

REAL DEAL PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1148731

Details

Other names	REAL DEAL PLUS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07886315
Registered	2012-08-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	29 Leander Avenue Choppington Northumberland NE62 5AX
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Activities

Objects: RELIEF OF HOMELESS AND OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS, IN PARTICULAR (WITHOUT LIMITATION) THROUGH THE PROMOTION AND PROVISION OF SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION, THE PROVISION OF RESPITE, EDUCATION, TRAINING, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR SUCH PERSONS BY PROVIDING FACILITIES WHICH WILL LEAD TO SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

Activities: We support vulnerable people by offering a place of care and refuge, a listening ear, companionship and direct practical help. We provide alcohol, drug and relationship counselling and supply furniture, clothing and food parcels to those in need. We plan to implement a youth programme and a range of directed programmes around independent life skills, employability, sport and positive self-esteem.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£37,868	£105,283	-	-
2023-12-31	£156,433	£157,979	-	-
2022-12-31	£187,849	£153,611	-	-
2021-12-31	£165,984	£154,123	-	-
2020-12-31	£218,852	£67,018	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV DAVEY FALCUS	Chair	2012-03-23
ALLAN HARGREAVES		2012-03-23
Arthur Lodge-Johnston		2019-09-12
John Philip Pearce		2022-01-27

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31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
REAL DEAL PLUS LTD**

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Independent Examiner
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HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are described above. The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2024

This year we have again seen an increase in the need for support by vulnerable members of the local community especially in the areas of food poverty and isolation (and the associated mental health issues & stresses due to cost of living increases and the fuel crisis). We have faced significant challenges regarding funding over the last year and this has reflected in the staffing levels and reliance once again on volunteers.

We have been able to provide significant support to both members of the local community and asylum seekers in our Community Café, signposting service, Teen Bar and via our in-house Food Bank.

Teen Bar attendance continues to be significant with young facing increasing challenges in today's society and we have been able to offer significant support to them and provide activities which aid their people's mental health.

We are extremely grateful to both members of the community and local businesses who have helped us by fundraising, volunteering and supporting the work we are doing and to all our funders and fundraisers who have helped us support so many vulnerable people.

The Charity carries out a wide range of projects and community activities in pursuance of its Charitable Aims. The Trustees consider that these activities provide benefit to the residents of South East Northumberland and in particular to Ashington.

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are a vital resource in our Community work and are involved in all our community activities. We currently have approx 5 volunteers freely donating their time and resources to support the Charity and its work. Volunteer availability has decreased substantially over the last few years with older people now having to step in to support family with childcare. We encourage all of our clients to become involved in voluntary activities and share their skills with others. All staff & volunteers working with children in our Teen Bar and other vulnerable groups are DBS checked.

The directors of the company are also the **charity trustees** for the purposes of charity law. At the balance sheet date the charity is managed by a board of four trustees selected because they strongly endorse the charitable objectives of the organisation and support its Christian ethos. When selecting trustees, the charity aims to ensure there is a broad range of relevant skills. Trustees are appointed after interviews with existing trustees and formal visits to the organisation, to ensure that they understand our vision and values. Trustees are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks where applicable.

The Trustees wish to thank everyone for their continued support and encouragement, their observations and suggestions over the past year were both welcomed and appreciated.

Public benefit statement In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, Real Deal Plus is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness, poverty and associated issues. Through its activities, Real Deal Plus seeks to relieve poverty by delivering life-changing services. The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Real Deal Plus' progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with their duty in the Charities Act 2008 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.



Date..... 28/07/2025

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A. Lodge-Johnston – Trustee

Real Deal Plus Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	2,195.00	-	-	2,195.00	74,151.86
Income from charitable activities	3,362.00	-	-	3,362.00	7,152.00
Other trading activities	600.00	-	-	600.00	450.00
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,190.68	30,519.99	-	31,710.67	74,679.87
Total income	7,347.68	30,519.99	-	37,867.67	156,433.73
Payments					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	31,592.23	59,720.93	-	91,313.16	137,688.61
Other expenditure	7,292.00	6,677.54	-	13,969.54	20,290.58
Total expenditure	38,884.23	66,398.47	-	105,282.70	157,979.19
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(31,536.55)	(35,878.48)	-	(67,415.03)	(1,545.46)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	12,000.00	-	-	12,000.00	15,027.47
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(12,000.00)	-	(12,000.00)	(15,027.47)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(19,536.55)	(47,878.48)	-	(67,415.03)	(1,545.46)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	101,988.89	93,281.86	-	195,270.75	196,816.21
Total funds carried forward	82,452.34	45,403.38	-	127,855.72	195,270.75

Real Deal Plus Ltd
Balance Sheet detailed

		As at 31/12/2024	As at 31/12/2023
Fixed assets			
	5000: Tangible Fixed Assets at cost	544.00	544.00
	5010: Tangible Fixed Assets Depreciation	(447.00)	(447.00)
	Total Fixed assets	97.00	97.00
Current assets			
	6050: HSBC	127,817.72	195,232.75
	6060: Cash in hand	512.00	512.00
	Total Current assets	128,329.72	195,744.75
Liabilities			
	6500: Mrs Susan Walker - Loan	571.00	571.00
	6510: Falous (Ashington Family Church) - Loan	-	-
	6520: PAYE & NIC	-	-
	6530: Accountancy Fees	-	-
	Total Liabilities	571.00	571.00
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	127,855.72	195,270.75
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(67,415.03)	(1,545.46)
	Z01: Starting balances	195,270.75	196,816.21
	Total Reserves	127,855.72	195,270.75

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	82,452.34	101,988.89
Restricted	45,403.38	93,281.86
Total	127,855.72	195,270.75

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 28th August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Arthur Lodge-Johnston (Trustee)

Real Deal Plus Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2024.

1. Accounting Policies.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, Statement of Recommended Practice: Reporting and Accounting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

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Donated Goods

The great majority of donated goods were gifted for general hospitality purposes and given to those in considerable need and were not resold by means of a charity shop. Such gifts have not been recognised in the accounts in view of their low value and being too numerous to quantify.

The income from donated goods that are subsequently sold is recognised when the sale is made and cash is received.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of that obligation can be measured reliably.

Allocation of Costs

Direct Activity costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity. Support costs comprise of those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver any activity. They include administration, finance, personnel and payroll, premises costs and legal and professional costs.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% reducing balance

During the year all capital expenditure was funded from grants received with such expenditure being solely used to fulfil the objects for which the grant was made. The cost of such assets is treated as being the actual cost less the amount of the grant received.

Funds

Restricted funds represent income received which the donor has specified is to be solely used for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted funds are those funds available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Real Deal Plus Limited.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st. December 2024 which are set out in this Report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.

Signed *Alan A Clements Rev'd.*

Date. 22nd. August 2025.

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2023

This year has been another challenging time for Real Deal Plus. As economic conditions continue to significantly impact businesses and community organisations we were pleased to be able to offer ongoing support for vulnerable local residents despite the challenges. Our foodbank, homeless support and furniture scheme continued to be available throughout the week with the Community Café, Teen Bar and Food Bank services needed more than ever.

This year we have continued to see a huge increase in the need for support by vulnerable members of the local community especially in the areas of food poverty and isolation (and the associated mental health issues & stresses due to cost of living increases and the fuel crisis). Our Community Café has seen an increase in demand for healthy, affordable food options and the need for food parcels and referrals has also significantly increased due to benefit processing times, the long period between application and first payment of benefits and a huge rise in the cost of living – especially mortgage, utility and fuel increases. The centre has been able to remain available for local community use as an official 'Warm Space' as well as continuing as a Community Hub for the services already listed and signposting to relevant support and statutory organisations.

Teen Bar attendance has also increased continuing to focus on young people's mental health and our art sessions & music sessions provide a vital outlet for expressing emotions and sharing issues.

Our furniture scheme continued to provide good quality donated furniture to families in need and those being rehoused following a period of homelessness (normally by statutory services referral). Refugees and Asylum seekers are now included in our client list and numbers are expected to increase in the current economic and world climate.

We are extremely grateful to both members of the community and local businesses who have helped us by fundraising, volunteering and supporting the work we are doing and to all our funders and fundraisers who have helped us support so many vulnerable people.

Specific thanks go to the following for supporting this project, vision and community:

National Lottery Fund RC North East Region
The Northumberland Children's Trust
The Ballinger Charitable Trust
Ashington Town Council
The Asda Foundation
The Arnold Clark Community Fund
Neighbourly
Northumberland Holiday Provision
Northumberland County Council Community Chest
The Banks Community Fund

The Charity carries out a wide range of projects and community activities in pursuance of its Charitable Aims. The Trustees consider that these activities provide benefit to the residents of South East Northumberland and in particular to Ashington. Current projects and activities are as follows (local restrictions permitting):

Youth work –The Teen Bar provides a safe, healthy environment for young people to “hang out” with friends and get involved in supervised activities if they choose to. We offer all the young people that come to The Teen Bar the opportunity to do something positive and provide alternatives to getting into trouble on the streets, which can lead to difficult, dangerous or anti-social behaviour, petty crime or vulnerability to drug and substance misuse. We have seen a significant rise in the numbers of young people with mental health issues and are successfully supporting these youngsters by providing practical and emotional care and support. We give encouragement, support and a warm welcome to disengaged young people. Non-

judgemental groups and activities, advice, support, guidance, access to health advice/support including sexual health, contraception and relationship issues, encourage healthy relationships; build self-esteem and independence, school holiday meal provision and a safe place to be, educational information sessions on drug/alcohol awareness, online safety and the dangers of the internet/grooming, arts and other programmes of activities, day trips & excursions. Of particular benefit are the School holiday trips and excursions (funded by Northumberland County Council Holiday Provision) which gives the young people attending both educational and fun experiences which they would otherwise not have access to.

Homeless and Crisis support - Our on-site **Emergency Food Bank** supplies dried and tinned foods, which complements the existing local Food Bank by covering the hours when the regular Food Bank is closed e.g late nights, weekends and bank holidays helping combat food insecurity and supporting the reduction of food waste. The food bank provides vital support to families in the area as well as support for street sleepers and 'sofa surfers'. Our **Community Shower** is available to people with no access to hot water (e.g broken boiler, financial hardship) and those who are homeless, increasing their self-respect by enabling them to wash, shampoo their hair, shave and feel normal – something most of us take for granted.

A **Crisis Day Bed-sitting Room** for street sleepers and 'sofa surfers' provides a safe place for a few hours' sleep, some much-needed privacy and the opportunity to relax in their 'own space' for a while. The day room is part of a service which includes showering and laundry facilities as well as meals and hot drinks, signposting, and the provision of a change of clothing and other items needed for living on the streets. The day room also doubles as a 'crisis room' for social/statutory services referrals. We also provide tents, sleeping bags, emergency shelters, clothing, laundry facilities, hot meals, telephone access and referrals to the local council homeless team and other housing organisations and emergency accommodation provision

Our second hand **Furniture Scheme/Furniture Bank** supplies referrals from Social Services, Northumbria Healthcare, Women's Refuge, and Jobcentre as well as benefit recipients, refugees & asylum seekers.

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Date..... 01/07/2024

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A. Lodge-Johnston – Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	33,738.86	40,413.00	-	74,151.86	138,010.85
Income from charitable activities	7,152.00	-	-	7,152.00	8,117.00
Other trading activities	450.00	-	-	450.00	1,105.00
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	6,235.89	68,443.98	-	74,679.87	40,616.68
Total income	47,576.75	108,856.98	-	156,433.73	187,849.53
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,629.73	97,058.88	-	137,688.61	134,105.42
Other expenditure	1,266.00	19,024.58	-	20,290.58	19,505.63
Total expenditure	41,895.73	116,083.46	-	157,979.19	153,611.05
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	5,681.02	(7,226.48)	-	(1,545.46)	34,238.48
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	15,027.47	-	-	15,027.47	7,399.84
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(15,027.47)	-	(15,027.47)	(7,399.84)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	20,708.49	(22,253.95)	-	(1,545.46)	34,238.48
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	81,280.40	115,535.81	-	196,816.21	162,577.73
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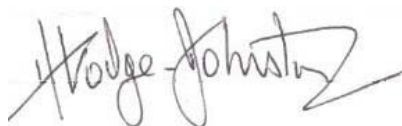
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6510: Falous (Aehington Family Church) - Loan	-	-
6520: PAYE & NIC	-	-
6530: Accountancy Fees	-	-
Total Liabilities	571.00	571.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	195,270.75	196,816.21
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(1,545.46)	34,238.48
201: Starting balances	196,816.21	162,577.73
Total Reserves	195,270.75	196,816.21

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	101,988.89	81,280.40
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Approved by the Trustees on 22/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by
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Expenditure is recognised in the statement of financial activities when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of that obligation can be measured reliably.

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Direct Activity costs comprise those costs that contribute directly to an activity and are allocated to the relevant activity. Support costs comprise of those costs that are necessary to deliver an activity but in themselves do not produce or deliver any activity. They include administration, finance, personnel and payroll, premises costs and legal and professional costs.

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Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

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During the year all capital expenditure was funded from grants received with such expenditure being solely used to fulfil the objects for which the grant was made. The cost of such assets is treated as being the actual cost less the amount of the grant received.

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Restricted funds represent income received which the donor has specified is to be solely used for a particular purpose.

Unrestricted funds are those funds available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Real Deal Plus Limited.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st. December 2023 which are set out in this Report.

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- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
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- 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.

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Signed *Alan A Clementi* Rev'd .

Date. 16th July 2024.

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

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REAL DEAL PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1148731

Accounts

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Our main activities and who we try to help are described above. The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

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This year we have continued to see a huge increase in the need for support by vulnerable members of the local community especially in the areas of food poverty and isolation (and the associated mental health issues & stresses due to cost of living increases and the fuel crisis). Our Community café has seen an increase in demand for healthy, affordable food options and the need for food parcels and referrals has also unfortunately increased due to redundancies, reductions in hours, benefit waiting times, the long period between application and first payment and a huge increase in the cost of living. There has also been an increased demand for Benefit and Welfare advice, especially with form-filling and support with tribunals/appeals following changes to disability benefits.

Teen Bar attendance has also increased continuing to focus on young people's mental health and our art sessions & music sessions provide a vital outlet for expressing emotions and sharing issues.

Our furniture scheme continues to provide good quality donated furniture to families in need and those being rehoused following a period of homelessness (normally by statutory services referral). Refugees and Asylum seekers are now included in our client list and numbers are expected to increase in the current economic and world climate.

We are extremely grateful to both members of the community and local businesses who have helped us by fundraising, volunteering and supporting the work we are doing and to all our funders and fundraisers who have helped us support so many vulnerable people.

Specific thanks go to the following for supporting our project, vision and community:

National Lottery Fund RC North East Region
The Northumberland Children's Trust
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
The Ballinger Charitable Trust
Ashington Town Council
Northumberland County Council
The Asda Foundation
Carbon Homes
The Arnold Clark Community Fund
The Bernicia Foundation
The E.G Foundation

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are a vital resource in our Community work and are involved in all our community activities. We currently have approx 15 volunteers freely donating their time and resources to support the Charity and its work. Volunteer availability has decreased substantially following Covid with older people now having to step in to support family with childcare. We encourage all of our clients to become involved in voluntary activities and share their skills with others. All staff & volunteers working with children in our Teen Bar and other vulnerable groups are DBS checked.

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Public benefit statement In accordance with the Charities Act 2006, Real Deal Plus is required to confirm that the activities it undertakes to achieve its objectives are all carried out for the public benefit as described by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries of the charity are members of the public who are in need because of homelessness, poverty and associated issues. Through its activities, Real Deal Plus seeks to relieve poverty by delivering life-changing services. The Trustees have described in this report the charitable public benefit of our activities. The Trustees regularly review Real Deal Plus' progress against its aims and objectives and confirm that they have complied with their duty in the Charities Act 2008 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.



..... Date..... 23/04/2023

A. Lodge-Johnston – Trustee

Real Deal Plus Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

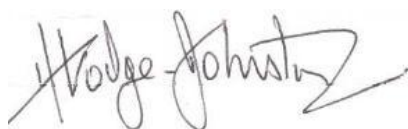
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	15,231.14	122,779.71	-	138,010.85	147,007.62
Income from charitable activities	7,117.00	1,000.00	-	8,117.00	7,213.00
Other trading activities	1,105.00	-	-	1,105.00	2,044.00
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	5,871.68	34,745.00	-	40,616.68	9,719.44
Total income	29,324.82	158,524.71	-	187,849.53	165,984.06
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	33,851.63	100,253.79	-	134,105.42	145,727.32
Other expenditure	980.00	18,525.63	-	19,505.63	8,396.16
Total expenditure	34,831.63	118,779.42	-	153,611.05	154,123.48
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(5,506.81)	39,745.29	-	34,238.48	11,860.58
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	7,399.84	-	-	7,399.84	3,000.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(7,399.84)	-	(7,399.84)	(3,000.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	1,893.03	32,345.45	-	34,238.48	11,860.58
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	79,387.37	83,190.36	-	162,577.73	150,717.15
Total funds carried forward	81,280.40	115,535.81	-	196,816.21	162,577.73

Real Deal Plus Ltd
Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed assets		
5000: Tangible Fixed Assets at cost	544.00	544.00
5010: Tangible Fixed Assets Depreciation	(447.00)	(447.00)
Total Fixed assets	97.00	97.00
Current assets		
6050: HSBC	196,778.21	162,539.73
6060: Cash in hand	512.00	512.00
Total Current assets	197,290.21	163,051.73
Liabilities		
6500: Mrs Susan Walker - Loan	571.00	571.00
6510: Falcus (Ashington Family Church) - Loan	-	-
6520: PAYE & NIC	-	-
6530: Accountancy Fees	-	-
Total Liabilities	571.00	571.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	196,816.21	162,577.73
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	34,238.48	11,860.58
Z01: Starting balances	162,577.73	150,717.15
Total Reserves	196,816.21	162,577.73

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	81,280.40	79,387.37
Restricted	115,535.81	83,190.36
Total	196,816.21	162,577.73

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 23/06/2023 and signed on their behalf by Arthur Lodge-Johnston



Real Deal Plus Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st December 2022.

1. Accounting Policies.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, Statement of Recommended Practice: Reporting and Accounting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

Income Recognition

Items of income are recognised in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity and the amounts are certain and measurable. Any income received that relates exclusively to future periods is deferred on the Balance Sheet.

Donated Goods

The great majority of donated goods were gifted for general hospitality purposes and given to those in considerable need and were not resold by means of a charity shop. Such gifts have not been recognised in the accounts in view of their low value and being too numerous to quantify.

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Signed *Alan A. Clements. Rev'd.*

Date 27th. July 2023.

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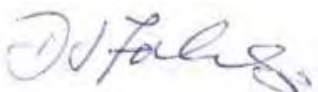
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Rev. D Falcus
Trustee



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A. Lodge-Johnston
Trustee

Date..... 28/02/2022

Real Deal Plus Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	46,723.37	100,284.25	-	147,007.62	180,188.38
Income from charitable activities	3,213.00	4,000.00	-	7,213.00	31,301.31
Other trading activities	2,044.00	-	-	2,044.00	1,945.00
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	8,719.44	1,000.00	-	9,719.44	5,417.53
Total income	60,699.81	105,284.25	-	165,984.06	218,852.22
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,265.93	105,461.39	-	145,727.32	148,802.81
Other expenditure	1,240.00	7,156.16	-	8,396.16	3,031.00
Total expenditure	41,505.93	112,617.55	-	154,123.48	151,833.81
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	19,193.88	(7,333.30)	-	11,860.58	67,018.41
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	5,250.00
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Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	22,193.88	(10,333.30)	-	11,860.58	67,018.41
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	57,193.49	93,523.66	-	150,717.15	83,698.74
Total funds carried forward	79,387.37	83,190.36	-	162,577.73	150,717.15

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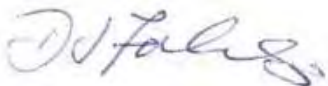
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6530: Accountancy Fees	-	-
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Net Asset surplus (deficit)	167,768.76	150,717.15
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	17,051.61	67,018.41
201: Starting balances	150,717.15	83,698.74
Total Reserves	167,768.76	150,717.15

Represented by Funds		
General (Unrestricted)	79,320.81	57,193.49
Restricted	88,447.95	93,523.66
Total	167,768.76	150,717.15

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Approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 24th March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Davey Falcus (Trustee)



Arthur Lodge-Johnston (Trustee)

Real Deal Plus Limited
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Real Deal Plus Limited.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st. December 2021 which are set out in this Report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
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-to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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.

Signed *Alan A Clement*

Date 30th. March 2022.

Relevant professional qualification: Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.
Address 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ.

REAL DEAL PLUS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1148731

Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for
Real Deal Plus Ltd. for the year ended
31st. December 2020.**

Registered Charity Commission Number 1148731.

Registered Company Number 07886315 (England and Wales).

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REAL DEAL PLUS LTD

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 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 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' as applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) effective January 2015.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07886315 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1148731

Registered Office

6 Lavender Court

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Northumberland

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Trustees

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S Lindsay

A Johnston

Bank

HSBC Bank

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Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 6JG

Independent Examiner

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, ACIE.

15 Carleton Road,

Great Knowley,

Chorley PR6 8TQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed according to the memorandum and articles of association.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reserves policy

It is the intention of the Trustees to have available the equivalent of 3 months income to satisfy normal expenditure. Any surplus funds to be deposited in an interest-earning account.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our aims and objectives.

Our charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association is the :

RELIEF OF HOMELESS AND OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS, IN PARTICULAR (WITHOUT LIMITATION) THROUGH THE PROMOTION AND PROVISION OF SUPPORTED ACCCOMMODATION, THE PROVISION OF RESPITE, EDUCATION, TRAINING, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR SUCH PESONS BY PROVIDING FACILITIES WHICH WILL LEAD TO SELF-RELEIANCE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Our main activities and who we try to help are described above. The trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2020

We opened our beautifully refurbished Café/reception area in November 2019 and were successfully building our client base back up following the period of closure, when the Coronavirus Crisis hit the world in February/March this year. What a challenging year this has turned out to be!

The pandemic brought many challenges to local businesses but especially to small 'on the ground' Charities like ourselves who work directly with the most disadvantaged in the local community. Like most other small charities, we have seen a drop in donations, mainly due to the cancellation of fundraising events but also potentially due to financial hardship such as redundancy, or donors diverting their money to the NHS or other causes. We have been unable to hold any events or host room bookings to help supplement income and our Community Café and Shop have been severely affected and frequently had to remain closed due to Social distancing and/or government restrictions. Our elderly and vulnerable clients who normally access these services have been very hesitant to attend since shielding during the first lockdown in March and many do not have the confidence to return to normal socialising.

When lockdown was announced in March, we knew we had to rapidly adapt to the situation and the needs of the local community. We knew that closing the doors to work from home was not an option when so many needed additional help and support and so became the only direct access 'walk-in' community facility in the area. We have remained open for public access to emergency food parcels and referrals throughout both lockdowns and the differing levels of restrictions

We joined forces the Northumberland County Hub and became a Community Link to provide food parcels, meals, foodbank referrals, essential furniture, medication collections and shopping for isolating/shielding families and any homeless support needed.

During October half term we were able to provide hundreds of packed lunches for families who would normally have received free school meals A huge **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who donated packed lunches and food for the half term kids meal provision.

Christmas has been especially difficult for some families this year and thanks to the generous support we received we were able to provide festive hampers, gifts, toys and chocolate treats to several families from a local school as well as bags of Festive Food and treats those who needed to access food bank referrals and emergency parcels during December and the Christmas period.

Thanks to the essential support of our funders and members of the local community and the dedication and resilience of our fantastic staff we have been able to provide the following vital help and support during the Covid-19 crisis:

- Supported 2455 families/individuals (total numbers/all occasions of support)
- Provided 4843 food parcels
- Given 505 foodbank referrals
- Supplied 138 items of vital furniture or white goods to 44 clients/families
- Done shopping for 40 shielded/isolating clients/families (some weekly throughout the 3-month shielding period/some single occasion - first lockdown only)
- Collected/delivered medication to 43 clients (as above, first lockdown only)
- Provided Benefit & Welfare advice/form filling to 139 clients the majority of whom have disabilities.
- Supported 24 homeless clients on 124 occasions by providing essential food, tents, sleeping bags and clothing when needed.

We have held several Teen Bar sessions on-site when restrictions have permitted including Art with local

professional artist Jamie Evans, Self Defence sessions and Youth First Aid. Our dedicated Youth Workers have stayed in touch with both our young people and their parents to help support their welfare/mental health throughout the uncertainties and worries of 2020. This vital link will continue into 2021 and until we are able to resume physical Teen bar sessions at the Centre.

We were also very proud to receive this year's **Koast Radio Community Award** in recognition of the work we do within the local Community

Real Deal Plus would like to thank our staff, volunteers and everyone who has donated or supported us during this challenging year and enabled us to help so many vulnerable members of the local community during the ongoing Coronavirus Crisis.

Thanks to:

- Our partners at Green Pastures
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Northumberland County Council
- Ashington Town Council
- Ashington Town Council Labour Group
- Northumberland Children's Trust
- Suez Communities Trust
- Ballinger Trust
- The Ingleby Charitable Trust
- Coalfields Regeneration Trust
- Neighbourly Covid Crisis Fund
- Sport England
- CAF Emergency Fund
- Lynemouth Power Station
- Bernicia Foundation
- Groundworks - Tesco BOH Covid Fund
- Defra WRAP Funding
- TNL Covid Fund
- Co-op Community Fund
- Greggs Foundation Coronavirus Support
- LGA Foundation
- Karbon Homes
- Ashington Hirst Running Club
- Ashington Football Club/Supporters Club
- Morpeth Lions
- Northumberland Freemasons
- Lifelong Financial Planning
- The Fat Butcher
- Asda Ashington
- Co-op Remscheid Way & Milburn Rd
- Glentons Bakery
- Greggs Station Road
- The Old Ash Dene
- H Malone & Sons
- And all our regular financial supporters, local businesses, those who have held fundraising events, and the individuals who have given donations of cash, food, clothing/toiletries, toys or furniture!

Kath Falcus.
General Manager Ashington Life Centre.



Real Deal Plus Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	93,460.06	86,728.32	-	180,188.38	213,669.63
Income from charitable activities	4,253.30	27,048.01	-	31,301.31	8,225.04
Other trading activities	1,945.00	-	-	1,945.00	5,315.00
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	677.53	4,740.00	-	5,417.53	2,506.32
Total income	100,335.89	118,516.33	-	218,852.22	229,715.99
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	53,272.99	95,529.82	-	148,802.81	199,549.74
Other expenditure	866.00	2,165.00	-	3,031.00	-
Total expenditure	54,138.99	97,694.82	-	151,833.81	199,549.74
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	46,196.90	20,821.51	-	67,018.41	30,166.25
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	5,250.00	-	-	5,250.00	400.00
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(5,250.00)	-	(5,250.00)	(400.00)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	51,446.90	15,571.51	-	67,018.41	30,166.25
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6520: PAYE & NIC	-	-
6530: Accountancy Fees	-	-
Total Liabilities	571.00	5,071.00
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	150,717.15	83,698.74
Reserves		
Excess/(deficit) to date	67,018.41	30,166.25
Z01: Starting balances	83,698.74	53,532.49
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16/8/21

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D J Falcus

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Signed *Alan A Clements*

Date *20th August 2021*

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