and will be of direct benefit to the public.

Objects

The founding members of Access Dorset adopted the following objectives which we remain committed to:

- to establish a Centre for Independent Living in Dorset which will provide information and advice, peer support, advocacy and training, and generally supporting people to live independently and improve their life chances
- to develop the capacity and skills of disabled people, carers, older people and other users of support in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society

Vision

Our vision is a community where disabled people, older people and carers, whatever their impairment type or background, have the same life chances as other people.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities

With a small team of paid employees Access Dorset is heavily dependent on a team of dedicated volunteers who support the governance, administration and activities of the charity. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.

Volunteer and Beneficiary Activities (continued)

"When I came to Access Dorset, I was in a bad place. Like I was seriously low. Starting volunteering here, just being here in this beautiful atmosphere was the catalyst for a real change in my life. I'm doing really well now. I'm working in a job I really enjoy, I'm volunteering for a couple of local organisations and finding these really rewarding, but it all started at Access Dorset". -V

We have a core pool of 30 volunteers who are involved in a range of peer support activities, including Board Membership; Vocational Skills Projects (including our Build and Grow Groups and our Horizons Café), our Activity Program, Outreach, and our Disability Equality Consultations. We continue to deliver our Volunteer Development Program to volunteers, to ensure that their training and development needs are met. We celebrate all our volunteers' achievements on social media and with our Volunteer of the Month programme.

We have on average 55 beneficiaries attending activity at The Bridge per week. Before each new beneficiary joins our Activity Program at Access Dorset, they meet one to one with the Activity and Volunteer Co-ordinator for an informal discussion. During this meeting, the volunteer co-ordinator and new beneficiary will assess the individual's needs and identify a plan for meeting these needs together, using an assessment/application form as a guide, for example a recent new member joined the performing arts and art groups with the goals of meeting new people and developing self confidence and social skills. After support in goal setting and considering next steps, she is now preparing to start qualifications in health and social care.

The main needs of our beneficiaries include support in building self-confidence and self-esteem, reducing isolation, gaining experience, meeting new people, building relationships, building resilience and help in considering next steps. Other needs are either immediately apparent or emerge over time, and might include seeking re-assessment of care needs by Social Care, support around Housing, support to access welfare benefits or appeal decisions.

We receive referrals from Supported Living providers, the NHS Learning Disability Team, Social Workers and other local charities. We also have a strong relationship with YMCA's youth disability project Chatterboxes, Sheiling College and some local schools that refer to us. We also support our beneficiaries to undergo training courses, including Makaton Basics, First Aid and Adult Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Food Hygiene.

Risk Management

The Board has appropriate Policies and Procedures in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. Access Dorset Staff and Trustees have worked tirelessly to keep our Covid Risk Assessments up to date with a rapidly changing environment and have publicised these risk assessments and current protocols to all who visit Access Dorset.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Access Dorset is delivering key services in what is an extremely challenging environment.

We are one of many charities that has been challenged by the changes to local authority spend and stiff competition for grant funding. However, Trustees and staff shared and have successfully taken forward our vision for creating a vibrant community hub and establishing an environment where local people can learn, experience, share, and support each other in maintaining an independent quality of life. We are bridging the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood, the gap between unemployment and employment and the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions. We are supporting disabled people in housing and financial crisis and taking great steps to reduce social isolation. We monitor outcomes using the Outcome Star where appropriate.

Information and Advice Service

Access Dorset's Information and Advice Service provides independent, free, peer-led support to disabled people, older people and carers. Enquiries to our service relate to a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits and financial advice
- Rights and discrimination
- Aids and adaptations in the home
- Health and self-management
- Social and leisure activities
- Community Safety
- Transport

This service currently provides telephone advice 5 days per week aimed at disabled people of all ages (and any impairment type), older people and carers. All Access Dorset staff and volunteers contribute to delivering our Information and Advice Service and each bring different areas of expertise.

Disabled people face the impact of combined cuts to care and support for independent living and welfare benefits. These cuts are having a profoundly negative impact on disabled people's independent living and participation in the wider community. Consequently, there is enormous demand for the provision of free information, advice and support. This has only increased as a result of the pandemic.

Help through Crisis/ Help Home from Hospital Advocacy Service

Between 1st October 2021 and 30th September 2022 we had 36 referrals for HHH of which 28 were males and 8 females. We had 3 referrals who was over the age of 65, all the others were between 18 and 65. Referrals seem to be predominately male overall and 31 out of the 36 referrals had pre-existing mental health conditions, 2 had health conditions and 1 had dementia.

In this period, we placed 6 people into accommodation while we dealt with the stumbling blocks to them accessing accommodation through the local authority. Of those 6, 5 were accommodated by the local authority, either through their housing team or through adult social care under safeguarding legislation. 1 client disengaged with all services, including ours.

Help through Crisis/ Help Home from Hospital Advocacy Service (continued)

Over this year we have had some complex cases referred through to us and below are 2 examples:

JC - 27 year old male suffering from untreated paranoid schizophrenia. Had been living on the streets for 7 months and admitted to hospital due to psychosis. We placed him into temporary accommodation while we help him to gather the documentation necessary to verify his identity, his homelessness status and helped him to register with a doctor. Client disclosed that he had been subjected to detention through mental health sectioning legislation and medicated without his permission with first or second generation anti-psychotics, which have a number of unpleasant side effects. Due to this he refused to engage with mental health services or his GP and was self-medicating with illegal drugs. Following discussions, advice and information on new generation anti-psychotics JC registered with a doctor, requested more suitable medication and started engaging with addiction services and the local authority. With the necessary paperwork being completed and his improved engagement with services he was moved into local authority emergency accommodation and then into temporary accommodation from there where he was assigned a housing support worker. His housing support worker is supporting him to find suitable long term accommodation and he has expressed an interest in going into support work himself.

SP - 48 year old male with heart issues and severe gout. Had recently had a pacemaker fitted after being found collapsed in the street. Is a European national who had been in the country for over 5 years but due to being exploited during the time he had been here was unable to provide evidence to support his claim for settled status. As a result, he had only managed to obtain pre-settled status and had no recourse to public funds. This meant that he was unable to claim benefits or have access to housing. We helped him access accommodation through social services while safeguarding was being assessed and during that time worked with Citizen's Advice Bureau to provide the evidence of his eligibility for settled status. We also supported him while he was being interviewed by the police to investigate the exploitation and possible trafficking. He did obtain settled status and as a result has now been able to access benefits and housing.

"From personal experience, I can say what a vital service it has been for my daughter, who lives in Bournemouth, and lives with a permanent brain injury. The support of Access Dorset has been vital for her continued well-being". - S

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Build/Grow/Cook

Build and Grow continues to meet three times per week, the Cook team meeting once per week, welcoming up to 20 participants at each session.

"I love volunteering in the Build and Grow project - it is awesome. I'm humbled if I have perhaps made some small difference to the project but the difference in my life has been huge; the skills I have gained here in relating to people will follow me for my whole life. I only wish I could volunteer here every day". -E

The Grow team have formed a focus group who have made a planting calendar for the year to get the most out of the polytunnels. They continue to supply the café and Cook group with fresh organic vegetables and herbs - a large crop of carrots which was made into a beautiful carrot cake is one example.

The Cook team create a plan at the beginning of each quarter of recipes they would like to try with an emphasis on using seasonal produce, from the garden and polytunnels where possible. The team cooks a recipe each week, compiling a recipe book which they can use at home with their newly acquired skills as the weeks progress.

The Build group has formed a focus group who are working on designing and building accessible furniture and shelving for inside the polytunnel and has taken commissions for wooden furniture and upcycling projects. They also recently designed and built a large work bench which they can move around. The small profits generated are reinvested in the projects allowing an element of self-sustainability and further diversity.

Five of our members have transitioned into paid employment with our support:

"Being part of the Build group was such a boost for me, even though it was for a short time. I had barely left my house after the pandemic and then being welcomed into this lovely community gave me the confidence to get out and find paid work for the first time in three years. Thank you Access Dorset". -D

Horizons Café and Chatty Café

"I've been volunteering here for 3 years now - I used to always burn the toast! Now I take all the orders by myself and am looking at applying for jobs with my mum!" R

The café is now open five days per week, supporting three vocational training participants at a time, who rotate to gain experience in roles - taking orders, meal preparation and waiting. Members experience an increase in confidence and the development of both individual and team-working skills. We have also become an official member of the Chatty Café scheme with volunteers hosting a chatty table one day per week which is open to anyone who would like to talk to someone.

"When I first came here a few months ago I could barely walk through the door, I was so anxious. You and everyone here have made me feel so welcome, it's a little family here, a lovely community. Everyone is so nice. I love it here and I really feel part of it all. I can't wait to start volunteering in the café". M

Art Groups & Performing Arts

We have two art sessions per week - a creative volunteer team who work on creative projects for Access Dorset such as backdrops for the drama group and signs for the garden as well as a tutored art session where the facilitator tailors sessions according to individual's abilities and interests.

"Two years ago I had never painted - this year one of my artworks won a prize and another one was used for a Christmas card. It's the friendly, supportive atmosphere here - it helped me find my creativity which was waiting inside. And Sharon's encouragement and tips of course!" J

Our popular Performing Arts recently wrote and choreographed their own pantomime version of Beauty and the Beast - starring Elvis of course!

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities (continued)

Walking and Sports

Our volunteer run walking group meet each week for a walk around a local park. Participants take it in turn to create a short quiz on a different theme which adds an element of fun and competition to the session.

Our weekly sports group caters to a wide variety of abilities and now meets weekly year-round. Participants have tried a variety of sports including badminton, and new Olympic sport 3 x 3 football remains a firm favourite!

50+

Our weekly peer led group for over 50s participate in a variety of activities together designed to provide opportunities for social interaction and reduce loneliness. Recent activities have included arts and crafts, walking, yoga, baking, and guest speakers including representatives from local shopping centres and a solicitor who spoke about wills.

Social Events and Outings

Our social events and outings programme is thriving with beneficiaries choosing activities and designing the programme. Our in-house social events have included discos, live bands, karaoke and quiz nights and a DJ evening hosted by one of our beneficiaries. Popular outings include adventure golf, meetups at local cafes and visits to the beach.

Dorset Police consultation contract

Our contract with Dorset Police to provide a Strategic Disability Consultation service has been renewed on a reduced basis for a further year. This year we will be formally consulting with people with learning disabilities about their experience of dealing with the police.

Each of our consultations leads to a report with detailed recommendations. We also focused on disseminating information about community safety and promoting the reporting of hate crime.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

Access Dorset are committed to the implementation of an ongoing Funding Strategy that recognises the need for a healthy mix of income from varied sources to ensure that the charity is not overly dependent on any one particular funding source. Our aim has been to secure a balance between core grant funding, project grant funding, enterprise, business sponsorship, fundraising initiatives and service contracts. During Covid 19 emergency funding was available that has now stopped. The funding environment is now highly competitive. We are extremely grateful to DOTS Disability for the core grant funding support that it has provided throughout the year, as well as the Trusts and Foundations that have provided both restricted and unrestricted grants to support our activities (including Lloyds Bank Foundation, Peoples Health Trust and Nationwide Building Society).

Reserves Policy

In line with Charity Commission guidelines Access Dorset's spends income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there is a good reason not to. Access Dorset has in place stringent management accounting practices including cash flow forecasting.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy is to maintain free reserves, which have been calculated to cover costs of redundancy payments to staff and any tax liability. They also cover the cost of the office rental, which would still be due and any other outstanding monies due. These costs are currently estimated at £15,000 and are met through total funds carried forward.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy aims to build reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs.

FUTURE PLANS

Our key goals are focussed on providing support to disabled people, older people and carers so that we can enjoy the same life chances as others.

Aims

1. To continue to develop The Bridge as a vibrant community resource that will secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset
2. To reduce social isolation and provide personal development opportunities by widening our Activity Program.
3. To tackle employment inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between unemployment and employment
4. To tackle health inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions.
5. To promote independent living and provide welfare benefit support.
6. To challenge disability related hate crime/harassment.
7. To work closely with our voluntary sector partners to strengthen ourselves collectively.
8. To develop as Psychologically Informed Community where we value everyone as equal members of the community we are creating.

Objectives

1. We will further develop our services and activities at The Bridge with stringent Performance Review and Financial Control systems in use so that the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team can easily access the information they need to secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
2. We will seek to sustain our Help Home from Hospital Service to meet growing demand.
3. We will extend the Horizons Café to open on more days of the week to enable us to extend the vocational training offer to more disabled people.
4. We will sustain our Vocational Training Opportunities, focused on people with learning disabilities, with support from Lloyds Foundation through the extension of the Community Café, and the development of our Build, Grow, Cook, Art, Exercise, and Social Groups.
5. We will look to introduce training and individual support to help disabled and older people to be more in control of their finances and better equipped to manage their affairs digitally.
6. We will introduce new and accessible exercise opportunities for disabled and older people to support them to lead healthier lives and self-manage health conditions.
7. We will introduce new opportunities that bring together people of different backgrounds and ages to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.
8. We will increase the capacity of the charity to meet the demand for information, advice and welfare benefit guidance.
9. We will value our volunteers, develop our Volunteer Development Program and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our volunteers.
10. We will continue to work in partnership with Bournemouth Parent Carer Forum, and Dorset Healthwatch (who are based with us here at The Bridge) and will support increased use by other organisations and the wider community. Our objective is for The Bridge to be a place of safety and support - vibrant, enterprising, and inclusive.
11. We will build upon our previous work on tackling disability hate crime, prejudice and inequality by continuing to work in partnership with Dorset Police and other statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness and celebrate diversity and equality.
12. Our goals are far reaching and encompass our broad vision of supporting disabled people, carers and older people to participate more fully in society and have improved life chances. To achieve that we recognise the importance of developing joined up working relationships with a wide range of partners in the community, voluntary, statutory and business community to provide our beneficiaries with the best possible opportunities. We will continue to foster and build partnerships to achieve this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Access Dorset is a registered charity (No. 1142171) and Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 7384409) and is accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House. The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which meets the legal requirements of both those bodies.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and between Annual General Meetings meet quarterly to oversee the business of Access Dorset. New Trustees receive a package of support which includes induction, Trustee training and peer mentoring from fellow Trustees.

The rules of the charity are laid out in full in the Articles of Association. Accordingly, elections to the Board of Trustees are held annually with a third of elected Trustees retiring at each General Meeting. Membership of Access Dorset is free and open to all disabled people, older people and carers living and/or working in the shire of Dorset. Any member can stand for election to the Board and vote at the election. Trustees serve for a maximum term of three years at which stage they retire and can if they chose stand for re-election. Six partner organisations can appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees who become co-opted full members of the Board.

All trustees serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their role.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership of Access Dorset. The Charity is extremely fortunate to have Trustees from a variety of backgrounds and ages whose skills, knowledge and experience combine to help inform and guide the strategic direction of the organisation. Three Trustees are co-opted Trustees from partner organisations DOTS Disability, YMCA Chatterboxes and Bournemouth Older People Forum.

Staffing

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the organisation to the Chief Executive, Jonathan Waddington-Jones.

Access Dorset's staff team currently consists of 5 members of staff supported by a team of extremely committed volunteers.

Jonathan Waddington-Jones remained in post as Chief Executive as did David Thompson (Development Manager), Jayne Robertson (Senior Crisis Caseworker), Belinda Reay (Senior Volunteer and Activity Coordinator), and Karen Davies (Project Administrator).

Risk management

The Board has appropriate Policies in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07384409 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142171

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Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

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Senior Management

Jonathan Waddington-Jones - Chief Executive Officer

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Dorset Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Leighton John Barnes FCCA
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25 April 2023

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	111,549	24,563	136,112	192,601
Charitable activities	5				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		25,549	-	25,549	21,705
Other trading activities	3	3,082	-	3,082	954
Investment income	4	58	-	58	9
Total		140,238	24,563	164,801	215,269
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	1,971	-	1,971	300
Charitable activities	7				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		125,104	78,448	203,552	196,069
Total		127,075	78,448	205,523	196,369
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		13,163	(53,885)	(40,722)	18,900
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,580	165,526	211,106	192,206
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		58,743	111,641	170,384	211,106

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.22 Total funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	26,483	-	26,483	44,404
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	7,702	-	7,702	38,280
Cash at bank and in hand		27,642	111,641	139,283	202,724
		<u>35,344</u>	<u>111,641</u>	<u>146,985</u>	<u>241,004</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,084)	-	(3,084)	(74,302)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>32,260</u>	<u>111,641</u>	<u>143,901</u>	<u>166,702</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>58,743</u>	<u>111,641</u>	<u>170,384</u>	<u>211,106</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>58,743</u>	<u>111,641</u>	<u>170,384</u>	<u>211,106</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				54,952	63,601
Designated fund				3,791	(18,021)
				<u>58,743</u>	<u>45,580</u>
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				111,641	165,526
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>170,384</u>	<u>211,106</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Access Dorset Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

30 September 2022

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The time of volunteers is not recognised, refer to the Trustee's annual report for more information about their contribution.

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.

Expenditure

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

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, repairs and maintenance costs, finance etc which supports the charity's activities. All support costs are deemed to relate to charitable activities, any costs related to other income methods are deemed to be immaterial.

Governance costs

Those costs incurred to meet the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charitable company. These are now shown as part of support costs due to the new reporting regulations.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in no notice bank accounts.

Creditors and provisions

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Grants & donations by project	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
<u>General Core Income</u>				
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-
DOTS Disability	31,900	-	31,900	30,000
Other	5,431	-	5,431	852
<u>Help Through Crisis</u>				
Nationwide Community Awards	37,002	-	37,002	12,334
The Big Lottery Fund	-	-	-	75,750
<u>Activities Program</u>				
Peoples Health Trust	-	13,678	13,678	21,493
DCF Neighbourhood Fund	-	4,985	4,985	-
DCF Living Legacy Fund	-	3,700	3,700	-
CIL Neighbourhood Levy	-	2,200	2,200	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	1,000	-
McCarthy & Stone	500	-	500	-
Lucy Blanc	100	-	100	-
Lloyds Bank Enterprise Project	-	-	-	20,833
Talbot Village Trust	-	-	-	20,000
	100,933	24,563	125,496	181,262
General grants & donations	10,616	-	10,616	11,339
	111,549	24,563	136,112	192,601

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
Sales of Goods				
038 - Build	9	-	9	-
Cafe income				
031 - Enterprising Projects	3,073	-	3,073	954
	3,082	-	3,082	954

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
Bank interest				
General	58	-	58	9
	<u>58</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>9</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
Provision of Support services				
<u>035 - Social Events</u>				
Open Mic Night	58	-	58	-
<u>040 - Cook</u>				
Cooking class	40	-	40	-
<u>041 Performing Arts</u>				
Drama class	580	-	580	-
Double Act	2,249	-	2,249	-
<u>042 - Art</u>				
Art Class	1,910	-	1,910	-
<u>043 - Exercise</u>				
Exercise class	100	-	100	-
<u>General</u>				
Room hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
<u>029 - Room Hire</u>				
Room hire	10,182	-	10,182	11,046
	<u>16,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,319</u>	<u>12,246</u>
Local Authority Service Contracts				
<u>015 - Police Consultation Service</u>				
Dorset Police	9,230	-	9,230	9,459
	<u>9,230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,230</u>	<u>9,459</u>
	<u>25,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,549</u>	<u>21,705</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
Cafe purchases				
031 - Enterprising Projects	1,971	-	1,971	300
	<u>1,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,971</u>	<u>300</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

**Support for disabled people, older people
and carers**

	30.09.22 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.22 Restricted funds £	30.09.22 Total funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £
Grants to Individuals				
HTC Emergency Support	6,173	-	6,173	1,190
Build & Support	-	6,457	6,457	4,638
	<u>6,173</u>	<u>6,457</u>	<u>12,630</u>	<u>5,828</u>
Other costs				
Staff salaries	56,300	71,562	127,862	130,822
NI contributions	5,719	-	5,719	6,761
Pensions	3,784	-	3,784	3,925
Staff expenses	15	-	15	-
Volunteer expenses	372	-	372	94
Training	608	-	608	1,795
Rates	114	-	114	(1,240)
Rent, room hire & storage	1,858	-	1,858	1,500
Telephone	3,296	-	3,296	3,573
Print, post & stationery	1,290	-	1,290	774
Light & heat	1,364	-	1,364	1,341
Computers & I.T.	1,907	429	2,336	2,377
Repairs & renewals	8,461	-	8,461	5,522
Insurance	2,114	-	2,114	2,030
Consultancy fees	850	-	850	2,770
Sessional workers	1,829	-	1,829	-
Hospitality	157	-	157	112
Sundry	4,944	-	4,944	5,237
Depreciation	20,507	-	20,507	20,655
	<u>115,489</u>	<u>71,991</u>	<u>187,480</u>	<u>188,048</u>
Governance				
Accountancy fees	1,218	-	1,218	1,400
Legal & professional fees	308	-	308	164
Bank charges	135	-	135	114
Admin & secretarial	287	-	287	164
Insurance & bookkeepers fees	1,494	-	1,494	351
	<u>3,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,442</u>	<u>2,193</u>
	<u>125,104</u>	<u>78,448</u>	<u>203,552</u>	<u>196,069</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.22 £	30.9.21 £
Depreciation - owned assets	20,507	20,655

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2022 nor for the year ended 30 September 2021.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	63,024	129,577	192,601
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	21,705	-	21,705
Other trading activities	954	-	954
Investment income	9	-	9
Total	85,692	129,577	215,269
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	300	-	300
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	119,889	76,180	196,069
Total	120,189	76,180	196,369
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(34,497)	53,397	18,900
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	80,077	112,129	192,206

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	45,580	165,526	211,106

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2021	98,458	13,116	13,308	124,882
Additions	576	2,010	-	2,586
At 30 September 2022	99,034	15,126	13,308	127,468
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2021	61,578	7,041	11,859	80,478
Charge for year	18,412	1,617	478	20,507
At 30 September 2022	79,990	8,658	12,337	100,985
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2022	19,044	6,468	971	26,483
At 30 September 2021	36,880	6,075	1,449	44,404

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.22 £	30.9.21 £
Trade debtors	4,941	4,826
Other debtors	861	853
Accrued income	1,900	32,500
Prepayments	-	101
	7,702	38,280

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.22	30.9.21
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	-	23,798
Social security and other taxes	1,884	1,885
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,200
Deferred grant income	-	47,419
	<u>3,084</u>	<u>74,302</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.9.22	30.9.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	23,798
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,798</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,601	(8,649)	54,952
Designated fund	(18,021)	21,812	3,791
	<u>45,580</u>	<u>13,163</u>	<u>58,743</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	165,526	(53,885)	111,641
	<u>165,526</u>	<u>(53,885)</u>	<u>111,641</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>211,106</u>	<u>(40,722)</u>	<u>170,384</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,873	(20,522)	(8,649)
Designated fund	128,365	(106,553)	21,812
	<u>140,238</u>	<u>(127,075)</u>	<u>13,163</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	24,563	(78,448)	(53,885)
	<u>24,563</u>	<u>(78,448)</u>	<u>(53,885)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>164,801</u>	<u>(205,523)</u>	<u>(40,722)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,708	(8,107)	63,601
Designated fund	8,369	(26,390)	(18,021)
	80,077	(34,497)	45,580
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	112,129	53,397	165,526
TOTAL FUNDS	192,206	18,900	211,106

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,548	(20,655)	(8,107)
Designated fund	73,144	(99,534)	(26,390)
	85,692	(120,189)	(34,497)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	129,577	(76,180)	53,397
TOTAL FUNDS	215,269	(196,369)	18,900

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,708	(16,756)	54,952
Designated fund	8,369	(4,578)	3,791
	80,077	(21,334)	58,743
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	112,129	(488)	111,641
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,206</u>	<u>(21,822)</u>	<u>170,384</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,421	(41,177)	(16,756)
Designated fund	201,509	(206,087)	(4,578)
	225,930	(247,264)	(21,334)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	154,140	(154,628)	(488)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>380,070</u>	<u>(401,892)</u>	<u>(21,822)</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

AE Simpson, DM Hurst, MA Peters, Trustees, and J Waddington-Jones, CEO, are also directors of DOTS Disability Community Interest Company.

DOTS Disability CIC is the social enterprise arm of Access Dorset Limited. The two entities share rent and other administrative costs.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	30.9.22 £	30.9.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	10,618	54,684
Grants	125,494	137,917
	136,112	192,601
Other trading activities		
Sale of goods	9	-
Cafe income	3,073	954
	3,082	954
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	58	9
Charitable activities		
Provision of support services	14,167	9,459
Room hire	11,382	12,246
	25,549	21,705
Total incoming resources	164,801	215,269
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cafe expenditure	1,971	300
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries	127,862	130,822
NI contributions	5,719	6,761
Pensions	3,784	3,925
Staff expenses	15	-
Volunteer expenses	372	94
Training costs	608	1,795
Rates	114	(1,240)
Rent, room hire and storage	1,858	1,500
Telephone	3,296	3,573
Print, postage and stationery	1,290	774
Light & heat	1,364	1,341
Computers & I.T.	2,336	2,377
Repairs and renewals	8,461	5,522
Carried forward	157,079	157,244

Access Dorset Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	30.9.22 £	30.9.21 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	157,079	157,244
Insurance	2,114	2,030
Consultancy fees	850	2,770
Hospitality costs	157	112
Sessional workers	1,829	-
Sundry	4,944	5,237
Improvements to property	18,412	18,412
Fixtures and fittings	478	724
Computer equipment	1,617	1,519
Grants to individuals	12,630	5,828
	200,110	193,876
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,218	1,400
Bank charges	135	114
Legal & professional	308	164
Insurance and bookkeeper fees	1,494	351
Human resources	287	164
	3,442	2,193
Total resources expended	205,523	196,369
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(40,722)</u>	<u>18,900</u>

ACCESS DORSET LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1142171

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07384409 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142171

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021
for
Access Dorset Limited

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Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Access Dorset is recognised locally and nationally by individuals and organisations as the leading user-led, pan-impairment disability rights organisation in Dorset. Through our Information and Advice Services, our Crisis Advocacy Service, our Vocational Support Services, our Community Café, our Activity Program, Training and Outreach we are in daily contact with disabled people, older people and carers who self-refer, or are referred by our partner organisations, other voluntary sector organisations and increasingly by statutory authorities.

Access Dorset's purpose as an organisation is to support and champion the lived experience of our constituents, particularly those at the margins, who are isolated because of social circumstances and whose voices are seldom heard. We do this by involving those who have lived experience in the running of our organisation, as Board Members, volunteers and staff. As a minimum 75% of our Trustees are disabled people. Currently, all our Trustees are disabled people, older people or carers.

We are committed to the social model of disability and are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing, challenging stereotypes and empowering people to attain their full potential. As a pan-impairment organisation we strive to be inclusive and accessible to all disabled people regardless of impairment, age or any other protected characteristic.

From our base at The Bridge we think of everyone as members of the community we are creating. The people who benefit from our projects, our volunteers, our customers, our staff and our trustees are all members of our community - each of equal worth. Beyond that, some members have additional responsibilities and duties. We are adopting a Psychologically Informed Environment (PIE) approach in pursuing our Objectives.

We have continued to work hard to find innovative and meaningful ways to continue to deliver on our Objectives throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. We have flexibly moved our activities online when necessary and backed this up with increased telephone support for beneficiaries of our charitable activities. Disabled and older people have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, so it has been more important than ever that we continue to provide reliable support and information and take steps to reduce isolation and maintain good health and mental wellbeing.

Public Benefit

The Board confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All current and future activities are and will be of direct benefit to the public.

Objects

The founding members of Access Dorset adopted the following objectives which we remain committed to:

- to establish a Centre for Independent Living in Dorset which will provide information and advice, peer support, advocacy and training, and generally supporting people to live independently and improve their life chances
- to develop the capacity and skills of disabled people, carers, older people and other users of support in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society

Vision

Our vision is a community where disabled people, older people and carers, whatever their impairment type or background, have the same life chances as other people.

Volunteer Activities

With a small team of paid employees Access Dorset is heavily dependent on a team of dedicated volunteers who support the governance, administration and activities of the charity. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.

Volunteer Activities (continued)

We have a core pool of 54 volunteers who are all disabled people, older people and carers with a range of impairment types. They are involved in a range of peer support activities, including Board Membership; Vocational Skills Projects (including our Build and Grow Groups and our Horizons Café), our Activity Program, Outreach, and our Disability Equality Consultations.

Before each new volunteer joins our Activity Program at Access Dorset, they meet one to one with the Activity and Volunteer Co-ordinator for an informal discussion. During this meeting, the volunteer co-ordinator and new member will assess the individual's needs and identify a plan for meeting these needs together, using an assessment/application form as a guide, for example a recent new member joined with the goals of leaving his home more often, developing self-confidence and gaining experience in DIY with the end goal of becoming more attractive to potential employers. Last year we were pleased to achieve the Investing In Volunteers standard, and we continue to deliver our Volunteer Development Program to 'volunteer-leading' volunteers', to ensure that their training and development needs are met. We celebrate all our volunteers' achievements on social media and with our Volunteer of the Month programme.

The main needs of our members include support in building self-confidence and self-esteem, reducing isolation, gaining experience, meeting new people, building relationships, building resilience and help in considering next steps. Other needs are either immediately apparent or emerge over time, and might include seeking re-assessment of care needs by Social Care, support around Housing, support to access welfare benefits or appeal decisions.

We receive referrals from Supported Living providers, the NHS Learning Disability Team, Social Workers and other local charities. We have partnerships with Autism Wessex and some local schools who refer people to us. We also have a strong relationship with YMCA's youth disability project Chatterboxes. We also support our members to undergo training courses with online providers including High Speed Training (Health and Safety and Food Hygiene) and Brock College.

Many new volunteers started during the course of the last year and during lockdowns, new online roles were created, opening up exciting remote volunteering during these periods, which if anything has added to our pool of volunteers post lockdown.

Risk Management

The Board has appropriate Policies and Procedures in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. Access Dorset Staff and Trustees have worked tirelessly to keep our Covid Risk Assessments up to date with a rapidly changing environment and have publicised these risk assessments and current protocols to all who visit Access Dorset.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Access Dorset is delivering key services in what is an extremely challenging environment. We have worked creatively and flexibly to continue to deliver services in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic and all staff have been retained to continue to support our beneficiaries throughout the period.

Even prior to the pandemic, all our activities were focused on our community of interest, disabled people, older people and carers, who have been disproportionately affected by social, economic and health disadvantages because of cuts to health and social care and welfare benefits. Common themes that unite us are social isolation and loneliness; anxiety, loss of self-esteem, poor health, poor housing options, financial hardship and limited access to information and guidance to support independent living.

Early in the pandemic it became clear that disabled people were being profoundly impacted through lockdowns, with many other local support services closing temporarily, bringing with it excruciating social isolation, high levels of anxiety and depression. During lockdowns we quickly developed a vibrant program of activity online via zoom. We created new social opportunities, mental health support sessions, staying fit and healthy, cooking on a budget and guest speakers. Providing 1:1 support was challenging as many external agencies stopped seeing people face-to-face, and were very difficult to contact, but we still had great success in advocacy.

During the lockdowns we dramatically increased the number of volunteers we had, most of whom are still with us. Happily, we have now re-opened all activities back at The Bridge, but we now know we can immediately respond should we ever experience this situation again.

We are one of many charities that has been challenged by the changes to local authority spend and stiff competition for grant funding. However, Trustees and staff shared and have successfully taken forward our vision for creating a vibrant community hub and establishing an environment where local people can learn, experience, share, and support each other in maintaining an independent quality of life. We are bridging the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood, the gap between unemployment and employment and the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions. We are supporting disabled people in housing and financial crisis and taking great steps to reduce social isolation. We monitor outcomes using the Outcome Star where appropriate.

The Bridge

Post lockdown, in the second half of our reporting year we saw a dramatic increase in activity at The Bridge. The Horizons Café is thriving; the Build, Grow and Cook groups are well established and partnership work with our resident friends at Bournemouth Older People Forum, DOTS Disability, Double Act Disability Theatre, Healthwatch Dorset and Parent Carer Forum is thriving. We have decided to focus on delivering our own activities and we are waiting for the Covid restrictions to lift further before re-starting external groups and private hires. Consequently, we have seen a reduction in income from room hires. This year with generous funding from Talbot Village Trust we completed full refurbishment of the men's and women's WC's and installed a new, insulated ceiling in the Main Hall.

Information and Advice Service

Access Dorset's Information and Advice Service provides independent, free, peer-led support to disabled people, older people and carers. Enquiries to our service relate to a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits and financial advice
- Rights and discrimination
- Aids and adaptations in the home
- Health and self-management
- Social and leisure activities
- Community Safety
- Transport

Information and Advice Service (continued)

This service currently provides telephone advice 5 days per week aimed at disabled people of all ages (and any impairment type), older people and carers. All Access Dorset staff and volunteers contribute to delivering our Information and Advice Service and each bring different areas of expertise.

Disabled people face the impact of combined cuts to care and support for independent living and welfare benefits. These cuts are having a profoundly negative impact on disabled people's independent living and participation in the wider community. Consequently, there is enormous demand for the provision of free information, advice and support. This has only increased as a result of the pandemic.

Help through Crisis/ Help Home from Hospital Advocacy Service

Help through Crisis Dorset the National Lottery funded project that is being delivered by Access Dorset to provide information, advice and advocacy services to disabled people, people with long term health conditions and carers, who are facing hardship crisis, entered its fifth and final year of funding.

Entering the fifth year of the five year funded project we have had to consider implementing our exit strategy and to look at what would happen with the service after the funding ended. During the lifetime of the service other funding streams had been considered based on where referrals to the service were coming from. By far the largest and most consistent referrer was the Royal Bournemouth Hospital and a letter was given to Access Dorset from the Director of Operations of the Medical Care Group saying how the service had had life changing influences on the patient group being referred from the hospital to the service. This large group of referrals was then looked at to find out what primary issue the initial referral was addressing and within this group homelessness and unsuitable housing was the most frequent presenting need being addressed by the service.

We were successful in securing funding from Nationwide to deliver a service taking referrals from Bournemouth hospital, but with a much reduced capacity compared to the HtC service. The new service is called Help Home from Hospital and it works primarily with homeless people or people who are housed in unsuitable accommodation.

With regard to the HtC project bearing in mind that the project ended in June 2021, it received 34 referrals for that year in total, 8 of which were case worked and 26 were signposted. Over the lifetime of the project a total 246 clients were helped with 103 receiving casework responses and 143 receiving signposting.

The Help Home from Hospital project has received 25 referrals from April 2021 in the first six months. Referrals to the project have covered a range of issues such as EU nationals who hadn't applied for settled status before the deadline to do so, to people with untreated serious mental health issues, brain injuries or physical injuries as well as also being homeless or in unsuitable accommodation.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Vocational Support Services

Build/Grow/Cook

Build and Grow continues to meet three times per week and the Cook team meeting once per week, welcoming up to 20 participants at each session.

A highlight was when we opened our accessible polytunnel project in July 2021 and each of our three integrated projects in our Build Grow Cook group are benefitting from experiences and opportunities the new polytunnel brings - the Build group have formed a focus group who are working on designing and building accessible raised planters for inside the polytunnel, the Grow group too have formed a focus group who have made a planting calendar for the year to get the most out of the polytunnels. Our Cook group are looking at recipes to use the produce from the polytunnels. This is naturally opening new opportunities for gaining skills and experience - members are learning about seasonal produce well as experiencing food preparation from the garden to the plate. For example, last summer, we were able to serve our café customers with salad exclusively from our own garden which our members found very rewarding. In the future we intend to support our members to gain qualifications in horticulture, so this will be an ideal training ground for them.

The Build group has received a handful of commissions for building planters and the small profits generated will be reinvested in the projects allowing an element of self-sustainability and further diversity. Four of our members have transitioned into paid employment with our support:

"I'm so happy that I was able to be part of Build Grow Cook. I love helping others so Build Grow Cook was a fantastic opportunity for me to give back. I loved my volunteer work at Access Dorset - it gave me the confidence to go for my current job... I wouldn't change my time at Access Dorset for the world."

Horizons Café

The café is now open three days per week, supporting three vocational training participants at a time, who rotate to gain experience in roles - taking orders, meal preparation and waiting. Members experience an increase in confidence and the development of both individual and team-working skills. We intend to open the café an additional day per week in the near future.

"I have been a volunteer at Access Dorset for nearly three years. I have tried gardening, cooking, building and volunteering in the café; I like to mix it up. I have learned so many skills and my mum is impressed with how I help in the garden now and my boyfriend loves my amazing cakes. I would love to start my own business selling cupcakes one day."

Social Activity Programme

Many of our members have spent a significant amount of time shielding recently so have experienced social isolation and loneliness. In response to this, we have been able to launch our social programme, with support from the Active Communities grant from People's Health Trust. After consulting with members, we launched our social activity programme in October 2020 which includes our exercise programme, walking group, art sessions, evening socials such as karaoke nights, discos and pub quizzes, and social outings, for example a trip to the local crazy golf and milkshakes by the beach. We have also started a weekly sports group, rotating different sports such as badminton, football and basketball.

Dorset Police consultation contract

Our contract with Dorset Police to provide a Strategic Disability Consultation service has been renewed for a further year. Over the last period we carried out a number of formal consultations on policies and procedures resulting in professional equality impact assessment. This includes a Review of the Dorset Police Use of Force Strategy.

Each of our consultations leads to a report with detailed recommendations. We also focused on disseminating information about community safety and promoting the reporting of hate crime.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

Access Dorset are committed to the implementation of an ongoing Funding Strategy that recognises the need for a healthy mix of income from varied sources to ensure that the charity is not overly dependent on any one particular funding source. Our aim has been to secure a balance between core grant funding, project grant funding, enterprise, business sponsorship, fundraising initiatives and service contracts. We have continued to be impacted by the consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic but have worked hard to overcome funding shortfalls. We are extremely grateful to DOTS Disability for the core funding support that it has provided throughout the year, as well as the Trusts and Foundations that have provided both restricted and unrestricted grants to support our activities (including the National Lottery, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Peoples Health Trust and Nationwide Building Society).

Reserves Policy

In line with Charity Commission guidelines Access Dorset's spends income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there is a good reason not to. Access Dorset has in place stringent management accounting practices including cash flow forecasting.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy is to maintain free reserves, which have been calculated to cover costs of redundancy payments to staff and any tax liability. They also cover the cost of the office rental, which would still be due and any other outstanding monies due. These costs are currently estimated at £15,000 and are met through total funds carried forward.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy aims to build reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs.

FUTURE PLANS

Our key goals are focussed on providing support to disabled people, older people and carers so that we can enjoy the same life chances as others.

Aims

1. To continue to develop The Bridge as a vibrant community resource that will secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset
2. To reduce social isolation and provide personal development opportunities by widening our Activity Program.
3. To tackle employment inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between unemployment and employment
4. To tackle health inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions.
5. To promote independent living and provide welfare benefit support.
6. To challenge disability related hate crime/harassment.
7. To work closely with our voluntary sector partners to strengthen ourselves collectively.
8. To develop as Psychologically Informed Community where we value everyone as equal members of the community we are creating.

Objectives

1. We will further develop our services and activities at The Bridge with stringent Performance Review and Financial Control systems in use so that the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team can easily access the information they need to secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
2. We will seek to sustain our Help Home from Hospital Service to meet growing demand.
3. We will extend the Horizons Café to open on more days of the week to enable us to extend the vocational training offer to more disabled people.
4. We will sustain our Vocational Training Opportunities beyond the end of grant funding from Lloyds Bank Foundation through the extension of the Community Café, and the development of our Build, Grow and Cook groups.
5. We will look to introduce training and individual support to help disabled and older people to be more in control of their finances and better equipped to manage their affairs digitally.
6. We will introduce new and accessible exercise opportunities for disabled and older people to support them to lead healthier lives and self-manage health conditions.
7. We will introduce new opportunities that bring together people of different backgrounds and ages to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.
8. We will increase the capacity of the charity to meet the demand for information, advice and welfare benefit guidance.
9. We will value our volunteers, develop our Volunteer Development Program and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our volunteers.
10. We will continue to work in partnership with Bournemouth Older People Forum, Double Act Disability Theatre Company, Bournemouth Parent Carer Forum, and Dorset Healthwatch (who are based with us here at The Bridge) and will support increased use by other organisations and the wider community. Our objective is for The Bridge to be a place of safety and support - vibrant, enterprising and inclusive.
11. We will build upon our previous work on tackling disability hate crime, prejudice and inequality by continuing to work in partnership with Prejudice Free Dorset, Dorset Police and other statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness and celebrate diversity and equality.
12. Our goals are far reaching and encompass our broad vision of supporting disabled people, carers and older people to participate more fully in society and have improved life chances. To achieve that we recognise the importance of developing joined up working relationships with a wide range of partners in the community, voluntary, statutory and business community to provide our beneficiaries with the best possible opportunities. We will continue to foster and build partnerships to achieve this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Access Dorset is a registered charity (No. 1142171) and Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 7384409) and is accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House. The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which meets the legal requirements of both those bodies.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and between Annual General Meetings meet quarterly to oversee the business of Access Dorset. New Trustees receive a package of support which includes induction, Trustee training and peer mentoring from fellow Trustees.

The rules of the charity are laid out in full in the Articles of Association. Accordingly, elections to the Board of Trustees are held annually with a third of elected Trustees retiring at each General Meeting. Membership of Access Dorset is free and open to all disabled people, older people and carers living and/or working in the shire of Dorset. Any member can stand for election to the Board and vote at the election. Trustees serve for a maximum term of three years at which stage they retire and can if they chose stand for re-election. Six partner organisations can appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees who become co-opted full members of the Board.

All trustees serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their role.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership of Access Dorset. The Charity is extremely fortunate to have Trustees from a variety of backgrounds and ages whose skills, knowledge and experience combine to help inform and guide the strategic direction of the organisation. Three Trustees are co-opted Trustees from partner organisations DOTS Disability, YMCA Chatterboxes and Bournemouth Older People Forum.

Staffing

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the organisation to the Chief Executive, Jonathan Waddington-Jones.

Access Dorset's staff team currently consists of 6 members of staff supported by a team of extremely committed volunteers.

Jonathan Waddington-Jones remained in post as Chief Executive as did David Thompson (Development Manager), Jayne Robertson (Senior Crisis Caseworker), Belinda Reay (Volunteer and Activity Coordinator), Dave Penn (Project Worker) and Karen Davies (Project Administrator).

Risk management

The Board has appropriate Policies in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07384409 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142171

Registered office

The Bridge
Chaseside
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH7 7BX

Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

Trustees

L M Brooks
M D Hurst
C L King
P Lewis
D L Oakley
R L Peacocke (resigned 24.6.21)
M A Peters (resigned 24.6.21)
N Sherlock (resigned 24.6.21)
A E Simpson
A S Bule (appointed 21.8.21)
R D Picken (appointed 4.8.21)

Company Secretary

Independent Examiner

Leighton John Barnes FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
LJB Chartered Certified Accountants
Tax & Business Advisors
864 Christchurch Road
Bournemouth
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Bankers

HSBC Plc, 15 High Street, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 1AF

Senior Management

Jonathan Waddington-Jones - Chief Executive Officer

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Dorset Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Leighton John Barnes FCCA
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3 May 2022

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £	30.9.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	63,024	129,577	192,601	195,330
Charitable activities	5				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		21,705	-	21,705	29,334
Other trading activities	3	954	-	954	1,306
Investment income	4	9	-	9	96
Total		85,692	129,577	215,269	226,066
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	300	-	300	2,362
Charitable activities	7				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		119,889	76,180	196,069	224,425
Total		120,189	76,180	196,369	226,787
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(34,497)	53,397	18,900	(721)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		80,077	112,129	192,206	192,927
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,580	165,526	211,106	192,206

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £	30.9.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	44,404	-	44,404	35,498
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	38,280	-	38,280	59,789
Cash at bank and in hand		196	202,529	202,725	124,984
		<u>38,476</u>	<u>202,529</u>	<u>241,005</u>	<u>184,773</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(37,300)	(37,003)	(74,303)	(28,065)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,176</u>	<u>165,526</u>	<u>166,702</u>	<u>156,708</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>45,580</u>	<u>165,526</u>	<u>211,106</u>	<u>192,206</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,580</u>	<u>165,526</u>	<u>211,106</u>	<u>192,206</u>
FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				63,601	71,708
Designated fund				(18,021)	8,369
				<u>45,580</u>	<u>80,077</u>
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				165,526	112,129
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>211,106</u>	<u>192,206</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Access Dorset Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

30 September 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 3 May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The time of volunteers is not recognised, refer to the Trustee's annual report for more information about their contribution.

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.

Expenditure

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

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, repairs and maintenance costs, finance etc which supports the charity's activities. All support costs are deemed to relate to charitable activities, any costs related to other income methods are deemed to be immaterial.

Governance costs

Those costs incurred to meet the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charitable company. These are now shown as part of support costs due to the new reporting regulations.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in no notice bank accounts.

Creditors and provisions

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Grants & donations by project	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
<u>016 - Disability Information Advice Line</u>				
DOTS Disability CIC	30,000	-	30,000	12,500
<u>028 - Help Through Crisis</u>				
The Big Lottery Fund	-	74,750	74,750	101,000
Nationwide BS Community Awards	-	12,334	12,334	-
<u>030 - Horizons</u>				
Lloyds Bank Enterprise Project	20,833	-	20,833	25,000
<u>032 - Bridge Capital Works</u>				
Talbot Village Trust	-	20,000	20,000	-
<u>036 - Help Through Crisis Emergency Fund</u>				
The Big Lottery Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
<u>037 - Natwest Skills & Opportunities</u>				
RBS Skills & Opportunities Fund	-	-	-	17,500
<u>038 - Build & Grow</u>				
Peoples Health Trust	-	21,493	21,493	-
Other	852	-	852	-
	51,685	129,577	181,262	156,000
General grants & donations				
	11,339	-	11,339	39,330
	63,024	129,577	192,601	195,330

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
Cafe income				
031 - Enterprising Projects	954	-	954	1,306
	954	-	954	1,306

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
Bank interest				
General	9	-	9	96
	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>96</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
<u>General</u>				
Room hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
<u>029 - Room Hire</u>				
Room hire	11,046	-	11,046	18,677
	<u>12,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,246</u>	<u>19,877</u>
Local Authority Service Contracts				
<u>015 - Police Consultation Service</u>				
Dorset Police	9,459	-	9,459	9,457
	<u>9,459</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,459</u>	<u>9,457</u>
	<u>21,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,705</u>	<u>29,334</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
Cafe purchases				
031 - Enterprising Projects	300	-	300	2,362
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>2,362</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

**Support for disabled people, older people
and carers**

	30.09.21 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.21 Restricted funds £	30.09.21 Total funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £
Grants to Individuals				
HTC Emergency Support	-	1,190	1,190	783
Build & Support	4,638	-	4,638	517
	<u>4,638</u>	<u>1,190</u>	<u>5,828</u>	<u>1,300</u>
Other costs				
Staff salaries	56,300	74,522	130,822	149,718
NI contributions	6,761	-	6,761	8,594
Pensions	3,925	-	3,925	3,691
Staff expenses	-	-	-	695
Volunteer expenses	94	-	94	162
Training	1,795	-	1,795	448
Rates	(1,240)	-	(1,240)	300
Rent, room hire & storage	1,500	-	1,500	6,216
Telephone	3,573	-	3,573	4,008
Print, post & stationery	774	-	774	1,457
Light & heat	1,341	-	1,341	1,758
Computers & I.T.	1,909	468	2,377	2,628
Repairs & renewals	5,522	-	5,522	5,369
Insurance	2,030	-	2,030	2,053
Consultancy fees	2,770	-	2,770	8,780
Hospitality	112	-	112	-
Sundry	5,237	-	5,237	6,327
Depreciation	20,655	-	20,655	16,289
	<u>113,058</u>	<u>74,990</u>	<u>188,048</u>	<u>218,493</u>
Governance				
Accountancy fees	1,400	-	1,400	1,200
Legal & professional fees	164	-	164	2,271
Bank charges	114	-	114	97
Admin & secretarial	164	-	164	81
Insurance	351	-	351	983
	<u>2,193</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,193</u>	<u>4,632</u>
	<u>119,889</u>	<u>76,180</u>	<u>196,069</u>	<u>224,425</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.21	30.9.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	20,655	16,289

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2020.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	76,830	118,500	195,330
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	29,334	-	29,334
Other trading activities	1,306	-	1,306
Investment income	96	-	96
Total	107,566	118,500	226,066
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2,362	-	2,362
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	120,891	103,534	224,425
Total	123,253	103,534	226,787
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(15,687)	14,966	(721)

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	95,764	97,163	192,927
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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	80,077	112,129	192,206

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2020	72,190	11,341	11,790	95,321
Additions	26,268	1,775	1,518	29,561
At 30 September 2021	98,458	13,116	13,308	124,882
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2020	43,166	5,522	11,135	59,823
Charge for year	18,412	1,519	724	20,655
At 30 September 2021	61,578	7,041	11,859	80,478
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2021	36,880	6,075	1,449	44,404
At 30 September 2020	29,024	5,819	655	35,498

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.21 £	30.9.20 £
Trade debtors	4,826	10,259
Other debtors	853	60
Accrued income	32,500	47,500
Prepayments	101	1,970
	38,280	59,789

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.21	30.9.20
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	23,798	-
Social security and other taxes	1,886	815
Accrued expenses	1,200	1,000
Deferred grant income	47,419	26,250
	<u>74,303</u>	<u>28,065</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.9.21	30.9.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>23,798</u>	<u>-</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,708	(8,107)	63,601
Designated fund	8,369	(26,390)	(18,021)
	<u>80,077</u>	<u>(34,497)</u>	<u>45,580</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	112,129	53,397	165,526
	<u>192,206</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>211,106</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,548	(20,655)	(8,107)
Designated fund	73,144	(99,534)	(26,390)
	<u>85,692</u>	<u>(120,189)</u>	<u>(34,497)</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	129,577	(76,180)	53,397
	<u>215,269</u>	<u>(196,369)</u>	<u>18,900</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,355	24,353	71,708
Designated fund	48,409	(40,040)	8,369
	95,764	(15,687)	80,077
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	97,163	14,966	112,129
TOTAL FUNDS	192,927	(721)	192,206

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40,626	(16,273)	24,353
Designated fund	66,940	(106,980)	(40,040)
	107,566	(123,253)	(15,687)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	118,500	(103,534)	14,966
TOTAL FUNDS	226,066	(226,787)	(721)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,355	16,246	63,601
Designated fund	48,409	(66,430)	(18,021)
	95,764	(50,184)	45,580
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	97,163	68,363	165,526
TOTAL FUNDS	192,927	18,179	211,106

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,174	(36,928)	16,246
Designated fund	140,084	(206,514)	(66,430)
	193,258	(243,442)	(50,184)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	248,077	(179,714)	68,363
TOTAL FUNDS	441,335	(423,156)	18,179

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

AE Simpson, DM Hurst, MA Peters, Trustees, and J Waddington-Jones, CEO, are also directors of DOTS Disability Community Interest Company.

DOTS Disability CIC is the social enterprise arm of Access Dorset Limited. The two entities share rent and other administrative costs.

17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

	30.9.21 £	30.9.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	54,684	39,330
Grants	137,917	156,000
	192,601	195,330
Other trading activities		
Cafe income	954	1,306
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	9	96
Charitable activities		
Provision of support services	9,459	9,457
Room hire	12,246	19,877
	21,705	29,334
Total incoming resources	215,269	226,066
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cafe expenditure	300	2,362
Charitable activities		
Staff salaries	130,822	149,718
NI contributions	6,761	8,594
Pensions	3,925	3,691
Staff expenses	-	695
Volunteer expenses	94	162
Training costs	1,795	448
Rates	(1,240)	300
Rent, room hire and storage	1,500	6,216
Telephone	3,573	4,008
Print, postage and stationery	774	1,457
Light & heat	1,341	1,758
Computers & I.T.	2,377	2,628
Repairs and renewals	5,522	5,369
Insurance	2,030	2,053
Consultancy fees	2,770	8,780
Hospitality costs	112	-
Carried forward	162,156	195,877

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

	30.9.21 £	30.9.20 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	162,156	195,877
Sundry	5,237	6,327
Improvements to property	18,412	14,511
Fixtures and fittings	724	323
Computer equipment	1,519	1,455
Grants to individuals	5,828	1,300
	193,876	219,793
 Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,400	1,200
Bank charges	114	97
Legal & professional	164	2,271
Meetings and administrative	-	81
Insurance	351	983
Human resources	164	-
	2,193	4,632
Total resources expended	196,369	226,787
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>18,900</u>	<u>(721)</u>

ACCESS DORSET LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1142171

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07384409 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1142171

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2020
for
Access Dorset Limited

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Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Access Dorset is recognised locally and nationally by individuals and organisations as the leading user-led, pan-impairment disability rights organisation in Dorset. Through our Information and Advice Services, our Crisis Advocacy Service, our Vocational Support Services, our Community Café, our Activity Program, Training and Outreach we are in daily contact with disabled people, older people and carers who self-refer, or are referred by our partner organisations, other voluntary sector organisations and increasingly by statutory authorities.

Access Dorset's purpose as an organisation is to support and champion the lived experience of our constituents, particularly those at the margins, who are isolated because of social circumstances and whose voices are seldom heard. We do this by involving those who have lived experience in the running of our organisation, as Board Members, volunteers and staff. As a minimum 75% of our Trustees are disabled people. Currently, all our Trustees are disabled people, older people or carers.

We are committed to the social model of disability and are dedicated to improving health and wellbeing, challenging stereotypes and empowering people to attain their full potential. As a pan-impairment organisation we strive to be inclusive and accessible to all disabled people regardless of impairment, age or any other protected characteristic.

From our base at The Bridge we think of everyone as Members of the community we are creating. The people who benefit from our projects, our volunteers, our customers, our staff and our trustees are all 'Members' of our community - each of equal worth. Beyond that, some Members have additional responsibilities and duties. We are adopting a Psychologically Informed Environment (PIE) approach in pursuing our Objectives.

We have continued to work hard to find innovative and meaningful ways to continue to deliver on our Objectives throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. We have flexibly moved our activities online when necessary and backed this up with increased telephone support for beneficiaries of our charitable activities. Disabled and older people have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic so it has been more important than ever that we continue to provide reliable support and information and take steps to reduce isolation and maintain good health and mental wellbeing.

Public Benefit

The Board confirms that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. All current and future activities are and will be of direct benefit to the public.

Objects

The founding members of Access Dorset adopted the following objectives which we remain committed to:

- to establish a Centre for Independent Living in Dorset which will provide information and advice, peer support, advocacy and training, and generally supporting people to live independently and improve their life chances
- to develop the capacity and skills of disabled people, carers, older people and other users of support in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society

Vision

Our vision is a community where disabled people, older people and carers, whatever their impairment type or background, have the same life chances as other people.

Volunteer Activities

With a small team of paid employees Access Dorset is heavily dependent on a team of dedicated volunteers who support the governance, administration and activities of the charity. We would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of them.

Volunteer Activities (continued)

We have a core pool of 45 volunteers who are all disabled people, older people and carers with a range of impairment types. They are involved in a range of peer support activities, including Board Membership; the Information and Advice Service; Employment Support Services (including our Build, Grow and Cook Groups, Horizons Café, Outreach, and our Disability Equality Consultations).

We have had 13 new volunteers start during the course of the last year, most of these people volunteer on our Build, Grow and Cook groups, however new online roles have been created, opening up exciting potential for remote volunteering during periods of national lockdown. The highlight of the volunteer programme this year was achieving the Investing In Volunteers standard, which demonstrates how much we value our volunteers. We have also produced a new Volunteer Handbook and launched a Volunteer of the Month programme to celebrate the valuable contributions made by our volunteers.

Risk Management

The Board has appropriate Policies and Procedures in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Access Dorset is delivering key services in what is an extremely challenging environment. In the second half of our reporting year we have moved creatively and flexibly to continue to deliver services in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic and all staff have been retained to continue to support our beneficiaries throughout the national lockdown.

We are one of many charities that has been challenged by the changes to local authority spend and stiff competition for grant funding. However, Trustees and staff shared and have successfully taken forward our vision for creating a vibrant community hub and establishing an environment where local people can learn, experience, share, and support each other in maintaining an independent quality of life. We are bridging the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood, the gap between unemployment and employment and the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions. We are supporting disabled people in housing and financial crisis and taking great steps to reduce social isolation.

The Bridge

In the first half of our reporting year we saw a dramatic increase in activity at The Bridge. The Horizons Café is thriving; the Cook, Build and Grow groups are well established and partnership work with our resident friends at Bournemouth Older People Forum, DOTS Disability, Double Act Disability Theatre, People First Forum, Healthwatch Dorset and Addaction is thriving. We have firmly established ourselves in our community and The Bridge is regularly booked out during the evening and at weekends for cultural events, children's and family parties, which also helps to bring in much needed revenue to support running costs and future development plans. With support from the Talbot Village Trust we have continued to invest capital funding to further improve the environment at The Bridge and are in the process of refurbishing the WC's and creating a sensory room.

Information and Advice Service

Access Dorset's Information and Advice Service provides independent, free, peer-led support to disabled people, older people and carers. Enquiries to our service relate to a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits and financial advice
- Rights and discrimination
- Aids and adaptations in the home
- Health and self-management
- Social and leisure activities
- Community Safety
- Transport

This service currently provides telephone advice 5 days per week aimed at disabled people of all ages (and any impairment type), older people and carers. All Access Dorset staff and volunteers contribute to delivering our Information and Advice Service and each bring different areas of expertise.

Disabled people face the impact of combined cuts to care and support for independent living and welfare benefits. These cuts are having a profoundly negative impact on disabled people's independent living and participation in the wider community. Consequently, there is enormous demand for the provision of free information, advice and support. This has only increased as a result of the pandemic.

Help through Crisis Advocacy Service (in partnership with DOTS Disability and Dorset Advocacy)

Help through Crisis Dorset is a National Lottery funded project that is being delivered by Access Dorset to provide information, advice and advocacy services to disabled people, people with long term health conditions and carers, who are facing hardship crisis.

Help through Crisis Advocacy Service (in partnership with DOTS Disability and Dorset Advocacy) (continued)

Entering the fourth year of the five year funded project we have continued to build on previous achievements helping clients overcome serious instances of hardship and then continuing to work with them to develop resilience to turn their lives around. Over the last year we have laid the basic framework for the development of peer support groups which will complement other projects being run by Access Dorset. Social evenings were considered a good introduction to participating in activities at the Bridge following on from good attendance at the Christmas event by Help through Crisis clients. A licence to show films in the main hall was obtained in February 2020 and a women only support and wellbeing group was established by popular demand as well as a men's shed group.

To meet continuing high demand for this service the Help through Crisis project was adapted to continue to work during national lockdown with both existing clients and new referrals through virtual communication channels. Consequently we were able to continue to support the same number of disabled people in housing and financial crisis as we had before the pandemic.

Over the course of 2019-20 Help through Crisis has provided 25 disabled people with long-term casework support and 54 more with short-term signposting support. The majority of referrals have come by word of mouth but, the second largest referrer has remained the Acute Ward at Royal Bournemouth Hospital, despite a 3 and a half month period where the project was not receiving referrals from the hospital due to the pandemic and severe lockdown rules in place.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Vocational Support Services

Our employment support services are sustained with the support of a significant grant from Lloyds Bank Foundation INVEST programme over 3 years. This year we have supported 18 people with holistic, person centred support to prepare beneficiaries for the key transition point of achieving employment. We have created 5 volunteer/mentoring opportunities for disabled people who support different elements of the project. 2 participants have moved into paid employment with our support and 1 (who still attends the project) has started vocational training as a fork lift driver. Our employment support services are delivered through the development of micro-enterprise vocational training opportunities including our Cook, Build and Grow groups, our Horizons Café, and the Bournemouth Older People Forum Lunch Club.

The Horizons Café

The Horizons Café has been firmly established on Wednesday lunchtimes, and is now managed by a project worker with support from 3 volunteers. The café can support 3 vocational training participants at a time, who rotate to gain experience in 3 roles - taking orders, meal preparation and waiting. Participants experience an increase in confidence and the development of both individual and team-working skills. Customers of the café include many isolated older people, Double Act Disability Theatre members and Art Group Members, as well as members of the general public. We aim to extend the café to open on Mondays which will mean it can support 3 more disabled people to benefit from these opportunities. The Bournemouth Older People Forum lunch club is also now firmly established one Friday lunchtime on alternate months, with catering provided by the Horizons Café Team.

Build /Grow/Cook

Our micro-enterprise Build/Grow project has created a range of accessible garden planters which have started to sell locally through direct sales as well as sales through partner charity, Cherry Tree nursery. As well as building wooden products the Build team are now learning DIY skills as part of The Bridge building maintenance program.

As well as our two polytunnels we have now built a metal workshop to extend our woodwork and potentially add bicycle repair to our vocational training opportunities. This year we have successfully grown salad crops for use in Horizons Café which has linked the two projects and produced cost savings. We hope to sell surplus salad and vegetable crops in future years. The small profits generated will be reinvested in the projects allowing an element of self-sustainability and further diversity. Both Build and Grow are offering meaningful vocational training opportunities to disabled people and their efforts lead to further sustainable development for the benefit of more disabled people.

It is important to us that both Build and Grow develop at a pace that facilitates the meaningful involvement of disabled people in project development and to ensure that there is the maximum gain in terms of personal development.

Dorset Police consultation contract

Our contract with Dorset Police to provide a Strategic Disability Consultation service has been renewed for a further year. Over the last period we carried out a number of formal consultations on policies and procedures resulting in professional equality impact assessment. This includes a Review of Equality and Diversity and Disability Related Training.

Each of our consultations leads to a report with detailed recommendations. We also focused on disseminating information about community safety and promoting the reporting of hate crime.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Funding sources

Access Dorset are committed to the implementation of an ongoing Funding Strategy that recognises the need for a healthy mix of income from varied sources to ensure that the charity is not overly dependent on any one particular funding source. Our aim has been to secure a balance between core grant funding, project grant funding, enterprise, business sponsorship, fundraising initiatives and service contracts. The latter part of our financial year has been heavily impacted by the consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic but we have worked hard to overcome funding shortfalls. All of our existing grant givers readily agreed to our proposals to adapt projects to meet the requirements to comply with lockdown and social distancing measures and we thank the National Lottery, Lloyds Bank Foundation and Natwest Skills and Opportunities Fund for their continuing support. We are also extremely grateful to the Trusts and Foundations who provided funding via specially created Covid-19 emergency funds during summer 2020 to help us continue to deliver services through the national emergency - Talbot Village Trust £20,000, Lloyds Bank Foundation £8,963, Dorset Community Foundation £5,000, Safer Dorset Fund £5,000.

Reserves policy

In line with Charity Commission guidelines Access Dorset's spends income it receives within a reasonable period of time unless there is a good reason not to. Access Dorset has in place stringent management accounting practices including cash flow forecasting.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy is to maintain free reserves, which have been calculated to cover costs of redundancy payments to staff and any tax liability. They also cover the cost of the office rental, which would still be due and any other outstanding monies due. These costs are currently estimated at £15,000 and are met through total funds carried forward.

Access Dorset's Reserve Policy aims to build reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs.

FUTURE PLANS

Our key goals are focussed on providing support to disabled people, older people and carers so that we can enjoy the same life chances as others.

Aims

1. To continue to develop The Bridge as a vibrant community resource that will secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset
2. To help bridge the gap that young disabled people experience in transition to adulthood,
3. To tackle employment inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between unemployment and employment
4. To tackle health inequalities by helping to bridge the gap between ill-health and self-management of health conditions.
5. To promote independent living and provide welfare benefit support.
6. To reduce social isolation.
7. To challenge disability related hate crime/harassment.
8. To work closely with our voluntary sector partners to strengthen ourselves collectively.
9. To develop as Psychologically Informed Community where we value everyone as equal members of the community we are creating.

Objectives

1. We will further develop our Gantt Project Plan for the development of our services and activities at The Bridge with stringent Performance Review and Financial Control systems so that the Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team can easily access the information they need to secure the long-term sustainability of Access Dorset.
2. We will seek to sustain and expand our Help through Crisis Service to meet growing demand.
3. We will extend the Horizons Café to open on more days of the week to enable us to extend the vocational training offer to more disabled people.
4. We will extend the support we are offering to long-term unemployed disabled people, many of whom have mental health support needs by developing our Employment Support Services, creating sustainable in-house vocational training and work opportunities at The Bridge. We will develop genuine work placement opportunities to prepare beneficiaries for the world of paid work through the extension of the Community Café, and the development of our Build, Grow and Cook groups.
5. We will look to introduce training and individual support to help disabled and older people to be more in control of their finances and better equipped to manage their affairs digitally.
6. We will introduce new and accessible exercise opportunities for disabled and older people to support them to lead healthier lives and self-manage health conditions.
7. We will introduce new opportunities that bring together people of different backgrounds and ages to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging.
8. We will increase the capacity of the charity to meet the demand for information, advice and welfare benefit guidance.
9. We will value our volunteers, develop our Volunteer Development Program and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our volunteers.
10. We will continue to work in partnership with Bournemouth Older People Forum, Double Act Disability Theatre Company, Bournemouth Parent Carer Forum, People First Forum, Dorset Healthwatch and Addaction (who are based with us here at The Bridge) and will support increased use by other organisations and the wider community. Our objective is for The Bridge to be a place of safety and support - vibrant, enterprising and inclusive.
11. We will build upon our previous work on tackling disability hate crime, prejudice and inequality by continuing to work in partnership with Prejudice Free Dorset, Dorset Police and other statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness and celebrate diversity and equality.
12. We will work with Bournemouth University to implement and evaluate our development as a Psychologically Informed Community.
13. Our goals are far reaching and encompass our broad vision of supporting disabled people, carers and older people to participate more fully in society and have improved life chances. To achieve that we recognise the importance of developing joined up working relationships with a wide range of partners in the community, voluntary, statutory and business community to provide our beneficiaries with the best possible opportunities. We will continue to foster and build partnerships to achieve this.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Access Dorset is a registered charity (No. 1142171) and Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 7384409) and is accountable to both the Charity Commission and Companies House. The charity is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association which meets the legal requirements of both those bodies.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and between Annual General Meetings meet quarterly to oversee the business of Access Dorset. New Trustees receive a package of support which includes induction, Trustee training and peer mentoring from fellow Trustees.

The rules of the charity are laid out in full in the Articles of Association. Accordingly, elections to the Board of Trustees are held annually with a third of elected Trustees retiring at each General Meeting. Membership of Access Dorset is free and open to all disabled people, older people and carers living and/or working in the shire of Dorset. Any member can stand for election to the Board and vote at the election. Trustees serve for a maximum term of three years at which stage they retire and can if they chose stand for re-election. Six partner organisations can appoint a representative to the Board of Trustees who become co-opted full members of the Board.

All trustees serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their role.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected by the membership of Access Dorset. The Charity is extremely fortunate to have Trustees from a variety of backgrounds and ages whose skills, knowledge and experience combine to help inform and guide the strategic direction of the organisation. Three Trustees are co-opted Trustees from partner organisations DOTS Disability, YMCA Chatterboxes and Bournemouth Older People Forum.

Staffing

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the organisation to the Chief Executive, Jonathan Waddington-Jones.

Access Dorset's staff team currently consists of 4.5 Full Time Equivalent staff, supported by a team of extremely committed volunteers.

Jonathan Waddington-Jones remained in post as Chief Executive as did David Thompson (Development Manager), Jayne Robertson (Senior Crisis Caseworker), Belinda Reay (Volunteer and Activity Coordinator), Dave Penn (Project Worker) and Karen Davies (Project Administrator). Sarah Gallagher (Crisis Caseworker) left the organisation with our thanks after 4 years commitment to our Help through Crisis project.

Risk management

The Board has appropriate Policies in place, which are reviewed annually, to outline, minimise and manage all major risks to the Organisation and observes the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07384409 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1142171

Registered office

The Bridge
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Dorset
BH7 7BX

Access Dorset Limited

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

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Senior Management

Jonathan Waddington-Jones - Chief Executive Officer

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Access Dorset Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

Leighton John Barnes FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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Tax & Business Advisors
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27 May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.20 Total funds £	30.9.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	76,830	118,500	195,330	248,959
Charitable activities	5				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		29,334	-	29,334	37,581
Other trading activities	3	1,306	-	1,306	4,532
Investment income	4	96	-	96	147
Total		107,566	118,500	226,066	291,219
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	2,362	-	2,362	4,643
Charitable activities	7				
Support for disabled people, older people and carers		120,891	103,534	224,425	225,232
Total		123,253	103,534	226,787	229,875
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(15,687)	14,966	(721)	61,344
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		95,764	97,163	192,927	131,583
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		80,077	112,129	192,206	192,927

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.9.20 Total funds £	30.9.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	35,498	-	35,498	49,527
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	59,789	-	59,789	39,432
Cash at bank and in hand		12,855	112,129	124,984	113,118
		<u>72,644</u>	<u>112,129</u>	<u>184,773</u>	<u>152,550</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(28,065)	-	(28,065)	(9,150)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>44,579</u>	<u>112,129</u>	<u>156,708</u>	<u>143,400</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>80,077</u>	<u>112,129</u>	<u>192,206</u>	<u>192,927</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>80,077</u>	<u>112,129</u>	<u>192,206</u>	<u>192,927</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				71,708	47,356
Designated fund				8,369	48,408
				<u>80,077</u>	<u>95,764</u>
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				112,129	97,163
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>192,206</u>	<u>192,927</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

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

Access Dorset Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

30 September 2020

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A E Simpson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Income from grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donated services and facilities

Donated services or facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The time of volunteers is not recognised, refer to the Trustee's annual report for more information about their contribution.

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.

Expenditure

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

Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, repairs and maintenance costs, finance etc which supports the charity's activities. All support costs are deemed to relate to charitable activities, any costs related to other income methods are deemed to be immaterial.

Governance costs

Those costs incurred to meet the statutory and constitutional requirements of the charitable company. These are now shown as part of support costs due to the new reporting regulations.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- in accordance with the property
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash held in no notice bank accounts.

Creditors and provisions

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

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Grants & donations by project	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
<u>016 - Disability Information Advice Line</u>				
DOTS Disability CIC	12,500	-	12,500	-
<u>023 - Governance</u>				
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	10,000
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Trust	-	-	-	20,000
DOTS Disability CIC	-	-	-	45,000
Santander Employability	-	-	-	5,000
<u>025 - The Bridge</u>				
Percy Bilton	-	-	-	488
<u>028 - Help Through Crisis</u>				
The Big Lottery Fund	-	101,000	101,000	111,000
<u>030 - Horizons</u>				
Lloyds Bank Enterprise Project	25,000	-	25,000	18,750
<u>031 - Enterprising Projects</u>				
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	-	-	8,333
<u>032 - Bridge Capital Works</u>				
Rank Fund	-	-	-	250
<u>036 - Help Through Crisis Emergency Fund</u>				
Other	-	-	-	410
<u>037 - Natwest Skills & Opportunities</u>				
RBS Skills & Opportunities Fund	-	17,500	17,500	17,500
<u>038 - Build & Grow</u>				
Other	-	-	-	200
	37,500	118,500	156,000	236,931
General grants & donations	39,330	-	39,330	12,028
	76,830	118,500	195,330	248,959

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
Sale of goods				
025 - The Bridge	-	-	-	120
033 - Garden sales	-	-	-	174
	-	-	-	294
Cafe income				
031 - Enterprising Projects	1,306	-	1,306	4,238
	1,306	-	1,306	4,238
	1,306	-	1,306	4,532

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
Bank interest				
General	96	-	96	147
	96	-	96	147

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
<u>General</u>				
Room hire	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
<u>029 - Room Hire</u>				
Room hire	18,677	-	18,677	24,640
<u>034 - BOP Lunch Club</u>				
Bournemouth Older People's Forum	-	-	-	2,866
	<u>19,877</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,877</u>	<u>28,706</u>
 Local Authority Service Contracts				
<u>015 - Police Consultation Service</u>				
Dorset Police	9,457	-	9,457	8,875
	<u>9,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,457</u>	<u>8,875</u>
	<u>29,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,334</u>	<u>37,581</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
Cafe purchases				
031 - Enterprising Projects	2,362	-	2,362	4,643
	<u>2,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,362</u>	<u>4,643</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

**Support for disabled people, older people
and carers**

	30.09.20 Unrestricted funds £	30.09.20 Restricted funds £	30.09.20 Total funds £	30.09.19 Total funds £
Grants to Individuals				
HTC Emergency Support	-	783	783	2,597
Build & Support	517	-	517	917
	517	783	1,300	3,514
Other costs				
Wages	55,453	94,265	149,718	141,278
Social security	8,594	-	8,594	10,968
Pensions	3,691	-	3,691	2,238
Staff expenses	57	638	695	1,816
Volunteer expenses	162	-	162	2,777
Training	448	-	448	1,858
Rates	300	-	300	590
Rent, room hire & storage	6,216	-	6,216	1,500
Telephone	4,008	-	4,008	3,589
Print, post & stationery	1,434	23	1,457	1,670
Light & heat	1,758	-	1,758	3,035
Computers & I.T.	2,160	468	2,628	3,019
Repairs & renewals	5,369	-	5,369	4,938
Insurance	2,053	-	2,053	2,170
Consultancy fees	1,470	7,310	8,780	14,454
Sundry	6,280	47	6,327	5,193
Depreciation	16,289	-	16,289	16,247
	115,742	102,751	218,493	217,340
Governance				
Accountancy fees	1,200	-	1,200	200
Legal & professional fees	2,271	-	2,271	-
Bank charges	97	-	97	159
Books, payroll & HR	-	-	-	1,168
Admin & secretarial	81	-	81	1,511
Insurance	983	-	983	1,340
	4,632	-	4,632	4,378
	120,891	103,534	224,425	225,232

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.9.20	30.9.19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	16,289	16,247
	<u>16,289</u>	<u>16,247</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2020 nor for the year ended 30 September 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2020 nor for the year ended 30 September 2019.

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	120,209	128,750	248,959
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	34,715	2,866	37,581
Other trading activities	4,532	-	4,532
Investment income	147	-	147
Total	<u>159,603</u>	<u>131,616</u>	<u>291,219</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,177	466	4,643
Charitable activities			
Support for disabled people, older people and carers	115,310	109,922	225,232
Total	<u>119,487</u>	<u>110,388</u>	<u>229,875</u>
NET INCOME	<u>40,116</u>	<u>21,228</u>	<u>61,344</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	55,648	75,935	131,583

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	95,764	97,163	192,927

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 October 2019	72,190	9,081	11,790	93,061
Additions	-	2,260	-	2,260
At 30 September 2020	72,190	11,341	11,790	95,321
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2019	28,655	4,067	10,812	43,534
Charge for year	14,511	1,455	323	16,289
At 30 September 2020	43,166	5,522	11,135	59,823
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2020	29,024	5,819	655	35,498
At 30 September 2019	43,535	5,014	978	49,527

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.20 £	30.9.19 £
Trade debtors	10,259	2,243
Other debtors	60	269
Accrued income	47,500	35,000
Prepayments	1,970	1,920
	59,789	39,432

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.9.20	30.9.19
	£	£
Tax	-	16
Social security and other taxes	815	1,884
Accrued expenses	1,000	1,000
Deferred grant income	26,250	6,250
	<u>28,065</u>	<u>9,150</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	47,355	24,353	71,708
Designated fund	48,409	(40,040)	8,369
	<u>95,764</u>	<u>(15,687)</u>	<u>80,077</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	97,163	14,966	112,129
	<u>192,927</u>	<u>(721)</u>	<u>192,206</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40,626	(16,273)	24,353
Designated fund	66,940	(106,980)	(40,040)
	<u>107,566</u>	<u>(123,253)</u>	<u>(15,687)</u>
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	118,500	(103,534)	14,966
	<u>226,066</u>	<u>(226,787)</u>	<u>(721)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,618	(3,262)	47,356
Designated fund	5,030	43,378	48,408
	55,648	40,116	95,764
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	75,935	21,228	97,163
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,583</u>	<u>61,344</u>	<u>192,927</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	13,373	(16,635)	(3,262)
Designated fund	146,230	(102,852)	43,378
	159,603	(119,487)	40,116
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	131,616	(110,388)	21,228
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>291,219</u>	<u>(229,875)</u>	<u>61,344</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,618	21,091	71,709
Designated fund	5,030	3,338	8,368
	55,648	24,429	80,077
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	75,935	36,194	112,129
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>131,583</u>	<u>60,623</u>	<u>192,206</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,999	(32,908)	21,091
Designated fund	213,170	(209,832)	3,338
	267,169	(242,740)	24,429
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	250,116	(213,922)	36,194
TOTAL FUNDS	517,285	(456,662)	60,623

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

AE Simpson, DM Hurst, MA Peters, Trustees, and J Waddington-Jones, CEO, are also directors of DOTS Disability Community Interest Company.

DOTS Disability CIC is the social enterprise arm of Access Dorset Limited. The two entities share rent and other administrative costs.

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charitable company is controlled by the Board of Trustees.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	30.9.20 £	30.9.19 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	39,330	4,530
Grants	156,000	244,429
	195,330	248,959
Other trading activities		
Sale of goods	-	294
Cafe income	1,306	4,238
	1,306	4,532
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	96	147
Charitable activities		
Provision of support services	9,457	11,741
Room hire	19,877	25,840
	29,334	37,581
Total incoming resources		
	226,066	291,219
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cafe expenditure	2,362	4,643
Charitable activities		
Wages	149,718	141,278
Social security	8,594	10,968
Pensions	3,691	2,238
Staff expenses	695	1,816
Volunteer expenses	162	2,777
Training costs	448	1,858
Rates	300	590
Rent, room hire and storage	6,216	1,500
Telephone	4,008	3,589
Print, postage and stationery	1,457	1,670
Light & heat	1,758	3,035
Computers & I.T.	2,628	3,019
Repairs and renewals	5,369	4,938
Carried forward	185,044	179,276

Access Dorset Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 September 2020

	30.9.20 £	30.9.19 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	185,044	179,276
Insurance	2,053	2,170
Consultancy fees	8,780	14,454
Sundry	6,327	5,193
Improvements to property	14,511	14,511
Fixtures and fittings	323	482
Computer equipment	1,455	1,254
Grants to individuals	1,300	3,514
	219,793	220,854
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,200	200
Bank charges	97	159
Legal & professional	2,271	-
Meetings and administrative	81	1,511
Insurance	983	1,340
Human resources	-	1,168
	4,632	4,378
Total resources expended	226,787	229,875
Net (expenditure)/income	(721)	61,344

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements