



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 April 2021

To

31 March 2022

Charity name: RELEASE FINANCIAL CHARITY

Charity registration number: 1155290

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	THE TRUSTEES MUST APPLY THE INCOME OF THE CHARITY IN FURTHERING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE EAST MIDLANDS OR OTHER PARTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME-TO-TIME DETERMINE: (1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC BY THE PROVISION OF DEBT ADVICE SERVICES, INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO DEBT AND PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND, (2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN MONEY MATTERS AND DEBT MANAGEMENT.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	RELEASE IS A VULNERABLE PEOPLE EMPOWERMENT ORGANISATION, SPECIALISING IN PERSONAL FINANCE (AS WELL AS HOME OF BUDGET BUDDIES). PROVIDING REGULATED DEBT ADVICE AND MONEY EDUCATION (FINANCIAL CAPABILITY) TRAINING, GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION TO EDUCATE AND EQUIP PEOPLE WITH THE CRUCIAL LIFE SKILL OF MANAGING THEIR FINANCES AND MAKING INFORMED CHOICES, INCLUDING PRACTICAL HELP WITH BUDGETING AND RELATED SUPPORT. BUDGET BUDDIES IS A MENTORING SCHEME SUPPORTING PEOPLE MANAGE THEIR FINANCES. RELEASE ALSO OPERATES A PAID FOR BEFRIENDING SERVICE, TO SUPPORT SERVICE USERS AS APPROPRIATE TO THEM.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	THE TRUSTEES HAVE CONSIDERED/ENSURED THAT THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IS IN LINE WITH THE CHARITY COMMISSION GUIDANCE.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	-----
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	-----
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	-----
Other	-----	-----

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUPPORTING CLIENTS TO BE RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL BONDAGE/PROGRESS TO FINANCIAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.</li> <li>BEFRIENDING SUPPORT TO SERVICE USERS.</li> <li>CONTINUANCE OF CHARITY, WITH APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, REGISTRATION AND INSURANCE.</li> <li>DELIVERING FINANCIAL CAPABILITY/MONEY MANAGEMENT TRAINING.</li> <li>STAFF/VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT (TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE).</li> <li>DEEPENING OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CONTACTS.</li> <li>REPRESENTATION ON KEY FINANCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY GROUPS.</li> <li>DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING 'BUDGET BUDDIES' - ONE-TO-ONE BUDGET MENTORING AND BEFRIENDING SUPPORT</li> <li>IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</li> <li>SOCIETY BENEFITTED AS PEOPLE THEIR FAMILIES/LOVED ONES AND THE COMMUNITY HAD IMPROVED QUALITIES OF LIFE AND SOCIAL CAPITAL RAISED.</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You **may choose** to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	-----
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	-----
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	-----
Other	-----	-----

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	THE FINANCIAL POSITION AT THE YEAR -END ARE VERY REASONABLE, BECAUSE OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDING, HOWEVER FUTURE FUNDING IS UNCERTAIN. WE CAN OPERATE AT PRESENT LEVELS UNTIL JULY 2023.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	THE RESERVES ARE BASED ON THREE MONTHS OPERATING COSTS, REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS AND ALLOCATED FUNDS (RELATING TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHARITY).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£42,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A



**Additional information (optional)**

You **may choose** to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	-----
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	-----
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	-----
Other	-----	-----

**Structure, Governance and Management**

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CONSTITUTION OF A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION WHOSE ONLY VOTING MEMBERS ARE ITS CHARITY TRUSTEES.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CHARTABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	FROM POINT 10 OF CONSTITUTION. <u>APPOINTMENT OF CHARITY TRUSTEES</u> (1) ..... TRUSTEE ..... APPOINTED ... FOR ... THREE YEARS ..... (2) IN SELECTING INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHARITY TRUSTEES, THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MUST HAVE REGARD TO THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE NEEDED FOR THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIO.

**Additional information (optional)**

You **may choose** to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	-----
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	-----
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	-----
Other	-----	-----

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	RELEASE FINANCIAL CHARITY
Other name the charity uses	RELEASE
Registered charity number	1155290
Charity's principal address	39 HIGH STREET SOUTH NORMANTON DERBYSHIRE DE55 2BP

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	IAN GLOVER	CHAIR	-----	N/A
2	FRANCIS O'BRIEN	TRUSTEE	-----	N/A
3	PAUL STEARS	TRUSTEE	-----	N/A
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
-----	N/A	-----

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
-----	N/A	-----

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	----- N/A -----
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	----- N/A -----
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	----- N/A -----

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
		----- N/A -----

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

PAUL STEARS
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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

----- N/A -----
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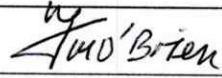
### Other optional information

DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO A FINANCIAL TSUNAMI WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF A 'STEP-CHANGE' TO ENDEAVOUR TO COPE WITH THE INCREASE IN DEMAND, AND PREPARE THE ORGANISATION FOR THE FUTURE. RELEASE IS RELIANT ON VOLUNTEERS WHO GENEROUSLY AND LOYALLY DONATE THEIR TIME AND SKILL SETS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES/ROLES, HOWEVER THIS WAS GREATLY REDUCED (FOR VARIOUS REASONS) DURING THE PANDEMIC AND WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO RECRUIT MORE
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### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	IAN REID GLOVER	FRANCIS MICHAEL LAURENCE O'BRIEN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE

Date 09 MAY 2022





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

RELEASE FINANCIAL CHARITY

1155290

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01-Apr-21

To

31-Mar-22

### Section A Receipts and payments

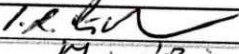
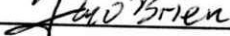
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Bolsover Partnership/District Council	-	30,638	-	30,638	15,425
Lloyds Bank Foundation - Recovery	30,000	-	-	30,000	20,000
DVA - Health and Well-being grant	-	850	-	850	1,000
Central England Co-Op - Community Dividend Fund	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Stop Loan Shark - Birmingham City Council	-	1,750	-	1,750	-
South Normanton Community Church	1,650	-	-	1,650	1,800
Social Enterprise	16,244	1,085	-	17,329	24,320
Personal Gifts/Gift Aid	750	-	-	750	1,370
Sundries/Bank Interest/Internal Transfers	328	5,436	-	5,765	14,113
Allchurches Trust	-	-	-	-	12,550
Bolsover Together (District Council/LSP/BCVS)	-	-	-	-	1,000
CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000
Derbyshire County Council - Covid-19 Fund	-	-	-	-	2,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation - DCMS *	-	-	-	-	19,290
The National Lot Comm Fund/HM Govt **	-	-	-	-	23,875
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	2,500
Warburton's grant (CAF)	-	-	-	-	400
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>48,972</b>	<b>40,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,731</b>	<b>146,643</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	Coronavirus	Community	Support Fund
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>48,972</b>	<b>40,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,731</b>	<b>146,643</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries, NI & Pensions	4,525	36,723	-	41,248	29,799
Consultants	1,290	24,186	-	25,476	29,587
Office Rent	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Professional fees/insurance	154	1,825	-	1,979	1,935
Telephone/Internet	-	516	-	516	1,135
Travel/training	500	1,904	-	2,404	631
Miscellaneous/Internal Transfers	21	6,658	-	6,679	14,108
Stationary/Postage	-	2,211	-	2,211	734
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,490</b>	<b>75,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,313</b>	<b>79,728</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Printer	-	319	-	319	399
	-	-	-	-	290
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>689</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	6,490	76,142	-	82,632	80,416
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	42,482	- 35,383		7,099	66,227
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	50,806	54,173	-	104,979	38,752
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>93,288</b>	<b>18,790</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,078</b>	<b>104,979</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-Op Bank Current	64,156	18,790	-
	Reliance-Instant & 90-Day notice	20,029	-	-
	C&NED C/Union & Co-Op E'prise	9,103	-	-
	<b>Total cash</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	93,288	18,790	-
<u>Total in banks £104,980.03</u>		OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN GLOVER	9 MAY 2022
	FRANCIS O'BRIEN	9th May 2022





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
RELEASE FINANCIAL CHARITY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1155290

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

28.04.2022

Name:

PETER ERNEST HALLAM

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BA

Address:

34-40 High Street



**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**