THE FOXTON CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1153080

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-07-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE OBJECTS ARE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PRESTON AND NORTH WEST ENGLAND:- 1)TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:(A)THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;(B)PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS. 2)TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE ‘SOCIALLY EXCLUDED’ MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY). 3)THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRE FOR THE USE OF THE INHABITANTS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR:(A)MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES,AND(B)OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: Group work, outreach, activities and one to one support to vulnerable children and young people living in an area of multiple deprivation; one to one support and programmes to young people at risk of sexual exploitation; on street and intensive ?routes out? support to women engaged in street sex work; outreach, daytime and intensive support services to rough sleepers, and other vulnerable adults.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PRESTON AND NORTH WEST ENGLAND
- Blackburn With Darwen
- Blackpool
- Cumbria
- Knowsley
- Lancashire
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,645,961	£2,085,324	£2,236,339	40
2024-03-31	£2,230,133	£2,110,126	£675,702	41
2023-03-31	£2,011,443	£1,931,108	£738,202	40
2022-03-31	£2,082,140	£1,753,715	£657,867	42
2021-03-31	£1,951,188	£1,836,423	£329,442	38

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John matthew Parkinson	Chair	2016-09-12
Ben Green		2017-07-24
Bren Cook		2013-07-25
Fiona Eccleston		2021-02-01
KEVIN MORDUE		2013-06-14
RAYMOND THOMAS		2013-06-14
Rebecca wood		2023-04-01
Rev David Craven		2020-01-27
Richard Williams		2022-06-06
Robert Binns		2025-10-27
Simon Turner		2025-10-27
Tricia Whiteside		2025-04-28

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Chairman	Mr J Parkinson
Chief Executive Officer	Mr J Marsh
Trustees	Mr J Parkinson Ms F Poxon Mr R Thomas - Treasurer Reverend D Craven Mr K Mordue Mr B Green Mr B Cook Ms L Cook Mr R Williams Mr J Jackson Ms R Wood Ms T Whiteside (appointed 28/04/2025)
Senior Management / Leadership Team	Ms G Brierley, Operations Manager Ms C Coffey, Monitoring, Compliance and Youth and Community Mr P Greenwood, Governance and Finance
Principal Office	The Foxton Centre Knowsley Street Preston PR1 3SA
Charity Registration Number	1153080
Bankers	Natwest Bank 35 Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 2AD
Auditor	Rotherham Taylor Limited 21 Navigation Business Village Navigation Way Ashton-on-Ribble Preston Lancashire PR2 2YP

THE FOXTON CENTRE

CHAIR'S REPORT

Another busy year for The Foxton with many changes and challenges - nothing new there then.

In the year ending March 2025 one of our major projects was overseeing the construction of our new Youth and Community Centre. Dealing with the logistics of managing a £2.4 million project as well as doing their day job from temporary premises has been a major overhead and stretched the capacity and skills of our team. June 2025 will see the official opening and give a major boost to our young people and the staff team and trustees who have also made major contributions to the city's youth strategy. It's about time we starting investing in our young people.

Our Day Centre for rough sleepers has made great progress and suffered setbacks during the year. A large part of our funding from Preston City Council was threatened with withdrawal putting a question mark over its future. With the help of Preston's MP, Sir Mark Hendrick, a compromise agreement was negotiated which allows a phasing out of the Council's support. On the positive side, the Day Centre has continued its evolution into a genuine hub bringing together a range of service partners in providing a wide set of services to Rough Sleepers. Thanks and acknowledgement must go to the staff and doctors at Park Medical Practice who offer medical support, Mental Health services with regular practitioner services, Shelter offering legal advice, and Inspire, the Public Health funded drug and alcohol services. Not forgetting barbers, opticians and masseurs who give their time freely alongside our staff and volunteers.

The same service hub approach has been offered to service users at our Women's Centre with medical and mental health drop in clinics. Support and close engagement with Police and Health agencies has been invaluable with Police and Crime Commissioner funding.

The capital funding to renovate and build our premises and those which we rent from Preston City Council and the Methodist Church highlights the charity's success in attracting up to £3 million in capital funding to the city.

Our current long serving CEO, Jeff Marsh, has served his final year prior to a well earned retirement. His personal commitment to our Preston-based charity has been exemplary and he has provided real leadership of a major expansion of our services in the city. It's fitting that Jeff's final weeks in office will coincide with the opening of the new Youth and Community Centre. Jeff will be succeeded by Cath Coffey, who currently heads our Youth and Community work and she will build on the successes of her predecessor.

May I also thank my fellow trustees for their significant contributions, as well as those of all our staff and volunteers. Our young service users have been instrumental in the development of the new Youth and Community Centre and they can be proud of the results of their efforts. To our funders and donors, a big thank you - we really couldn't do it without you.

For current information about our activities and ways to help, please visit our website www.thefoxton.org

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Organisation of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is managed by a Board of Trustees under a Model Constitution dated 4 July 2013. The trustees hold at least four ordinary meetings each year to review operations. The day to day management of the centre is entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer and his staff.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees’ induction and training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The existing board members accept the obligation to fully inform a new member of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing documents, minutes of previous meetings of the trustees, recent annual accounts and annual reports of the charity, a staff handbook and the relevant Charity Commission publications relating to the responsibilities of trustees. New trustees are encouraged to come in and meet with the staff and service users of the different projects that the Foxton Centre operates.

Key management personnel

The Foxton Centre employs a Chief Executive Officer Mr J Marsh, an Operations Manager Ms G Brierley, a Monitoring and Compliance Officer Ms C Coffey and a Governance and Finance officer Mr P Greenwood. These four staff members manage the organisation on the behalf of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Finance Sub-Group all matters relating to pay and remuneration. Recommendations from the group are considered and approved by the full trustees’ meeting.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The Charity Commission approved charitable objects are undertaken for the public benefit in Preston and North West England:

1) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless), crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

3) The provision and maintenance of a centre for the use of the inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.
The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Youth and Community Work

The Foxton has delivered youth work since its inception 55 years ago. The past few years have been difficult for youth work however, when much other youth work was cut, Foxton carried on its commitment to open access youth clubs. We take pride in this and are committed to support for children and young people from Avenham and Frenchwood into the future.

Evidence of this commitment is the construction of a new £2.4 million youth centre. This has been built on the site of our previous centre. It will be completed in May 2025. It is pleasing that youth work is becoming valued again.

Our project has been a fine example of co-production with young people from start to finish. Young people played a significant role in the whole project starting with securing the funding, as they made a film, met funders, together with the architect they designed the space, furniture, colour schemes, toilets etc.

We have delivered this work from temporary premises whilst construction is taking place.

Our youth work staff provided youth clubs five days each week with groups for specific age groups to ensure that their needs can be met appropriately.

In addition, we have a range of community groups who meet regularly: our men's group, arts group, hoarding group and art group.

A snapshot of the work during the past year is outlined below.

· We worked with 1046 individuals in our youth and community services youth and community members (six hundred young people attended the open access clubs, 443 community members attended community groups).
· This has roughly doubled from the previous year.
· We won a young people's participation award from Lancashire Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (LABGC) and received an exceptional assessment from the National Youth Association
· We just won a national award for Intergenerational work by In Common with Places for People
· Sara, a member of our youth forum, won the Young Citizen of the Year Award from the High Sheriff
· Foxton was a key partner in creating Preston's Youth Strategy
· We co-chair the multi-agency safeguarding panel for Preston (MASP)

Homeless Services

Homeless Day Centre
Based on Fox St in Preston, the day centre was renovated at a cost of £150,000 and opened in 2023. This evidences the charity's committed to providing the best facilities for its beneficiaries. As well as practical support including food, clothing and showers, in the last twelve months we developed this as a multi-agency hub for the homeless at the site. It offers primary health care through GP and nurse session (Park View Surgery) Mental Health assessments through LSCFT. Drug and alcohol assessments from Inspire. A range of other professional staff attend to support the day centre users.

Sadly, many homeless people die very young. The average age at death being forty-three for rough sleepers. We seek ways to address these terrible health outcomes through the day centre. To this end we take part in the Drug and Alcohol Related Death Panels (DARD) death review panel established by Lancashire County Council to learn lessons from early deaths.

A snapshot of our activity is outlined below.

· 660 different individuals attended Apr 24 - March 25
· We opened for 254 days including Christmas Day
· A total of 483 sessions offered.
· A total of 14490 meals provided.
· Avoided numerous A&E attendances.
· Provided wound care.
· Assisted numerous people into mental health services
· Drug and alcohol assessments undertaken via Inspire / CGL

Kenmure Lodge
We run a 14-bed hostel for rough sleepers in partnership with Hilldale Housing Association. The service is staffed 24/7 and provides support to people seeking to address the issues which have led to their homelessness. All rooms are ensuite, and each resident has an allocated support worker. The building was fully renovated to a high standard before we took possession.

· Quality accommodation offered.
· 5110 bed nights offered.
· 2447 structured support sessions provided to residents.
· Forty-five people accommodated.
· Ninety-five percent occupancy rate achieved.
· A high proportion of residents are in structured drug and alcohol treatment.

· Positive feedback from Lancashire police about the lack of call outs to our premises
· The service passed its SHIP inspection by PCC.

Housing First
This scheme offers longer term support in shared houses: we have eight properties with Calico as part of the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP), Two studio flats purchased by Foxton from the proceeds of the first Big Sleep Out with Preston North End FC and a number of shared houses from the private sector.

· Floating support to residents
· Allocated support worker to each resident.
· Sixteen individuals have been housed over 12 months with Foxton.
· Worked with a total of fifty-four individuals.
· We offer dedicated women-only accommodation for street sex workers.
· Our service passed its SHIP inspection carried out by PCC.

Women's Services

Operates out of a newly re-furbished (2023) building on New Hall Lane in line with our aim to provide the best facilities for our beneficiaries. The service works with street sex workers on both a drop in and outreach basis with very limited access to revenue funding. Available in 2024 we achieved the following.

· 351 sessions offered 199 drops in and 152 outreach.
· Eighty-five individuals seen.
· Extensive use of volunteers
· 1127 engagements
· Offers practical support showers food clothing.
· Emotional support / trauma-based work
· GP / nurse sessions
· Drug and alcohol assessments via Inspire.
· Sexual Health services Renaissance
· Sexual violence support
· Confidential Ugly Mugs sexual crime reporting was available.

Volunteering

Volunteers are central to the work of our organisation in all the aspects of our work. The members of our youth forum have been key to our success in building our new youth centre. Our regular youth work volunteers augment our staff and bring some extra skills into sessions.

Our womens service has some long-term volunteers including one stalwart who has worked to support vulnerable women for 15 years.

At the day centre we have a team of volunteers who support the work cooking cleaning sorting clothing and helping at key times like Christmas.

Finally, our trustees volunteer their time freely, not just attending meetings but providing expertise from their work lives in finance, youth work, IT and other areas.

Going Concern

The Foxton Centre is fortunate not to be in the position of some charities that have seen their income plummet since the pandemic. Grant income from Preston City Council which forms a large proportion of our funding has decreased dramatically as the council took services in house. However, we were able to re-profile our budget in line with income and contract requirements.

Income from rents in our properties provides steady and regular income for the charity being a buffer against fluctuating grant income.

Grant funding also plays a major part in the charity's income and has during the last twelve months. The allocation of grants is generally between one and three years and we plan for the shortfall at the end of a grant period by incorporating demand for replacement funding in our fundraising strategy.

The trustees and staff have targeted the development of a programme to increase philanthropic giving for 2025-2026. The "Friends of Foxton" campaign will be launched soon.

We link our fundraising strategy to the priorities established in our business plan to meet any anticipated shortfalls in income to try and bring stability to the organisation and our services.

Fundraising

The Foxton Centre raises substantial amounts money and goods from the general public and the relationship between our donors and supporters and ourselves is very important to us. We approach fundraising in a straightforward and ethical manner.

We use social media including Facebook, JustGiving.com and our website to ask for donations of both cash and goods and we undertake specific fund-raising events for example the two recent PNE Big Sleep Outs.

Many individuals hold small events to raise money to support our charitable activities and we do not currently issue guidance to them for these events.We have received no complaints about fund raising activities carried out directly by us or on our behalf during the last year.

In the last twelve months we have not employed a professional fund-raiser or a commercial partner to raise money for us. We do not use third party collectors on the streets or telephone fundraising. These kinds of approaches used elsewhere have caused concern to many members of the public and clear harm to some. We would never use high pressure approaches to potential donors and do not contact donors un-solicited to ask for further support.

Reserves Policy

The trustees determine a minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held on the basis of risk-weighted financial forecasts for possible future adverse events. Examples include:

· Ability to maintain adequate working capital in the event of a significant delay in receipt of income, or a requirement to incur significant additional expenditure.
· Ability to maintain service levels in the event of loss of a funding source, until the funding can be replaced, or the charity can be appropriately restructured.
· In the last resort, ability to wind up the charity on a solvent basis.

When calculating our reserves requirement, we look at five factors:

- Cost of closure

- Working capital
- Flexibility to invest for the future
- Advice from the Charity Commission
- Key risk assessment

Allocation of reserves

The decision to authorise allocation of any portion of the reserve will lie with the Board of Trustees as advised by the Financial Sub Committee of the Board. In an emergency, the decision may be made by the Chair of the Board and Treasurer and subject to review at the next available Trustee Board meeting.

Maintenance of the Reserve

In the event that any portion of the reserve is allocated for use, the Financial Sub Committee at its next meeting will agree a plan and timescale for replenishment of the reserve in the shortest timescale feasible. E.g., following receipt of income for which working capital has been allocated.

For the investment portion of the reserve fund, the replenishment of the reserve will not necessarily be either a requirement or a priority since the purpose of the investment is to create a longer-term asset for the benefit of the charity.

Risk Management

The trustees are examining the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that reasonable steps can be taken to lessen risks. In accordance with Charity Commission guidance risks are considered under the following headings:

• Strategy so that the charity is clear where it is going and how it will get there
• Governance to ensure there is a strong board of trustees and a robust relationship between the board and leadership team
• External factors including economic changes government policy and stakeholder relationships
• Financial matters, including diversity of income supply, cash flow reserves and financial management
• Operational matters including staffing service quality and development health and safety complaints and staffing
• Legal, including breaches of charity law; employment law and regulatory requirements

Financial Review

The charity reported a net surplus for the year of £1,560,637 comprising a deficit on unrestricted funds of £23,144 and a surplus on restricted funds of £1,583,781. Details are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 13.

In the trustees' opinion, sufficient funds can be generated to enable the centre to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and fulfil the immediate obligations of the charity.

The net assets of the charity at 31 March 2025 amounted to £2,236,339.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 period. 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr J Parkinson
Chairman and trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FOXTON CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Foxton Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC’s Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material mis-statements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates and considered the risk of the charity not complying with the applicable laws and regulations, including fraud, in particular those that could have a material impact on the financial statements. This included those regulations directly related to the financial statements, including financial reporting and tax legislation. In relation to the operations of the charity this included compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and SORP 2019.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Specific audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

• Inspecting minutes of Trustees' meetings
• Inspecting correspondence with the Charity Commission, HMRC and other regulators
• Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud
• Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
• Identifying and testing journals, and
• Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

.....
Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Rotherham Taylor Limited, Statutory Auditor

21 Navigation Business Village
Navigation Way
Ashton-on-Ribble
Preston
Lancashire
PR2 2YP

Date:.....

Rotherham Taylor Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE FOXTON CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	64,048	12,129	76,177	95,462
Charitable activities	3	1,324	3,559,510	3,560,834	2,131,331
Other trading activities	4	1,448	4,920	6,368	1,420
Investments	5	2,582	-	2,582	1,920
Total income		69,402	3,576,559	3,645,961	2,230,133
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	(92,546)	(1,992,778)	(2,085,324)	(2,110,126)
Total expenditure		(92,546)	(1,992,778)	(2,085,324)	(2,110,126)
Net (expenditure)/income		(23,144)	1,583,781	1,560,637	120,007
Net movement in funds		(23,144)	1,583,781	1,560,637	120,007
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	14	267,492	408,210	675,702	555,695
Total funds carried forward	14	244,348	1,991,991	2,236,339	675,702

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations.

THE FOXTON CENTRE

(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1153080)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	94,089	1,623,251	1,717,340	355,650
Current assets					
Debtors	11	-	76,046	76,046	53,134
Cash at bank and in hand		204,411	336,907	541,318	343,356
		204,411	412,953	617,364	396,490
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(54,152)	(44,213)	(98,365)	(76,438)
Net current assets		150,259	368,740	518,999	320,052
Net assets		244,348	1,991,991	2,236,339	675,702
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds					
Restricted	14	-	1,991,991	1,991,991	408,210
Unrestricted income funds					
Unrestricted	14	244,348	-	244,348	267,492
Total funds	14	244,348	1,991,991	2,236,339	675,702

The financial statements on pages 13 to 25 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson
Chairman and trustee

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Mr R Thomas - Treasurer
Trustee

THE FOXTON CENTRE

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		1,560,637	120,007
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investments	5	(2,582)	(1,920)
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	10	83,834	99,869
		1,641,889	217,956
Working capital adjustments			
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	11	(22,912)	30,794
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12	21,927	(19,929)
Net cash flows from operating activities		1,640,904	228,821
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received	5	2,582	1,920
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	10	(1,445,524)	(204,484)
Net cash flows from investing activities		(1,442,942)	(202,564)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		197,962	26,257
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		343,356	317,099
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		541,318	343,356

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is detailed within the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income recognition
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further details are given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives government grants in respect of a number of the restricted projects being undertaken. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Other income includes the invoices raised to universities in respect of students undertaking work experience placements with the charity. Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after placements have taken place, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised once 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 the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

• Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all of the projects undertaken by the charity and related support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis.

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Freehold Buildings 2%
Leasehold Property Improvements 33%
Computer Equipment 33%
Fixtures and Fittings 20%
Motor Vehicles 25%

Freehold land is not depreciated. Buildings under construction are accounted for at cost. They are not depreciated until the accounting period in which they are brought into use.

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

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

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Employee benefits
When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
There have been no judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Legal status of the charity
The Foxton Centre is a UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by its constitution document. The CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 19 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

(i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
(ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

2 INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	13,776	-	13,776	-
General	35,326	-	35,326	73,715
Marketing & Communications	14,946	-	14,946	11,450
Homeless Hub	-	-	-	10,297
Youth and Community	-	12,129	12,129	-
	64,048	12,129	76,177	95,462

3 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Youth and Community	-	160,970	160,970	194,236
RSI for Reclaim	-	-	-	10,306
Kenmure Lodge	-	359,130	359,130	351,241
Central Costs	1,241	-	1,241	1,675
Streetlink	-	18,794	18,794	86,396
Homeless Hub	-	461,648	461,648	683,232
Housing First/Project 360	-	445,753	445,753	379,887
Day Centre	83	-	83	-
RSAP	-	153,358	153,358	143,697
Youth Investement Fund (Capital)	-	1,676,012	1,676,012	205,522
Youth Investment Fund (Revenue)	-	283,845	283,845	75,139
	1,324	3,559,510	3,560,834	2,131,331

4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Day Centre	1,400	-	1,400	-
Central Costs	48	-	48	670
Youth and Community	-	4,420	4,420	750
	1,448	4,420	5,868	1,420

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Bank interest	2,582	2,582	1,920

6 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries	195,449	691,259	886,708	937,059
Support costs	47,808	2,400	50,208	14,500
Management charges	(331,023)	331,023	-	-
Depreciation	18,217	65,618	83,835	99,866
Office/administration	113,214	33,524	146,738	180,269
Project Costs	12,945	40,210	53,155	79,017
Property Costs	35,936	828,744	864,680	799,415
	92,546	1,992,778	2,085,324	2,110,126

7 NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	83,835	99,866
Auditor's remuneration	12,000	8,100
Other accountancy fees	13,823	6,400

8 TRUSTEES' AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the current and previous years.

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £147,530 (2024: £159,190). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer, Governance and Finance Advisor, Operations Manager and Monitoring and Compliance Officer.

None of the trustees are accruing pension benefits in the current and previous years.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the current and previous years.

9 STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	670,625	719,337
Social security costs	198,773	201,546
Pension costs	17,310	16,176
	886,708	937,059

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Youth, Community and Social Workers	37	37
Administration of charity	3	4
	40	41

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The charity trustees were not paid or received and benefits from employement with the charity in the current and previous years.

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity in the current and previous years.

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer Equipment £	Leasehold Property Improvements £	Buildings under Construction £	Total £
Cost							
At 1 April 2024	95,290	61,107	7,600	32,064	269,380	153,401	618,842
Additions	-	2,352	-	6,240	-	1,436,932	1,445,524
Disposals	-	-	(7,600)	-	-	-	(7,600)
At 31 March 2025	95,290	63,459	-	38,304	269,380	1,590,333	2,056,766
Depreciation							
At 1 April 2024	5,717	34,662	7,600	30,745	184,468	-	263,192
Charge for the year	1,906	12,500	-	2,729	66,699	-	83,834
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(7,600)	-	-	-	(7,600)
At 31 March 2025	7,623	47,162	-	33,474	251,167	-	339,426
Net book value							
At 31 March 2025	87,667	16,297	-	4,830	18,213	1,590,333	1,717,340
At 31 March 2024	89,573	26,445	-	1,319	84,912	153,401	355,650

11 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	32,378	-
Other debtors	43,668	53,134
	76,046	53,134

12 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	32,305	38,656
Other taxation and social security	16,122	16,580
Accruals	14,400	12,139
Other creditors	32,307	9,063
	95,134	76,438

13 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Land and buildings		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	97,498	84,040
Other		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	651	401

14 FUNDS

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	267,492	69,402	(92,546)	244,348
Restricted funds	408,210	3,576,559	(1,992,778)	1,991,991
Total funds	675,702	3,645,961	(2,085,324)	2,236,339

15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Other net (liabilites)/current assets	(54,152)	31,833	(22,319)
Tangible assets	94,089	1,623,251	1,717,340
Cash at bank and in hand	204,411	336,907	541,318
Total net assets	244,348	1,991,991	2,236,339

16 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons during the period.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1153080

Accounts

Charity No: 1153080



The Foxton Centre

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

THE FOXTON CENTRE

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TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Trustees:		
	Mr JM Parkinson	Chair
	Mr R Thomas	Treasurer
	Mr B Cook	
	Mr K Mordue	
	Mr B Green	
	Rev D Craven	
	Ms F Poxon	
	Mr R Williams	
	Ms L Cook	
	Mr J Jackson	
	Ms R Wood	
Advisers:	Mr P Greenwood	Governance and Finance
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr J Marsh	
Senior Management Personnel:	Ms G Brierley	Operations Manager
	Ms C Coffey	Monitoring, Compliance and Youth and Community
Charity number:	1153080	
Auditor:	Rotherham Taylor Limited Chartered Accountants 21 Navigation Business Village Navigation Business Village Navigation Way Ashton-on-Ribble Preston PR2 2YP	
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Bankers:	NatWest Bank 35 Fishergate Preston PR1 2AD	

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CHAIR'S REPORT

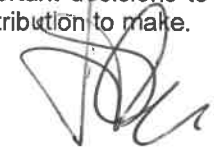
The last year has been another period of change for The Foxton Centre with joy and disappointment adding to the usual day to day graft of service delivery to people in the city.

Success in attracting funding from the Youth Investment Fund to rebuild our Youth and Community centre in Avenham was down to great work by the staff team supported by our youth club members and our professional partners (John Bridge Associates and the qsco). After 55 years the old centre had reached the end of its life, a fact confirmed by the discovery of failing RAAC concrete which forced a premature closure. The building of the new centre is watched eagerly from our nearby temporary home in Preston City Council's Oakham Court and we anticipate opening there in 2025.

The work of our team supporting street homeless people continues apace at our Day Centre in Fox Street, in our emergency accommodation and in our housing first properties. With increasing numbers of homeless people, our partnerships with the City Council, Community Gateway Association and others have their work cut out to meet the daily needs of those rough sleeping. Both our day centre and our women's centre succeed with support from volunteers and a range of other organisations. A particular mention must go to the Park Medical Practice who provide much needed clinical outreach services in our day centre. Also noteworthy are the many contributions of food, clothing and money from our donors. Donations come in many forms - www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk/donate - and we are grateful that so many Preston people and organisations value the work we do and are prepared to actively support us.

As ever, our staff team and volunteers work with enthusiasm, energy and determination to support the users of our range of services. This annual report contains a summary of the great work they do and the outcomes they achieve. Volunteers also play a significant role in keeping our services running and anyone with time and energy to donate is encouraged to get in touch. Drop an email to info@thefoxtoncenre.co.uk to find out more.

The past year has also been notable for some excellent work by our trustees who volunteer their time and skills to manage the charity and continue our 55 year presence as a Preston-based organisation. Much of their efforts underpin the day to day work of the staff team by focusing on the structure, processes and efficiency of the charity and maintaining oversight of our work in accordance with our constitution and values. The Trustees have some important decisions to take in the coming year and we welcome interest from those who believe they have a contribution to make.



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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management
Organisation of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is managed by a Board of Trustees under a Model Constitution dated 4 July 2013. The trustees hold at least four ordinary meetings each year to review operations. The day to day management of the centre is entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer and his staff.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees' induction and training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The existing board members accept the obligation to fully inform a new member of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing documents, minutes of previous meetings of the trustees,recent annual accounts and annual reports of the charity, a staff handbook and the relevant Charity Commissionpublications relating to the responsibilities of trustees. New trustees are encouraged to come in and meet with the staff and service users of the different projects that the Foxton Centre operates.

Key management personnel

The Foxton Centre employs a Chief Executive Officer Mr J Marsh, an Operations Manager Ms G Brierley and a Monitoring and Compliance Officer Ms C Coffey. These three staff members manage the organisation on the behalf of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Finance Sub-Group all matters relating to pay and remuneration. Recommendations from the group are considered and approved by the full trustees' meeting.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The Charity Commission approved charitable objects are undertaken for the public benefit in Preston and North West England:

1) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

    a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

   For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless), crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

3) The provision and maintenance of a centre for the use of the inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

   a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

   b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions oflife for the inhabitants.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Youth Work

The Foxton Centre has delivered youth work in Preston for over 50 years, and we take pride in our continued support for children and young people from Avenham and Frenchwood.

We worked with 646 individual youth and community members (347 youth, 272 community).

Held 686 youth and community sessions.

After we relocated the homeless work from our Knowsley St address to the Fox St premises. It allowed us the opportunity to create space for the Avenham centre to become a full time Youth and Community Centre. In tandem we have had aspirations to either re-furbish or re-develop that site for some time as the building is 50+ years old and in a poor state.

In January 2023 we bid for a grant from a fund offered by the DCMS for the improvement of or building of new youth centres across the country. It is pleasing to say that In April 2023 we heard that against some tough opposition we were one of the projects selected. The staff team and especially Cath Coffey, local professionals including John Bridge Architects and Jake Suther QS Company and most importantly our young people worked really hard to formulate the bid and deserve great credit.

Contracts have been signed for both the demolition of the old structure and construction of the new centre, with demolition scheduled to begin in the first week of April 2024. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the charity to improve its facilities and despite there being a myriad of problems to work through, the project is on track to be completed in 2025.

We had planned to have some celebrations of the 50 + years in the building before it was closed, sadly these didn't happen as in September 2023 we had to close it immediately. On inspection we discovered RAAC beams in the roof of the centre which were at risk of collapse. Ironically as a result the youth and community team were homeless for a while working out of local schools and church premises. On the 1 November 2023 the team moved into their base at Oakham Court this will be used until the new centre is completed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Our Warm Hub evolved to become a men's group. This was an alternative to people staying in their homes and either facing isolations, or issues arising from the energy crisis. We started this in January and have supported many individuals on a weekly basis with such things as breakfast, pool competitions, bingo, benefits, and much more.

We have also established a regular women's group which is steadily growing.

In partnership with the Harris Library, we have offered a weekly **Art group** for anyone in the community who wishes to attend. This is for some people a therapeutic opportunity to battle their isolation or help their mental and wellbeing challenges. A number of social prescribers have brought individuals to the group. Some have gone from being withdrawn and not engaging with anyone to coming early and helping set up. The age ranges from 17yrs-70+yrs and are from all over and have a variety of backgrounds.

We have provided weekly **Yoga** each Saturday since May of 2022. Adults from anywhere can access the group and we allow families and carers to bring their children with them and we support the whole family whilst the team provides yoga and food.

We have an established a Friday night **Detached** work programme working with partners from other agencies aiming to reduce ASB in the city centre. This was in response to a number of dispersal orders placed on young people across Preston city centre.

We have worked with both primary and secondary **Schools** in the community locally and other schools across Preston which our young people attend.

Our regular **Youth Groups** have continued with four nights of open access a week. Our groups continue to run from 8-11yrs and 12-18yrs. We provide all our events, groups and activities with a food option as well. We have seen an increase in the number of young people who come to us increasingly hungry. We have committed to providing food that they can eat and an option to take food home if needed. We support over 20+ young people each evening.

Each holiday we provide **Holiday Programmes** for all of the holidays. These are always planned by young people of our Youth Forum and facilitated by the youth work team. This included highlights like our Farm Day which attracted 170 people in an afternoon. Our football training weekly. These events are always free of charge.

We are active members of the **MASP** group which looks at preventing young people engaging becoming involved in Criminal Exploitation and carrying knives. We have developed strong links with the police and the Chief Supt Int around prevention of Criminal Exploitation and CSE.

We continue to work with Onward homes and mental health services to establish a **Hoarding** group that meets fortnightly. This has been an emotional journey for some of the individuals who attend, and they have been grateful to have the space to benefit from a peer support network.

We have expanded our youth and community teams to support a six day a week service 52 weeks a year. We have also welcomed in new partners such as Children and Family Wellbeing Service who facilitate our **STAY and PLAY** in the centre on a weekly basis. This group work is still developing due to the marketing of our centre and the public perception for the change of our use.

The team have supported a number of individuals who are **16yrs+** into either supported accommodation or independent accommodation. This has been a difficult challenge due to the young people often falling in the gaps between statutory services.

We have advocated for them to access a social worker where possible or more suitable accommodation when needed. We have also supported some of our 16+yrs young people into employment, this has been a mix with our partners at McDonalds or local coffee shops.

Through our Children in Need partners, we have developed a positive partnership with **McDonalds** across Preston. This involved assisting them with ASB issues and they are supporting us with space and food for young people either on a group work or one to one work or during consultation events. This has been successful through their raising funds for our charity, shopping directly for our clients at Christmas and supporting us with events.

Our **Youth Forum** have gone from strength to strength over the last year and have secured £2 million bid to build a new youth centre. This includes meeting with designers, architects, filing short films, discussing with partners, writing applications etc and much more. They have been successful in their accomplishments and received recognition from the NYA for their work on the application. The group have also developed personal skills which included interviewing staff and appointing them, planning holiday programmes, developing interpersonal skills and managing budgets. We are very proud of everything they have achieved.

We have supported a large number of individuals from the local community around their housing issues, benefit challenges, access to health care across the community. This includes food parcels and phone access as and when needed. This includes young people aged 16-25yrs who are living independently or are in supported accommodation. Since the start of January 2023 we have seen an increase in people wishing to access our services and requesting support on a one-to-one basis. They report they feel safer coming in now that our services are separated. They feel there is a different atmosphere and are starting to return. They will now drop in during times of crisis and ask us to assist, as well as when they are passing and in need of company.

Due to our premises changing our annual pantomime event was held at Frenchwood school this year over two nights it was well attended and all the families young and old, enjoyed an amazing time.

Homeless Services

Our homeless services have changed during the year with Preston City Council taking the outreach team in house in September 2023 and the support offered through the Gateway partnership also changed at that point. These changes meant a reduced number of staff in the year but for a variety of reasons in the end we did not have to make anyone redundant.

The Foxton Centre's outreach team carried the responsibility of being the way into the Rough Sleepers Initiative. This was a heavy responsibility, and we were happy that what is really a statutory duty was taken on board by the city council.

Overall, there have been some dramatic reductions in rough sleepers since 2018 sadly however numbers rose for the last two years almost doubling last year in Preston and similar rises across the country.

Kenmure Lodge

In June 2022 we opened our new 14 bed with ensuite rooms emergency accommodation, Kenmure Lodge, in partnership with Hilldale Housing Association.

5110 bed nights provided.
1765 structured support sessions provided.
51 people accommodated.
98% occupancy rate achieved.

We are really proud to be able to offer this quality of accommodation to rough sleepers in the city. Kenmure is an emergency housing project for rough sleepers in the city of Preston. Kenmure provides 14 ensuite rooms for vulnerable adults to access support and deal with any issues they face. 5110 nights of accommodation where available at Kenmure, 2% voids so 98% occupancy. Kenmure offers a warm and safe place providing crucial support, we have delivered 1765 support sessions over the past 12 months, Kenmure provides a stable environment allowing the individuals to access further support services and having that stability.

Meals in Emergency accommodation presents unique challenges and opportunities. Cooking can serve vital activity that foster a sense of normalcy and community among the individuals. Sharing meals can provide comfort, promote social interaction, and enhance emotional well-being during stressful times. Kenmure makes sure the individuals meet their nutrient needs and maintain some of their daily routine, we have offered/made available 196 meals per week at Kenmure.

External services and Volunteers are essential to the effectiveness of Emergency Accommodation. External services such as healthcare, legal aid, and social support, provide specialised assistance that address the diverse needs of the service users. Volunteers complement these services by hands on help. Together they recreate a robust support network that enhances the quality of care and accelerates the recovery process of those in emergency accommodation.

The length of stay at Kenmure varies widely depending on the nature of the crisis and the availability of long-term housing solutions in Preston. Kenmure's longest stay has been 20 months with the shortest 2 days. Ensuring a smooth and timely transition remains a critical focus to prevent the temporary solution from becoming a prolonged hardship.

Throughout the year the numbers staying in emergency accommodation can fluctuate significantly, on an annual basis, 51 individuals have accessed our service with each having a unique story and needs.

Day Centre

This year has proved to be a very busy one for the operation of the day centre. It is the first full year of opening. The centre opens five days a week and provides practical support and well as access to other professionals.

In total we saw 449 individuals

There were 252 days where sessions ran.

There was a total of 504 sessions offered. (Morning and afternoon)

There was a total of 10584 meals provided.

Activities included arts & crafts, drumming, therapeutic interventions, barbers, podiatrists, wellbeing groups, health screening for various conditions.

Longer Term Housing

The Foxton centre in partnership with Calico and with the support of the city council applied for further funding under a separate programme called the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP) again resourced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. This provided both capital and revenue funding to purchase properties to be used to house rough sleepers and to provide support to those re-settled. We have developed 4 great quality houses shared by 8 people under this scheme.

In addition, we continued to run our Housing First project in the city currently providing 26 places for former rough sleepers in shared houses and single flats.

Utilising these many funding schemes, we continue to accommodate a minimum of 51 people each night throughout our settings, across Preston. Although this client group brings many challenges we are committed to work in partnership and continually evolve our services to meet their needs.

Womens Centre, Streetlink and Women Work

The work to redevelop our base for women's work has been a major priority and was completed at the end of April 2023. We had a fantastic event to relaunch the centre on the 27 April 2023.

Womens Centre opening 27.4.23.

Sessions 221 (94 drop in and 127 outreach)

Individuals seen 120.

Total engagements 640

We now have a building which is fit for purpose with the interior co-designed with the women service users.

Streetlink is historically the name given to The Foxton Centre's outreach and intensive support work with vulnerable women. The Foxton Women's Centre offers a specialist service to women facing multiple disadvantages who are at significant risk of violence and sexual exploitation. We offer safety advice and interventions, a confidential reporting mechanism, and access to other specialist services including mental and physical health, sexual health, substance misuse, criminal justice, social care, and housing pathways. We offer intensive and holistic support in a person-centred, trauma-informed way.

Through co-production with the women, we defined which nights women felt most at risk and have committed to a minimum of 3 nights over the 7 days and on many occasions more evenings and daytime interventions as needed.

This work offers drop in and outreach services for all women and young girls. This is the start of building relationships with the women, and we have started to provide other services and support to the women such as accommodation, sexual violence reporting, UGLY mugs reporting, drug, and alcohol support and much more.

A large number of our women are at risk of, or are, actively engaging in street-based sex work and other forms of survival or transactional sex.

We support individuals from initial assessment throughout their journey with no limited timescales. Support is client-led to encourage a trusting relationship with the service. Re-traumatisation is hugely prevalent amongst our women and is one of the many barriers to them engaging. As a voluntary organisation, with over 55 years of standing in the community, we are a trusted service consisting of professional staff where women feel safe to be open and honest and engage with in a voluntary relationship. Therefore, we are often the conduit for women to engage with statutory services including housing, health, probation, and Children's Social Care.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Going Concern

The Foxton Centre is fortunate not to be in the position of some charities that have seen their income plummet since the pandemic. Contract income which forms the largest proportion of our funding did vary through the year with a significant reduction from Preston City Council. however, we were able to re-profile our budget in line with income and contract requirements.

Grant funding also plays a major part in the charity's income and has during the last twelve months. The allocation of grants is generally between one and three years and we plan for the shortfall at the end of a grant period by incorporating demand for replacement funding in our fundraising strategy.

A comprehensive spending review is expected during 2024 which could affect the RSI programme we are hopeful of a continued commitment from central government to support services to rough sleepers.

Housing Benefit is a major source of income which helps pay for the accommodation we provide our services have been inspected as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Project. We will continue our efforts to ensure high occupancy and low arrears on these services.

We link our fundraising strategy to the priorities established in our business plan to meet any anticipated shortfalls in income to try and bring stability to the organisation and our services.

Fundraising

The Foxton Centre raises substantial amounts of money and goods from the general public and the relationship between our donors and supporters and ourselves is very important to us. We approach fundraising in a straightforward and ethical manner.

We use social media including Facebook and our website to ask for donations of both cash and goods and we undertake specific fund-raising events for example the PNE Big Sleep Out.

Many individuals hold small events to raise money to support our charitable activities and we do not currently issue guidance to them for these events. We still have some work to do in further refining our policy in relation to fund raising from the general public we will then make this available to people who might hold a fund-raising event for us.

We have received no complaints about fund raising activities carried out directly by us or on our behalf during the last year.

In the twelve months to March 2024 we have not employed a professional fund-raiser or a commercial partner to raise money for us. We do not use third party collectors on the streets or telephone fundraising. These kinds of approaches have caused concern to many members of the public and clear harm to some. We would never use high pressure approaches to potential donors and do not contact donors un-solicited to ask for further support.

Financial Review

The charity reported a net surplus for the year of £120,007 comprising a surplus on unrestricted funds of £13,957 and a surplus on restricted funds of £106,050. Details are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 16.

In the trustees' opinion, sufficient funds can be generated to enable the centre to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and fulfil the immediate obligations of the charity.

The net assets of the charity at 31 March 2024 amounted to £675,702.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Reserves policy

The trustees determine a minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held on the basis of risk-weighted financial forecasts for possible future adverse events. Examples include:

- Ability to maintain adequate working capital in the event of a significant delay in receipt of income, or a requirement to incur significant additional expenditure.
- Ability to maintain service levels in the event of loss of a funding source, until the funding can be replaced, or the charity can be appropriately restructured.
- In the last resort, ability to wind up the charity on a solvent basis.

When calculating our reserves requirement, we look at five factors:

A. Cost of closure

B. Working capital

C. Flexibility to invest for the future

D. Advice from the Charity Commission

E. Key risk assessment

Allocation of reserves

The decision to authorise allocation of any portion of the reserve will lie with the Board of Trustees as advised by the Financial Sub Committee of the Board. In an emergency, the decision may be made by the Chair of the Board and Treasurer and subject to review at the next available Trustee Board meeting.

Maintenance of the Reserve

In the event that any portion of the reserve is allocated for use, the Financial Sub Committee at its next meeting will agree a plan and timescale for replenishment of the reserve in the shortest timescale feasible. E.g., following receipt of income for which working capital has been allocated.

For the investment portion of the reserve fund, the replenishment of the reserve will not necessarily be either a requirement or a priority since the purpose of the investment is to create a longer-term asset for the benefit of the charity.

In planning the annual budget, a reserve allocation will be included so as to strengthen the longer-term financial strength of the charity and increase the reserve fund. Through the strengthening of the reserve in the 'good years', the charity will be improving its resilience for when times are financially more challenging.

The reserves policy is reviewed annually.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Risk Management

The trustees are examining the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that reasonable steps can be taken to lessen risks. In accordance with Charity Commission guidance risks are considered under the following headings:

- Strategy so that the charity is clear where it is going and how it will get there
- Governance to ensure there is a strong board of trustees and a robust relationship between the board and leadership team
- External factors including economic changes government policy and stakeholder relationships • Financial matters, including diversity of income supply, cash flow reserves and financial management
- Operational matters including staffing service quality and development health and safety complaints and staffing
- Legal, including breaches of charity law; employment law and regulatory requirements

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of volunteers who are involved in the delivery of our services. It is estimated that in the 12-month period to the end of March 2024, 2400 volunteer hours were provided for service delivery. In addition, the trustees gave in excess of 400 hours. Based on the median gross wage for employees in Preston, which is £16.60 per hour, the financial value of volunteer effort amounts to £46,480 for the year.

There is not just a financial element to volunteering as it brings many things to our charity, it allows services users the opportunity to get involved with consequent benefits to health; it brings in new energy and ideas; it's a way into employment at the charity with many other benefits.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 period. 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;
- 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 proper 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 Charities (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.

The report was approved by the trustees on 17/12/24 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Foxton Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially mis-stated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material mis-statements, we are required to determine whether there is a material mis-statement in the financial statements or a material mis-statement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material mis-statement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material mi-statement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material mis-statements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates and considered the risk of the charity not complying with the applicable laws and regulations, including fraud, in particular those that could have a material impact on the financial statements. This included those regulations directly related to the financial statements, including financial reporting and tax legislation. In relation to the operations of the charity this included compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and SORP 2019.

The risks were discussed with the audit team and we remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED)

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Specific audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting minutes of Trustees' meetings
- Inspecting correspondence with the Charity Commission, HMRC and other regulators
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- Identifying and testing journals, and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	*Restated Total funds 2023 £*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	85,165	10,297	**95,462**	*89,688*
Income from charitable activities	4	1,675	2,129,656	**2,131,331**	*1,734,296*
Investments	5	1,920	-	**1,920**	*592*
Other trading activities	6	670	750	**1,420**	*4,360*
Total incoming resources		**89,430**	**2,140,703**	**2,230,133**	*1,828,936*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	(75,473)	(2.034,653)	**(2,110,126)**	*(1,931,108)*
Total resources expended		(75,473)	(2,034,653)	**(2,110,126)**	*(1,931,108)*
Net movement in funds for the year		**13,957**	**106,050**	**120,007**	*(102,172)*
Reconciliation of funds	17				
Total funds brought forward		**253,535**	**302,160**	**555,695**	*657,867*
Total funds carried forward		**267,492**	**408,210**	**675,702**	*555,695*

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	*Restated* Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	14	**106,064**	**249,586**	**355,650**	*251,036*
Current Assets					
Debtors	15	-	53,134	**53,134**	*83,928*
Cash at bank		186,276	157,080	**343,356**	*317,099*
Total current assets		**186,276**	**210,214**	**396,490**	*401,027*
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(24,848)	(51,590)	**(76,438)**	*(96,368)*
Net current assets		**161,428**	**158,624**	**320,052**	*304,659*
Net assets		267,492	408,210	**675,702**	*555,695*
The funds of the charity:	17				
Unrestricted income funds		267,492	-	**267,492**	*253,535*
Restricted income funds		-	408,210	**408,210**	*302,160*
Total charity funds		**267,492**	**408,210**	**675,702**	*555,695*

This report was approved by the trustees on 17/12/24 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

Mr R Thomas - Treasurer

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	*Restated 2023 £*
Cash flow from operating activities	20	**228,821**	*224,360*
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		**(204,484)**	*(185,956)*
Interest received		**1,920**	*592*
Net cash flow from investing activities		**(202,564)**	*(185,364)*
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		**26,257**	*38,996*
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2023		**317,099**	*278,103*
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2024		**343,356**	*317,099*

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is detailed within the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fairview'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis.The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further details are given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives government grants in respect of a number of the restricted projects being undertaken. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Other income includes the invoices raised to universities in respect of students undertaking work experience placements with the charity. Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after placements have taken place, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised once 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 the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all of the projects undertaken by the charity and related support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Asset category	Annual rate
Freehold Buildings	2%
Leasehold Property Improvements	33%
Computer Equipment	33%
Fixtures and Fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	25%

Freehold land is not depreciated. Buildings under construction are accounted for at cost. They are not depreciated until the accounting period in which they are brought into use.

Debtors

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

Creditors

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

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Legal status of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by its constitution document. The CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 19 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

   (i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
   (ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

3 Donations and legacies

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations from individuals and corporate donors:		
Unrestricted funds:		
General	**73,715**	*26,929*
Marketing & communications	**11,450**	*33,688*
	85,165	*60,617*
Restricted funds:		
Youth link	**-**	*500*
Homeless hub	**10,297**	*28,571*
	10,297	*29,071*
Total	**95,462**	*89,688*

4 Income from charitable activities
Grants received

	2024 £	Restated 2023 £
Unrestricted grants:		
Central costs	**1,675**	*20,007*
	1,675	*20,007*
Restricted grants:		
Rough sleeper's accommodation programme	**143,697**	*94,524*
Youth link	**194,236**	*109,279*
Homeless services/rough sleepers initiative	**10,306**	*107,942*
Streetlink	**86,396**	*109,381*
Central costs	**-**	*100*
Major Renovations to Leasehold Property	**-**	*30,241*
Youth Centre Project	**280,661**	*-*
Project 360	**379,887**	*384,914*
Kenmure Lodge	**351,241**	*196,691*
Homeless hub	**683,232**	*681,217*
	2,129,656	*1,714,289*
Total	**2,131,331**	*1,734,296*

5 Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank interest	**1,920**	*592*

6 Other trading activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Unrestricted other trading activities:		
Central costs	**670**	*360*
Restricted other trading activities:		
Community	**750**	*-*
Homeless Hub	**-**	*4,000*
	750	*4,000*
Total	**1,420**	*4,360*

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:				
Salaries	84,290	852,769	**937,059**	*984,028*
Property costs	20,406	779,009	**799,415**	*567,844*
Office/administration	120,552	59,717	**180,269**	184,035
Depreciation	33,124	66,742	**99,866**	*90,265*
Project costs	216	78,801	**79,017**	*90,989*
Management charges	(197,615)	197,615	**-**	-
Total charitable activities	60,973	2,034,653	**2,095,626**	1,917,161
Support costs (note 8)	**14,500**	**-**	**14,500**	*13,947*
Total	**75,473**	**2,034,653**	**2,110,126**	1,931,108

8 Analysis of support costs (governance)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration	**8,100**	8,100
Other accountancy fees	**6,400**	*5,847*
	14,500	*13,947*

9 Net expenditure for the period

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation	**99,869**	*90,265*
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	**8,100**	*8,100*
Other accountancy services	**6,400**	*5,847*

10 Analysis of staff costs and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	**719,337**	744,257
Social security and costs	**201,546**	222,592
Pension costs	**16,176**	17,179
	937,059	*984,028*

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the current and previous years.

The charity trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the current and previous years.

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity in the current and previous years.

11 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Youth, Community and Social Workers	**37**	*36*
Administration of charity	**4**	*4*
	41	*40*

12 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons during the period.

13 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the current and previous years.

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £159,190 (2023: £161,646). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer, Governance and Finance Advisor, Operations Manager and Monitoring and Compliance Officer.

None of the trustees are accruing pension benefits in the current and previous years.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the current and previous years.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings under Construction	Freehold Land and Buildings	Leasehold Property Improvements	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost							
At 1 April 2023	-	95,290	220,266	30,096	61,107	7,600	**414,359**
Additions	153,401	-	49,115	1,968	-	-	**204,484**
At 31 March 2024	**153,401**	**95,290**	**269,381**	**32,064**	**61,107**	**7,600**	**618,843**
Depreciation							
At 1 April 2023	-	3,810	101,238	29,948	22,440	5,888	**163,324**
Charge for the year	-	1,907	83,230	798	12,222	1,712	**99,869**
At 31 March 2024	-	5,717	184,468	30,746	34,662	7,600	**263,193**
Net book value							
At 31 March 2024	153,401	89,573	84,913	1,318	26,445	-	**355,650**
At 31 March 2023	-	91,480	119,028	148	38,667	1,712	**251,036**

15 Debtors

		Restated
	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Other debtors	**53,134**	*83,928*
	53,134	*83,928*

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	**38,656**	*17,407*
Accruals	**12,139**	*14,731*
Other taxation and social security	**16,580**	*17,870*
Other creditors	**9,063**	*46,360*
	76,438	*96,368*

Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2023	**32,000**	*52,196*
Amount released to income from charitable activities	**(32,000)**	*(52,196)*
Amount deferred in the period	**-**	*32,000*
	-	*32,000*

17 Analysis of charitable funds

	Restated Brought forward at 1 April 2023 £	Income	Expenditure	Carried forward at 31 March 2024 £
Total restricted funds	**302,160**	**2,140,703**	**(2,034,653)**	**408,210**
Unrestricted funds	**253,535**	**89,430**	**(75,473)**	**267,492**
Total funds	**555,695**	**2,230,133**	**(2,110,126)**	**675,702**

Analysis of charitable funds – previous year (restated)

	Brought forward at 1 April 2022 £	Income	Expenditure	Restated Carried forward at 31 March 2023 £
Total restricted funds	**352,293**	**1,751,360**	**(1,801,493)**	**302,160**
Unrestricted funds	**305,574**	**77,576**	**(129,615)**	**253,535**
Total funds	**657,867**	**1,828,936**	**(1,931,108)**	**555,695**

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	106,064	249,586	**355,650**
Cash at bank and in hand	186,276	157,080	**343,356**
Other net (liabilities)/current assets	(24,848)	1,544	**(23,304)**
	267,492	408,210	**675,702**

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year (restated)

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	*138,409*	*112,627*	*251,036*
Cash at bank and in hand	*331,134*	*(14,035)*	*317,099*
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	*7,617*	*(20,057)*	*(12,440)*
	477,160	*78,535*	*555,695*

19 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings	**2024**	**2023**
Expiring:		
Within 1 years	**84,040**	*89,864*
Other		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	**401**	*369*

20 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	***Restated* 2023**
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	**120,007**	*(102,172)*
Interest receivable	**(1,920)**	*(592)*
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	**99,869**	*90,264*
Decrease in debtors	**30,794**	*225,057*
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	**(19,929)**	*11,803*
Net cash flow from operating activities	**228,821**	*224,360*

21 Prior year adjustment and reclassifications

The comparative figures have been restated to incorporate an overstatement of reported income. The impact of the restatement is a decrease in incoming resources, debtors and total charity funds of £182,507 as previously reported for the year ended 31 March 2023 and as at that date.

In addition, amounts of unrestricted grant income of £611,845 and £2,100 for the year ended 31 March 2023 have been reclassified in the comparative period as restricted grant income and unrestricted donations respectively.

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TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Trustees:		
	Mr B Cook	
	Ms J Heyes	(Resigned)
	Mr K Mordue	
	Ms J Smith	(Deceased)
	Mr R Thomas	Treasurer
	Mr B Green	
	Mr P Thurlwell	
	Mr JM Parkinson	Chair
	Ms F Young	(Resigned)
	Rev D Craven	
	Ms F Eccleston	
	Mr R Williams	
	Ms L Cook	(Appointed 31st January 2023)
Advisers:	Mr P Greenwood	Governance and Finance
Chief Executive Officer:	Mr J Marsh	
Senior Management Personnel:	Ms G Brierley	Operations Manager
	Ms C Coffey	Monitoring and Compliance Officer
Charity number:	1153080	
Auditor:	Rotherham Taylor Limited Chartered Accountants 21 Navigation Business Village Navigation Business Village Navigation Way Ashton-on-Ribble Preston PR2 2YP	
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Bankers:	NatWest Bank 35 Fishergate Preston PR1 2AD	

CHAIR'S REPORT

The previous year has been both busy and momentous for The Foxton Centre. New initiatives have seen a physical expansion of the charity's footprint and the gaining of a major opportunity to secure our presence for the future.

The opening of the Foxton Day Centre before Christmas 2022 followed agreement with the Methodist Church and the refurbishment of the old Fox Street shelter to provide a day environment offering warmth, food and support to people homeless in Preston. The day centre complements the emergency hostel we opened earlier in 2022 but both facilities highlight the both the growing problem of homelessness and the lack of suitable housing capacity.

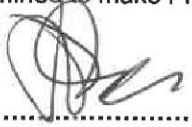
The reopening of our centre housing Foxton's Women's Services in New Hall Lane was achieved in April 2023 after refurbishment. The help of Preston City Council in obtaining grant funding was instrumental and the opening event, at which we also paid tribute to our late Trustee, Janette Smith, drew a broad representation from supportive local organisations and agencies.

The opening of the Foxton Day Centre enabled the charity to rebrand and refocus our Avenham centre as the Foxton Youth and Community Centre. Most importantly, the charity has secured funding from the Youth Investment Fund to replace this deteriorating building. A pre-requisite for securing the £2.2m investment was to secure a 125 year lease for the use of land from Preston City Council and the Diocese of Blackburn. At the time of writing, the authorisation to proceed from the Department of Education is awaited. The investment will help secure a base for youth work in one of the more deprived areas of the city.

Funding the charity, especially during the cost of living crisis, remains a daily priority and we were delighted to have the support of Preston North End Community and Education Trust, as well as Blog Preston and Veolia in organising a second Big PNE Sleepout at the Deepdale Stadium on November 17th later this year. The aim of the event is to raise funds for the operation of the Foxton Day Centre.

The successes of the year have been based on the good work of the staff team who have led these developments whilst continuing to deliver services. My thanks to them for their efforts.

Our partners also play a big part and our thanks go to Preston City Council, the Diocese of Blackburn and the many other local agencies with whom we work including Lancashire Council (Public Health and Inspire), Police, PCC, health and others too numerous to mention here). Our supporters, the people, businesses, organisations and trade unions who donate generously, all demonstrate that our city is one where people really care and are determined to make Preston a better place for all.



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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)"Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management
Organisation of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is managed by a Board of Trustees under a Model Constitution dated 4 July 2013. The trustees hold at least four ordinary meetings each year to review operations. The day to day management of the centre is entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer and his staff.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees' induction and training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The existing board members accept the obligation to fully inform a new member of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing documents, minutes of previous meetings of the trustees, recent annual accounts and annual reports of the charity, a staff handbook and the relevant Charity Commission publications relating to the responsibilities of trustees. New trustees are encouraged to come in and meet with the staff and service users of the different projects that the Foxton Centre operates.

Key management personnel

The Foxton Centre employs a Chief Executive Officer Mr J Marsh, an Operations Manager Ms G Brierley and a Monitoring and Compliance Officer Ms C Coffey. These three staff members manage the organisation on the behalf of the Management Committee. The Management Committee delegates to the Finance Sub-Group all matters relating to pay and remuneration. Recommendations from the group are considered and approved by the full trustees' meeting.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The Charity Commission approved charitable objects are undertaken for the public benefit in Preston and North West England:

1) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

   a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

   b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enablethem to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

   For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless), crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

3) The provision and maintenance of a centre for the use of the inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

   a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

   b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions oflife for the inhabitants.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Youth work

The Foxton Centre has delivered youth work in Preston for over 50 years, and we take pride in our continued support for children and young people from Avenham and Frenchwood.

- **Young people supported during this period**: 243 individuals. Most of these have multiple attendances over the year.
- **Targeted 1:1 work with young people:** 25 young people seen on a weekly basis with most receiving support up to six months.
- **Community Work:** We have supported over 56 adults mainly between Jan – March with a range of support.

A significant change to our work has been **Relocating** the homeless work from our Knowsley St address to the Fox St premises. This has allowed us to create space for the centre to become a full time Youth and Community Centre from 7th January 2023.

The first of the new groups at the centre was the **Warm Hub** partially funded by Lancashire County Council. This was an alternative to people staying in their homes and either facing isolations, or issues arising from the energy crisis. We started this in January and have supported over 25 individuals on a weekly basis with such things as breakfast, pool competitions, bingo, benefits, and much more.

In partnership with the Harris Library, we have offered a weekly **Art group** for anyone in the community who wishes to attend. This is for some people a therapeutic opportunity to battle their isolation or help their mental and wellbeing challenges. Comments made by some of those who are attend include '...this is my time.....just for me....away from the kids', and 'I love this group' . A number of social prescribers have brought individuals to the group. Some have gone from being withdrawn and not engaging with anyone to coming early and helping set up. The age ranges from 17yrs-70+yrs and are from all over and have a variety of backgrounds.

We have provided weekly **Yoga** each Saturday since May of 2022. Adults from anywhere can access the group and we allow families and carers to bring their children with them and we support the whole family whilst the team provides yoga and food. Between May and November, we have had 203 attendances at these sessions with people returning on a regular basis. We have secured further funding to continue this programme.

We have established a Friday night **Detached** work programme working with partners from other agencies aiming to reduce ASB in the city centre. This was in response to a number of dispersal orders placed on young people

across Preston city centre. Through this work we have co-ordinated a number of consultation events and building relationships with young people who are involved in criminal exploitation. We have worked with our partners at McDonalds and the police to reduce ASB. This was hugely successful over the summer.

We have worked with both primary and secondary **Schools** in the community locally and other schools across Preston which our young people attend. We have delivered numerous 1:1 intervention in St Augustine's Primary school and a targeted girls group, with interventions lasting up to 6 months. We have also delivered 1:1 work in Frenchwood Primary with some of this work lasting the full academic year. Through this we have good and active working relationships where we assist young people and families on a regular basis such as food parcels, housing support and attend CIN meetings and various safeguarding meetings. We have successfully delivered programmes for over 25 individuals afterschool's in partnership with both schools have reported an increase in confidence, self-esteem, behaviour and attendance for all the children involved.

Our regular **Youth Groups** have continued with four nights of open access a week. Our groups continue to run from 8-11yrs and 12-18yrs. We provide all our events, groups and activities with a food option as well. We have seen an increase in the number of young people who come to us increasingly hungry. We have committed to providing food that they can eat and an option to take food home if needed. We support over 20+ young people each evening. During the period of April 22 – March 23 we have supported **243** young people.

Each holiday we provide **Holiday Programmes** for all of the holidays. These are always planned by young people of our Youth Forum and facilitated by the youth work team. This included highlights like our Farm Day which attracted 170 people in an afternoon and our football training weekly.

We have become members of the **MASP** group which looks at preventing young people engaging becoming involved in Criminal Exploitation and carrying knives. We have developed strong links with the police and the Chief Supt Int around prevention of Criminal Exploitation and CSE.

We have trained all staff on **Sexual Health** and our youth and community team now provide condoms to all young people and young adults in a positive and educational manner.

We have worked with partners Onward homes and mental health services to establish a **Hoarding** group that meets fortnightly. This has been an emotional journey for some of the individuals who attend, and they have been grateful to have the space to benefit from a peer support network.

We have supported a large number of **Individuals Young people supported during this period**: 243 individuals. Most of these have multiple attendances over the year.

Targeted 1:1 work with young people: 25 young people seen on a weekly basis with most receiving support up to six months.

Community Work: We have supported over 56 adults mainly between Jan – March with a range of support.

We have expanded our youth and community teams to support a seven day a week service 52 weeks a year. We have also welcomed in new partners such as Children and Family Wellbeing Service who facilitate our **STAY and PLAY** in the centre on a weekly basis. This group work is still developing due to the marketing of our centre and the public perception for the change of our use.

The team have supported a number of individuals who are **16yrs+** into either supported accommodation or independent accommodation. This has been a difficult challenge due to the young people often falling in the gaps between statutory services. We have advocated for them to access a social worker where possible or more suitable accommodation when needed. We have also supported some of our 16+yrs young people into employment, this has been a mix with our partners at McDonalds or local coffee shops.

Through our Children in Need partners, we have developed a positive partnership with **McDonalds** across Preston. This involved assisting them with ASB issues and they are supporting us with space and food for young people either on a group work or one to one work or during consultation events. This has been successful through their raising funds for our charity, shopping directly for our clients at Christmas and supporting us with events.
Our **Youth Forum** have gone from strength to strength over the last year and having secured £51,000 to refurbish the centre they have been working on a new bid to build a new youth centre. This includes meeting with designers,

architects, filing short films, discussing with partners, writing applications etc and much more. They have been successful in their accomplishments and received recognition from the NYA for their work on a recent application. The group have also developed personal skills which included interviewing staff and appointing them, planning holiday programmes, developing interpersonal skills and managing budgets. We are very proud of everything they have achieved.

We have supported a large number of individuals from the local community around their housing issues, benefit challenges, access to health care across the community. This includes food parcels and phone access as and when needed. This includes young people aged 16-25yrs who are living independently or are in supported accommodation. Since the Start of Jan 2023 we have seen an increase in people wishing to access our services and requesting support on a one-to-one basis. They report they feel safer coming in now that our services are separated. They feel there is a different atmosphere and are starting to return. They will now drop in during times of crisis and ask us to assist, as well as when they are passing and in need of company.

We have hosted a community event with the **RSPCA** for the local community unable to feed their animals or provide health care. We have also become a local pet food bank.

After COVID we were delighted to see the return of our annual **Pantomine** for the community in Dec which accommodated over 80 children and families. All the families young and old, enjoyed an amazing time.

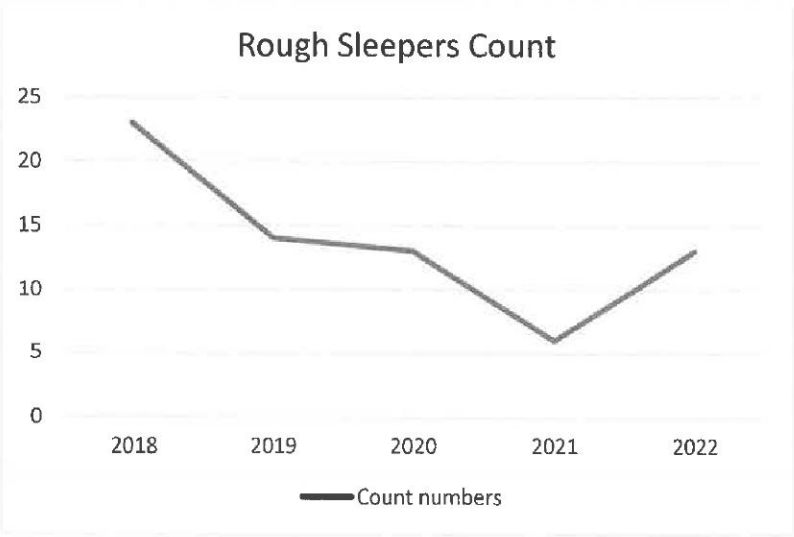
We also hosted in the same week a **Winter Wonderland** event that was attended by over 180 children and families. This event was opened by the Mayor of Preston and with gifts, games, food, real reindeer and Father Christmas it was a huge success. A huge thanks to Bren for playing Santa!! During both these weeks we provided food parcels, Christmas gifts and great memories for everyone involved.

Homelessness Services

Our work with the homeless and rough sleepers has grown again during 2022-23 with extra funding provided by charities, individuals and legacies and government. This helped expand our services and including street outreach work our new emergency hub and our fantastic new day centre..

Over the preceding years the investment made into homeless services has led to a dramatic fall in the numbers of people sleeping rough on our streets. Using the only comparative methodology of the official **Rough sleepers counts** carried out each November across all local authority areas the chart below shows the change over recent years. In 2021 the count registered six people sleeping rough in Preston

Overall there have been some dramatic reductions since 2018 sadly however numbers rose last year in Preston and across the country.



In June 2022 we opened our new 14 bed with ensuite rooms **Emergency Accommodation**, Kenmure Lodge, in partnership with Hilldale Housing Association.

From 27/06/22 when it opened to 31/03/23 there have been 61 placements to 55 individuals (6 people have returned on 2 separate occasions). Our occupancy rate has been 97% showing the demand there is for this accommodation.

We are really proud to be able to offer this quality of accommodation to rough sleepers in the city.

This year has proved to be a very busy one for the Organisation as we opened our new **Homeless Day Centre** in the city in Dec 2022. This is in the basement of the Central Methodist Church accessed from Fox St. In the first three months of opening we had:

- January 2023 – 145 individuals, 372 attendances
- February 2023 – 123 individuals, 352 attendances
- March 203 – 149 individuals, 577 attendances

In turn this demonstrates the need we have all seen on the streets in the city.

Emergency accommodation is only one aspect of the RSI and the Foxton Centre in partnership with **Community Gateway Association Progress Housing Key and Onward Housing Association** has developed a scheme of move on accommodation to help people re-settle from emergency accommodation into long housing in the community.

The Foxton centre in partnership with **Calico** and with the support of the city council applied for further funding under a separate programme called the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP) again resourced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. This provided both capital and revenue funding to purchase properties to be used to house rough sleepers and to provide support to those re-settled. We have developed four great quality houses shared by 8 people under this scheme in 2020-21.

We continued to offer special winter provision and this year opened in spells of bad weather.

In addition, The Foxton Centre we continued to run our **Housing First** project in the city currently providing 26 places for former rough sleepers in shared houses and single flats.

Utilising these many funding schemes, we continue to accommodate a minimum of 81 people each night throughout our settings, across Preston. Although this client group brings many challenges we are committed to work in partnership and continually evolve our services to meet their needs.

Streetlink and Women Work

Redeveloping our base for womens work has been a major priority of the last year as it was in a poor state. We secured funding for a major re-development and combined money from government with our charitable funds to complete the project

We now have a building which is fit for purpose with the interior co-designed with the women service users and which was completed in March 2023. It will open in April 2023.

Streetlink is historically the name given to The Foxton Centre's outreach and intensive support work with vulnerable women, some of whom are engaged in street sex work. Streetlink started 25 years ago working with women and girls who are working on the streets and involved in street sex work.

We use outreach and drop in sessions as a way to provide safety and support for the women. The base that we use for our work is at the heart of the area used by street sex workers and clients. This project has been supported and funded by public health for the last few years and they continue to provide us the funds to cover our rent costs.

The project currently

Through co-production with the women, we defined which nights women felt most at risk and have committed to a minimum of 4 nights over the seven days and on many occasions more evenings and daytime interventions as needed.

This work offers drop in and outreach services for all women and young girls. This is the start of building relationships with the women, and we have started to provide other services and support to the women such as accommodation, sexual violence reporting, UGLY mugs reporting, drug, and alcohol support and much more.

Activity

Women's services – 139 women accessed the various services during the year, 51 of these were new,

Housing
17 women accessed Kenmure emergency accommodation,
29 women were housed in Housing First, RSI, CGA, Onward & Inn2 properties.
88 women accessed the women's drop in over the year on 278 occasions (drop-in figures are from April 22 to Dec 22 – (centre was closed for refurb from Dec 22 to Mar 23)

Prevention

We focus on reducing hospital admissions by supporting women to access GPS appropriately in the community and prevent unnecessary treatment at emergency dept and any unsafe discharges. We will liaise with the hospitals and discharge teams to provide safe and appropriate services for women and girls when they leave.
We actively work on reducing reoffending and work with clients and partners upon release with an aim to prevent re-admission or recall through lack of accommodation, or lack of support network so we provide support workers, phone access for all agencies, mobile phones for safety. We also work with the police SPOC with whom we share intelligence and support around reporting and sexual violence.

We aim to provide a safe space for women to disclose sexual violence in a welcoming environment. In coproduction with the women and girls when asked what environment they need and want they describe a space to openly discuss sensitive subjects around sex work and share different life stories. We want to provide a space for therapeutic interventions and group work for those who currently experience the life of sex work or sexual violence but also a separate space for those who have experienced this in their lives and have managed to escape it.

We also want to provide a separate space for those women for whom English is a second language. We have seen an increase in Romanian women working on the streets.

We have a strong focus of safety planning with all our women and girls. This includes safe and appropriate accommodation, working with both perpetrators and victims across our services to ensure the safety of women and facilitate one to one support and specialist services using the sexual violence toolkit.

We are currently looking at developing a strategic female lead sub advisory board for the women's services. The aim is to bring together a group of passionate, knowledgeable, influential women from varying yet relevant professional backgrounds who can positively influence the direction of the women's services. This will also open our options in terms of approaching funders who specify that the service is female led.

Going Concern

The Foxton Centre is fortunate not to be in the position of some charities that have seen their income plummet during the pandemic. Contract income which forms the largest proportion of our funding did vary through the year in the end being greater than expected however we were able to re-profile our budget in line with income and contract requirements.

Grant funding has also increased during the last twelve months in particular for youth and community work and for our services for vulnerable women. The allocation of grants is generally between one and three years and we plan for the shortfall at the end of a grant period by incorporating demand for replacement funding in our

fundraising strategy.

We are confident of a continued commitment from central government to support services to rough sleepers. We hope for an announcement that will see a grant agreement for a three year period for our homelessness work. The other major source of income for the charity is through the housing benefit system this again is un-affected by Covid-19 we have kept occupancy levels high, and our rate of collection is above 95% ensuring stability.

We link our fundraising strategy to the priorities established in our business plan to meet any anticipated shortfalls in income to try and bring stability to the organisation and our services.

Fundraising

The Foxton Centre raises substantial amounts money and goods from the general public and the relationship between our donors and supporters and ourselves is very important to us. We approach fundraising in a straightforward and ethical manner.

We use social media including Facebook and our website to ask for donations of both cash and goods and we undertake specific fund raising events for example the PNE Big Sleep Out.

Many individuals hold small events to raise money to support our charitable activities and we do not currently issue guidance to them for these events. Over the next twelve months we will further refine our policy in relation to fund raising from the general public we will then make this available to people who might hold a fund-raising event for us.

We have received no complaints about fund raising activities carried out directly by us or on our behalf during the last year

In the last twelve months we have not employed a professional fund-raiser or a commercial partner to raise money for us. We do not use third party collectors on the streets or telephone fundraising. These kinds of approaches have caused concern to many members of the public and clear harm to some. We would never use high pressure approaches to potential donors and do not contact donors un-solicited to ask for further support.

Financial review

The charity has movement of funds for the year of £80,335 (2022: £328,425) comprising a surplus on unrestricted funds of £477,160 (2022: £305,574) and a surplus on restricted funds of £261,042 (2022: £352,293). Details are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 15.

In the trustees' opinion, sufficient funds can be generated to enable the centre to continue in operation into the foreseeable future and fulfil the immediate obligation of the charity.

The net assets of the centre at 31 March 2023 amounted to £738,202 (2022: £657,867).

Reserves policy

The trustees determine a minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held on the basis of risk-weighted financial forecasts for possible future adverse events. Examples include:

- Ability to maintain adequate working capital in the event of a significant delay in receipt of income, or a requirement to incur significant additional expenditure.
- Ability to maintain service levels in the event of loss of a funding source, until the funding can be replaced, or the charity can be appropriately restructured.
- In the last resort, ability to wind up the charity on a solvent basis.

When calculating our reserves requirement, we look at five factors:

A. Cost of closure
B. Working capital
C. Flexibility to invest for the future

D. Advice from the Charity Commission
E. Key risk assessment

Note that we don't need separate reserves for each of these factors, but we need to be able to cover each of them individually at all times in proportion to the risk assessment.

There were unrestricted free reserves at 31 March 2023 of £477,160 (2022: £305,574). The Trustees consider the current reserves to be sufficient.

Allocation of reserves

The decision to authorise allocation of any portion of the reserve will lie with the Board of Trustees as advised by the Financial Sub Committee of the Board.

In an emergency, the decision may be made by the Chair of the Board and Treasurer and subject to review at the next available Trustee Board meeting.

Maintenance of reserves

In the event that any portion of the reserve is allocated for use, the Financial Sub Committee at its next meeting will agree a plan and timescale for replenishment of the reserve in the shortest timescale feasible.E.g. following receipt of income for which working capital has been allocated.

For the investment portion of the reserve fund, the replenishment of the reserve will not necessarily be either a requirement or a priority since the purpose of the investment is to create a longer-term asset for the benefit of the charity.

In planning the annual budget, a reserve allocation will be included so as to strengthen the longer-term financial strength of the charity and increase the reserve fund. Through the strengthening of the reserve in the 'good years', the charity will be improving its resilience for when times are financially more challenging.

Risk management

The trustees are examining the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that reasonable steps can be taken to lessen risks. In accordance with Charity Commission guidance risks are considered under the following headings:

- Strategy so that the charity is clear where it is going and how it will get there
- Governance to ensure there is a strong board of trustees and a robust relationship between the board and leadership team
- External factors including economic changes government policy and stakeholder relationships
- Financial matters, including diversity of income supply, cash flow reserves and financial management
- Operational matters including staffing service quality and development health and safety complaints and staffing
- Legal, including breaches of charity law; employment law and regulatory requirements

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of volunteers who are involved in the delivery of our services. It is estimated that in the 12-month period to the end of March 2023, 3000 volunteer hours were provided for service delivery. In addition, the trustees gave in excess of 600 hours. Based on the median gross weekly earnings and hours of work for employees in Preston which is £664 per week, the financial value of volunteer effort based on a 37 hour week, amounts to £61,292 for the year.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 & 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 period. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume thatthe charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (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.

The report was approved by the trustees on 31.7.2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Foxton Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially mis-stated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material mis-statements, we are required to determine whether there is a material mis-statement in the financial statements or a material mis-statement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material mis-statement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the trustees are responsiblefor the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material mi-statement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with employment law and we considered the extent that to which non-compliance might have on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting minutes of Trustees' meetings
- Inspecting correspondence with the Charity Commission, HMRC and other regulators
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- Identifying and testing journals, and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Rotherham Taylor Limited, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
21 Navigation Business Village
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	58,517	29,071	**87,588**	*47,559*
Income from charitable activities	4	633,952	1,284,951	**1,918,903**	*2,029,112*
Investments	5	592	-	**592**	*14*
Other trading activities	6	360	4,000	**4,360**	*5,455*
Total incoming resources		**693,421**	**1,318,022**	**2,011,443**	*2,082,140*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	(749,457)	(1,181,651)	**(1,931,108)**	*(1,753,715)*
Total resources expended		(749,457)	(1,181,651)	**(1,931,108)**	*(1,753,715)*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(56,036)**	**136,371**	**80,335**	*328,425*
Transfers between funds		227,622	(227,622)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the year		**171,586**	**(91,251)**	**80,335**	*328,425*
Reconciliation of funds	17				
Total funds brought forward		**305,574**	**352,293**	**657,867**	*329,442*
Total funds carried forward		**477,160**	**261,042**	**738,202**	*657,867*

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	14	**138,409**	**112,627**	**251,036**	*155,344*
Current Assets					
Debtors	15	38,796	227,639	**266,435**	*308,985*
Cash at bank		331,134	(14,035)	**317,099**	*278,103*
Total current assets		**369,930**	**213,604**	**583,534**	*587,088*
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(31,179)	(65,189)	**(96,368)**	*(84,565)*
Net current assets		**338,751**	**148,415**	**487,166**	*502,523*
Net assets		477,160	261,042	**738,202**	*657,867*
The funds of the charity:	17				
Unrestricted income funds		477,160	-	**477,160**	*305,574*
Restricted income funds		-	261,042	**261,042**	*352,293*
Total charity funds		**477,160**	**261,042**	**738,202**	*657,867*

This report was approved by the trustees on 31.7.2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

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Mr R Thomas - Treasurer

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flow from operating activities	20	**224,360**	*152,020*
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		**(185,956)**	*(54,699)*
Interest received		**592**	*14*
Net cash flow from investing activities		**(185,364)**	*(54,685)*
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		**38,996**	*97,335*
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022		**278,103**	*180,768*
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2023		**317,099**	*278,103*

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is detailed within the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fairview'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further details are given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives government grants in respect of a number of the restricted projects being undertaken. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Other income includes the invoices raised to universities in respect of students undertaking work experience placements with the charity. Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after placements have taken place, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised once 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 the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all of the projects undertaken by the charity and related support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Asset category	Annual rate
Freehold Land and Buildings	2%
Property Improvements	33%
Computer Equipment	33%
Fixtures and Fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	25%

Debtors

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

Creditors

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

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Legal status of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by its constitution document. The CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 19 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

   (i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
   (ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

3 Donations and legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations from individuals and corporate donors:		
Unrestricted funds:		
General	**24,829**	*32,774*
Marketing & communications	**33,688**	*13,206*
House Project	**-**	*-*
	58,517	*45,980*
Restricted funds:		
Youth link	**500**	*179*
Homeless hub	**28,571**	*-*
Student placements	**-**	*1,400*
	29,071	*1,579*
Total	**87,588**	*47,559*

4 Income from charitable activities
Grants received

	2023 £	2022 £
Unrestricted grants:		
Marketing and communications	-	-
Project 360	384,914	274,680
Kenmure Lodge	196,690	-
Major renovations	30,241	-
Central costs	22,107	55,516
	633,952	330,196
Restricted grants:		
Rough sleeper's accommodation programme	94,525	139,009
Youth link	109,279	118,329
Homeless services/rough sleepers initiative	107,941	85,802
Streetlink	109,381	234,047
Central costs	100	-
Homeless hub	863,725	1,121,728
	1,284,951	1,698,916
Total	1,918,903	2,029,112

5 Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank interest (general funds)	592	14

6 Other trading activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Unrestricted other trading activities:		
Central costs	360	4,000
Restricted other trading activities:		
Community	-	1,455
Homeless Hub	4,000	-
	4,000	1,455
Total	4,360	5,455

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:				
Salaries	190,355	793,673	**984,028**	1,016,062
Property costs	363,991	203,853	**567,844**	306,860
Office/administration	129,925	54,110	**184,035**	172,384
Depreciation	33,077	57,188	**90,265**	38,964
Project costs	18,162	72,827	**90,989**	210,992
Total charitable activities	735,510	1,181,651	**1,917,161**	1,745,262
Support costs (note 8)	**13,947**	**-**	**13,947**	8,453
Total	**749,457**	**1,181,651**	**1,931,108**	1,753,715

8 Analysis of support costs (governance)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration	**8,100**	8,219
Other accountancy fees	**5,847**	234
	13,947	8,453
2023 fee is broken down as follows:		
Audit fee	**8,100**	6,000
Other accountancy support	**3,300**	900
	11,400	6,900

9 Net income for the period

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation	**90,265**	38,964
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	**8,100**	6,000
Other accountancy services	**3,300**	900

10 Analysis of staff costs and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	**744,257**	797,922
Social security and costs	**222,592**	202,278
Pension costs	**17,179**	17,648
	984,028	1,107,840

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022: none).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: none).

11 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Youth, Community and Social Workers	**36**	*38*
Administration of charity	**4**	*4*
	40	*42*

12 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons during the period.

13 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2022: £nil).

No employee benefits were received by key management personnel in the period. The Trust considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer, Governance and Finance Advisor, Operations Manager and Monitoring and Compliance Officer.

None (2022: none) of the trustees are accruing pension arrangements.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2022: £nil).

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Leasehold Property Improvements	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	95,290	68,828	30,096	26,590	7,600	**228,404**
Additions	-	151,439	-	34,517	-	**185,956**
At 31 March 2023	**95,290**	**220,267**	**30,096**	**61,107**	**7,600**	**414,360**
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2022	1,905	34,216	22,732	10,219	3,988	**73,060**
Charge for the year	1,905	67,022	7,216	12,221	1,900	**90,264**
At 31 March 2022	3,810	101,238	29,948	22,440	5,888	**163,324**
Net book value						
At 31 March 2023	91,480	119,029	148	38,667	1,712	**251,036**
At March 2022	93,385	34,612	7,364	16,371	3,612	**155,344**

15 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	**266,435**	*308,985*
	266,435	*308,985*

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	17,407	-
Accruals	14,731	*9,808*
Other taxation and social security	17,870	*16,099*
Other creditors	46,360	*58,658*
	96,368	*84,565*

Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2022	52,196	*3,000*
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(52,196)	*(3,000)*
Amount deferred in the period	32,000	*52,196*
	32,000	*52,196*

17 Analysis of charitable funds

	Brought forward at 1 April 2022 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 March 2023 £
Total restricted funds	352,293	1,318,022	(1,181,651)	(227,622)	261,042
Unrestricted funds	305,574	693,421	(749,457)	227,622	477,160
Total funds	657,867	2,011,443	1,931,108	-	738,202

Analysis of charitable funds – previous year

	Brought forward at 1 April 2022 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 March 2023 £
Total restricted funds	55,207	1,701,950	(1,135,494)	(269,370)	352,293
Unrestricted funds	274,235	380,190	(618,221)	269,370	305,574
Total funds	329,442	2,082,140	1,753,715	-	657,867

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	138,409	112,627	**251,036**
Cash at bank and in hand	331,134	(14,035)	**317,099**
Other net (liabilities)/current assets	(22,383)	162,450	**170,067**
	447,160	261,042	**738,202**

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	*135,720*	*19,624*	*155,344*
Cash at bank and in hand	*149,026*	*129,077*	*278,103*
Other net current assets	*20,828*	*203,592*	*224,420*
	305,574	*352,293*	*657,867*

19 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings	**2023**	**2022**
Expiring:		
Within 1 years	**89,864**	*55,447*
Other		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	369	*975*
2-5 years	-	*250*
	369	*1,225*

20 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	**2022**
Net income for the period	**80,335**	*328,425*
Interest receivable	**(592)**	*(14)*
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	**90,264**	*38,964*
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	**42,550**	*(245,505)*
Increase in creditors	**11,803**	*30,150*
	224,360	*152,020*

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THE FOXTON CENTRE

CHAIR'S REPORT

After two years of working under restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Foxton Centre emerged stronger in some areas, but needing to rebuild momentum in others. The following Trustees' Report from our CEO outlines our work in greater detail and I would ask you to take the time to read this and appreciate the scope of the activities we undertake.

Work with street sleepers in the city has been the area of greatest progress. Through close collaboration with Preston City Council and other local partners, scores of people have been moved through emergency accommodation into more settled, supported tenancies. Specific housing facilities have been created for women, as well as those without recourse to public funds. In December 2021 we opened the house purchased and refurbished following the Big PNE Sleep Out. In June of this year, we opened our new emergency accommodation offering good quality short stay placing for those moving off the streets. We shortly plan to announce new day centre facilities for homeless people in Preston, an exciting development supported by generous legacy donations which make this possible.

Youth and Community work was much more difficult to sustain during the Covid years, yet the teams persisted with support for our young people and the youth clubs are once more in full swing. With youth service provision being at a low ebb, the support we offer for young people in Avenham is a beacon in the city. We succeeded in attracting investment to redecorate the centre in consultation with our young service users and we have very bold plans for the longer term development of The Foxton Centre as a youth and community hub for the Avenham area.

Our work continued right through the pandemic despite the challenges of applying restrictions and suffering from Covid infections from time to time. None of this would have been possible without our committed and dedicated staff team. Our leadership team is stronger with improved decision making and financial management yet, like most organisations, recruitment and retention of staff is challenging. Credit must also go to our volunteers, supporters and donors who give their time and their generous support to sustain our work. I must also thank my fellow trustees for their input and support during the year.

We have a strong base on which to make further progress and have a major year of opportunity ahead. Like most local charities, we struggle at times with the scale of the challenges faced and the capacity needed to address these. Donations, resources, volunteers, and trustees are the fuel needed to sustain our efforts. There is a role for anyone who wants to help make our city a better place to live. Why not have a chat with us to see how you can play your part?



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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)"Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management
Organisation of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is managed by a Board of Trustees under a Model Constitution dated 4 July 2013. The trustees hold at least six ordinary meetings each year to review operations. The day to day management of the centre is entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer and hisstaff.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees' induction and training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The existing board members accept the obligation to fully inform a new member of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing documents, minutes of previous meetings of the trustees,recent annual accounts and annual reports of the charity, a staff handbook and the relevant Charity Commission publications relating to the responsibilities of trustees. New trustees are encouraged to come in and meet with the staff and service users of the different projects that the Foxton Centre operates.

Key management personnel

The Foxton Centre employs a Chief Executive Officer Mr J Marsh, an Operations Manager Ms G Brierley and a Monitoring and Compliance Officer Ms C Coffey. These three staff members manage the organisation on the behalf of the Management Committee. The Management Committee delegates to the Finance Sub-Group all matters relating to pay and remuneration. Recommendations from the group are considered and approved by the full trustees' meeting.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The Charity Commission approved charitable objects are undertaken for the public benefit in Preston and North West England:

1) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

   a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

   b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enablethem to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

   For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and familybreakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless), crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

3) The provision and maintenance of a centre for the use of the inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

   a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

   b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions oflife for the inhabitants.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on publicbenefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Covid response

This report covers the second year since the Covid-19 virus reached the UK in late January 2020. looking back over this period it was a further year of major change with our organisation like many in the country responding rapidly to the challenging environment created by the pandemic.

It is well known within our sector that people with no home are at high risk of harm from Covid. They are substantially more likely than even the most deprived housed people to report having chronic diseases such as asthma, heart problems and stroke. They are also prone to a higher than average number of long-term health conditions and are old before their time. Levels of frailty including unintentional weight loss, weakness, and low levels of physical activity among those experiencing homelessness are comparable to 89-year-olds in the general population.

Furthermore, people with no home die young. According to the ONS, the mean age at death of homeless people in 2019 was 46 years for men, 43 years for women as compared to the general population mean age of 76 years for men and 81 years for women.

Therefore, during this period of the covid pandemic

- Our services remaining open within the national guidelines which operated at the time
- We delivered services in new ways that allowed us to operate safely, our staff team constantly re-evaluated their work and this allowed us to modify and continue to deliver services
- We had an almost fully vaccinated staff team to stop us infecting vulnerable people
- We successfully campaigned for vaccinations for service users and in partnership with the NHS delivered a vaccination programme
- We offered regular testing at the centre and within our services and surge testing was carried out by our staff on the streets amongst the homeless population in response to positive cases
- We housed homeless people who had tested positive safely on discharge from hospital and kept everyone safe
- The collaborative work we developed with public health was crucial during this period
- We managed our financial situation to cope with changes to our income and expenditure.
- We managed a second intervention of bringing in everyone from the streets (Protect and Vaccinate) over the Christmas period 21-22 and through to March 2022 supporting an additional 43 people who we accommodated mainly in B&B hotels.

- Perhaps most importantly none of our service users died of covid related illness

We are proud to have been awarded the Mayor of Preston's City Hero Award in recognition of our work during the covid pandemic.

Youth work

The Foxton Centre has delivered youth work in Preston for over 50 years, and we take pride in our continued support for children and young people from Avenham and Frenchwood.

In the last year we have facilitated a range of youth work programmes over 5 nights a week and we have ran February holiday programme and Easter holiday programme. These are supported by funding from Children in Need, Onward Housing, The Julia and Hans Rausling Trust. A substantial increase in funding from last year.

- **Fox Kidz age 8-11yrs** - We have had a huge rise in Fox Kidz members over the past few months. This has mainly been because word of mouth and our relationship with St Augustine's school. In total we have seen 35 members access our services throughout the previous few months. These children have ben regular attendees, and we often have 23-25 children per session.

- **ATR age 12 – 16yrs** - Due to regular outreach and detached sessions, open access youth groups and regular youth forum sessions we have seen 44 young people within the ATR age range over the past few months. We regularly have around 20 children per session

- **Community and Family Services** - Through both group work (food for thought, coffee morning and photovoice) and one to one support work we have begun to develop our community services throughout the past two months. As a centre, this has seen us work closely with families and individual community members. This has mainly been supporting them with food, energy, housing etc.

- **Saturday Yoga** – We have been successful at securing funding to run yoga for the community on a Saturday afternoon from Onwards housing. This is on the back of the success we had for yoga last summer holidays. We plan to run this group alongside homework opportunities and providing food for children and young people during the weekends. Our community activity has been supported by the National Lottery and Onward Housing.

- **Avenham Consultation Onward Housing regeneration** - We hosted three days for the Onwards consultation regarding the high-rise flats which has encouraged over 80 community members into the centre who hadn't access beforehand. Onward fed back that this was the largest number of clients that they have had during consultation events.

- **Consultation** - We have spoken with a few parents and individuals within the community. There is a lot of confusion as to what The Foxton Centre do for the community. Currently they see this as only for the children and young people. We recognise that we have a large promotion plan to deliver locally for families and the community to see that we are there for them all and not just our homeless community.

- **Town Centre / Bus Station consultation** - In late Jan /early Feb Preston police placed dispersal orders on young people in the town centre. We wanted to challenge this approach which typified young people as problems to be managed and led a collaboration with Lancashire Youth Service, local police and Preston City Council using detached youth work to engage young people in the city centre. Our youth workers have been present on the streets every Friday evening since Feb 2022. We knew many of the young people and have consulted closely with them their wishes and aspirations. Our interventions have reduced anti-social behaviour and tensions in the city centre with the bust station staff reducing the lock down they had imposed. We have also worked with the town centre team and Preston City Council has stated that the business complaints during our intervention have massively reduced from daily and multiple complaints to rarely any.

- **Youth Forum** - We have now created a Youth Forum and have around 9 individuals who have committed to this group. They have been meeting weekly to help with our recent renovations.

They range from 11-16yrs old. They have undertaken planning, ordering, researching, and liaising with decorators and making financial decisions.

- **Youth Achievement Awards** - We have initially started with our Youth Forum who are currently completing the Youth Achievement Awards. This is a national award programme that is ran by the UK Youth. This provides evidence for young people of the skills and achievements they gain during their work with us, which can be recognised by education and employers.

- **DCMS Funding** - Our Youth Forum helped to complete a youth capital funding bid and were the most successful in Preston in gaining over £51,000. They have picked everything from furniture to flooring to colours to new IT. They have sourced it and chosen it and considered the whole community.

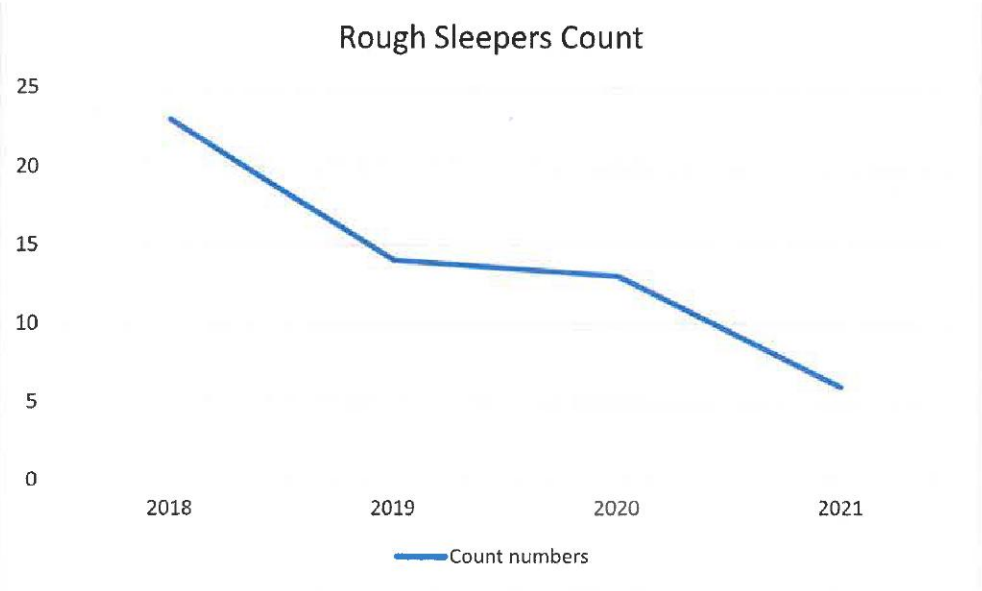
- **McDonalds** - We have been asked to take part in a national pilot for a partnership with McDonalds under the Children In Need programme. This is alongside local McDonalds supporting The Foxton Centre locally. This is still at early stages, and we are still assessing how we can support each other.

Homelessness Services

Our work with the homeless and rough sleepers has grown again during 2021-22 with extra funding provided by central government. The Foxton centre co-produced bids with the City Council and Community Gateway and other partners under a programme run by the Department for of Levelling Up Housing and Communities known as the "Rough Sleepers Initiative" RSI. This helped expand our services and including street outreach work our emergency hub and provided staff support to people who secured move on accommodation as they left the streets.

Over the preceding years the investment made into homeless services has led to a dramatic fall in the numbers of people sleeping rough on our streets. Using the only comparative methodology of the official rough sleepers counts carried out each November across all local authority areas the chart below shows the change over recent years. In 2021 the count registered six people sleeping rough in Preston this is a reduction of 54% on the previous year and remarkable reduction of 74% from the peak reached in 2018. We are pleased with our input into the development of the services which have produced this remarkable turnaround.

It is equally pleasing that these reductions at least match some of the best performing areas including those with many more resources.



Our emergency accommodation service was provided in some former student accommodation which was not in use prior to Covid. We provided a 24 / 7 service from this site ring the year we provided housing consistently to many more people than we had envisaged. Over a 12 month period we provided accommodation for 63 males and 35 females

Emergency accommodation is only one aspect of the RSI and the Foxton Centre in partnership with Community Gateway Association Progress Housing Key and Onward Housing Association has developed a scheme of move on accommodation to help people re-settle from emergency accommodation into long housing in the community. Community Gateway provide 40 flats for this purpose. We are proud that based on 50 people provided with a place to live on this imitative the vast majority have maintained their tenancy with the median stay being 451 days. We have achieved a tenancy sustainment rate of 81% which is comparable with many Housing First projects "Rates of housing sustainment from 70% to over 90% have been achieved by various models of Housing First (Pleace and Quilgars, 2013)". "This includes randomised control trials in the US where clients had around an 80% retention rate in housing over a two-year period. The study found that the degree of residential stability was significantly greater than for those in a Continuum of Care9 control group (Tsemberis et al., 2004)"
Some people have moved on to other accommodation options and only two have returned to the streets which is remarkable. I think we justifiably say that we have met the aim of "nobody fails" in Preston.

The Foxton centre in partnership with Calico and with the support of the city council applied for further funding under a separate programme called the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP) again resourced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. This provided both capital and revenue funding to purchase properties to be used to house rough sleepers and to provide support to those re-settled. We have developed four great quality houses shared by 8 people under this scheme in 2020-21.

We continue to offer special winter provision and this year opened this for the whole winter period rather than just in extreme weather. In addition, we provided extra housing and support for 43 people mainly in B&Bs through the Protect and Vaccinate programme.

In addition, The Foxton Centre we continued to run our Housing First project in the city currently providing 30 plus places for former rough sleepers in shared houses and single flats. We hope to expand this scheme. During a twelve month period the median length of stay in the project was 191 days showing the stability this approach brought to former rough sleepers. We had many positive moves from this project into permanent accommodation and detox and rehab services.

In November 2019 undertook a large fund-raising event the "Big PNE Sleep Out" with the aim to raise enough money to buy a house for the Housing First scheme. We completed the purchase of this property in late 2020 and after some Covid related delays we completed the refurbishment of the property with the help of a local businessman Ron Ashley and a team of supportive trades people. The property was converted into two studio flats and the tenants were able to move on Christmas Eve 2021. We and the tenants are delighted with the refurbishment completed by Ron and his team which means we can now provide two extra quality homes for rough sleepers.

Utilising these many funding schemes, we continue to accommodate a minimum of 81 people each night throughout our settings, across Preston. Although this client group brings many challenges we are committed to work in partnership and continually evolve our services to meet their needs. In the last year (Data April 2020 – Feb 2021) The Foxton Centre, have supported over 235 individuals by providing accommodation across our sites and provided 33,668 bed nights through the year. Out of the 235 service users whom we have provided accommodation, 59 of these individuals are women, roughly around 25% of our Rough Sleepers / Vulnerable women.

Streetlink and Women Work

Streetlink is historically the name given to The Foxton Centre's outreach and intensive support work with vulnerable women, some of whom are engaged in street sex work. Streetlink started 25 years ago working with women and girls who are working on the streets and involved in street sex work.

We use outreach and drop in sessions as a way to provide safety and support for the women. The base that we use for our work is at the heart of the area used by street sex workers and clients. This project has been supported and funded by public health for the last few years and they continue to provide us the funds to cover our rent costs.

The project currently

This last financial year 2021- 2022, the project was funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Public Health, and we are operating a minimum of 4 nights a week. Further funding from Public Health and Nationwide has been agreed for 2022 - 2023 as the PCC funding has now ended.

Through co-production with the women, we defined which nights women felt most at risk and have committed to a minimum of 4 nights over the seven days and on many occasions more evenings and daytime interventions as needed.

This work offers drop in and outreach services for all women and young girls. This is the start of building relationships with the women, and we have started to provide other services and support to the women such as accommodation, sexual violence reporting, UGLY mugs reporting, drug, and alcohol support and much more.
We would hope to increase the number of agencies that are available for women if and when they choose those services to be located in one space and at times, they are most vulnerable.

Activity

Within women's services y worked with 84 women of these we currently work with 35 on the streets engaged in sex working.

We have accommodated women on 64 occasions within our women's houses, and emergency accommodation of which 10 women have had more than one period of accommodation, and two women have had 3 or more periods of accommodation.

There are 21 women who engage in our Streetlink drop-in services on a regular basis and seek support for sexual health, assessments of needs, access drugs and alcohol, crisis intervention, domestic abuse services.
We have managed to accommodate 9 women from this group in our emergency accommodation of which we know 8 are involved in sex work and transactional sex.

We currently support 9 women within our Housing First properties and have accommodated 18 individual women who would normally be rough sleeping or accommodated with unsafe predators.

Prevention

We focus on reducing hospital admissions by supporting women to access GPS appropriately in the community and prevent unnecessary treatment at emergency dept and any unsafe discharges. We will liaise with the hospitals and discharge teams to provide safe and appropriate services for women and girls when they leave.
We actively work on reducing reoffending and work with clients and partners upon release with an aim to prevent re-admission or recall through lack of accommodation, or lack of support network so we provide support workers, phone access for all agencies, mobile phones for safety. We also work with the police SPOC with whom we share intelligence and support around reporting and sexual violence.

We aim to provide a safe space for women to disclose sexual violence in a welcoming environment. In coproduction with the women and girls when asked what environment they need and want they describe a space to openly discuss sensitive subjects around sex work and share different life stories. We want to provide a space for therapeutic interventions and group work for those who currently experience the life of sex work or sexual violence but also a separate space for those who have experienced this in their lives and have managed to escape it.

We also want to provide a separate space for those women for whom English is a second language. We have seen an increase in Romanian women working on the streets.

There is also an increase in young women involved in sex work whilst students at universities. We want to provide them with a non-judgemental and open access space where they can access services. This needs to provide a space where the stigma of this work is reduced so that they can access sexual health services and sexual violence support.

We work with families on an intergenerationally basis and our youth and community teamwork with the parents, mothers, sisters who are at risk of CSE and criminal exploitation.

We can support these families in a holistic manner and those who are at risk of starting out and becoming involved in risky behaviours, street sex work and unhealthy relationships.

To support women and girls emotionally and physically who deal with emotional and mental health challenges on a daily basis. This includes trauma and PTSD, and other medical diagnosis as well as those who self-medicate using alcohol and substances.

We work with women who become pregnant as well as those who conceal pregnancies. We liaise with all agencies to protect the unborn and children of our women with specialist midwives, safeguarding with drug and alcohol services and safeguarding within the local authorities.

We have a strong focus of safety planning with all our women and girls. This includes safe and appropriate accommodation, working with both perpetrators and victims across our services to ensure the safety of women and facilitate one to one support and specialist services using the sexual violence toolkit.

We are currently looking at developing a strategic female lead sub advisory board for the women's services. The aim is to bring together a group of passionate, knowledgeable, influential women from varying yet relevant professional backgrounds who can positively influence the direction of the women's services. This will also open our options in terms of approaching funders who specify that the service is female led.

It is hoped that in 2021/22 further funding will be secured to develop the service and we have recently completed a review of the work undertaken to inform our thinking moving forward.

Making Every Adult Matter

This contract came to an end in March 2021 and in our last report we suggested that in future all the work commissioned and undertaken by the Foxton Centre under the various programmes would have an underlying MEAM approach rather than us offering a direct specialised MEAM service. This has been the case through 2021-2022and we have supported the development of a MEAM approach across partner organisations melding the approach into everyday practice.

Community / Social Enterprise

The main focus of our Community Activities has been our Social Enterprise which grew from some wood working workshops we ran in 2018. The social enterprise aims to offer training employment and work opportunities for vulnerable people with complex needs. The aim long term is to help with their recovery journey by providing opportunities to grow and develop.

During 2020-21 we secured a small industrial unit in the city and developed a workshop to deliver the social enterprise we christened Bounceback. After a really positive initial start with work completed for schools, charities and individuals the effects of the lock down hit us. This has to some stalled extent the development of Bounceback. However, during the year, the social enterprise has provided work opportunities to three long term rough sleepers facilitating their return to employment. One has now moved on to a full time post elsewhere

Many other service users have taken part in activities offered at the social enterprise. Training complete by service users includes health and safety, first aid, safeguarding.

The social enterprise has been funded with start-up grants by Homelesslink, Bric and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Going Concern

The Foxton Centre is fortunate not to be in the position of some charities that have seen their income plummet during the pandemic. Contract income which forms the largest proportion of our funding did vary through the year in the end being greater than expected however we were able to re-profile our budget in line with income and contract requirements.

Grant funding has also increased during the last twelve months in particular for youth and community work and for our services for vulnerable women. The allocation of grants is generally between one and three years and we plan for the shortfall at the end of a grant period by incorporating demand for replacement funding in our fundraising strategy.

We are confident of a continued commitment from central government to support services to rough sleepers, we hope for an announcement that will see a grant agreement for a three year period for our homelessness work. The other major source of income for the charity is through the housing benefit system this again is un-affected by Covid-19 we have kept occupancy levels high, and our rate of collection is above 95% ensuring stability. Overall, the income of the charity has risen from £1,951,188 for the 15 month period in the last accounts to over £2,000,000 for the last twelve months a substantial rise delivering a corresponding growth in services to our beneficiaries.

We link our fundraising strategy to the priorities established in our business plan to meet any anticipated shortfalls in income to try and bring stability to the organisation and our services.

Fundraising

The Foxton Centre raises substantial amounts money and goods from the general public and the relationship between our donors and supporters and ourselves is very important to us. We approach fundraising in a straightforward and ethical manner.

We use social media including Facebook and our website to ask for donations of both cash and goods and we undertake specific fund raising events for example the PNE Big Sleep Out.

Many individuals hold small events to raise money to support our charitable activities and we do not currently issue guidance to them for these events. Over the next twelve months we will further refine our policy in relation to fund raising from the general public we will then make this available to people who might hold a fund-raising event for us.

We have received no complaints about fund raising activities carried out directly by us or on our behalf during the last year.

In the last twelve months we have not employed a professional fund-raiser or a commercial partner to raise money for us. We do not use third party collectors on the streets or telephone fundraising. These kinds of approaches have caused concern to many members of the public and clear harm to some. We would never use high pressure approaches to potential donors and do not contact donors un-solicited to ask for further support.

Financial review

The charity has net incoming resources for the year of £328,425 (2021: £114,765) comprising a surplus on unrestricted funds of £305,574 (2021: £274,235) and a surplus on restricted funds of £352,293 (2021: £55,207). Details are shown on the Statement of Financial Activities on page 16.

In the trustees' opinion, sufficient funds can be generated to enable the centre to continue in operation into the foreseeable future and fulfil the immediate obligation of the charity.

The net assets of the centre at 31 March 2022 amounted to £657,867 (2021: £329,442).

Reserves policy

The trustees determine a minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held on the basis of risk-weighted financial forecasts for possible future adverse events. Examples include:

- Ability to maintain adequate working capital in the event of a significant delay in receipt of income, or a requirement to incur significant additional expenditure.
- Ability to maintain service levels in the event of loss of a funding source, until the funding can be replaced, or the charity can be appropriately restructured.
- In the last resort, ability to wind up the charity on a solvent basis.

When calculating our reserves requirement, we look at five factors:

A. Cost of closure
B. Working capital
C. Flexibility to invest for the future
D. Advice from the Charity Commission
E. Key risk assessment

Note that we don't need separate reserves for each of these factors, but we need to be able to cover each of them individually at all times in proportion to the risk assessment.

There were unrestricted free reserves at 31 March 2022 of £305,574 (£2021: £274,235). The Trustees consider the current reserves to be sufficient.

Allocation of reserves

The decision to authorise allocation of any portion of the reserve will lie with the Board of Trustees as advised by the Financial Sub Committee of the Board.

In an emergency, the decision may be made by the Chair of the Board and Treasurer and subject to review at the next available Trustee Board meeting.

Maintenance of reserves

In the event that any portion of the reserve is allocated for use, the Financial Sub Committee at its next meeting will agree a plan and timescale for replenishment of the reserve in the shortest timescale feasible.E.g. following receipt of income for which working capital has been allocated.

For the investment portion of the reserve fund, the replenishment of the reserve will not necessarily be either a requirement or a priority since the purpose of the investment is to create a longer-term asset for the benefit of the charity.

In planning the annual budget, a reserve allocation will be included so as to strengthen the longer-term financial strength of the charity and increase the reserve fund. Through the strengthening of the reserve in the 'good years', the charity will be improving its resilience for when times are financially more challenging.

Risk management

The trustees are examining the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that reasonable steps can be taken to lessen risks. In accordance with Charity Commission guidance risks are considered under the following headings:

- Strategy so that the charity is clear where it is going and how it will get there
- Governance to ensure there is a strong board of trustees and a robust relationship between the boardand leadership team
- External factors including economic changes government policy and stakeholder relationships
- Financial matters, including diversity of income supply, cash flow reserves and financial management
- Operational matters including staffing service quality and development health and safety complaints and staffing
- Legal, including breaches of charity law; employment law and regulatory requirements

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 & 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 period. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume thatthe charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (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.

The report was approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Foxton Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially mis-stated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material mis-statements, we are required to determine whether there is a material mis-statement in the financial statements or a material mis-statement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material mis-statement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees are responsiblefor the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material mi-statement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with employment law and we considered the extent that to which non-compliance might have on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls). Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting minutes of Trustees' meetings
- Inspecting correspondence with the Charity Commission, HMRC and other regulators
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- Identifying and testing journals, and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Rotherham Taylor Limited, Statutory Auditor
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	45,980	1,579	**47,559**	*37,284*
Income from charitable activities	4	330,196	1,698,916	**2,029,112**	*1,853,319*
Investments	5	14	-	**14**	*132*
Other trading activities	6	4,000	1,455	**5,455**	*60,453*
Total incoming resources		**380,190**	**1,701,950**	**2,082,140**	*1,951,188*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	(618,221)	(1,135,494)	**(1,753,715)**	*(1,836,423)*
Total resources expended		(618,221)	(1,135,494)	**(1,753,715)**	*(1,836,423)*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(238,031)**	**566,456**	**328,425**	*114,765*
Transfers between funds		269,370	(269,370)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the period		**31,339**	**297,086**	**328,425**	*114,765*
Reconciliation of funds	17				
Total funds brought forward		**274,235**	**55,207**	**329,442**	*214,677*
Total funds carried forward		**305,574**	**352,293**	**657,867**	*329,442*

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	14	**135,720**	**19,624**	**155,344**	*139,609*
Current Assets					
Debtors	15	53,297	255,688	**308,985**	*63,480*
Cash at bank		149,026	129,077	**278,103**	*180,768*
Total current assets		202,323	**384,765**	**587,088**	*244,248*
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(32,469)	(52,096)	**(84,565)**	*(54,415)*
Net current assets		**169,854**	**332,669**	**502,523**	*189,833*
Net assets		305,574	352,293	**657,867**	*329,442*
The funds of the charity:	17				
Unrestricted income funds		305,574	-	**305,574**	*274,235*
Restricted income funds		-	352,293	**352,293**	*55,207*
Total charity funds		**305,574**	**352,293**	**657,867**	*329,442*

This report was approved by the trustees on.....and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

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Mr R Thomas - Treasurer

Total net assets = Total Funds

657 867

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	*2021* *£*
Cash flow from operating activities	20	**152,020**	*61,085*
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		**(54,699)**	*(142,602)*
Interest received		**14**	*132*
Net cash flow from investing activities		**(54,685)**	*(142,470)*
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		**97,335**	*(81,385)*
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2021		**180,768**	*262,153*
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2022		**278,103**	*180,768*

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is detailed within the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fairview'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis.The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further details are given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives government grants in respect of a number of the restricted projects being undertaken. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Other income includes the invoices raised to universities in respect of students undertaking work experience placements with the charity. Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after placements have taken place, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised once 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 the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all of the projects undertaken by the charity and related support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Asset category	Annual rate
Freehold Land and Buildings	2%
Property Improvements	33%
Computer Equipment	33%
Fixtures and Fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	25%

Debtors

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

Creditors

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

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of volunteers who are involved in service provision. It is estimated that in the 12-month period to the end of March 2022, 2300 volunteer hours were provided for service delivery. In addition, the trustees gave in excess of 600 hours. Based on the median gross weekly earnings and hours of work for employees in Preston which is £542 per week, the financial value of volunteer effort based on a 37 hour week, amounts to £42,481 for the year.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist and have concluded its ability to be able to continue through the corona virus pandemic. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Legal status of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by its constitution document. The CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 19 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

   (i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
   (ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

3 Donations and legacies

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations from individuals and corporate donors:		
Unrestricted funds:		
General	**32,774**	*1,915*
Foxton 50th donations	**-**	*3,290*
Marketing & communications	**13,206**	*22,175*
House Project	**-**	*5,000*
	45,980	*32,380*
Restricted funds:		
Youth link	**179**	*1,524*
Homeless services	**-**	*(1,950)*
Streetlink	**-**	*5,000*
Homeless hub	**-**	*330*
Student placements	**1,400**	*-*
	1,579	*4,904*
Total	**47,559**	*37,284*

4 Income from charitable activities
Grants received

	2022 £	2021 £
Unrestricted grants:		
Marketing and communications	-	*10*
Project 360	**274,680**	*455,320*
Foxton 50th	-	*96,932*
Central costs	**55,516**	*124,176*
	330,196	*676,438*
Restricted grants:		
Rough sleeper's accommodation programme	**139,009**	*1,619*
Youth link	**118,329**	*66,217*
Homeless services/rough sleepers initiative	**85,802**	*212,698*
Streetl ink	**234,047**	*86,703*
Community	-	*44,534*
Homeless hub	**1,121,728**	*765,110*
	1,698,916	*1,176,881*
Total	**2,029,112**	*1,853,319*

5 Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest (general funds)	**14**	*132*

6 Other trading activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Unrestricted other trading activities:		
Central costs	**4,000**	*400*
Project 360	**-**	*1,700*
	4,000	*2,100*
Restricted other trading activities:		
Community	**1,455**	*10,444*
Lottery Media Project	**-**	*47,559*
Youth Link	**-**	*350*
	1,455	*58,353*
Total	**5,455**	*60,453*

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Charitable activities:				
Salaries	182,317	833,745	**1,016,062**	*1,127,137*
Property costs	185,370	121,490	**306,860**	*140,322*
Office/administration	129,104	43,280	**172,384**	*444,038*
Depreciation	24,332	14,632	**38,964**	*22,365*
Project costs	88,645	122,347	**210,992**	*89,177*
Total charitable activities	609,768	1,135,494	**1,745,262**	*1,823,039*
Support costs (note 8)	**8,453**	**-**	**8,453**	*13,384*
Total	**618,221**	**1,135,494**	**1,753,715**	*1,836,423*

8 Analysis of support costs (governance)

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditor's remuneration	**8,219**	*12,864*
Other accountancy fees	**234**	*520*
	8,453	*13,384*
2022 fee is broken down as follows:		
Audit fee	**6,000**	*6,000*
Other accountancy support	**900**	*1,599*
	6,900	*7,599*

9 Net income for the period

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	**38,964**	*22,365*
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	**6,000**	*6,000*
Other accountancy services	**900**	*1,599*

10 Analysis of staff costs and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	**797,922**	*786,197*
Social security and costs	**202,278**	*263,509*
Pension costs	**17,648**	*20,004*
	1,107,840	*1,069,710*

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2021: none).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil).

11 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Youth, Community and Social Workers	**38**	*34*
Administration of charity	**4**	*4*
	42	*38*

12 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons during the period.

13 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2021: £nil).

No employee benefits were received by key management personnel in the period. The Trust considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer, Governance and Finance Advisor, Operations Manager and Monitoring and Compliance Officer.

None (2021:none) of the trustees are accruing pension arrangements.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2021: £nil).

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Leasehold Property Improvements £	Computer Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 April 2021	95,290	17,169	30,096	23,550	7,600	**173,705**
Additions	-	51,659	-	3,040	-	**54,699**
At 31 March 2022	**95,290**	**68,828**	**30,096**	**26,590**	**7,600**	**228,404**
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2021	-	14,307	12,800	4,901	2,088	**34,096**
Charge for the year	1,905	19,909	9,932	5,318	1,900	**38,964**
At 31 March 2022	1,905	34,216	22,732	10,219	3,988	**73,060**
Net book value						
At 31 March 2022	93,385	34,612	7,364	16,371	3,612	**155,344**
At March 2021	95,290	2,862	17,296	18,649	5,512	**139,609**

15 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	308,985	63,480
	308,985	63,480

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	19,444
Accruals	9,808	14,566
Other taxation and social security	16,099	17,038
Other creditors	58,658	3,367
	84,565	54,415

Deferred income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance as at 1 April 2021	3,000	75,807
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(3,000)	(75,807)
Amount deferred in the period	52,196	3,000
	52,196	3,000

17 Analysis of charitable funds

	Brought forward at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 March 2022
	£				£
Central costs	(13,619)	-	(7,191)	(56,447)	**(77,257)**
Youth link	(14,744)	118,509	(77,817)	(8,777)	**17,171**
Homeless services	26,439	46,470	(88,137)	-	**(15,229)**
Rough sleepers	200	23,753	(240)	-	**23,712**
Street link	828	234,047	(94,588)	(54,570)	**85,712**
Homeless hub	19,064	1,162,460	(723,488)	(174,296)	**283,741**
Community	6,519	1,455	(50,872)	44,231	**1,334**
Lottery media project	33,234	-	(6,927)	-	**26,307**
RSAP	(2,709)	115,256	(86,234)	(19,512)	**6,802**
Total restricted funds	**55,207**	**1,701,950**	**(1,135,494)**	**(269,370)**	**352,293**
Unrestricted funds	**274,235**	**380,190**	**(618,221)**	**269,370**	**305,574**
Total funds	**329,442**	**2,082,140**	**1,753,715**	**-**	**657,867**

Funds and their purpose are outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Analysis of charitable funds – previous year

	Brought forward at 1 Jan 2020 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 March 2021 £
Central costs	-	-	(14,440)	821	**(13,619)**
Youth Link	-	68,091	(75,946)	(6,889)	**(14,744)**
Homeless Services	39,176	210,748	(163,222)	(60,263)	**26,439**
Rough Sleepers	-	-	(3,835)	4,035	**200**
Streetlink	-	91,703	(76,366)	(14,514)	**823**
Homeless Hub	28,118	765,440	(656,643)	(117,851)	**19,064**
Community Lottery	31,422	54,978	(77,341)	(2,540)	**6,519**
Media Project	-	47,559	(6,434)	(7,891)	**33,234**
RSAP	-	1,619	-	(4,328)	**(2,709)**
Total restricted funds	**98,716**	**1,240,138**	**(1,074,227)**	**(209,420)**	**55,207**
Unrestricted funds	**115,961**	**711,050**	**(762,196)**	**209,420**	**274,235**
Total funds	**214,677**	**1,951,188**	**(1,836,423)**	**-**	**329,442**

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	135,720	19,624	**155,344**
Cash at bank and in hand	149,026	129,077	**278,103**
Other net current assets	20,828	203,592	**224,420**
	305,574	352,293	**657,867**

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	*117,869*	*21,740*	*139,609*
Cash at bank and in hand	*180,768*	-	*180,768*
Other net current (liabilities)/assets	*(24,402)*	*33,467*	*9,065*
	274,235	*55,207*	*329,442*

19 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings	2022	2021
Expiring:		
Within 1 years	55,447	182,688
Other		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	975	1,250
2-5 years	250	475
	1,225	1,725

20 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
Net income for the period	328,425	114,765
Interest receivable	(14)	(132)
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	38,964	22,365
Increase in debtors	(245,505)	(31,811)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	30,150	(44,102)
	152,020	61,085

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	Ms J Heyes	
	Mr K Mordue	
	Ms J Smith	
	Mr R Thomas	Treasurer
	Ms A Walker	(resigned 25.01.2021)
	Mr B Green	
	Mr P Thurlwell	
	Mr JM Parkinson	Chair
	Ms F Young	
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THE FOXTON CENTRE

CHAIR'S REPORT

The past year has proved both unusual and challenging in every facet of our lives and the Charity is no exception. Covid 19 and the associated restrictions have required us to change our services, modify the method of delivery and work in new ways. Protecting our service users and ensuring the safety of our staff have been foremost in our mind and have imposed significant pressures on the staff management team.

To the credit of the staff, our services for street homeless people, including women and those from other countries, have stepped up a gear and we can be pleased with progress. Both the quality and quantity of our efforts have increased significantly and as the Covid restrictions are eased, our challenge will be to emerge from the pandemic in a way that builds on these successes.

Our work with young people and the Avenham community has been badly disrupted by the pandemic. We have plans in place to address this and hope to secure the funding needed to reinvigorate this work.

The purchase of a house using funds from the Big PNE Sleep Out was completed in November of 2020 and Ron from MITEC has been a star in leading and coordinating the major renovation of the house into two separate flats. We hope to open this property to our Housing First tenants later in 2021. Our donors and volunteers, both visible and less prominent, underpin our work in this and so many other ways.

Trustees have had to do their share of adjusting to the pandemic restrictions and online video conferencing has been the norm for both Board and Finance Sub Committee meetings. Although this has allowed our work to continue, the loss of face-to-face engagement and the informal information flow around meetings has been notable. Online technology will continue to have a place in our work but the face-to-face activity will resume shortly and allow all Trustees to fully participate.

A special mention should go to Caitlin who has recently successfully completed her degree apprenticeship. Our relationship with UCLAN has long been a source of support and recruitment and to have Caitlin succeed on the first-degree apprenticeship is very pleasing.

All our staff team deserve recognition for their work during the past year but a special thanks must go to Jeff and his management team who have steered our work - both operationally and financially - during a difficult time.

The Foxton Centre has always worked well in partnership with others and the relationships with Preston City Council, Community Gateway Association, MITEC and others have been invaluable in coordinating services to some of Preston's most vulnerable communities. These existing and other new partnerships will help us continue to operate effectively as a long term, Preston centered Charity.

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts covering the period to 31 March 2021. The financial year end was changed from 31 December to 31 March to bring the year in line with major funders. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts 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 published in October 2019.

Structure, governance and management
Organisation of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is managed by a Board of Trustees under a Model Constitution dated 4 July 2013. The Trustees hold at least six ordinary meetings each year to review operations. The day to day management of the centre is entrusted to the Chief Executive Officer and his staff.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Trustees' induction and training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and new Trustees are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The existing board members accept the obligation to fully inform a new member of the duties and responsibilities of charity trustees by providing the new trustee with copies of the governing documents, minutes of previous meetings of the trustees, recent annual accounts and annual reports of the charity, a staff handbook and the relevant Charity Commission publications relating to the responsibilities of trustees. New Trustees are encouraged to come in and meet with the staff and service users of the different projects that the Foxton Centre operates.

Key management personnel

The Foxton Centre employs a Chief Executive Officer Mr. J. Marsh, an Operations Manager Ms. G. Brierley and a Monitoring and Compliance Officer Ms. C. Coffey. These three staff members manage the organisation on the behalf of the Management Committee. The Management Committee delegates to the Finance sub-group all matters relating to pay and remuneration. Recommendations from the group are considered and approved by the full trustees meeting.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The Charity Commission approved charitable objects are undertaken for the public benefit in Preston and North West England:

1) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:

   a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

   b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enablethem to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Objectives, activities and public benefit (continued)

2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

   For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and familybreakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless), crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

3) The provision and maintenance of a centre for the use of the inhabitants without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, including use for:

   a) meetings, lectures and classes, and

   b) other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions oflife for the inhabitants.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future objectives.

Covid Response

The Covid-19 virus reached the UK in late January 2020. As of 30 May 2021, there had been 4.5 million cases confirmed and 128,030 deaths overall among people who had recently tested positive. There have been 153,371 deaths where the death certificate mentioned COVID by 21 May 2021.

In early March 2020, COVID became a notifiable disease in the UK and testing of suspected cases began. A public health campaign was launched to help slow the virus's spread, and the UK government introduced the Health Protection Regulations for England. The Chief medical officer Chris Whitty outlined a four-pronged strategy to tackle the outbreak: contain, delay, research and mitigate.

On 23 March 2020, the UK went into lockdown. The governments imposed a stay-at-home order banning all non-essential travel and contact with other people, and shut almost all schools, businesses and gathering places. Those with symptoms, and their households, were told to self-isolate, while those with certain illnesses were told to shield themselves. People were told to keep apart in public. Police were empowered to enforce the measures, and the Coronavirus Act 2020 gave all four UK governments emergency powers.

It was within this context that the Foxton Centre had to consider how to continue with our work. It is well known within our sector that people with no home are at high COVID harm risk. They are substantially more likely than even the most deprived housed people to report having chronic diseases such as asthma, heart problems and stroke. They are also prone to a higher-than-average number of long-term health conditions and are old before their time. Levels of frailty – including unintentional weight loss, weakness and low levels of physical activity – among those experiencing homelessness are comparable to 89-year-olds in the general population.

Furthermore, people with no home die young. According to the ONS, the mean age at death of homeless people in 2019 was 46 years for men, 43 years for women as compared to the general population mean age of 76 years for men and 81 years for women.

Just as residents of care homes are at higher clinical risk of severe disease, so are those who use single homeless hostels and other shared homeless accommodation for rough sleepers. Consequently, frontline homelessness workers are also at increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 and of transmitting an infection to the susceptible people they support.

Therefore, during this period **:**

- Our services remaining open within the national guidelines
- We re-modelled services and delivered them in new buildings and in new ways that were covid safe
- Immense effort from staff helped us to continue to modify and deliver services
- We successfully campaigned for vaccinations for staff to stop us infecting vulnerable people
- We successfully campaigned for vaccinations for service users and priority for them
- We offered vaccinations from the Foxton centre
- We offered regular testing at the centre and within our services
- Surge testing was carried out by our staff on the streets amongst the homeless population in response to a positive case
- No covid cases contracted among service users at our accommodation
- We housed positive covid cases safely on discharge from hospital
- Collaborative work with public health was developed
- Staff remained in post with no furloughing so that services could still be delivered
- We invested in our IT systems to help run our services
- We managed our financial situation to cope with changes to our income and expenditure.

Youth Work

The Foxton Centre has delivered youth work in Preston for over 50 years and takes pride in tis continued support for children and young people.

The Youth Work team and the young people have taken the lead in developing the use of Smith's Rec a recreation ground in the area to provide a safe outdoor place to play. They have received funding from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and the Pocket Parks initiative to facilitate this.

We have delivered over 40 sessions outside to support young people during COVID. We have worked with 84 young people on a consistant basis throughout the year, providing youth work interventions focusing on health and wellbeing during the last 12 months, including mental health and emotional support. We have provided safe opportunities for young people to maintain their friendship support and promoting the positive physical, social, emotional, and mental health of young people. We have been able to use a safe and independent space that is owned and managed by young people to continue our innovative youth work.

As part of our Youth and Community work, we have also provided support financially and emotionally to families of our young people who have been affected by COVID through food poverty, lack of heating and electricity and who are faced with over crowding and are unable to access education due to the digital divided and the additional pressures placed on the families. We have provided support and training to digital tools so that young people and families can access medical, benefits and educational access.

Homelessness Services

The Foxton Centre's activity with rough sleepers has again grown during 2020-21 with extra funding provided by central government. The Foxton centre co-produced bids with the city council and Community Gateway under a programme run by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government known as the "Rough Sleepers Initiative" RSI. This helped expand our outreach work and provided staff support to people who secured move on accommodation as they left the streets and funded our emergency hub.

We face a major change occurred during the year as along with everyone else we began to experience the Covid-19 pandemic. In an attempt to address the public health risks associated with rough sleeping with the government adopting an "Everybody In" approach across the country which meant that due to covid risks everyone was to be brought in from the streets.

This initiative was successful in Preston bringing most of our rough sleepers into emergency accommodation and hotels. It was a major upheaval for the Foxton Centre as it entailed the closure of our emergency homeless hub due to the shared nature of the accommodation. This catered for 6-8 people at any one time, and we moved overnight to a situation where we supported 30 plus people in emergency accommodation.

Initially accommodation was provided in hotels which had Covid safe en-suite rooms, and our staff travelled to deliver support including provision of food as no catering facilities were available on site. The staff and our supporters in the local community were heroic in helping deliver a comprehensive service to these rough sleepers in very difficult circumstances. Later in the year we secured some former student accommodation which was not in use and provided catering facilities which was much more suitable as an accommodation service. A 24 / 7 service is offered from this building and during the year we provided housing consistently to many more people than we had envisaged.

Emergency accommodation is only one aspect of the RSI and the Foxton Centre in partnership initially with Methodist Action and latterly with Community Gateway Association has developed a scheme of move on accommodation to help people re-settle from emergency accommodation into long housing in the community. Community Gateway provide 40 flats for this purpose. We are proud that based on 53 people provided with a place to live on this initiative the vast majority have maintained their tenancy. We have achieved a tenancy sustainment rate of 81% which is comparable with many Housing First projects "Rates of housing sustainment from 70% to over 90% have been achieved by various models of Housing First (Pleace and Quilgars, 2013)". "This includes randomised control trials in the US where clients had around an 80% retention rate in housing over a two-year period. The study found that the degree of residential stability was significantly greater than for those in a Continuum of Care9 control group (Tsemberis et al., 2004)". Some people have moved on to other accommodation options and only two have returned to the streets which is remarkable. I think we justifiably say that we have met the aim of "nobody fails" in Preston.

The Foxton centre in partnership with Calico and with the support of the city council applied for further funding under a separate programme called the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP) again resourced by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. This provided both capital and revenue funding to purchase properties to be used to house rough sleepers and to provide support to those re-settled. We have developed four great quality houses shared by 8 people under this scheme in 2020-21.

The RSI funding also allowed a rough sleepers co-ordinator for the city to be appointed and a Foxton staff member was seconded into this key role having great success in developing a multi-agency response to homelessness.

We also continue to complete street counts at least monthly in line with government guidance. The investment made into rough sleepers' services has seen a dramatic fall in the numbers of people sleeping rough on our streets. Using the only comparative methodology of the official rough sleepers counts the numbers in Preston peaked in 2018 and since then we have seen a reduction of 56% based on the 2020 figure. We are pleased with our input into the development of the services which have produced this reduction.

We continue to offer special winter provision and this year opened this for the whole winter period rather than just in extreme weather 20 additional people were accommodated during this period, in addition to the large number of people we were already accommodating in our emergency accommodation.

In addition, The Foxton Centre continued to run our Housing First project in the city currently providing 28 places for former rough sleepers in shared houses and single flats. We hope to expand this scheme.

In November 2019 we undertook a large fund-raising event the "Big PNE Sleep Out" with the aim to raise enough money to buy a house for the Housing First scheme. We completed the purchase of this property in late 2020 unfortunately we have been delayed with the refurbishment of it due to covid and this work will be completed in 2021.

Utilising these many funding schemes, we continue to accommodate over 107 people each night throughout our settings, across Preston. Although this client group brings many challenges we are committed to work in partnership and continually evolve our services to meet their needs. In the last year (Data April 2020 – Feb 2021) The Foxton Centre, have supported over 235 individuals by providing accommodation across our sites and provided 33,668 bed nights through the year. Out of the 243 service users whom we have provided accommodation, 64 of these individuals are women, roughly around 26% of our Rough Sleepers / Vulnerable women. We have worked with over 113 individual women during the last 12 months, 72% of them are in accommodation. We have had 4 fatalities in this group which have been drug or alcohol related, 3 of whom were resident within our properties in their final days.

From our 113 women, we know of at least 151 children that these women have given birth too. A high percentage of these women have had their children removed from their care into the local authority, family members or adopted.

Streetlink and Women Work

Streetlink is historically the name given to The Foxton Centre's outreach and intensive support work with vulnerable women, some of whom are engaged in street sex work. The work was funded by Lancashire County Council Public Health. This is a reduced service from previous years in terms of a direct Streetlink offer however during the year we were able to expand and develop a wider ranging offer. We are now able to accommodate seven women across the two houses. Out of the seven women recently accommodated, five are reported to have been directly involved in street sex work, whilst all seven are believed to have been involved in some form of survival sex.

The first house opened in 2020 and despite limited resources as a direct result of the pandemic, we have been fully occupied with women who would alternatively have struggled to access and maintain accommodation. In preparation for the project becoming operational, we used the "Psychologically Informed Environments (PIE)" approach many looking at the surroundings, Furnishing the house in a very relaxed, warm inviting way. Careful consideration given to wording on vital signage throughout the house to ensure it feels non-institutional, welcoming and safe. Operating from a trauma informed perspective, the residents experience an open-door policy from staff who are office based within the property. The service prides itself that many of the women accommodated are working alongside staff in retaining their accommodation and working with a range of support services. For some individuals, this is the most stability we have witnessed in many years.

We have developed stronger links with agencies working with women involved in the criminal justice system. We have been completing assessments with women whilst they are still in prison in preparation for their release. This has enabled us to better support them into accommodation following release with the aim of preventing them from having to return to the streets.

Base 18 is now opening for drop-in sessions again in a COVID safe environment.

We have made links with Beyond the Streets and shared good practice. We are looking at the option of becoming affiliated with them which will increase our access to the most up to date information regarding practice as well as funding streams.

We are currently looking at developing a strategic female lead sub advisory board for the women's services. The aim is to bring together a group of passionate, knowledgeable, influential women from varying yet relevant professional backgrounds who can positively influence the direction of the women's services. This will also open our options in terms of approaching funders who specify that the service is female led.

It is hoped that in 2021/22 further funding will be secured to develop the service and we have recently completed a review of the work undertaken to inform our thinking moving forward.

Making Every Adult Matter

The Foxton Centre has championed a MEAM approach for the city and was fortunate to secure a contract with the city council to deliver offering quality multi-agency casework and promote the joined-up approach to meet service user needs developed by the MEAM national coalition.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the UK in March 2020. Local services and systems supporting people experiencing multiple disadvantages underwent rapid changes. For example, services across sectors have taken more flexible approaches, afforded clients and staff more autonomy and responsibility, prioritised the accommodation of individuals who were sleeping rough, and rapidly explored new ways of working. These changes were expedited due to the sudden increase in risk to individual and public health and many (though not all) of the changes have been positive.

The lessons learned from this pilot approach and the implementation of multi-agency working protocols due to Covid-19 have been incorporated into the development of a pan Lancashire (14 local authorities) MEAM focused

project underlining the validity of the approach and our support in the development and operation of the service.

Key outcomes from the local project were highlight as part of the joint reports published by the MEAM coalition in its third yearly report these include:

- Clients making improvements in key areas of their life, and especially in their accommodation situation. The available quantitative evidence of these improvements is more robust than in previous years. "There is evidence from a range of different sources to suggest that clients are experiencing their greatest improvements in relation to accommodation and tenancy management. This is consistent with findings from the year 2 evaluation report, but in year 3 the quantitative data to support this finding is more robust. For example, CDF data on clients' accommodation status (summarised in Figure 4 below) indicates that the proportion of people who were sleeping rough fell from 57% at the start of support to 4% at the end of support/most recent quarter of support."

- After accommodation, reduced involvement with the criminal justice system was the second key outcome in which stakeholders from local areas using the MEAM Approach reported that clients were experiencing improvements.

- Mental health was consistently identified by stakeholders in local areas using the MEAM Approach as the area where clients experience the least improvement and was also highlighted by MEAM staff as an area of limited progress. The main reasons cited were the inflexibility of existing mental health services and the lack of provision centered around dual diagnosis. However, stakeholders in some local areas provided examples of positive mental health outcomes for clients where there was provision of specialist mental health services for people facing multiple disadvantages, such as a mental health service for rough sleepers or a dual diagnosis nurse within the operational partnership. This is something that we hope we can learn from in Preston and wider in Lancashire.

The work of the MEAM has been used to develop the pan Lancashire bid to the Changing Futures program. This bid went through the stage 1 process and a small amount of revenue funding has been granted by government to develop stage 2 of the bid. We are actively involved in the development of the bid which may offer some funding opportunities in the future.

This contract came to an end in March 2021. We have agreed that in the future all the work commissioned and undertaken by the Foxton Centre under the various programs will have an underlying MEAM approach rather than us offering a direct specialised MEAM service

Community / Social Enterprise

The main focus of our Community Activities has been our Social Enterprise which grew from some wood working workshops we ran in 2018. The social enterprise aims to offer training employment and work opportunities for vulnerable people with complex needs. The aim long term is to help with their recovery journey by providing opportunities to grow and develop.

During 2020-21 we secured a small industrial unit in the city and developed a workshop to deliver the social enterprise we christened Bounceback. After a really positive initial start with work completed for schools, charities and individuals the effects of the lock down hit us. This has to some extent stalled the development of Bounceback. However, during the year, the social enterprise has provided work opportunities to three long term rough sleepers facilitating their return to employment. One has now moved on to a full time post elsewhere.

Many other service users have taken part in activities offered at the social enterprise, we currently offer ten places to people wanting to take up this opportunity. Training complete by service users includes health and safety, first aid and safeguarding.

The social enterprise has been funded with start-up grants by Homelesslink, BRIC and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Going Concern

The Foxton Centre is fortunate not to be in the position of some charities that have seen their income plummet during the pandemic. Contract income which forms the largest proportion of our funding did vary through the year however we were able to develop our budget in line with income forecasts. We have budgeted for the future with a continued commitment from central government to support services to rough sleepers. The level of funding is likely to rise above expected levels during 2021 as further investment is made.

The other major source of income for the charity is through the housing benefit system this again is un-affected by Covid-19 we have kept occupancy levels high, the rate of collection is above 84%.

Grants have not been affected, not been affected negatively, in fact we have secured a number of Covid related grants which have boosted our funds.

We have received extra support for our social enterprise which has helped compensate for its closure for part of the year.

As part of our detailed Covid related planning any financial implications are discussed at the regular finance sub-committee meetings and appropriate remedial action will be taken to address any difficulties that do arise. The surplus on unrestricted funds has mainly derived from the Foxton 50th Anniversary campaign.

Fundraising

The Foxton Centre raises substantial amounts money and goods from the general public and the relationship between our donors and supporters and ourselves is very important to us. We approach fundraising in a straightforward and ethical manner.

We use social media to Facebook and our website to ask for donations of both cash and goods and we undertake specific events for example the PNE Big Sleep Out.

Many individuals hold small events to raise money to support our charitable activities and we do not currently have a good of guidance for them to work to when doing so.

Over the next twelve months we will further refine our policy in relation to fund raising from the general public. We will then make this available to people who might hold a fund-raising event for us. We have received no complaints about fundraising activities carried out by us or on our behalf during the last year.

In the last twelve months we have not employed a professional fund-raiser or a commercial partner to raise money for us. We do not use third party collectors on the streets or telephone fundraising which we understand have caused concern to many members of the public and clear harm to some. We would never use high pressure approaches to potential donors and do not contact donors un-solicited.

Financial review

The charity has net incoming resources for the year of £114,765 (2019: £187,075) comprising a surplus on unrestricted funds of £158,274 (2019: £105,316) and a deficit on restricted funds of £43,509 (2019: surplus £81,759). Details are shown on the statement of financial activities on page 14.

In the trustees' opinion, sufficient funds can be generated to enable the centre to continue in operation into the foreseeable future and fulfil the immediate obligation of the charity.

The net assets of the centre at 31 March 2021 amounted to £329,442 (2019: £214,677).

Reserves policy

The trustees determine a minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be held on the basis of risk-weighted financial forecasts for possible future adverse events. Examples include:

- Ability to maintain adequate working capital in the event of a significant delay in receipt of income, or a requirement to incur significant additional expenditure.
- Ability to maintain service levels in the event of loss of a funding source, until the funding can be replaced, or the charity can be appropriately restructured.
- In the last resort, ability to wind up the charity on a solvent basis.

There were unrestricted free reserves at 31 March 2021 of £274,235. The Trustees consider the current reserves to be sufficient.

Risk management

The trustees are examining the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that reasonable steps can be taken to lessen risks. In accordance with Charity Commission guidance risks are considered under the following headings:

- Strategy so that the charity is clear where it is going and how it will get there
- Governance to ensure there is a strong board of trustees and a robust relationship between the board and leadership team
- External factors including economic changes government policy and stakeholder relationships
- Financial matters, including diversity of income supply, cash flow reserves and financial management
- Operational matters including staffing service quality and development health and safety complaints and staffing
- Legal, including breaches of charity law; employment law and regulatory requirements

Plans for the future

Youthwork
We are seeking funding to deliver a full programme of youth work including a summer programme delivered from the Foxton Centre and Smiths Rec. We aim to build on our positive partnership with Onward Housing.
Community

We are seeking funding to develop an asset based community development approach for the centre and make the Foxton Centre a hub and community anchor for Avenham and Frenchwood.
The organization is keen for our social enterprise to thrive and diversify into other types of services possibly cleaning and gardening.

Homelessness Work
The RSI funded work has grown tremendously over the past twelve months and we hope to secure further funds through this programme. As covid restriction ease we will review our current provision and make sure it remains relevant for our service users. Specifically, we are looking to use a different building to deliver our day centre activities. In addition, we are seeking a permanent home for our emergency accommodation.

Our Housing First service is under review, and we have aspirations to work as closely as we can to the Housing First England standards for these services. This includes a move to more single occupancy accommodation.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 & 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 period. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume thatthe charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities (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.

The report was approved by the trustees on …… and signed on their behalf by:

……..
Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Foxton Centre (the 'charity') for the period ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially mis-stated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material mis-statements, we are required to determine whether there is a material mis-statement in the financial statements or a material mis-statement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material mis-statement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOXTON CENTRE (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material mi-sstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material mis-statement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material mis-statement when it exists. Mis-statements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Smith (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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For and on behalf of Rotherham Taylor Limited, Statutory Auditor
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	32,380	4,904	**37,284**	*198,148*
Income from charitable activities	4	676,438	1,176,881	**1,853,319**	*1,238,217*
Investments	5	132	-	**132**	*113*
Other trading activities	6	2,100	58,353	**60,453**	*15,165*
Total incoming resources		**711,050**	**1,240,138**	**1,951,188**	*1,451,643*
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	762,196	1,074,227	**1,836,423**	*1,264,568*
Total resources expended		762,196	1,074,227	**1,836,423**	*1,264,568*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(51,146)**	**165,911**	**114,765**	*187,075*
Transfers between funds		209,420	(209,420)	-	-
Net movement in funds for the period		**158,274**	**(43,509)**	**114,765**	*187,075*
Reconciliation of funds	17				
Total funds brought forward		**115,961**	**98,716**	**214,677**	*27,602*
Total funds carried forward		**274,235**	**55,207**	**329,442**	*214,677*

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2019 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	14	117,869	21,740	**139,609**	*19,372*
Total Fixed Assets		**117,869**	**21,740**	**139,609**	*19,372*
Current Assets					
Debtors	15	8,358	55,122	**63,480**	*31,669*
Cash at bank		180,768	-	**180,768**	*262,153*
Total current assets		**189,126**	**55,122**	**244,248**	*293,822*
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(32,760)	(21,655)	**(54,415)**	*(98,517)*
Net current assets		**156,366**	**33,467**	**189,833**	*195,305*
Net assets		274,235	55,207	**329,442**	*214,677*
The funds of the charity:	17				
Unrestricted income funds		274,235		**274,235**	*115,961*
Restricted income funds		-	55,207	**55,207**	*98,716*
Total charity funds		**274,235**	**55,207**	**329,442**	*214,677*

This report was approved by the trustees on.....and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr J Parkinson – Chair of Trustees

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Mr R Thomas - Treasurer

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	*2019* *£*
Cash flow from operating activities	20	**61,085**	*216,914*
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		**(142,602)**	*(13,934)*
Interest received		**132**	*113*
Net cash flow from investing activities		**(142,470)**	*(13,821)*
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		**(81,385)**	*203,093*
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020		**262,153**	*59,060*
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021		**180,768**	*262,153*

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities is detailed within the Trustees' Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fairview'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further details are given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

The charity receives government grants in respect of a number of the restricted projects being undertaken. Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Other income includes the invoices raised to universities in respect of students undertaking work experience placements with the charity. Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to the income after placements have taken place, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised once 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 the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of all of the projects undertaken by the charity and related support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Works to “The Hub” are not capitalised as there is no lease on the building.

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Asset category	Annual rate
Freehold Land and Buildings	2%
Property Improvements	33%
Computer Equipment	33%
Fixtures and Fittings	20%
Motor Vehicles	25%

Debtors

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

Creditors

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

Volunteers

The charity is grateful for the efforts of volunteers who are involved in service provision. It is estimated that in the fifteen-month period to the end of March 2021, 4000 volunteer hours were provided for service delivery. In addition, the trustees gave in excess of 600 hours. Based on the median gross weekly earnings and hours of work for employees in Preston (Employee Earnings in the UK April 2020) which is £485.70 per week the financial value of volunteer effort based on a 37 hour week amounts to £60,384 for the year.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

There are no key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist and have concluded its ability to be able to continue through the corona virus pandemic. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Legal status of the charity

The Foxton Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by its constitution document. The CIO may be dissolved by resolution of its members. Any decision by the members to wind up or dissolve the CIO can only be made:

a) at a general meeting of the members of the CIO called in accordance with clause 19 (General meetings of members), of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to those eligible to attend and vote:

   (i) by a resolution passed by a 75% majority of those voting, or
   (ii) by a resolution passed by decision taken without a vote and without any expression of dissent in response to the question put to the general meeting; or

b) by a resolution agreed in writing by all members of the CIO.

If the CIO is to be wound up or dissolved in any other circumstances, the provisions of the Dissolution Regulations must be followed.

3 Donations and legacies

	2021 £	2019 £
Donations from individuals and corporate donors:		
Unrestricted funds:		
General	**1,915**	*5,351*
Foxton 50th donations	**3,290**	*130,852*
Marketing & Communications	**22,175**	*57,880*
House Project	**5,000**	-
	32,380	*194,083*
Restricted funds:		
Youth Link	**1,524**	*2,900*
Homeless Services	**(1,950)**	*970*
Streetlink	**5,000**	*195*
Homeless Hub	**330**	-
	4,904	*4, 065*
Total	**37,284**	*198,148*

4 Income from charitable activities
Grants received

	2021	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted grants:		
Marketing and communications	**10**	-
Project 360	**455,320**	*376,042*
Foxton 50th	**96,932**	-
Central costs	**124,176**	*40,653*
	676,438	*416,695*
Restricted grants:		
Rough sleeper's accommodation programme	**1,619**	-
Youthlink	**66,217**	*50,203*
Homeless Services/Rough Sleepers Initiative	**212,698**	*300,258*
Streetlink	**86,703**	*12,000*
Community	**44,534**	*58,548*
Homeless hub	**765,110**	*400,513*
	1,176,881	*821,522*
Total	**1,853,319**	*1,238,217*

5 Investments

	2021	2019
	£	£
Bank interest (general funds)	**132**	*113*

6 Other trading activities

	2021 £	2019 £
Unrestricted other trading activities:		
Central costs	**400**	*3,696*
Project 360	**1,700**	*1801*
	2,100	*5,497*
Restricted other trading activities:		
Community	**10,444**	-
Lottery Media Project	**47,559**	-
Youth Link	**350**	*561*
Homeless Services	**-**	*1,000*
Streetlink	**-**	*4,680*
Community	**-**	*3,427*
	58,353	*9,668*
Total	**60,453**	*15,165*

7 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2019 £
Charitable activities:				
Salaries	320,332	806,805	**1,127,137**	*73,260*
Property costs	60,758	79,564	**140,322**	*53,846*
Office/administration	336,300	107,738	**444,038**	*29,569*
Consultancy	-	-	**-**	*22,664*
Depreciation	7,928	14,437	**22,365**	*10,288*
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	**-**	*9,982*
Capital expenditure	-	-	**-**	*112,021*
Project costs	23,494	65,683	**89,177**	*939,264*
Total charitable activities	**748,812**	**1,074,227**	**1,823,039**	*1,250,894*
Support costs (note 8)	**13,384**	**-**	**13,384**	*13,674*
Total	**762,196**	**1,074,227**	**1,836,423**	*1,264,568*

8 Analysis of support costs (governance)

	2021 £	2019 £
Auditor's remuneration	**12,864**	*12,240*
Other accountancy fees	**520**	*1,434*
	13,384	*13,674*
Audit fee	**5,000**	*6,900*
Independent examination fee	**-**	*1,400*
Other accountancy support	**1,500**	*1,900*
	6,500	*10,200*

9 Net income for the period

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2019 £
Depreciation	**22,365**	*10,288*
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	**-**	*9,982*
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	**5,000**	*8,280*
Independent examination fees	**-**	*1,680*
Accountancy services	**520**	*2,280*

10 Analysis of staff costs and trustee remuneration and expenses

	2021 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	**786,197**	*543,009*
Social security and costs	**263,509**	*37,545*
Pension costs	**20,004**	*10,382*
	1,069,710	*590, 936*

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2019: none).

The charity trustees were not paid or received any benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2019: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2019: £nil).

11 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count during the year was as follows:

	2021 £	2019 £
Youth, Community and Social Workers	**34**	*28*
Administration of charity	**4**	*2*
	38	*30*

12 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with trustees or connected persons during the period.

13 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2019: £nil).

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £54,523 (2019: £49,054). The Trust considers its key management personnel comprise the Chief Exeuctive Officer prior year Chief Executive Officer and the Operators Manager.

None (2019:none) of the trustees are accruing pension arrangements.

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2019: £nil).

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Leasehold Property Improvements £	Computer Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2020		17,169	8,304	3,830	1,800	**31,103**
Additions	95,290	-	21,792	19,720	5,800	**142,602**
At 31 March 2021	**95,290**	**17,169**	**30,096**	**23,550**	**7,600**	**173,705**
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2020	-	8,584	2,768	191	188	**11,731**
Charge for the year	-	5,723	10,032	4,710	1,900	**22,365**
At 31 March 2021	-	14,307	12,800	4,901	2,088	**34,096**
Net book value						
At 31 March 2021	95,290	2,862	17,296	18,649	5,512	**139,609**
At December 2019	-	8,585	5,536	3,639	1,612	**19,372**

15 Debtors

	2021	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	**-**	*14,943*
Other debtors	**63,480**	*16,726*
	63,480	*31,669*

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	**19,444**	*3,153*
Accruals and deferred income	**14,566**	*86,388*
Taxation and social security	**17,038**	*8,976*
Other creditors	**3,367**	*-*
	54,415	*98,517*

Deferred income

	2021	2019
	£	£
Balance as at 1 January 2020	**75,807**	*39,303*
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	**(75,807)**	*(39,303)*
Amount deferred in the period	**3,000**	*75,807*
	3,000	*75,807*

17 Analysis of charitable funds

	Brought forward at 1 Jan 2020 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 March 2021 £
Central costs	-	**-**	(14,440)	821	**(13,619)**
Youth Link	-	68,091	(75,946)	(6,889)	**(14,744)**
Homeless Services	39,176	210,748	(163,222)	(60,263)	**26,439**
Rough Sleepers	-	-	(3,835)	4,035	**200**
Streetlink	-	91,703	(76,366)	(14,514)	**823**
Homeless Hub	28,118	765,440	(656,643)	(117,851)	**19,064**
Community	31,422	54,978	(77,341)	(2,540)	**6,519**
Lottery Media Project	-	47,559	(6,434)	(7,891)	**33,234**
RSAP	-	1,619	-	(4,328)	**(2,709)**
Total restricted funds	**98,716**	**1,240,138**	**(1,074,227)**	**(209,420)**	**55,207**
Unrestricted funds	**115,961**	**711,050**	**(762,196)**	**209,420**	**274,235**
Total funds	**214,677**	**1,951,188**	**(1,836,423)**	**-**	**329,442**

Funds and their purpose are outlined in the Trustees' Report.

Analysis of charitable funds – previous year

	Brought forward at 1 Jan 2019 £	Income	Expenditure	Transfers between funds	Carried forward at 31 December 2019 £
Youth Link	*15,000*	*53,664*	*(65,953)*	*(2,711)*	*-*
Homeless Services	*11,242*	*302,228*	*(282,876)*	*8,582*	*39,176*
Streetlink	*(14,894)*	*16,875*	*(32,126)*	*30,145*	*-*
Homeless Hub	*-*	*400,513*	*(263,178)*	*(109,217)*	*28,118*
Community	*5,609*	*61,975*	*(34,758)*	*(1,404)*	*31,422*
Total restricted funds	*16,957*	*835,255*	*(678,891)*	*(74,605)*	*98,716*
Unrestricted funds	*10,645*	*616,388*	*(585,677)*	*74,605*	*115,961*
Total funds	*27,602*	*1,451,643*	*(1,264,568)*	*-*	*214,677*

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	117,869	21,740	**139,609**
Cash at bank and in hand	180,768	-	**180,768**
Other net current (liabilities)/assets	(24,402)	33,467	**9,065**
	274,235	55,207	**329,442**

Analysis of net assets between funds – previous year

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	*10,788*	*8,584*	*19,372*
Cash at bank and in hand	*119,645*	*142,508*	*262,153*
Other net current (liabilities)/assets	*(14,472)*	*(52,376)*	*(66,848)*
	115,961	*98,716*	*214,677*

19 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings	**2021**	**2019**
Expiring:		
Within 1 years	**182,688**	*220,000*
Other		
Expiring:		
Within 1 year	1,250	*2,275*
2-5 years	475	*744*
	1,725	*3,019*

20 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021	**2019**
Net income for the period	**114,765**	*187,075*
Interest receivable	**(132)**	*(113)*
Depreciation tangible fixed assets	**22,365**	*10,288*
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	**-**	*9,982*
Increase in debtors	**(31,811)**	*(14,533)*
Decrease in creditors	**(44,102)**	*24,215*
	61,085	*216,914*