

THE DORSET CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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THE DORSET CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr. A Deutsch Mr. J Pantlington-Skeet Ms. Amy Collins Mr. D McEvoy	(Appointed 22 April 2020)
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Charity number	1150538
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THE DORSET CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Charitable purposes and objectives:

The charity's objectives as set down in our governing document are:

The relief of sickness and preservation of health amongst children with long term illness or disability by providing or assisting in the provision of medical equipment, treatment and rehabilitation not normally provided by the statutory authorities and such other support that the Trustees may determine.

We aim to improve the lives of sick and disabled children by providing mobility and therapeutic equipment, as well as financial support towards medical expenses and therapies. We also provide life enriching experiences for disabled children. We do this by making grants to individuals (children and young people), organisations, other charities and voluntary bodies.

In the past year we have focused on supporting the mental health of families of disabled children, which was intensified due to the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. We have taken on the expert services of three counsellors, who make up our mental health team and are able to offer free counselling services to parents via telephone support services, one-to-one sessions or groups of six over zoom, and supportive emails. They have been a vital resource for our parents.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the opportunities for disabled children to take part in a range of inclusive sporting and social activities through our 'Accessible for All' campaign, which includes our DCF football team, were either cancelled during lockdowns or when allowed under government guidelines took place with reduced numbers and moved outside where feasible. Obviously patients who were shielding for the entire year could not take part.

The Foundation has also continued to focus on increasing awareness of disability through educational initiatives, such as Paddy's Purpose, inspired and led by Gemma Cardona and by engaging with the local community to promote the interests of disabled children and their families. We work actively with local specialist schools in the area and have links with other organisations to support children with disabilities eg. Disabled Children's Partnership, represented by Dan McEvoy, one of our trustees and AFCB Disability Working Group.

Organisation and Structure

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 21 January 2013 and is governed by a constitution which was amended on 19 June 2017. The charity is registered with The Fundraising Regulator, which is advertised on our website, letterheads and publicity material, as per the requirements. The overall management and control of the Foundation is the responsibility of the Trustees who meet frequently to discuss operations and potential beneficiaries.

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Our activities and public benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trustees believe that the information provided within this report demonstrates the various ways that the activities of the Foundation have created public benefit.

In the charity's eighth year, the Covid pandemic meant the charity, in accordance with government guidelines, closed all their shops on 21st March 2020 and didn't reopen until 12th April 2021. This is a major source of income that we lost. However, we did receive government grants of £163,628 and a further £70,800 from generous donations (see Money Granted/Donated).

Response to our children and families during the Covid 19 pandemic

To avoid the possible transmission of coronavirus, many of our families chose to go into voluntary isolation well before the government directive of 23rd March. In accordance with good governance the charity responded to the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequent government induced lockdowns in the following way:

Staff

All shop staff were put into the furlough scheme, but we elected to pay them 100% as we offered minimum wage and felt that by not doing so would cause severe financial hardship, if minimum wage is the least you can live on how can you live on 80% of that? None owns cars, or bought lunches before, so were not saving any money by not working.

Staff were contacted twice a week by the founders to see if food/medications needed collecting and if they would like to be referred to our mental health team. Our staff were also signposted to other council bodies who could offer support.

Staff in part furlough, who were working from home, were contacted on a regular basis. Ergonomic desk chairs were offered plus tutorials sent regarding correct posture and seating positions for home workers.

Volunteers

All volunteers were contacted weekly to identify their needs. All were offered shopping/medication collections and access to our mental health team and signposting to other appropriate agencies.

We have many elderly volunteers who were shielding and so line managers also regularly contacted them. We offered a befriending service to all volunteers too. We also updated both staff and volunteers with the frequently changing government guidelines, ensuring they had immediate and up to date knowledge.

Our Families

Our charity's families are our highest priority and many of them were put under the shielding initiative. The first priority was to contact our families to identify the most immediate and pressing needs. Some families were unable to access the home delivery offered by the supermarket and so in those early days we provided a shopping service, thanks to an amazing bank of volunteers.

Medication and medical supplies were also collected, and we were able to secure vital PPE equipment which was sent out to those most vulnerable.

We contacted families by phone and used our social media to let our families know that they could contact us for vital supplies, counselling or just a friendly chat. We also signposted to other appropriate agencies.

Mental health

The mental health of our families is paramount. For many their care had been removed over night by other charities resulting in families suffering sleep deprivation as parents had to do the waking night care in addition to the day care. We offered a befriending service by phone and our Trustees and founders regularly contacted our parents building relationships which are still very much in evidence today. Our trustees who were able to also regularly delivered bags of happiness, medical supplies and food shopping.

Our mental health team set up at the beginning of April and was immediately available for families for one off consultations or 6 weeks of counselling at no cost to the family. We had incredibly positive and grateful feedback about our amazing team.

Our trainee counsellor Hayley Cheshire has compiled detailed analysis on the effect of the pandemic on families with a disabled child. This has been freely shared with other organisations for whom this could benefit [Lockdown Case Studies_DCF.pdf](#)

We sourced and signposted to other organisations and charities who could provide support.

We provided help line numbers for victims of domestic violence.

We provided a very comprehensive newsletter with our services clearly identified and how to access them in complete confidentiality.

We provided up to date government guidelines and advice and all available resources including BCP's Together We Can campaign.

Grateful thanks to Trustee Amy Collins who kept us up to date with resources and updates. This was shared on both our website and social media platforms.

Resources

Our founders put together hundreds of hours of online resources for our disabled children and their siblings. These were so comprehensive that they were highlighted by the BCP, taken up by Virgin Media and received emails of thanks worldwide, especially the USA. We worked with local schools and therapy advisors and shared therapy tips plus fun things to do, with a regular spot for fun games for our PMLD children provided by head of sport at Victoria Education Centre a local specialist provision.

We updated our resources weekly in our newsletter, social media and website. Our resources were so comprehensive we were invited to share them with the DCP who shared these countrywide. We even had a letter of thanks from the USA, for the provision of our resources.

Mobility and specialist equipment

We were able to source and provide families in need with a wider range of mobility equipment, which we kept in stock eg. trikes, off-road wheelchairs, and therapy equipment. This was delivered and offered on a long term loan basis free of charge.

Bags of Happiness

We started an initiative in April called 'Bags of Happiness'. Initially the contents of the bags came from our 'for sale' stock in the shops and warehouses. These consisted of sensory items, toys, books, craft and cooking items and anything else that would relieve the monotony of not being able to go out. Siblings were included, and all children were named and received a certificate for staying in. The cost to the charity in stock was £8,000 and we spent £16,750. These bags went out on a weekly basis for 12 weeks at 300 bags per week rising to 380 by the end, costing an average of £6.87 each. An army of volunteers came forward to help in this project, including members of the Bournemouth Rotary Club and a local motorbike club, pilots etc to put the bags together and ensure their delivery to our families. Also Trustee Amy Collins and James Pantling-Skeet drove miles to deliver these packages all over Dorset, following our strict Covid delivery policy.

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Fabulous and lasting relationships were built with our families who said it made them feel wanted and not forgotten. Our founders were recently mentioned in the Daily Mirror's top list of kindness for implementing this idea. We also applied for Grants towards this initiative.

Over Easter, we were also able to provide every family with hand delivered Easter eggs and 'make your own Easter bonnet' craft sets.

Give Kids the World

Due to the global Covid pandemic and travel restrictions, we were unable to access this.

Accessible for All

Due to the Covid pandemic, all of our activities were cancelled during the lockdowns and when government advice allowed were available to a limited number as advised and stated above.

Paddy's Purpose

Paddy's health needs have changed so Gemma and Paddy are unable to deliver full workshops right now. Through national, local and social media; pressure and focus groups and working with local councils and NHS Trusts, Gemma continues to raise awareness and help others by sharing Paddy's story. Her current project will take her work into local hospitals, as we recognise that a stay in hospital can be quite upsetting for some children and this is the one place where children of all abilities and needs share the same wards. Gemma will be working with the NHS education teams, encouraging them to talk to all children in their care about disability, with the idea of providing a more rounded view and understanding of disability.

Community Interest Groups

Our Co-Founder, Patsy Hallmey, continues to be a Governor of a local school (Montacute) that supports children with severe and complex learning needs. This position helps to strengthen our links with professionals in this field as well as local families.

We are a member of the AFCB Disability Working Group and sit on the committee for the Dorset Football Association Inclusion Advisory Group. We are particularly keen to promote the interests of disabled children in our area and ensure future access to sporting activities, linking with our own DCF football team.

We are keen to support other organisations that promote inclusion and equality and have signed up to the "Ask for Clive" scheme to show support for the LGBT community.

We are also members of the Disabled Children's Partnership, a coalition of UK charities, that campaign for the rights of Disabled Children. Our Trustee, Dan McEvoy, represents the DCF on the DCP's Steering, Comms and Campaign forums, which continues to help strengthen our relationship with The DCP. He regularly speaks on Radio 4.

Parent Support Group

A private Parent Support Group is now established which provides a network for parents to support each other and share their experiences. This is hosted on Facebook and provides a lifeline for many of our families.

We also provide limited financial support to two other parent-led support groups. The group "Something Special" is based in Corfe-Mullen and is a pre-school playgroup for children with additional needs. The group "Doors Open" is a Bournemouth-based group that supports families of children with special educational needs.

Charity Personnel

To assist the Co-Founders with the day-to-day running of the charity, we have a part-time Support and Development Manager (Hayley Cheshire) and a part-time Head of Marketing (Adrienne Coles).

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Emily Sutton has been acting as Governance Advisor for the charity. She is an experienced company auditor and has advised on all aspects of governance – including recruitment of Trustees, operational structure, and delegation of powers.

Ambassadors:

No new ambassadors were appointed this year. The current ambassadors who represent our charity are: Chris William-Smith, Geva Mentor CBE, Chris Nash, Harry Redknapp, Jack Evers, Richard Harrison-Poole, Adam Sevenoaks, Jack Pyne, Paul Thompson and Scott Howell.

Our parent ambassadors are: Danni Jones and Tilly Brown.

Patrons:

No new patrons were appointed this year. Our current patrons are: Bobbie Dove, Jane Jones, Stephen Young Lord of Westbury, Jane Kelly, Lisa Johnston (parent Patron).

Trustees:

Our appointed Board of Trustees are: Amy Collins (Volunteering Development Lead, Community Action Network), James Pantling-Skeet (Chartered Legal Executive and Community Care Expert), Matt Sutton (Parent of a child with a disability and Chartered Accountant, resigned as trustee post year end), Alex Deutsch (Senior Network Manager), and Dan McEvoy who overlooks our IT and technical infrastructure, which includes the DCF's Sharepoint, file storage and data compliance. Dan acts as a befriender providing support for families and especially new families. He helps to get them involved in events and pairs them up with similar families. Dan advises on the campaigns we do, usually in conjunction with the Disabled Children's Partnership. He represents the DCF on the DCP's Steering, Comms and Campaign forums. Dan also interacts with local Government and other local charities on behalf of the DCP. Dan is also one of our parents, whose daughter has extreme complex needs. Alex and Matt run our football sessions.

As deemed appropriate, new Trustees will be appointed by the existing Trustees. The induction process will follow ICSA good practice guide and include meetings with the existing Trustees. They will receive a copy of our accounts, a copy of our governing deed and a copy of The Charity Commissions Guidance "The Essential Trustee – What you need to know" and "Charities and Public Benefit". We also intend to offer ongoing good governance training to current and new Trustees.

Charity Management

Risk management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations concerning staff, volunteers, clients and customers. These procedures are regularly and robustly reviewed by both the Trustees and other agencies such as The Apprentice Team and the risk management team at Job Centre Plus. Our Safeguarding Policy has been updated and full training given to staff and we follow best practice in recruitment, support and training of our volunteers and staff (including carrying out appropriate DBS checks). The following DCF policies and procedures are available:

- Confidentiality and Data Protection
- General Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- Volunteers
- Grievance Procedure
- Equal Opportunities
- Freedom of Information
- Mascot Safeguarding
- DCF Football and Accessible for all Safeguarding (Football Association policy)

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Our Privacy policy and Cookie policy is available via our website (www.thedcf.org).

The Dorset Children's Foundation is also a member of:

- The Institute of Fundraising.
 - The National Council for Voluntary Organisations.
 - The Small Charities Coalition.
 - Bournemouth Council for Voluntary Service
- Personal files are updated with pay information and all payroll is to be authorised by Scott Akam.

GDPR

We are fully GDPR compliant. Our IOC Membership is annually reviewed (no ZA382325).

Website

The website is updated on a regular basis, and contains charity information, appeals, events calendar, application process, and how the community can help.

Facebook

Our Facebook page is one of our main tools to provide up-to-date information to those that follow us – families, local businesses, and individuals. It is regularly updated with photographs of our children and fundraising campaigns. Many parent enquiries come via Facebook as the charity becomes more prominent in the community.

Newsletter

We send a regular newsletter using the mailchimp system (automatic email) to those that have chosen to sign up. During the pandemic this provided a system for communicating with parents, with our services clearly identified and how to access them as well as providing up to date guidelines, advice and all available resources including BCP's 'Together We Can' campaign. There is also a quarterly newsletter emailed to a wider audience of local businesses and sponsors that have opted to receive it. We have found this to be an extremely cost-effective way of reaching a large target audience.

Infrastructure

Warehouse

We were given, free of charge, a new warehouse facility in Boscombe, by the Bournemouth Emerging Arts Festival to sort and store donated goods, given by members of the public and from local businesses. Any donations collected at the shops are transferred to the warehouse (freeing up much needed retail space). We have recruited volunteers to work in the warehouse and have employed a warehouse manager.

Fundraising

Due to the Covid pandemic, all of our fundraising events were cancelled. This caused the charity to lose revenue of approximately £160 000. The funds we were able to raise came from:

- The use of online fundraising platforms such as Just Giving and Virgin Money Giving
- Facebook fundraising, where some of our parents and supporters shaved their heads, sky-dived and ran a marathon to raise awareness and funds.
- Fund-matching (e.g. Barclays/Santander)
- Grants from other organisations and Trusts
- Corporate sponsorship from local companies

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

We continue to host fundraising pages for families who are raising money for their disabled children. This year parents have shaved their heads, sky-dived and run a marathon. We also continue to pay any invoices for therapy or equipment direct to the supplier.

We only publicise our fundraising campaigns in the public domain. We never contact previous donors without their permission and we evaluate and monitor this process regularly.

Any families and individuals that fundraise on our behalf are sent an information leaflet entitled "Fundraising Safely". This contains key information from the Institute of Fundraising (to which we are a member). Our charity monitors fundraising activities through the records from the fundraising platforms which the fundraisers have to fill out. This includes the type of event, its date and time. Facebook fundraises are sent out the fundraising requirements and code of practice. Social media fundraisers are regularly monitored and checked up on. Facebook funds come direct to the charity. Collection pots are also used by fundraisers.

We do not use specialist fundraising companies to help us raise our funds.

There were no complaints received to the charity about any of our fundraising efforts.

Due to the Covid pandemic, our 3 charity shops, which are our main source of income, were shut and the shops' staff furloughed. We purchased a dry fogging machine to sterilise the shops regularly and put up screens at the tills and re-arranged rails with plastic sheeting in between for the safety of customers and staff/volunteers.

Any refurbishment, decoration, cleaning and fitting/maintenance of heating and CCTV systems of our premises is carried out by the Co-Founder's friends and family. Shop fittings are donated or purchased second hand whenever possible.

Community Involvement

As previously mentioned in **Response to our children and families during the Covid 19 pandemic**, we are enormously thankful for our amazing community of local supporters who have supported us through the pandemic, namely, Bournemouth Rotary Club and Hot Radio.

Charity Partners

Our current list of charity partners are: Urban Guild, Bournemouth Collegiate School, Jane Jones PR and Events, Grosvenor Carpets, First Position School of Dance, The T-Shirt Framing Service, JLD Events, Coastal Comedy, 4.Com, Play It Again UK, Mad 4 Animals, Health-on-Line.

We have continued our relationship with CMP Print who provide free printing services – for posters, leaflets, flyers, and other events promotion (saving at least £2,000 per annum).

The Role and Contribution of our Volunteers

The Foundation is committed to ensuring fairness and recognizes the need for diversity/inclusion within our recruitment and management of volunteers. We currently have around 30 wonderful volunteers ranging in age from 14 (completing The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme) to 87. All health and safety procedures are followed and induction and ongoing training is supplied.

Volunteers are recruited from the following sectors:

- Community Action Network
- Local mental health teams
- Local schools
- Job Centre Plus

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- From our shop customer base
- Local language School
- Via our website www.thedcf.org

Money Granted/Donated

The charity has been fortunate enough to receive the following grants during the pandemic. These were received with grateful thanks and has meant that we have been able to offer further support and services to our vulnerable families.

Talbot Village Trust	£8,000	Deliveries - nappies, food, essentials
Dorset CV community fund	£5,000	Mental health counsellor - 50 families
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner	£2,000	Mental health counsellor
CAF	£5,000	Mental health counsellor till August
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean	£5,000	Coordinator for deliveries
Douglas Arter	£500	Equipment
The Wooden Spoon	£2,500	Mental health + bags
Mazards	£1,000	Emergency fund
The Fore - RAFT fund	£2,500	Mental health
Bournemouth North Rotary	£500	
Masons	£500	
Mayors Charity	£500	Bags of happiness
National Lottery	£10,000	Mental health - has project start date of September 2020
Valentines Trust	£5,000	Equipment
Dorset CV community Fund	£1,000	Bags of Fun
Talbot Village Trust	£15,000	Hoists
Toy Trust	£5,000	Bags of fun
Charles Lewis Foundation	£2,300	10 x treadmills

In addition to the Coronavirus grants, we received a Bounce Back Loan of £50 000.00.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in page 13 to 25. The accrual accounts shows net surplus for the year of £82,220.

Reserves Policy

Support to beneficiaries is only given when funds have been raised and so the Foundation does not have any ongoing commitments. Therefore, the Trustees have identified the need for four months to be held in reserve to fulfil its contractual obligations to landlords and staff if it had to close, including bills such as utilities would become due that being £41,430. At the end of the financial year the Foundation had free reserves of £95,425 which is above the level of reserves required.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. A budgeting review is carried out on a monthly basis. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Future Action Points

As part of our continuous evaluation process the Trustees have identified key action points for 2021/22.

- To continuously raise funds to provide medical expenses, mobility equipment and therapies to improve the quality of life of the children we support.
- To continue funding inclusive events for families of disabled children as part of our Accessible for All programme.
- To expand our counselling service by offering a complete Family Support Service (to include parent advocacy).
- To further develop good relationships with mainstream schools in our area.
- To work with Trustee James Pantling-Skeet to help empower parents to get appropriate Local Authority service provision and educate them of the processes involved.
- To actively source local businesses and create corporate sponsorship packages to cover the costs of fundraising events and activities for disabled children.
- To continue promoting our charity through our website and social media channels.

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMIN

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Trustees
A Collins
A Deutsch
J Pantlington-Skeet
D McEvoy
M Sutton - resigned 02/09/2021

Independent examiner
TC Group

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Alex Deutsch
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Mr. A Deutsch

Trustee

Dated: 27th Jan 2022
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DORSET CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Dorset Children's Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Zoe Mowlem FCA

TC Group

10 Bridge Street
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Dated:

THE DORSET CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and grants	2	296,206	59,952	356,158	226,677
Other trading activities	3	47,656	-	47,656	120,287
Investments	4	12	-	12	-
Total income		343,874	59,952	403,826	346,964
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds and support costs	5	134,848	-	134,848	109,814
Charitable activities		119,245	67,513	186,758	281,362
Total resources expended		254,093	67,513	321,606	391,176
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		89,781	(7,561)	82,220	(44,212)
Gross transfers between funds		(61,067)	61,067	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		28,714	53,506	82,220	(44,212)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		66,711	16,527	83,238	127,317
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		95,425	70,033	165,458	83,105

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		15,245		18,749
Current assets					
Debtors	10	8,832		1,843	
Cash at bank and in hand		197,313		82,589	
		<u>206,145</u>		<u>84,432</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(12,243)</u>		<u>(20,076)</u>	
Net current assets			193,902		64,356
Total assets less current liabilities			209,147		83,105
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(43,689)		-
Net assets			<u>165,458</u>		<u>83,105</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		70,033		16,527
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	-		-	
General unrestricted funds		95,425		66,578	
		<u>95,425</u>		<u>66,578</u>	
			165,458		83,105
			<u>165,458</u>		<u>83,105</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27th Jan 2022.....

Alex Deutsch

Mr. A Deutsch

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Dorset Children's Foundation is a charitable organisation incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 695-697 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH7 6AF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses, including support costs and governance costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings in the statement of financial liabilities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% straight line
Computers	33.33% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.10 Donated goods

Stock of donated goods is not provided for as at the year end. This is in line with previous years and impracticable to estimate upon receipt of the donated goods.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.11 Significant judgements and estimates

The charity's management do not apply any significant judgements, apart from those involving estimates, in applying the accounting policies.

The only estimates made in applying accounting policies are in assessing the useful life of fixed assets. These do not result in a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	132,578	59,952	192,530	226,677
Government grants receivable	163,628	-	163,628	-
	296,206	59,952	356,158	226,677
For the year ended 31 March 2020	204,427	22,250		226,677

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop income	47,656	120,287

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4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	12	-
	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Raising funds, trading costs and support costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Depreciation	2,996	2,854
Motor vehicle depreciation	3,413	3,593
Other fundraising costs	8,496	3,886
	<u>14,905</u>	<u>10,333</u>
<u>Staff and support costs</u>		
Staff costs	119,943	95,759
Support costs	-	3,722
	<u>119,943</u>	<u>99,481</u>
Raising funds, trading and support costs	<u>134,848</u>	<u>109,814</u>

6 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable activities	244,094	223,005
Support costs	28,426	17,932
	<u>186,758</u>	<u>281,362</u>

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6 Charitable activities **(Continued)**

Included in the above is the Independent Examiners remuneration of £2,000.

7 Trustees

None of the trustee's received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
	12	10
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	119,943	95,759
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £18,000.

Total key management personnel remuneration totalled £34,659 (2020 - £31,308) during the year.

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9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	8,433	3,182	17,244	28,859
Additions	914	1,992	-	2,906
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2021	9,347	5,174	17,244	31,765
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2020	4,229	2,289	3,593	10,111
Depreciation charged in the year	2,013	983	3,413	6,409
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2021	6,242	3,272	7,006	16,520
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2021	3,105	1,902	10,238	15,245
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2020	4,205	893	13,651	18,749
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	8,832	1,843
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans	6,312	-
Other taxation and social security	-	529
Trade creditors	2,625	33
Other creditors	1,251	17,459
Accruals and deferred income	2,055	2,055
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	12,243	20,076
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Bank loans	43,689	-

13 Retirement benefit schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers
	£	£	£	£
Accessible for All	-	122	(2,027)	1,905
Child AA	100	-	-	-
Child AAD	-	759	-	-
Child AAE	-	1,712	(214)	-
Child AAR	-	9,317	(8,411)	-
Child AAX	-	238	(662)	424
Child AE	307	-	(269)	-
Child AU	-	526	(17,964)	17,438
Child AY	595	-	-	-
Child AZ	1,595	-	(4,429)	2,834
Child B	-	1,500	(893)	-
Child BB	94	-	-	-
Child BBF	-	20	(800)	780
Child BBK	-	2,962	(250)	-
Child BBL	-	3,148	(1,680)	-
Child BBV	-	1,067	-	-
Child BBX	-	3,909	(951)	-
Child BBY	-	528	(10)	-
Child CC	417	-	-	-
Child CCA	-	2,025	(132)	-
Child CCB	-	1,870	(2,064)	194
Child A	-	281	-	-
Child DD	132	-	-	-
Child EE	1,099	-	-	-
Child H	1,164	925	(2,117)	28
Child II	1,527	-	-	-
Child N	328	-	-	-

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14 Restricted funds

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Child P	50	-	-	-	50
Child Q	-	5,000	(2,738)	-	2,262
Child T	567	-	(2,431)	1,864	-
Child Y	8,552	-	-	-	8,552
Child AD	-	402	(6,247)	5,845	-
DCF FC Football	-	312	(140)	-	172
Music therapy	-	250	(1,070)	25,820	25,000
Poole disabled athletics club	-	3,079	(3,241)	162	-
Hoists		15,000			15,000
Bags of happiness		5,000	(8,773)	3,773	-
	<u>16,527</u>	<u>59,952</u>	<u>67,513</u>	<u>61,067</u>	<u>70,033</u>

Each restricted fund related to amounts raised through appeals and fundraising to provide assistance equipment and care for the individual child on the fund. Names have not been used as requested by the parents of the children.

£25,000 has been transferred from unrestricted to restricted music fund in relation to income received in the financial year ended March 2020. The donation has since been confirmed as restricted by the initial donor.

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Bounce back loan interest and grant	833	(833)	-
	<u>833</u>	<u>(833)</u>	<u>-</u>

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	15,245	-	-	15,245	18,749
Current assets/(liabilities)	73,869	50,000	70,033	193,902	64,356
Long term liabilities	6,311	(50,000)	-	(43,689)	-
	<u>95,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,033</u>	<u>165,458</u>	<u>83,105</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	296,206	59,952	356,158	226,677
Shop income	47,656	-	47,656	120,287
Investment	12	-	12	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total income	343,874	59,952	403,826	346,964
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Resources expended				
Raising funds				
Fundraising costs	8,496	-	8,496	3,886
Trading support costs	-	-	-	3,722
Staff wages	119,943	-	119,943	95,759
Plant and machinery depreciation	2,013	-	2,013	2,013
Computer equipment depreciation	983	-	983	841
Motor vehicles depreciation	3,413	-	3,413	3,593
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	134,848	-	134,848	109,814
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Charitable activities				
Rates and water	1,511	-	1,511	3,022
Light and heat	4,924	-	4,924	2,674
Telephone	2,331	-	2,331	1,560
Postage and stationery	331	-	331	1,047
Advertising and marketing	1,193	-	1,193	603
Sundries	404	-	404	304
Subscriptions	590	-	590	355
Travel	138	-	138	505
Motor expenses	15,174	-	15,174	21,892
Entertainment	284	-	284	2,126
IT software and consumables	2,641	-	2,641	803
Rent	14,897	-	14,897	24,037
Direct expenses for children	50,295	67,513	117,808	198,776
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	94,713	67,513	162,226	257,704
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Insurance	3,558	-	3,558	3,313
Bank charges	3,105	-	3,105	2,970
Loan interest	833	-	833	-
Repairs and renewals	3,576	-	3,576	1,902
Trustees' salaries	-	-	-	-
Accountancy and legal fees	2,803	-	2,803	2,407
Consultancy	10,657	-	10,657	13,067
	<u>24,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,532</u>	<u>23,659</u>
Total resources expended	<u>254,093</u>	<u>67,513</u>	<u>321,606</u>	<u>391,177</u>
Gross transfers between funds	61,067	(61,067)	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>28,714</u>	<u>53,506</u>	<u>82,220</u>	<u>(44,213)</u>