



CLEAR VILLAGE:

Trustees Annual Report 2020/21

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP 2005.

Reference and Administrative Information

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Working name: CLEAR VILLAGE

Registration: 1142779

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1: MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

2020-21 was an exceptionally challenging year for CLEAR VILLAGE, as it was for the world in general. The pandemic made some of our activities more difficult (such as hosting hackathons for our Circuit project) and other activities simply impossible (such as running community events for our Small Works project). What did not change, however, was our commitment to supporting disadvantaged communities. Indeed, the pandemic did not only complicate our work, but also highlighted its importance. Society needs stronger communities, greater resilience, and increased cohesion- not only to recover from COVID 19, but also to weather the next crisis we will inevitably face.

I am pleased to say that we were quick to respond to the challenges of the pandemic. We successfully switched to remote working and managed to ensure that none of our team needed to be furloughed. We also adapted our work in two ways. First: we undertook more development work, for instance on grant development for our Remote Making project and on impact assessment for our Human Cities project, as this could easily be done remotely. Second: we added a significant online component to our projects, for instance by conducting digital hackathons for Circuit and helping community groups at Small Works offer their services digitally. In addition, we gave our team space to make individual contributions to the pandemic response, for instance by making personal protective equipment with our machines during the PPE crisis.

The well-known (though apocryphal) curse "may you live in interesting times" certainly applies to 2020-21. But even as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, we can be certain that there will be more "interesting times" ahead, brought about by the climate crisis, the rise of social inequality, the upheaval wrought by new technologies, and other mega trends. We believe that working with local communities is an important part of dealing with all these challenges and we look forward to continuing our work in the hope of making a modest but meaningful contribution to the solution.



Thomas Ermacora
CLEAR VILLAGE Founder and Strategic & Creative Director

2: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

2.1 Governing document

CLEAR VILLAGE Charitable Trust is constituted as a charitable trust registered with the UK Charity Commission in July 2011 under charity number 1142779. It is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12th May 2010. The working name of the trust is CLEAR VILLAGE.

2.2 Organisational structure

In the course of the 2020/21 financial year, CLEAR VILLAGE had 8 members of staff spread across 2 teams: a core team of 4 and a project team of 4 assigned to the organisation's various projects.

2.3 Trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees.

The trustee of CLEAR VILLAGE in the period and as at the date of approval of this report is CLEAR VILLAGE Trustee Limited, which is an incorporated company limited by guarantee.

CLEAR VILLAGE Trustee Limited is responsible for the management of the trust and for holding its assets. Any contract to be entered into by CLEAR VILLAGE Charitable Trust is entered into by CLEAR VILLAGE Trustee Limited, acting in its capacity as sole trustee of the trust.

In the period and as at the date of approval of this report, CLEAR VILLAGE Trustee Limited had 4 board members.

3: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

3.1 Objects of the charity

The objects of the charity, as declared in the Trust Deed, are as follows:

To promote and develop the capacity and skills of members of socially, economically and ecologically disadvantaged rural, peri-urban and urban communities for the benefit of the public, in such a way that they are better able to identify and meet their needs by:

(a) bringing together professional expertise and the specific knowledge of local communities through participatory community projects,

(b) educating the public in matters associated with regeneration, community capacity building and sustainable solutions by conducting, supporting and publicising research into these topics, including but not limited to exhibitions, presentations, conferences, awards, publications and lectures in schools, colleges and universities,

(c) supporting students studying subjects associated with community capacity and skill building as well as well-being and sustainable solutions, at postgraduate level, or

(d) such other methods as the Trustees think fit.

3.2 Public benefit statement

The trustees have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

3.3 Main activities and public benefit

In the past year, CLEAR VILLAGE has undertaken a number of projects, summarised below, in furtherance of its charitable aims. In accordance with Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the planning and delivery of the projects mentioned. In particular, the guidance specifies community development as a statutory charitable purpose. Since community development and capacity-building is at the core of all the projects CLEAR VILLAGE delivered in the past financial year, the trustees believe that CLEAR VILLAGE has fully complied with the obligation to consider and achieve public benefit.

3.4 Projects in the 2020/2021 financial year

3.4.1 Human Cities

The fourth iteration of Human Cities, called SMOTIES, received a major grant from Creative Europe and kicked off in November 2020. SMOTIES will run for 4 years and involve 10 partner organisations from across Europe. The focus of the project will be on bringing design and placemaking skills to remote places which have traditionally been ignored by placemaking professionals, in order to build local capacity and co-create new opportunities. In addition to running numerous activities in a selected village in Wales, CLEAR VILLAGE will be in charge of developing the project's impact assessment methodology and overseeing its application in the 10 partner countries.

3.4.2 Circuit

Circuit is a 4-year project funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 programme. The project brings together partners from 4 city clusters- Copenhagen, Hamburg, Helsinki and London- to develop circular economy approaches for the built environment. CLEAR VILLAGE is in charge of running hackathons for the London cluster to generate new ideas and approaches. This was a challenging task during the pandemic, but it was successfully managed by developing a virtual version of our Machines Room and running our hackathons online. In addition, we conducted extensive research into urban mining and explored new ways to re-use and recycle building materials.

3.4.3 Remote Making

Remote Making is a project in development to bring digital fabrication and other new technologies to rural locations in Wales. The aim is to teach people new skills, contribute to economic development, and promote co-creative approaches to tackling community challenges. Our goal is to work towards a major grant which will fund our activities for a 4-year period. To this end, we conducted initial research, carried out community consultations, and built relationships with local and regional partners. We also supported

an initiative to transform an empty shop space in Penmachno into a community space, where we will be able to pilot digital fabrication activities.

3.4.4 Small Works

Our Small Works Victoria space in Peabody's Vauxhall Estate had to close for most of the year on account of the pandemic. Despite the challenges, we worked hard to support local residents and the member organisations that are based at Small Works. Most of the latter are small community groups, which were badly impacted during the year. For that reason, we suspended our licence fees and also secured funding from the National Lottery to help our members adapt to the new online environment by providing digital services to their beneficiaries.

4: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the 2020/21 financial year, CLEAR VILLAGE took active steps to reduce organisational costs to an acceptable level. With its current projects in stable condition, CLEAR VILLAGE is well positioned to pursue future opportunities for growth so as to improve its overall financial performance.

4.1 Reserves policy

As a young charity, CLEAR VILLAGE is exposed to certain financial risks. The CLEAR VILLAGE trustees have implemented a Reserves Policy to assist with financial planning and guard against these risks to ensure that in times of financial difficulty:

- staff can continue working, primarily to secure new funding;
- beneficiaries are supported; and
- CLEAR VILLAGE can continue to work toward its charitable objectives.

The Reserves Policy is designed to ensure that CLEAR VILLAGE is able to maintain operations over three months should any challenging circumstances – foreseen or unforeseen – arise.

4.2 Details of any funds materially in deficit

During the financial period, CLEAR VILLAGE had net incoming resources of £3,640 (2020: £211 incoming resources) and had unrestricted reserves of £4,310 (2020: £670).

4.3 Further financial review details

Addressing the level of unrestricted reserves is a key financial priority. Thanks to cost-cutting measures, overall expenditure has been substantially brought down. However, income growth is needed and the trustees are exploring ways to stabilize the organisation's financial position going forward.

5: STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees of CLEAR VILLAGE to prepare financial statements according to suitable accounting policies and the Charities SORP, taking into account the annual revenue of the charity and giving a fair and true view of its financial status.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. For this purpose, CLEAR VILLAGE has contracted with the accountancy firm of Jamieson Stone LLP and has attached the current independently examined financial records for review.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on the inside front cover of this report.

This annual report and the attached accounts has been approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Thomas Ugo Ermacora
Chair of CLEAR VILLAGE Trustee Limited

January 2022

6: CONTACT

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEE OF CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustee considers that an audit is not required for this period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

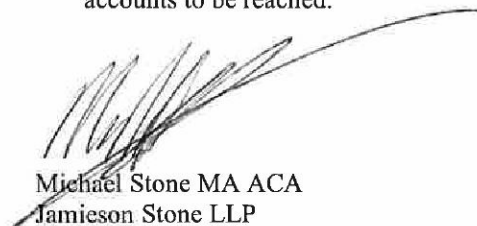
Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations	2	35,300	-	35,300	118,212
Grant Income	2	-	39,462	39,462	18,339
Other Income	2	27,174	-	27,174	20,769
Total incoming resources		62,474	39,462	101,936	157,320
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grant & Project Expenditure		57,632	39,462	97,094	155,421
Governance Costs		1,201	-	1,201	1,688
Total resources expended		58,833	18,339	98,295	157,109
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		3,641	-	3,641	211
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,641	-	3,641	211
Total funds at 1 April 2020		670	-	670	459
Total funds at 31 March 2021		4311	-	4,311	670


All amounts relate to continuing operations. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements


CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	4	4,537	-
Cash at bank and in hand		12,505	39,428
		<u>17,042</u>	<u>39,428</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	12,731	38,758
		<u>12,731</u>	<u>38,758</u>
Net current assets		4,311	670
NET ASSETS		<u>4,311</u>	<u>670</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted funds		4,311	670
Restricted funds		-	-
		<u>4,311</u>	<u>670</u>
Total funds		<u>4,311</u>	<u>670</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25 January 2022 and signed on their behalf.



 Thomas Ermacora



 Simon Parkinson

The accompanying notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements

CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015) and with Accounting Standards and with the Charities Act 2011.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Incoming Resources

Recognition of incoming resources: These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure: Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations: Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts: Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants: This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind: Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity of the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities: These are only included in incoming resources (with equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonable quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help: The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income: This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses: include any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market at the end of the period.

CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition: Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Grants with performance conditions: where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions: these are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity: these are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments: Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the period end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stock and work in progress: These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

3. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiner's remuneration: For reporting on the accounts	1,200	1,200
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4. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	4,537	-
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CLEAR VILLAGE CHARITABLE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5. CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Social security and other taxes	2,120	2,900
Other creditors	14	446
Accruals and deferred income	10,597	35,412
	<u>12,731</u>	<u>38,758</u>

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No remuneration or benefits were paid to trustees in the period.