

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
FAIR FROME**

Berkeley Hall Marshall Limited
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our aims and objectives

Fair Frome aims to prevent and relieve financial, educational, social and health poverty for people living in Frome and the surrounding areas. This will be achieved through the provision of direct services and through the support and development of other organisations in such a way that they are able to identify and meet these needs.

Our activities and how we work

We support local people through projects that provide help when it is needed. Our projects are funded by the generosity of local Councils, community Groups, residents and businesses who donate to our charity.

We have a small but important staff group, comprising a full-time coordinator on a 50/50 job share, a five-hour week Volunteer Coordinator and a part-time furniture bank coordinator. We also pay for support from self-employed contractors on an hourly basis to cover our Food at Five project and other more minor schemes. We have provided training for staff, volunteers and trustees in Safeguarding and other essential areas of work.

Our volunteers are at the heart of our work. We have supported over 40 volunteers including young people with additional needs and those completing their Duke of Edinburgh scheme, and provided over 100 volunteer hours every week. Some of our volunteers have gone on to employment with the skills they have gained from their experience with Fair Frome.

Fair Frome acts as an umbrella group, regularly bringing together local agencies working with people in poverty to share ideas and plan joint services. This has been especially useful during the pandemic and cost of living crisis. We support other groups and events in the town including the Carnival Club, 'Frome Christmas Get Together', Frome Children's Festival, etc.

We also work with the local community to raise a voice against the causes of poverty and deprivation locally and nationally and are affiliated to the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN), The Living Wage Campaign and The Equality Trust.

Public benefit

The charity objectives and aims are performed with regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Our Achievements Over the Year

This year marks the eighth year that Fair Frome has been in existence. During these years we have consolidated our existing services such as our food bank, Food at Five, Holiday Hunger and the furniture bank. We have also grown and adapted to meet new demands. During the year ending March 2022 the Covid 19 pandemic continued to seriously impact our services and service users. This was in addition to the continuing reasons why people need our services such as the local low pay/ high-cost environment, ongoing housing shortages and high rents and welfare benefits which fall short of real need.

This year also saw the start of the cost-of-living crisis. The end of the Universal Credit uplift saw an immediate increase in demand for our services as a result. Other factors such as rising inflation and the lack of affordable rented or social housing has also led to families paying more from their benefits on food and housing or being faced with moving away from Frome.

As we go forward we expect to see demand continue to rise and we will do everything we can with our local partners and the wider community to meet that demand.

In the last year, Fair Frome has:

- Given out 943 food parcels to referred individuals, couples and families in addition to food supplied to schools who requested it for vulnerable families.
- Given out 2115 vouchers for fruit and veg for a local shop to supplement food parcels.
- Started another voucher scheme for a local butcher and given out 1,727 vouchers over the course of the year.
- Provided 4,126 hot meals over the course of the year in 3 different areas of the town, free to anyone on benefits or low income through our Food at Five Takeaway project. This now runs throughout the year.
- Provided through our Holiday Hunger project 780 lunches combined with activities provided by the local charity Purple Elephant. These were free to children and adults from referred families.
- Provided free white goods and household furniture to referred families through our Furniture Bank and prevented waste through recycling.
- Organised and paid for repairs to washing machines and cookers
- Through our Assistance Scheme:
 - Provided essential items such as school uniforms, vouchers for clothes and shoes, refurbished laptops, carpets, baby equipment, cookers, and fridges to referred families. We have also helped with moving costs. We are grateful to Frome Lions, the Rotary Clubs in Frome, and local businesses who have worked with us to provide funding for the more expensive items.
- Food for Schools; during lockdowns delivered additional food parcels to Frome schools for families on Free School Meals.
- Brought together other local agencies and community groups regularly to identify concerns and find solutions around poverty and homelessness.
- Supplied Christmas presents and toys to referred families as well as over 300 extra Christmas Food parcels.
- Worked with one of our partners Frome Football Club to distribute 100 football shirts and match tickets to children that access our services
- Distributed 250 free Marcus Rashford books to referred children
- Supported local businesses through our purchasing and voucher schemes.
- Campaigned on issues relating to local poverty, including the retention of Free School Meals during school holidays, and with the Local Citizens Advice to provide a benefits system which meets local needs.
- We have also campaigned for better access to local businesses and shops for those with hidden or visible disabilities.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

This year has also seen us begin our search for new premises. The current building is unfit for our needs and our wish to increase our services to meet new demands. To this end we have partnered with the local Lions, Rotary and Inner Wheel clubs whose support has been invaluable.

Our finances remain sound. Trustees have always worked to maintain a reserve which can sustain our staff group and projects for at least a year as well as being ready to assist the purchase or refurbishment of our proposed new home. Every new project we have established has been checked against our finances and the sustainability issue. We have received Covid 19 related funding from Councils and other organisations and have very welcome continuing support from Frome Town Council through a grant. We continue to seek and obtain other funding through multiple sources. These include direct fundraising, minor grants, support from businesses, other local charities and direct debits and individual donations. Again, this has been a conscious decision by Trustees as a part of our "local strategies, local solutions" strategy which not only spreads financial risk but also connects the local community with issues relating to poverty and the means to help.

The cost of living crisis will continue to have a profound impact on our work. With our committed staff group, volunteers and Trustees and the support of the strong local community we will face those challenges as we have others and do all in our power to maintain and grow services to meet need.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1156185

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Trustees
J A Killah
Ms K L Stewart
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 JANUARY 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

K Stewart

Fair Frome Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FAIR FROME**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Fair Frome

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fair Frome (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

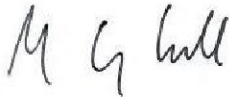
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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



Matthew Small FCA
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Date:30/1/2023.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		152,088	-	152,088	228,336
Investment income	2	10	-	10	186
Total		<u>152,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,098</u>	<u>228,522</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General activity		124,125	-	124,125	195,556
Other		1,887	-	1,887	2,070
Total		<u>126,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,012</u>	<u>197,626</u>
NET INCOME		26,086	-	26,086	30,896
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		119,827	-	119,827	88,931
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>145,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,913</u>	<u>119,827</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	5,462	-	5,462	6,689
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		140,991	-	140,991	113,679
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(540)	-	(540)	(541)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>140,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,451</u>	<u>113,138</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		145,913	-	145,913	119,827
NET ASSETS		<u>145,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,913</u>	<u>119,827</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				<u>145,913</u>	<u>119,827</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>145,913</u>	<u>119,827</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 JANUARY 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

K. Stewart
Fair Frome Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>10</u>	<u>186</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	228,336	-	228,336
Investment income	186	-	186
Total	<u>228,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,522</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General activity	195,556	-	195,556
Other	2,070	-	2,070
Total	<u>197,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>197,626</u>
NET INCOME	30,896	-	30,896
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	88,931	-	88,931
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>119,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,827</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>13,365</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>20,022</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	8,903	4,102	328	13,333
Charge for year	<u>670</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>1,227</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>9,573</u>	<u>4,577</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>14,560</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,792</u>	<u>1,423</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>5,462</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,462</u>	<u>1,898</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>6,689</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	<u>540</u>	<u>541</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	119,827	26,086	145,913
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>119,827</u>	<u>26,086</u>	<u>145,913</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	152,098	(126,012)	26,086
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,098</u>	<u>(126,012)</u>	<u>26,086</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,931	30,896	119,827
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>88,931</u>	<u>30,896</u>	<u>119,827</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	228,522	(197,626)	30,896
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>228,522</u>	<u>(197,626)</u>	<u>30,896</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	88,931	56,982	145,913
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>88,931</u>	<u>56,982</u>	<u>145,913</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	380,620	(323,638)	56,982
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>380,620</u>	<u>(323,638)</u>	<u>56,982</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	46,921	86,182
Grants	16,425	19,780
Local giving	86,132	122,063
Sundry income	2,610	311
	<u>152,088</u>	<u>228,336</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	10	186
Total incoming resources	<u>152,098</u>	<u>228,522</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	36,684	37,646
Pensions	1,010	2,288
Insurance	902	888
Light and heat	552	572
Telephone	688	374
Postage and stationery	531	555
Advertising	171	342
Charitable expenditure	71,248	140,463
Furniture storage	3,000	3,000
Motor expenses	1,474	1,125
Rent	4,290	4,128
Computer expenses	1,198	868
Sundry expenses	1,761	1,307
Subscriptions	110	368
Training	506	1,632
	<u>124,125</u>	<u>195,556</u>
Other		
Accountancy fees	660	540
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	670	787
Motor vehicles depreciation	475	633
Computer equipment depreciation	82	110
	<u>1,887</u>	<u>2,070</u>
Total resources expended	<u>126,012</u>	<u>197,626</u>
Net income	<u>26,086</u>	<u>30,896</u>