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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024
FOR
REAL DEAL PLUS LTD**

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REAL DEAL PLUS LTD

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. 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

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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 wherever possible. 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 thus:

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 PERSONS BY PROVIDING FACILITIES WHICH WILL LEAD TO SELF-RELIANCE 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 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.



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A. Lodge-Johnston – Trustee

Date..... 28/07/2025

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: Falcus (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)
	201: 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.

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.

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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