

Company Number. 08002099 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number. 1156917

ROMERO COMMUNITIES

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Full name: Romero Communities

Registered Company number: 08002099

Registered Charity Number: 1156917

Registered office & principal address: 23 Queens Road
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Trustees & Directors: L J Crofts – *appointed 16/01/2023*
K G Moore
L Ocallaghan
T Scolah
L Shepherd

Chairperson: T Scolah

Company Secretary: M Phillips

Treasurer: K Moore

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Structure, governance and management

Romero Communities is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated March 2012, most recently amended February 2014. The company has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1. The affairs of the charity are managed on a day-to-day basis by the trustees who have control of the charity and its property and funds.

Appointment of trustees

The trustees are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law. The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Every trustee must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a charity trustee before being eligible to vote at the meetings.

The trustees who served during the year are listed on page 3 of this report.

Charitable aims and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

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 or 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); crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Risk Management

The trustees have ultimate responsibility for identifying and managing risk. The main risk to the organisation is the loss of funding to continue the essential services. The financial position and level of reserves is reviewed at each trustee meeting and funding applications are ongoing. For other areas, the charity has risk management policies and procedures in place which are reviewed regularly by the trustees.

Public Benefit Statement

In shaping the objectives for the year the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Report of the Trustees on activities undertaken and achievements during the period.

Our Romero Communities team would like to share what's been happening in 2022/2023.

As a Board of Trustees, volunteers, paid workers and partner organisations we have continued to respond and make changes to our delivery methods of Romero Support and Guidance. This year we have made changes to our delivery and negotiated a move into new premises. We have more space which is also more appropriate to our work. The building is also shared by other groups and organisations which provide new opportunities to work in partnership to enhance the service we provide for our customers. The building has recently had a refurbishment to the library area and is now developing new sessions and courses for adults and families.

We are pleased to share the following update and hope to give the reader a clear picture of our developments and achievements.

We hope this report will enable us to move into 2023/2024 allowing us the chance to build on our future and address any areas of our work which require improvement or further development.



We would like to say thank you to the Mayor of Barnsley 2022/23, (Councillor Sarah Tattersall) for choosing us as her charity, in her year of Office. We cannot thank you enough for your marvellous cheque of £8,184.31.



We were so proud to be acknowledged by the Mayor of Barnsley, Cllr Sarah Tattersall.

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OUR ACTIVITIES

A big thank you to our volunteers and workers:

Thanks to **Maria** her dedicated work continues to ensure our systems are working to meet our outcomes. Maria delivers a daily telephone service 'triaging' callers, ensuring our support for them is coordinated and referred to our team.

Thanks to **Lorraine** who is dedicated to carrying out her volunteer role making calls to customers. The calls gather feedback from customers seeking support. This information provides valuable information to support our applications for funding and for reports required by them.

Thanks to **Linda** who has supported our Drop In and brings her vast experience as a key worker for Citizens Advice Barnsley to our work.

Thank you to **Alan** who approached us to organise a fundraising event following help we gave to his daughter. This was delayed during Covid but was planned as a 2022 Xmas Ceilidh. The music and Ceilidh was performed 'free of charge' by Penistone Folk Ensemble. The Ceilidh was held in December 2022 and was a great success and following requests from those attending we are to hold a follow up in December 2023.

Thanks to our sessional Support Workers; - **Paula R, Pete J, Wayne B and Emily P** who deliver our Support and Guidance service. They are a great 'team' and deliver our sessions with great humility, kindness and efficiency, supported by their extensive knowledge and skills. We have successfully applied for funding to extend Wayne and Emily's contracts.

Thanks to **Caroline P** who has been a worker for Romero Communities since it was registered as a charity. Previous to this, she worked for 18 years for Romero Support and Guidance which was initially managed by The Roundhouse Community Partnership. This organisation folded and the project was taken over by Romero Communities. Caroline is now working as a sessional worker and has the role of supporting our workers who deliver the Support and Guidance project. Caroline also works closely with Board members to maintain the effective management of the Charity. The charity is led by trustees who have local links and knowledge and some have been previous customers too. Caroline also works closely with Keith, the Treasurer, to support transparent financial management and secure on-going funding.

We are led by our Board of Trustees. We currently have 4 trustees and Maria who is Company Secretary and a volunteer for the support and guidance service. **Trevor** the Charity Chairperson, **Keith** who is Treasurer, **Lynn and Lorraine** both lived locally for over 20 years and are able to contribute a great deal to ensure our service delivery is in line with local need. Our Board of Trustees have been involved in the charity both as 'service users' and partners or by answering our publicity aimed at recruiting new members. However currently half have accessed the support and guidance themselves. We are keen to encourage and recruit more people onto our Board.

In 2022/2023 we recruited 3 new board members.

Louise who lived locally for 20 years and currently is our 'in house' Counsellor, providing 3 appointments twice a month. Louise contributes this skill but also brings local knowledge.

Linda who has been a Drop in volunteer for a year. Linda worked for CAB Barnsley and has previously worked alongside us. Having retired she is keen to help us manage the charity.

Alan lives locally and is keen to help us to raise funds. He has good local knowledge as he lives in the area. He also promotes our work widely.

A big thank you to all our Board members.

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Romero Support and Guidance - Overview

We have been able to continue our face-to-face appointments following the covid restrictions. We have been concerned that many of our existing and potential customers have barriers to accessing our service if they do not have access to telephones and email. Thanks to a grant made by Tudor Trust, we now have capacity to deliver our service via Home Visits.

Throughout the year we have adapted our recording methods, so we are able to accurately report our work. Our Database did have some initial 'hiccups' but as a tailored system we have been able to make adaptations to meet our needs. Referrals from Romero and to Romero have increased and our partner base has increased. We believe this is because some other organisations are experiencing a reduced capacity to deliver their services or the demand for support is vastly oversubscribed. We are keen to take part in a borough wide mapping exercise in the future to ensure duplication can be avoided and joint working practice is improved.

Our referrals to Food Banks have increased substantially as have our referrals to the Charity ACTS 435. Many of our ACTS referrals are as a result of a continued joined-up working relationship with Barnsley Citizens Advice debt team, tenant and school support workers or our on-going support helping customers with complex issues. Referrals to ACTS in 95% of cases result in a monetary 'gift' which enables the applicants to pay the required cost of £90 for a Debt Relief Order. The result of this order can change a family's financial situation beyond belief. It also reduces high levels of stress and helps the individual to take control. Alternatively, customers can purchase goods such as washing machines or cover transport costs to work for example, which in turn also reduces levels of worry and stress.

An analysis of our contacts during this year evidences the prevalence of help needed in the following areas:

- Benefit applications and help to appeal decisions which are contrary to the outcome anticipated by the customer. This work is intense and requires a great deal of knowledge and skill by our workers. It was particularly difficult coming through and out of restrictions and time consuming as 90% of our contact is by telephone or via e mail. We support many who do not have access to the internet, this can also be difficult when customers have additional needs such as learning difficulties, complex physical and mental health needs, unstable lifestyles which can result in a breakdown of family relationships and even result in homelessness.
- Employment and unemployment issues, debt, legal, social care needs, housing, and relationship/poor mental health are recorded in our more copious recording.

Activity Plan

We continually seek to canvas the views of our customers and the wider community who may or may not have experience of Romero Communities Charity or in turn Romero Support and Guidance. We intend to carry out a full evaluation during 2024/25.

2022 Figures													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Customers:													
New	11	20	29	15	24	19	20	19	10	7	16	11	201
Existing	131	111	102	88	119	79	48	65	41	44	52	46	926
Total	142	131	131	103	143	98	68	84	51	51	68	57	1127
Issues	223	226	182	243	288	215	142	176	137	260	204	164	2460

'JOINED UP' SUPPORT'

Our work is based on positive relationships with partner services and organisations to deliver a holistic service for our customers. We continue to link with other services to deliver holistic support.

Here are the links to date (and growing):

- Social Prescribing Teams
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Berneslai Homes
- Citizens Advice Barnsley
- D.I.A.L.
- Barnsley Food Bank
- Acts 435
- Adult and Children and Families Social Care
- 0-19 service (Health Visitors)
- Department of Works and Pensions
- Firm of local solicitors (MKB)
- Step Change
- G.P. surgeries

ADAPTING TO CHANGE

Our delivery, as always, focuses on finding alternative ways of working to best meet the needs of our customers. During 2021/22 we adapted to meet the needs of residents following the pandemic restrictions and the impact on our future potential customers. We introduced some face-to-face appointments for those people who were unable to use or did not have the technology at their disposal required so we could help by collecting for example, documents or letters. We were then able to support those most isolated. This help has been maintained by our Home Visiting service.

Having more space has meant that we have considered the use of our Drop In space to offer social opportunities, adult learning and sessions held by some partners in our locally accessible space. We were unable to achieve our ideas fully but continue to seek funding to further develop during 2023/24.

We are asked to act as advocates for residents who need to complete a DWP formal assessment for benefit claims. This is very time consuming as is the subsequent request to appeal the outcome of the assessment. This again is an adaptation to our planned service. This work stretches our capacity.

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

We returned to open 3 days per week as soon as possible following the pandemic restrictions. We have delivered the 3 days Drop In throughout 2022/23. We have maintained and further developed our methods of contacting and supporting our customers using technology.

Our future to January 2025 is looking positive, however looking forward we have made a start on our funding search. We will require funding in order to maintain our service as it presently operates. Our plans beyond will be developed during 2023/2024 but will be within our current funding restrictions. Our Board are working to secure our future for the residents we serve. We would like to extend our hours but this will depend on future funding.

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The Drop In continues to be the 'chosen method of contact' by those people who face barriers to accessing support using technology and choose to seek help to address their issues by visiting the Drop In.

We have found accessing other services and organisations on behalf of our customers extremely time consuming. It is apparent that some organisations were not offering a full service during the pandemic and we have found it can be a 'lottery' of who we speak to. This continues in some areas to date.

OUR CHALLENGES

The work of Romero Communities is a 'team' effort. We have ambitions for the future to secure long-term funding. We aim to develop ways of 'earning' income, so we do not rely fully on external funds. We realise this will be difficult and will be a long-term goal. We hope to engage people from the community to help us to achieve this. The first step will be to recruit a Fundraising Sub-Group bringing together service users, trustees, volunteers, partner organisations and workers. We continue to work closely with Barnsley CVS to ensure we work in line with Voluntary Sector organisations both local and national.

Romero Communities is built on partnerships with other voluntary and statutory organisations and will continue into our future. By working in this way, we hope to bring the best and most appropriate services together to help our customers resolve their problems.

We hold a long term aim to develop social opportunities to encourage peer support, reduce loneliness and isolation and support people into learning and job opportunities.

The empowerment of individuals is at the forefront of our work, sharing knowledge, encouraging self-help, confidence, self-esteem and confidence, and skills which will put people back in control of their own lives.

We try to approach our challenges as opportunities to provide an improved service. We are also very honest and face our challenges realistically. The link between demand and capacity can be frustrating at times and can rely on the genuine good will of our workers. We do not want to increase demand to our drop-ins to a point where we have to turn people away, however we are always keen to look at ways of managing our sessions to maximise the time available.

We continue to resist having to restrict the time we spend with people to help them reach a solution, rather than spending less time and resorting to a 'sticking plaster' approach. We are keen to increase the times of opening in the future.

We need to have designated time for networking and liaising/co-working with partner organisations when supporting clients with complex problems. Follow up work with partners takes up approximately 50% of our time.

Our biggest challenge as a small charity is the financial sustainability of this type of work. This is at the forefront of our planning for 2023/2024 and beyond..

THANK YOU FOR READING OUR REPORT

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Related parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

The charity's policy on reserves

As a small charity, reliant on public and charitable funding and susceptible to factors beyond the control of the organisation, the trustees recognise the need to keep reserves at a level that will give the organisation stability to enable it to continue to operate in the future and meet all statutory and service delivery obligations. The trustees aim to accumulate reserves equivalent to 3 months' annual expenditure, which equates to a sum of £17,800 in the current financial year. At the year-end, the unrestricted reserve stands at £14,740 (2022: £11,239). The trustees are aware of the need to generate further unrestricted funds to bring reserves to the desired level and this is being addressed in the implementation of the business plans.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Company law 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 at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also 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 which 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 Companies Act 2006. 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 or other irregularities.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 12 to 17. The Statement of Financial Activities shows a deficit for the year of £6,112 (2022: a surplus of £6,373). The deficit is due to restricted grants, brought forward, being utilised during the year. The total funds at the year-end stand at £42,495 (2022: £48,607). Total funds include balances remaining on restricted grants of £27,755 and the general reserve of £14,740.

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Exemptions

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption.

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed: K G Moore Date: 1/11/2023
K Moore, Trustee/ Director

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and I 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.

Signed Angela Hayes

Date: 01/11/2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Income							
Gifts & donations		1,011	280	1,291	120	-	120
Grants received	2	-	63,800	63,800	-	57,800	57,800
Other income		-	-	-	108	-	108
Total income		1,011	64,080	65,091	228	57,800	58,028
Expenditure							
Sessional workers		-	54,907	54,907	-	40,086	40,086
Rent & office costs		-	7,368	7,368	-	3,939	3,939
Insurance		-	575	575	-	290	290
Printing, stationery & office expenses		-	1,979	1,979	-	1,685	1,685
Telephone, computer & internet costs		-	4,066	4,066	-	3,870	3,870
Volunteer expenses		-	1,231	1,231	-	883	883
Accountancy	5	-	725	725	-	650	650
Away day activities		-	-	-	-	206	206
Other expenditure		10	342	352	10	36	46
Total expenditure		10	71,193	71,203	10	51,645	51,655
Net income/(expenditure)		1,001	(7,113)	(6,112)	218	6,155	6,373
Transfers between funds	9	2,500	(2,500)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Total funds brought forward		11,239	37,368	48,607	6,021	36,213	42,234
Total funds carried forward	9/10	14,740	27,755	42,495	11,239	37,368	48,607

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors & prepayments	3	558		248	
Cash at bank and in hand		52,486		51,465	
Total current assets		53,044		51,713	
Liabilities					
Creditors & accruals amounts falling due within one year	4	(10,549)		(3,106)	
Net current assets			42,495		48,607
Net assets			<u>42,495</u>		<u>48,607</u>
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	9		14,740		11,239
Restricted funds			27,755		37,368
Total funds			<u>42,495</u>		<u>48,607</u>

Exemption from audit

For the period ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed K G Moore.

Dated: 1/11/2023

K Moore, Trustee/Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

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 (FRS102) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income and expenditure has been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2019 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption for preparing a statement of cash flows.

Going concern note

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections and its reserves, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. No material uncertainties exist in the 12-month period following the signing of these accounts. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Incoming resources

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

Resources expended

Resources expended have been analysed using natural classification.

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Donated goods and services

Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts at the amount the charity would pay in the open market for a service equivalent to that being donated, when the charity would otherwise have purchased them and the value can be measured reliably.

Donated goods for the charity's own use are recognised as income, at their fair value.

The contribution of general volunteers is not recognised as income in the charity accounts

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Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets, with an individual cost exceeding £1,000, over their expected useful lives.

There were no individual assets with a value exceeding £1,000 in the current year.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

2. Restricted grants received

	2023	2022
	£	£
The National Lottery Community Fund	43,800	43,800
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	-	14,000
The Tudor Trust	20,000	-
	<u>63,800</u>	<u>57,800</u>

3. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Insurance prepaid	278	248
Amount due from ACTS	280	-
	<u>558</u>	<u>248</u>

4. Creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accountancy fee	725	650
Room rent	9,824	2,456
	<u>10,549</u>	<u>3,106</u>

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5. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the independent examination and accountancy service was £725 (2022: £650).

6. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

A sum of £450 was paid to Keith Moore in this financial year, for expenses in relation to grant monitoring and bookkeeping services. Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity, there were no further payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees in the accounting period (2022: £100).

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

8. Funds held on behalf of third party groups

During the year, the charity received funds from the ACTS 435 charity, to pay over to named individuals. The income was held on behalf of ACTS 435 and is therefore not recognised in the accounts of Romero Communities. A sum of £280 was due to Romero Communities at the year end from ACTS 435.

9. Movement in funds

	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Fund Transfers £	Closing balance £
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	11,239	1,011	(10)	2,500	14,740
	11,239	1,011	(10)	2,500	14,740
Restricted funds					
The National Lottery Community Fund	10,818	43,800	(49,026)	(2,500)	3,092
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	14,000	-	(7,797)	-	6,203
The Tudor Trust	2,762	20,000	(4,302)	-	18,460
Next Steps	-	280	(280)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	7,341	-	(7,341)	-	-
The Edward Gostling Foundation	2,447	-	(2,447)	-	-
	37,368	64,080	(71,193)	(2,500)	27,755
TOTAL FUNDS	48,607	65,091	(71,203)	-	42,495

Fund Transfers - £2,500 was transferred from the National Lottery Fund to the General Fund for contribution to management and overheads, for year 3 of the grant.

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10. Restricted Funds

- The National Lottery Community Fund– a five-year Community Fund grant (2019 to 2024) to fund the Support & Guidance service.
- Bamsley Metropolitan Borough Council – Practical Support Grant from the North Area Council to fund a drop-in worker.
- The Tudor Trust – a grant to help support people living with complex issues.
- Garfield Weston Foundation – a grant of £15,000, received in 2019-20, towards the Support & Guidance service.
- The Edward Gostling Foundation - contribution towards the salary cost of a support and guidance worker.