

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1158600

Details

Other names	ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF TENANTS AND RESIDENTS LIMITED, ROTHERFED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05913521
Registered	2014-09-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE (A) TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF ROTHERHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY. (B) 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); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: RotherFed supports communities in Rotherham Borough to grow and develop, working with them to build their sense of belonging, community pride and spirit. We work with and through grass roots community groups that are committed to bringing communities together, giving all communities a voice and creating local solutions to local issues.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Rotherham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£773,708	£721,105	£597,011	17
2024-01-31	£803,511	£816,167	£544,408	17
2023-01-31	£831,374	£791,453	£557,064	16
2022-01-31	£798,981	£663,783	£517,143	12
2021-01-31	£491,007	£399,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Dealey		2024-05-21
David Ramsden		2016-03-30
Jo Workman		2023-02-27
Kay Bacon		2015-03-31
Keith Stringer		2023-02-27
MARY JACQUES		2014-03-19
Stella Ann Parkin		2015-03-31
Wendy Birch		2018-04-26

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

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Accounts



Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited

Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st January 2025

Charity number: 1158600
Registered England and Wales

Company number: 5913521
Company limited by guarantee

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited)
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for the year ended 31st January 2025

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Charity registered number 1158600 (Registered on 17th September 2014)

Company registration number 5913521 (Registered on 22nd August 2006)

Trustees (Directors)	Mary Jacques	Chair	Appointed 19/03/2014
	David Ramsden	Secretary	Appointed 30/03/2016
	Kay Bacon	Treasurer	Appointed 13/03/2015
	Wendy Birch	Vice Chair	Appointed 26/04/2018
	Jo Workman		Appointed 27/02/2023
	Barry Dealey		Appointed 21/05/2024
	Stella Parkin		Appointed 31/03/2015
	Keith Stringer		Appointed 27/02/2023

Trustees (Secretary)	David Ramsden		Appointed 03/10/2024
	Terry Adair	Secretary	Resigned 20/07/2024

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2025.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Structure, governance and management

On the 17th September 2014, Rotherham Federation of Tenants and Residents Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered with The Charity Commission to form Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited, an incorporated charity.

The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under the Articles of Association. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were registered on 22nd August 2006, since amended on 21st October 2014.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute £1 each only. The Charity is run by the board of Trustees (Directors) with day to day management in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Trustees (Directors)

Up to 9 Trustees are elected by the Charity's membership, 8 Trustees are elected to support geographical areas of Rotherham, and two Trustees are elected from communities of interest. Up to 3 Trustees are co-opted by the trustees. Due to geographical Ward changes across the borough during 2020, Trustees will represent alternative areas of the borough from May 2020 onwards - North, South, East and West Rotherham. This changes from the "Area Assembly" geographies that had been in place previously.

Objects

Objects of the Charity are:

(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Rotherham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(b) 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 conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the project.

Statement of Public Benefit and Main Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Rotherham Federation is providing its beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge and the capacity to improve their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Community capacity building

Rotherham Federation aims to utilize the Community Organising approach to empower communities, enabling residents to devise their own solutions while fostering a robust network of community groups. Our goal is to enhance community pride, belonging, and spirit in the Rotherham Borough.

Core Objectives:

1. Ensure that every individual has a voice in their community.
2. Create happier, more cohesive living and working environments.
3. Facilitate the development of local solutions to address community-specific challenges.
4. Influence strategic stakeholders to better grasp local needs.
5. Foster collaboration to tackle wider borough issues.

Our capacity-building initiatives focus on:

- Energizing individuals and groups to be proactive in local matters.
- Promoting collaborative dialogue about community visions and activities.
- Providing training to equip individuals and community groups with essential skills for neighbourhood improvement.
- Offering specialized training in key areas such as housing, first aid, food hygiene, safeguarding, and equality/diversity.
- Enhancing tenants' understanding of group dynamics, conflict resolution, policy development, fundraising, and financial management.
- Implementing a quality monitoring system to assess and recognize the development of community groups.

Support Services Provided:

- Assistance with constitutional and structural group formation.
- Community accountancy and legal advice.
- Insurance and collective service support.
- Guidance on funding applications and marketing, including resources for creating promotional materials.
- Mentoring for community leaders, particularly in safeguarding practices.

Heart of the Community Project

The Heart of the Community initiative has concluded (December 2024) but was instrumental in engaging six Rotherham communities to foster pride and connectedness post-pandemic. Key achievements include:

- Encouraging small acts of kindness to enhance community spirit.
 - Supporting mutual recovery from pandemic effects.
 - Restarting local life and instilling confidence and resilience in communities.
- Engagement Strategies:
- Empowering local groups to take ownership of neighbourhood issues.
 - Collaborating with local organizations (libraries, schools) for wider outreach.
 - Co-hosting community events to promote engagement.
 - Supporting local groups in recognizing their contributions and attracting new members.

We are delighted in the impact this project has had over the past 3 years and also the commitment from our team and the community volunteers who have given so much.

Cost of Living Crisis Initiatives

Making Our Money Go Further Project: After four successful years, this project has supported individuals in managing their finances effectively. It will continue for another year, focusing on six specific areas in Rotherham with a mission to change community perceptions regarding money management. At the end of year 4 we have now supported over 3400 people at community sessions, 1300 of which have received support from Citizens Advice. Those involved have passed on their knowledge to a further 2000 people and 5000 who were previously unaware, now know where to go for help.

More Energy Know How: This ongoing project aims to reduce energy usage and costs for residents through training and support. Our focus is to:

- reduce physical health problems made worse by high fuel costs by enabling people to be warmer at home and releasing income for other household essentials.
- reduce the anxiety/stress/worry experienced by people who are struggling with high fuel bills.
- establish community-led groups to empower local people to reduce future energy consumption.

Local volunteers are engaged to lead energy-saving initiatives, focusing on health improvement and community empowerment.

Open Arms Project

Launched in February 2023, Open Arms provides drop-in sessions for financial and social inclusion support. Over 2,500 individuals have benefited from this program, which focuses on making effective use of community resources. Our focus areas are Dalton, Canklow, East Herringthorpe, East Dene, Ferham, Masborough, Munsbrough, Maltby, Dinnington, Wath Upon Dearne. We are seeing more use of the centres now and our programme of planned community open day events to help raise awareness has been a success.

Money Skills for Life

Beginning in September 2023, this program aims to enhance the financial literacy of residents with low-level maths skills, ultimately enabling them to pursue further educational opportunities. Our approach will be to use money management to show learners how much they do know/understand about maths, and ultimately support them to become involved in taking on additional maths learning opportunities and qualifications. Over the two-year period we will support 500 local people through the delivery of taster sessions and full day training sessions delivered on outreach at community venues in the most deprived areas of Rotherham.

We would like to thank our teams working on these great community-based projects, for their energy and commitment in doing all they can to save local people money and support them through some incredibly difficult times. They have made such a difference to so many people and supported everyone in a non-judgemental and compassionate manner.

Partnership with RMBC

Collaborative Framework: Rotherham Federation aligns with RMBC's Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy to enhance community quality of life. Our approach includes:

- Direct collaboration with council coordinators and local services.
- Informing ward plans through community insights.
- Coordinating efforts to avoid duplication and enhance communication.

Support Services Provided:

- Advice and befriending support.
- Distribution of essential winter supplies to vulnerable residents.

Tenant Scrutiny

Empowerment through Accountability: Tenant scrutiny enables residents to hold landlords accountable, fostering transparency and responsiveness in housing services. Recent reports have been positively received by Rotherham Council, with ongoing reviews to further enhance tenant engagement.

Engaging Underrepresented Tenant Groups

Rotherham Federation is committed to increasing engagement with diverse communities. This involves:

- Supporting Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) with practical advice and funding assistance.
- Actively recruiting tenant representatives to participate in formal housing discussions.

Conclusion

Rotherham Federation remains dedicated to building community capacity and resilience, navigating challenges such as the cost-of-living crisis, and fostering inclusive participation across diverse tenant groups. Our ongoing initiatives aim to empower individuals, enhance community spirit, and create sustainable solutions for local issues

Grant making policy

A Grant making Policy for the Charity was agreed by Trustees in June 2016 and reviewed in May 2021. The trustees apply the funds of Rotherham Federation at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity. The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are small grants in the following areas:

- Reaching communities
- Stimulating community activity
- Encouraging community development
- Capacity building

In awarding grants, the trustees focus on supporting smaller community organisations in the Borough of Rotherham. Grants are publicly advertised and planned with a simple application process each with a named staff coordinator. The trustees carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary.

Financial Review

The principal funding of the charity has continued to diversify this year from mainly grant contract only, to charitable grants covering operational and core costs. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity and that the Charity have sufficient funds to cover all upcoming commitments.

Reserves policy

Rotherham Federation needs reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases
- To meet unexpected costs
- To replace equipment as it wears out.
- To give the company some independence from housing revenue account and provide services to our non-council house members
- To provide working capital when funding is still pending
- To cover any pension deficits of Pensions Trust

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to carry out activities to support its beneficiaries as outlined in the charity's strategic plan and continue to work hard to develop income streams that provide security and sustainability moving forward.

Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group 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 UK 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 charitable company 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 charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Signed on behalf of the directors:

Signed: 

Name and position: Mary Jacques, Director

Date: 9th April 2025

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st January 2025

I report on the accounts of the Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited for the year ended 31 January 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

1. accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
2. the accounts do not accord with such records;
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

Karen L King

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Date 09/04/2025

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st January 2025

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
Income from:	2	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations		35,246	0	547,480	582,726	580,704
Charitable activities		189,972	0	0	189,972	221,801
Investments		1,010	0	0	1,010	828
Other					0	178
Total		226,228	0	547,480	773,708	803,511
Expenditure on:	3					
Raising funds		1,183	0	3,378	4,561	3,874
Charitable activities		167,113	0	549,431	716,544	812,293
Other					0	0
Total		168,296	0	552,809	721,105	816,167
Net income/(expenditure)		57,932	0	-5,329	52,603	-12,656
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds after transfers		57,932	0	-5,329	52,603	-12,656
Total funds brought forward		175,122	220,810	148,476	544,408	557,064
Total funds carried forward		233,054	220,810	143,147	597,011	544,408

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	5	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	2,505	0	37,901	40,406	11,499
Cash at bank & in hand		232,070	220,810	105,245	558,125	561,581
		234,575	220,810	143,146	598,531	573,080
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts due within one year	6	-1,520	0	0	-1,520	-28,672
Deferred income	6	0	0	0	0	0
		-1,520	0	0	-1,520	-28,672
Net current assets		233,055	220,810	143,146	597,011	544,408
Net assets		233,055	220,810	143,146	597,011	544,408
Funds of the company						
Unrestricted Funds	7				233,055	175,121
Designated Funds					220,810	220,810
Restricted Funds					143,146	148,477
Total funds					597,011	544,408

For the year 31st January 2025, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed:

M Jacques

Name and position: Mary Jacques, Director

Date: 9th April 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. 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, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations					
Awards for all - Deaf Futures	0	0	20,000	20,000	0
Awards for all - Winter Warm	0	0	19,860	19,860	0
Big Lottery - Big Local	0	0	0	0	43,886
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	0	0	49,723	49,723	98,060
Big Lottery - Making Our Money Go Further	0	0	149,515	149,515	162,117
Big Lottery - Cost of living	0	0	0	0	39,278
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	0	0	11,156	11,156	2,084
Energy Savings Trust	0	0	105,610	105,610	111,839
Garfield Weston	15,000	0	0	15,000	0
HMRC	4,934	0	0	4,934	5,000
General Donations	14,712	0	0	14,712	0
RMBC - Easter event	600	0	0	600	0
UK Shared Prosperity - Multiply	0	0	55,521	55,521	33,700
UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms	0	0	136,095	136,095	84,740
	35,246	0	547,480	582,726	580,704
Charitable activities					
Contract income - Housing Revenue Account	185,000	0	0	185,000	186,667
Contract income - Big Local	0	0	0	0	2,634
Contract income - RMBC Friendship	0	0	0	0	32,500
	185,000	0	0	185,000	221,801
Raising funds					
Fundraising	4,972	0	0	4,972	178
Investments					
Bank interest	1,010	0	0	1,010	828

3. Expenditure on

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Raising funds					
Advertising and publicity	1,183	0	3,378	4,561	3,874
Charitable activities					
Direct costs					
Activity and project costs	4,743	0	47,646	52,389	61,147
Donations	0	0	0	0	178
Events and meetings	2,802	0	19,146	21,948	34,420
Examination of accounts	650	0	1,122	1,772	2,000
Grants	492	0	30,787	31,279	103,800
Interpreter	2,485	0	6,617	9,102	9,917
Photocopying Costs	0	0	0	0	130
Professional fees	3,501	0	0	3,501	6,597
Staff costs	107,261	0	317,298	424,559	374,769
Volunteer expense and training	292	0	623	915	7,734
Youth club	0	0	0	0	14,850
	122,226	0	423,239	545,465	615,542
Support costs					
Bank Charges	71	0	0	71	72
Equipment	188	0	5,000	5,188	6,382
ICT Support	374	0	1,510	1,884	1,552
Insurance	671	0	1,895	2,566	2,405
Membership & subscriptions	644	0	2,184	2,828	2,142
Photocopying	535	0	2,655	3,110	1,886
Postage, stationery & supplies	809	0	1,711	2,510	2,964
Professional Fees	13,415	0	12,237	25,652	20,687
Rent, rates, heat & light	0	0	6,048	6,048	10,584
Staff costs	23,745	0	80,496	104,241	132,390
Staff training and expenses	1,902	0	3,174	5,076	5,638
Telephones & broadband	2,391	0	7,384	9,775	8,229
	44,745	0	124,294	169,039	194,931
Governance					
Examination of accounts			1,520	1,520	1520
Meeting costs - Trustees	142		378	520	300
	142	0	1,898	2,040	1,820

4. Grants made during the year

Grants	Purpose	2025 £	2024 £
Activity grants	To provide financial support to small groups to carry out a community activity	0	20,484
Initial start up grants	To provide financial support to newly formed groups	492	543
Grant to partners	To deliver a joint project with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance	0	7,500
Grant to partners	To delivery a joint project providing debt advice	30,787	75,273
		31,279	103,800

5. Fixed assets

There were no fixed assets during the period of these accounts.

6. Debtors and creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	38,397	9,605
Prepayments	2,009	1,895
	<u>40,406</u>	<u>11,499</u>
Creditors due in one year	-1,520	-28,672
Deferred income	0	0
	<u>-1,520</u>	<u>-28,672</u>

7. Movement of funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Awards for all - Deaf Futures	0	20,000	0	20,000
Awards for all - Winter Warm	0	19,860	-9,419	10,441
Big Lottery - Cost of living	15,537	0	-15,537	0
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	42,898	49,723	-92,621	0
Big Lottery - Making our money go further	67,147	149,515	-142,129	74,533
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	0	11,156	-11,156	0
Energy Savings Trust	0	105,610	-105,610	0
Held as custodian	5,125	0	0	5,125
UK Shared Prosperity - Multiply	10,915	55,521	-33,388	33,048
UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms	6,854	136,095	-142,949	0
Designated funds				
Redundancy and closure costs	220,810	0	0	220,810
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	175,122	226,228	-168,296	233,054
Total funds	544,408	773,708	-721,105	597,011

Restricted Funds

- Awards for all – Deaf Futures
- Awards for all – Winter Warm
- Big Lottery – Cost of living
- Big Lottery - Heart of the Community - . to develop the skills and capacity of local people to support vulnerable neighbours and build community pride.
- Big Lottery - Making our money go further – to provide the tools people need to deal with the financial issues that are most important to them.
- Deaf Futures – these funds are to support Rotherham Deaf Futures with activities and awareness
- Energy Savings Trust – This funding has been awarded to delivery energy saving advice in the community.
- UK Shared Prosperity – Multiply – to provide support services and training
- UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms – to provide support services

8. Funds held as custodian

These funds are held on behalf of beneficiary organisations that do not have bank accounts or, require support from Rotherham Federation in respect of managing their finances. Transactions relating to these funds are recorded in Rotherham Federation's financial system and categorised as Restricted Funds.

Breakdown of Funds held as custodian	2025	2024
	£	£
Group without bank accounts	5,125	5,125
Big Local - Fundraising	0	0
	5,125	5,125

9. Designated funds

The designated funds are unrestricted in nature. These funds have been set aside by the Trustees in accordance with the Charity's Reserves Policy, which is, to have at least 3 months operating costs, staff redundancy costs and closure costs, and alternative accommodation costs.

10. Salaries

Salaries details	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	461,395	442,532
Social security costs	42,496	40,264
Pension	24,908	24,363
	528,800	507,159

No person received emoluments of more than £60,000.in the year.

The average number of staff during the year was 17 FTE (2024:17 FTE).

11. Pensions

Retirement benefits are funded by contributions by the charity and its employees to defined contribution pension schemes, which are financially separate from the charity.

12. Net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging;

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	0	0
Accountancy fees	500	500
	500	500

13. Company Limited by Guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of a winding up, is limited to £1.

14. Directors Remuneration

No remuneration was received by any directors in the period of these accounts. Only expenses properly incurred were reimbursed. During the period of accounts, no expenses were reimbursed.

15. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period of the accounts.

16. Previous period comparison

Where available, the previous period's figures have been included for comparison purposes only.

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1158600

Accounts

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited

Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st January 2024

Charity number: 1158600
Registered England and Wales

Company number: 5913521
Company limited by guarantee

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited)
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for the year ended 31st January 2024

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Charity registered number	1158600 (Registered on 17th September 2014)		
Company registration number	5913521 (Registered on 22nd August 2006)		
Trustees (Directors)	Mary Jacques	Chair	Appointed 25/03/2009
	Terry Adair	Secretary	Appointed 09/09/2013
	Kay Bacon	Treasurer	Appointed 31/03/2015
	Wendy Birch	Vice Chair	Appointed 26/04/2018
	Jo Workman		Appointed 27/02/2024
	Emma Barrett		Appointed 03/03/2020
			Resigned 20/02/2024
	Kim Addy		Appointed 31/03/2015
	Stella Parkin		Appointed 31/03/2015
	David Ramsden		Appointed 30/03/2016
	Keith Stringer		Appointed 27/02/2024
	Ella Webster		Appointed 03/03/2020
			Resigned 20/02/2024
Registered address	Springwell Gardens Community Centre Eastwood View Rotherham S60 1NG		
Bankers	Cooperative Bank Plc PO Box 250 Delf House, Southway Skelmersdale WN8 6WT		
	Santander UK plc 2 Triton Square Regent's Place London NW1 3AN		
	Unity Trust Bank 9 Brindley Place Birmingham B1 2HB		
Independent Examiner	K L King ACA K L King Accountants 39 Kirkby Road Hemsworth Pontefract WF9 4BA		

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2024.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Structure, governance and management

On the 17th September 2014, Rotherham Federation of Tenants and Residents Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered with The Charity Commission to form Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited, an incorporated charity.

The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under the Articles of Association. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were registered on 22nd August 2006, since amended on 21st October 2014.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute £1 each only. The Charity is run by the board of Trustees (Directors) with day to day management in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Trustees (Directors)

Up to 9 Trustees are elected by the Charity's membership, 8 Trustees are elected to support geographical areas of Rotherham, and two Trustees are elected from communities of interest. Up to 3 Trustees are co-opted by the trustees. Due to geographical Ward changes across the borough during 2020, Trustees will represent alternative areas of the borough from May 2020 onwards - North, South, East and West Rotherham. This changes from the "Area Assembly" geographies that had been in place previously.

Objects

Objects of the Charity are:

(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Rotherham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(b) 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 conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the project.

Statement of Public Benefit and Main Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Rotherham Federation is providing its beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge and the capacity to improve their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Community capacity building

Our vision is for Rotherham Federation, using the Community Organising approach to strengthen communities, enable people to create their own solutions and to build a network of community groups that will lead local life and community living. We support communities in the Rotherham Borough to grow and develop, working with them to build their sense of belonging, community pride and spirit. We work with and through grassroots community groups that are committed to bringing communities together, giving all communities a voice and creating local solutions to local issues. Rotherham Federation has been supporting local communities since 2006.

Community capacity building (continued)

Our work helps create communities that work and builds new and existing community-led groups which:

- give everyone a voice.
- make communities happier places to live and work.
- help people to create local solutions to local issues.
- influence strategic stakeholders enabling them to better understand local need.
- work together to create shared solutions to Borough-wide problems.

Our capacity building support and services:

- energise and facilitate individuals and groups to be active in matters that affect their lives.
- cultivate collaborative conversations about visions and activities that help people make their community a better place through social action.
- providing support and training to individuals and TARA's/Groups to equip them with the necessary skills, tools, and knowledge to take an active role in improving their neighbourhoods.
- offer training and capacity building support for community groups on issues such as: housing planning/strategy; first aid training; food hygiene; safeguarding; equality and diversity.
- build tenants capacity to understand how groups work; chairing meetings; dealing with conflict; deliver risk assessments training; develop policies and reporting processes; promote their activities, fundraise, and apply for grants, and manage their budget and books.
- manage a bespoke quality monitoring and evaluation system for assessing community groups' development and delivering a quality award for community groups.

In addition, we provide a wide range of practical advice and services, including constitutional and group structure support, community accountancy, legal, insurance, various collective services, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services including advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters/leaflets, mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks.

Enabling Communities to Grow – Heart of the Community

Heart of the Community has now reached the end of its second year. This is a 3-year, community-led, place-based project funded by the National Lottery and delivered in 6 communities in Rotherham, Meadowbank, Masbrough, Canklow, Wharnccliffe, Dalton, and Thrybergh, engaging with and encouraging residents to work together to make their neighbourhoods somewhere to be proud of, and with our support communities will:

- increase the little acts of kindness that turn neighbourhoods into communities
 - enable people to help each other recover from the pandemic
 - restart local life after the pandemic
 - help communities to become more connected, confident, and resilient.
- We have used a range of methods to get people involved including:
- supporting groups to be actively involved in taking to responsibility for their neighbourhoods, giving local people as sense of control and possibility.
 - piggy-backing our engagement promotion activities on to trusted local groups. This includes our members, but also organisations like local groups, libraries, and schools.
 - collaborating with council teams and co-hosting /spreading engagement message at local celebrations, fetes, fairs, and fun days which everyone can attend, and pop-up events tailored to specific demographics.
 - working in partnership with local services who attract engagement because they bring different/wanted elements which can improve local lives, and using their voices to make links between these services and the group members,
 - working directly with local groups supporting communities to value their work and helping them attract new members.
 - organise campaign activities/meetings that bring many different local people together around an issue of local concern.

As we move into the final year, our focus will be to prepare our groups and leaders to have the skills and capacity to continue to support their communities in future years.

Thurcroft Big Local

This amazing 12 year project ended in January 2024. Over his time we have seen a New Community Hub being built, a range to community events taking place every year, such as Summer Gala, Fireworks, and Christmas trips, and the general spirit and wider community involvement go from strength to strength year on year.

Thurcroft Big Local (continued)

The core themes in the final Big Local plan which are Community Pride, Children & Young People and Making Big Local Happen, remain the same core themes as in our original plan in 2012/2013. We had however for the final plan included two additional focuses/activities. Within "Community Pride" we have replaced "Response to Covid" with "Responding to Community Needs" in light of the cost-of-living crisis, and within "Making Big Local Happen" we have replaced "Community Grants" with "Community Together" to broaden out our reach within the community.

We believe that this project has demonstrated what can be achieved with the right level of investment over a sustained period of time, with many things in the community continuing to take place for local people for the longer term, such as lunch clubs, youth support and environmental projects. RotherFed would like to recognise and thank the volunteers and groups that have made this possible over the last 12 years.

Cost of Living Crisis

Money Management

We have now completed the 3 years delivery of our Lottery Fund partnership project with Citizens Advice Rotherham called Making Our Money Go Further.

Throughout this project we have helped people reduce expenditure, increase income, and renegotiate outgoings. At the end of year 3 we have now supported over 2400 people at community sessions, 800 of which have received support from Citizens Advice. Those involved have passed on their knowledge to a further 1400 people and 4000 who were previously unaware, now know where to go for help.

We are delighted that we are able to continue this much needed project for a further 2 years until December 2025, and focus our support on 6 different areas in Rotherham - Dalton, East Herringthorpe, Greasbrough, Thurcroft, Flanderwell/Sunnyside and East Dene. Our approach will remain the same and we aim to change the way communities think & talk about managing money, with community led solutions to the issues that matter most to local people.

Home Energy Support

More Energy Know How is a 2-year project funded through the Energy Redress Scheme through until June 2025, supporting Rotherham residents to reduce energy usage and utility costs in their homes. This is the continuation of our Energy Know How project that started in 2012. Our team of Energy Advisers deliver group and individual training, advice and support on energy awareness and efficiency through face-to-face sessions in community venues, and via email, zoom, phone calls to support people remotely.

Local people become Volunteer's and get involved to deliver energy-saving activities in their communities. In addition, the project also supports other local community service providers to be more energy aware. Our areas of focus are: Dalton, Thrybergh, East Herringthorpe, Greasbrough, Thurcroft, Flanderwell & Sunnyside, East Dene, Wath, Catcliffe & Brinsworth and Treeton.

Energy Know How advise and guide energy consumers who need support to reduce their fuel bills. Our focus is to:

- reduce physical health problems made worse by high fuel costs by enabling people to be warmer at home and releasing income for other household essentials.
- reduce the anxiety/stress/worry experienced by people who are struggling with high fuel bills.
- establish community-led groups to empower local people to reduce future energy consumption.

Open Arms

Through our Open Arms project that started in February 2023 we have delivered cost of living drop-in sessions, and engaged with local people to make better use of community assets. Through the deployment of frontline team, we have delivered Information, Advice and Guidance 'one stop shops' in each of the ten most deprived areas in Rotherham, with sessions taking place once per fortnight in each centre. Support delivered will have a strong focus on financial and social inclusion including (but not limited to): RotherFed's Making Our Money Go Further, Energy Know How, Citizen Advice Bureau services, and Laser Credit Union.

We have resourced the 10 community delivery venues with IT equipment and Wi-Fi connections. This has ensured access to support is available online from our teams but also from the Community Leaders who we have recruited and developed throughout the project. Our focus areas are Dalton, Canklow, East Herringthorpe, East Dene, Ferham, Masborough, Munsbrough, Maltby, Dinnington, Wath Upon Dearne.

Open Arms

Open Arms has supported over 1200 people in the period between March 2023 and January 2024, and we are targeting a further 1700 by the end of March 2025. We are seeing more use of the centres now and our programme of planned community open day events to help raise awareness has been a success. Themed events have included Budget Brunch Bonanza, All the Fun of The Fair, Oh We Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside, and Picnic Pleasures, and more – all with the aim to get more local people involved in the project and more aware of the cost-of-living support that is available to them locally.

Money Skills for Life

In September, we were successful with our application to RMBC for the delivery of “Money Skills for Life” community engagement programme, through until March 2025. These sessions will take place at community venues and support people who have low level maths skills.

Our approach will be to use money management as a means to show learners how much they do know/understand about maths, and ultimately support them to become involved in taking on additional maths learning opportunities and qualifications.

Over the two-year period we will support 500 local people through the delivery of taster sessions and full day training sessions delivered on outreach at community venues in the most deprived areas of Rotherham.

We would like to thank our teams working on these great cost of living projects, for their energy and commitment in doing all they can to save local people money and support them through some incredibly difficult times. They have made such a difference to so many people, and supported everyone in a non-judgemental and compassionate manner.

Working in Partnership with RMBC

Ward Based Working

The partnership with RMBC continues to develop at real pace and we have worked closely through the last year to ensure we responded to the needs of our communities throughout the pandemic's challenges and changes.

We are fully aware and supportive of the RMBC Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy and ward-based working ambitions. We recognise and value the very clear links between the vision – “Every neighbourhood in Rotherham to be a thriving neighbourhood, where people are able to work together to achieve a good quality of life”, strategy focus - “Putting Communities at The Heart of Everything We Do” and our own asset-based “Strengthening Communities” organisational strategy. Both support the council and residents to working together to improve the quality of life in communities.

We have aligned our frontline Community Engagement team to the Borough's North, Central, and South areas, covering all Wards in each area. This approach forms part of the delivery of our current Tenant Federation contract. Our delivery team:

- work directly with council neighbourhood co-ordinators and elected members in each Ward.
- work in partnership with other local services on Ward basis including schools, police, NHS, and local and boroughwide VCSE provision.

Strategically, our CEO has built strong working relations with the Head of Neighbourhoods to develop the above approach. RotherFed have had the opportunity to inform ward plans through contributing feedback and local intelligence on ward-by-ward basis, adding tenants and groups views into consideration. This bedrock of effective working relationships helps our teams on the ground to:

- have a clear understanding of all partners' roles and remits.
- opens up channels of communication between teams.
- shares local knowledge and best practice.
- facilitates agreements on actions that will support the aims of the Ward plans.
- avoids duplication of efforts through improved communication.

Another example of this is the current cross sector response to the recent flooding in areas across Rotherham, and in particular Catcliffe. In partnership with other VCS services and the council teams, RotherFed have provided advice and guidance, befriending support, the distribution of winter warmer packs including Neck Warmer, Hat, Gloves, Thermal Socks, Fleece blanket, Soup Mugs, and box of Soup Sachets. As well as a listening ear to those tenants and residents going through real crisis situations.

Tenant Scrutiny:

Tenant scrutiny gives tenants the power to hold their landlord to account for their decisions, performance and conduct and involves empowered tenants working together to research issues and make recommendations for change based on the evidence they find. All these reports are available publicly for anyone who wishes to read them.

Rotherham Council has responded positively to all previous reports including the two we have completed in 2023/24 - Communication with Tenants and "Void Properties". We are now working on the next review which is "The Lettable Standard", and we hope to have a report of recommendations ready for RMBC by the Spring of 2024. This review is closely linked with the RMBC Housing White Paper action plan and aims to support compliance.

Underrepresented Tenant Groups

As part of our contract with Rotherham Council we promote tenant involvement through a range of engagement activities to support tenants to get more involved in shaping and influencing council housing services, enabling them to make a positive difference to their communities.

A key element of this has been through Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) where we have supported groups and their committees with practical and professional advice to be sustainable and assist them with funding applications and submitting ward housing hub suggestions. Currently we have over 70 groups like this that we support across the borough.

Alongside group support/development, we recruit, coach, and develop Tenant Representatives to get involved in more formal meetings such as Tenant Security, Housing Involvement Panel, and other planned and ad hoc meetings and forums that occur/emerge. Tenant Representatives contribute with their own and their communities' views and opinions.

Change of Approach

We recognised that we needed to engage more with tenants and community groups from diverse communities and backgrounds, and In January 2023 we made a step change in our approach. Essentially we directed our team to have a lighter touch with existing TARA's and Community Groups and focus more on engaging with tenants and groups from "underrepresented" cohorts.

Grant making policy

A Grant making Policy for the Charity was agreed by Trustees in June 2016 and reviewed in May 2021. The trustees apply the funds of Rotherham Federation at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity. The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are small grants in the following areas:

- Reaching communities
- Stimulating community activity
- Encouraging community development
- Capacity building

In awarding grants, the trustees focus on supporting smaller community organisations in the Borough of Rotherham. Grants are publicly advertised and planned with a simple application process each with a named staff coordinator. The trustees carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary.

Financial Review

The principal funding of the charity has continued to diversify this year from mainly grant contract only, to charitable grants covering operational and core costs. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity and that the Charity have sufficient funds to cover all upcoming commitments.

Reserves policy

Rotherham Federation needs reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases
- To meet unexpected costs
- To replace equipment as it wears out.
- To give the company some independence from housing revenue account and provide services to our non-council house members
- To provide working capital when funding is still pending
- To cover any pension deficits of Pensions Trust

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to carry out activities to support its beneficiaries as outlined in the charity's strategic plan and continue to work hard to develop income streams that provide security and sustainability moving forward.

Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

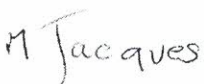
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Signed on behalf of the directors:

Signed 

Name and position - Mary Jacques, Director

Date 25/03/2024.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st January 2024

I report on the accounts of the Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 28 / 03 / 2024

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:	2					
Grants and donations		5,000	0	575,704	580,704	638,934
Charitable activities		221,801	0	0	221,801	192,333
Investments		828	0	0	828	107
Other		178	0	0	178	0
Total		227,807	0	575,704	803,511	831,374
Expenditure on:	3					
Raising funds		772	0	3,102	3,874	6,990
Charitable activities		150,088	0	662,205	812,293	784,463
Other					0	0
Total		150,860	0	665,307	816,167	791,453
Net income/(expenditure)		76,947	0	-89,603	-12,656	39,921
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds after transfers		76,947	0	-89,603	-12,656	39,921
Total funds brought forward		98,175	220,810	238,079	557,064	517,143
Total funds carried forward		175,122	220,810	148,476	544,408	557,064

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed Assets	Notes 5	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	74	0	11,425	11,499	9,487
Cash at bank & in hand		178,500	220,810	162,271	561,581	552,550
		178,574	220,810	173,696	573,080	562,037
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts due within one year	6	-3,452	0	-25,220	-28,672	-4,972
Deferred income	6	0	0	0	0	0
		-3,452	0	-25,220	-28,672	-4,972
Net current assets		175,122	220,810	148,476	544,408	557,064
Net assets		175,122	220,810	148,476	544,408	557,064
Funds of the company						
Unrestricted Funds	7				175,122	98,175
Designated Funds					220,810	220,810
Restricted Funds					148,476	238,079
Total funds					544,408	557,064

For the year 31st January 2024, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the Directors: *M Jacques*

Name and position - Mary Jacques, Director

Date 25/03/2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. 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, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations					
Active through football				0	2,500
Awards for all - Friendship	0	0	0	0	9,850
Big Lottery - Big Local	0	0	43,886	43,886	87,784
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	0	0	98,060	98,060	95,997
Big Lottery - Making Our Money Go Further	0	0	162,117	162,117	177,218
Big Lottery - Cost of living	0	0	39,278	39,278	0
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	0	0	2,084	2,084	20,240
Energy Savings Trust	0	0	111,839	111,839	132,182
Garfield Weston	0	0	0	0	20,000
Held As Custodian	0	0	0	0	4,955
HMRC	5,000	0	0	5,000	5,000
RMBC - Gentle Exercise	0	0	0	0	150
RMBC - Better Mental Health	0	0	0	0	62,310
UK Shared Prosperity - Multiply	0	0	33,700	33,700	0
UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms	0	0	84,740	84,740	0
VAR - Anything is possible	0	0	0	0	15,000
Winter Warm Grant	0	0	0	0	5,750
Tudor Trust					
	5,000	0	575,704	580,704	638,936
Charitable activities					
Contract income - Housing Revenue Account	186,667	0	0	186,667	160,000
Contract income - Big Local	2,634	0	0	2,634	4,620
Contract income - RMBC Friendship	32,500	0	0	32,500	17,500
Contract income - RMBC Neighbourhoods Fund	0	0	0	0	6,571
Contract income - DWP	0	0	0	0	941
	221,801	0	0	221,801	189,632
Raising funds					
Fundraising	178	0	0	178	2,700
Investments					
Bank interest	828	0	0	828	107

3. Expenditure on

	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Raising funds					
Advertising and publicity	772	0	3,102	3,874	6,990
Charitable activities					
Direct costs					
Activity and project costs	7,839	0	53,308	61,147	65,625
Donations	178	0	0	178	0
Events and meetings	3,263	0	31,157	34,420	15,392
Examination of accounts	2,000	0	0	2,000	1,750
Grants	8,043	0	95,757	103,800	107,734
Interpreter	550	0	9,367	9,917	7,080
Photocopying Costs	105	0	25	130	453
Professional fees	2,097	0	4,500	6,597	2,526
Staff costs	83,714	0	291,055	374,769	365,755
Volunteer expense and training	78	0	7,656	7,734	1,877
Youth club	0	0	14,850	14,850	19,742
	107,867	0	507,675	615,542	587,934
Support costs					
Bank Charges	18	0	54	72	458
Equipment	837	0	5,545	6,382	7,911
ICT Support	480	0	1,072	1,552	2,764
Insurance	842	0	1,563	2,405	2,027
Membership & subscriptions	426	0	1,717	2,143	270
Photocopying	265	0	1,621	1,886	939
Postage, stationery & supplies	1,331	0	1,633	2,964	1,922
Professional Fees	10,120	0	10,567	20,687	25,204
Rent, rates, heat & light	2,646	0	7,938	10,584	7,229
Staff costs	21,577	0	110,813	132,390	126,587
Staff training and expenses	1,849	0	3,789	5,638	10,939
Telephones & broadband	1,530	0	6,698	8,228	8,321
	41,921	0	153,010	194,931	194,571
Governance					
Examination of accounts	0	0	1,520	1,520	1740
Meeting costs - Trustees	300	0		300	220
	300	0	1,520	1,820	1,960

4. Grants made during the year

Grants	Purpose	2024 £	2023 £
Activity grants	To provide financial support to small groups to carry out a community activity	20,484	10,505
Initial start up grants	To provide financial support to newly formed groups	543	464
Grant to partners	To deliver a joint project with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance	7,500	22,800
Grant to partners	To delivery a joint project providing debt advice	75,273	73,965
		103,800	107,734

5. Fixed assets

There were no fixed assets during the period of these accounts.

6. Debtors and creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,605	7,713
Prepayments	1,894	1,774
	<u>11,499</u>	<u>9,487</u>
Creditors due in one year	-28,672	-4,972
Deferred income	0	0
	<u>-28,672</u>	<u>-4,972</u>

7. Movement of funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Awards for all - Friendship	7,933	0	-7,933	0
Big Lottery - Big Local Plan	40,046	43,886	-83,932	0
Big Lottery - Cost of living	0	39,278	-23,741	15,537
Big Lottery - Friendship project	4,390	0	-4,390	0
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	42,549	98,060	-97,710	42,899
Big Lottery - Making our money go further	100,110	162,117	-195,080	67,147
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	11,199	2,084	-13,283	0
Energy Savings Trust	1,495	111,839	-113,334	0
Held as custodian	27,527	0	-22,402	5,125
UK Shared Prosperity - Multiply	0	33,700	-22,785	10,915
UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms	0	84,740	-77,886	6,854
Winter Warm Grant	2,830	0	-2,830	0
Designated funds				
Redundancy and closure costs	220,810	0	0	220,810
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	98,175	227,806	-150,860	175,122
Total funds	557,064	803,510	-816,166	544,409

Restricted Funds

- Awards for all – Friendship calls – to support isolated/lonely effected by the Pandemic
- Big Local (Local Trust)- to support delivery of resident led Plan in Thurgroft
- Big Lottery - Friendship project – to support isolated/lonely effected by the Pandemic
- Big Lottery - Heart of the Community - . to develop the skills and capacity of local people to support vulnerable neighbours and build community pride.
- Big Lottery - Making our money go further – to provide the tools people need to deal with the financial issues that are most important to them.
- Deaf Futures – these funds are to support Rotherham Deaf Futures with activities and awareness
- Energy Savings Trust – This funding has been awarded to delivery energy saving advice in the community.
- RMBC - Better Mental Health – to offering residents who accessed the council's Community Hub (RCH) physical and emotional help.
- Winter Warm Grant – to provide winter wear and food supplies to individuals in need over the winter months.
- UK Shared Prosperity – Multiply – to provide support services and training
- UK Shared Prosperity - Open Arms – to provide support services

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1158600

Accounts



Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited

Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st January 2023

Charity number: 1158600
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Company limited by guarantee

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited)
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for the year ended 31st January 2023

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Charity registered number 1158600 (Registered on 17th September 2014)

Company registration number 5913521 (Registered on 22nd August 2006)

Trustees (Directors)	Mary Jacques	Chair	Appointed 25/03/2009
	Terry Adair	Secretary	Appointed 09/09/2013
	Kay Bacon	Treasurer	Appointed 13/03/2015
	Wendy Birch	Vice Chair	Appointed 26/04/2018
	Pat Broskam		Appointed 27/07/2020
	Emma Barrett		Appointed 03/03/2020
	Kim Addy		Appointed 31/03/2015
	Stella Parkin		Appointed 31/03/2015
	David Ramsden		Appointed 30/03/2016
Ella Webster		Appointed 01/09/2019	

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2023.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Structure, governance and management

On the 17th September 2014, Rotherham Federation of Tenants and Residents Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered with The Charity Commission to form Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited, an incorporated charity.

The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under the Articles of Association. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were registered on 22nd August 2006, since amended on 21st October 2014.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute £1 each only. The Charity is run by the board of Trustees (Directors) with day to day management in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Trustees (Directors)

Up to 9 Trustees are elected by the Charity's membership, 8 Trustees are elected to support geographical areas of Rotherham, and two Trustees are elected from communities of interest. Up to 3 Trustees are co-opted by the trustees. Due to geographical Ward changes across the borough during 2020, Trustees will represent alternative areas of the borough from May 2020 onwards - North, South, East and West Rotherham. This changes from the "Area Assembly" geographies that had been in place previously.

Objects

Objects of the Charity are:

(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Rotherham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(b) 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 conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the project.

Statement of Public Benefit and Main Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Rotherham Federation is providing its beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge and the capacity to improve their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Covid – 19

In February 2022, the lifting of Covid restrictions combined with the fall in infection rates was a catalyst for increased community group activities, as the numbers of tenants and residents getting involved in their communities grew and continued to grow significantly throughout the year.

It was great to see the activities and events that our Tara's and Community groups deliver, back in full swing and also to see so many new groups forming out of Covid, with many taking the next steps to become constituted entities which has been particularly pleasing. We would like to thank our delivery team for all the support and guidance they have given our TARA's and groups through what has been such a difficult period. This has been an extremely busy year for all involved and the results have been fantastic.

Queens Award for Voluntary Service

In June 2022 RotherFed were awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK and is equivalent to an MBE. The award aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities.

On the 27th of October the presentation ceremony took place at Springwell Gardens Community Centre. Over 80 of our volunteers and staff teams attended and the award was presented to our Chair Mary Jacques by HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, Professor Dame Hilary Chapman DBE. The event was a real celebration of the incredible work that volunteers have done over the last few years and especially throughout, and in the aftermath of, the Covid pandemic.

As an organisation we are so proud of our staff team and how they have applied themselves (particularly over the last couple of years) and how they help to foster the commitment and passion that we see in our volunteers. Our volunteers don't look for praise or awards, put others first, and just get on with making their communities better places to live. They go above and beyond and do so much more than we will ever know about. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Rotherham communities.

We would like to say a big thank you to Lynsey Skidmore (Acting Head of Housing and Estate Services at Rotherham Council) for nominating RotherFed for the award, and we hope that the unique partnership that is thriving in Rotherham including Tenants and Residents, Community Groups, RotherFed, and the Council, will continue to make a difference in future years.

Friendship Calls & The Better Mental Health Fund

Our team have recruited, trained, and mentored Befriending Volunteers to make contact/calls with some of the most lonely and isolated people across Rotherham. We are contacting residents through our internal network and take referrals through a range of sources/partner services.

The access to other support services with the befriending work as a catalyst, was also a crucial element to the success of this project. Advice and guidance relating to debt, home energy, employment support, training etc. are all examples of how we have supported the progression and development of our beneficiaries, all stemming from an initial welfare call from this project.

The Better Mental Health Fund project supported lonely and isolated tenants and residents, helping them meet up with volunteers and get more engaged with services and activities that are happening in the community. Support has targeted: families and parents/carers, people from all backgrounds or situations, beneficiaries accessing additional support services as required, links with the befriending network providers led by RotherFed including: Live Inclusive, Rotherham Ethnic Minorities Alliance, Rotherham Parent and Carers Forum, YAWR Services, Age UK Rotherham, Voluntary Action Rotherham.

This project reached 825 Rotherham residents, supporting people across the whole life course, people from all backgrounds and situations, provide support in family groups and to carers, support older people and people with disabilities, and getting that cut through into BAME communities as well. Existing links into our heavily deprived communities through all partners was also crucial in getting support to those who needed it the most. This access was only possible because of the range of providers we had in the partnership, so recognition and a big thank you to them.

Community capacity building

RotherFed has provided the communities of Rotherham with the support, guidance, and tools that they need to improve their local neighborhoods and the lives of the people living there. We have worked with individuals and community groups to develop their skills and so that they feel empowered to create their own solutions to local problems.

We have delivered a wide range of practical information and services to Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) and Community Led Organisations (CLOs) including community accountancy, legal, insurance, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services and stationery. As well as advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters and other materials, we have provided mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks for volunteers.

We have helped individuals start up and run community groups for the benefit of the local community. This support has included creating a start-up plan, identifying local needs, budgeting, training, advice and help on the practicalities of running a group. RotherFed has also provided practical resources such as access to computers and photocopying services.

Enabling Communities to Grow – Heart of the Community

In January 2022 we began the delivery of our new “Heart of the Community” project. This is a 3-year, community-led, place-based project funded by the National Lottery and delivered in 6 communities in Rotherham, Meadowbank, Masbrough, Canklow, Wharnccliffe, Dalton, and Thrybergh, engaging with and encouraging residents to work together to make their neighbourhoods somewhere to be proud of, and with our support communities will:

- increase the little acts of kindness that turn neighbourhoods into communities
- enable people to help each other recover from the pandemic
- restart local life after the pandemic
- help communities to become more connected, confident, and resilient

The first year has gone fantastically well. Our aim was to foster the spirit that was alive during Covid and support and encourage people to do more for each other and improve the places where they live for everyone. We have registered over 2000 little acts of kindness to over 3000 local people, 15 community events have taken place, 2 community led campaigns are underway involving 200 people, and 15 volunteer community leaders have been involved in year one.

Thurcroft Big Local

Thurcroft is a great example of how a community has come together to support those less fortunate, both during and in the aftermath of Covid. The Big Local Partnership have invested their funding wisely with the needs of the community running through and driving everything they do, whether that's grants for local groups, youth activities, environmental projects such as the local allotments, or the amazing large-scale events such as the summer gala and the fireworks night. Not forgetting the Platinum Jubilee that was so well attended.

As the project moves into what will probably be the final year, a key focus now will be legacy and sustainability. The group, with Rotherfed's support, will work hard over the next year to ensure that as many elements as possible for community support are in place before the grant term ends. Youth work, community events and usage of the Hub are emerging as what are most important to the people of Thurcroft going forward.

Rachel Cole has been there from the start, over 10 years, supporting and organising so much of what the partnership do, and as we are now moving onto the final year, we would like to say a big thank you to Rachel for all her hard work and enthusiasm that has helped make the project such a success. We know she will miss it when it comes to an end.

Cost of Living Crisis

Money Management

We have now completed 2 years delivery of our Lottery Fund partnership project with Citizens Advice Rotherham called Making Our Money Go Further. This is a community led money management support programme helping local people to form groups and gain knowledge and understanding on how to improve money management. Included within the project is one to one debt, benefit, and generalist advice for those who need additional help.

Throughout this project we have helped people reduce expenditure, increase income, and renegotiate outgoings. At the end of year 2 we have now supported over 1300 people at community sessions, 500 of which have received support from Citizens Advice. Those involved have passed on their knowledge to a further 650 people and 2800 who were previously unaware, now know where to go for help.

Our aim is to change the way communities think & talk about managing money, with community led solutions to the issues that matter most to local people. It's about supporting local people to make real change happen. Our team listen to what the community says, identify people's money-related worries and support, enable, and empower them to collectively develop practical solutions to help make ends meet.

Home Energy Support

Starting in June 2021, Energy Know How is a 2-year project funded through the Energy Redress Scheme, supporting Rotherham residents to reduce energy usage and utility costs in their homes. Our team of Energy Advisers deliver group and individual training, advice and support on energy awareness and efficiency through face-to-face sessions in community venues, and via email, zoom, phone calls to support people remotely.

Local people become Volunteer's and get involved to deliver energy-saving activities in their communities. In addition, the project also supports other local community service providers to be more energy aware.

Home Energy Support (continued)

Energy Know How advise and guide energy consumers who need support to reduce their fuel bills. Our focus is to:

- reduce physical health problems made worse by high fuel costs by enabling people to be warmer at home and releasing income for other household essentials.
- reduce the anxiety/stress/worry experienced by people who are struggling with high fuel bills.
- establish community-led groups to empower local people to reduce future energy consumption.

The demand for this support has been overwhelming given the cost-of-living crisis that has gripped our communities, and although the current project doesn't end until May 2023 we have already completed our targets with over 1500 households reached with in depth advice, over 700 receiving remote advice, and over 300 having home visits. Since June 2021 we have supported Rotherham residents to save an estimated £127,000.

Working in Partnership with RMBC

The partnership with RMBC continues to develop at real pace and we have worked closely through the last year to ensure we responded to the needs of our communities throughout the pandemic's challenges and changes.

In September the Tenants Open day took place at the New York Stadium. This was the first face to face open day since 2019 and it was great to see so many tenants and partners attend. The event was really well received by our tenants with some great feedback evident on the day. We were able to carry out the annual awards for staff excellence and the TARA and Group raffle, but also present the awards to the winners of the Garden Competition which was the first time this had been done at the open day.

The CEO of Tpas, Jenny Osbourne, was also at the event to present the council with the Exemplar Accreditation Award that was achieved earlier in the year, and recognised the "unique" offer and partner relationship that is in place in Rotherham to deliver excellent tenant involvement.

Neighbourhood Centres

We worked with RMBC to look at how we can grow the interest and usage of Neighbourhood Centres culminating in the recruitment of a full time Activities Co-Ordinator in November 2021. Their role was to organise and create a varied activities programme in Neighbourhood Centres across Rotherham, from group events to seasonal activities, all of which will support tenants and resident's needs. The Co-ordinator focused on developing social activities in Neighbourhood Centres, mentoring volunteers within groups to take on responsibility for arranging activities thus driving centre usage, supported existing groups to enhance/increase their activities, and through improved marketing and promotion raised awareness of centre activities and their benefits. This project ended in October 2022 however it has left a significant legacy with many centres now much more well used than before and many local people benefitting from making use of centre services and activities.

Tenants and Residents Events

RotherFed remained committed to the tenant and resident engagement events throughout the year that we started when restrictions began to ease, aiming to get people back together again and back into community life. Not only did these events give our tenants/residents an opportunity to come together and socialise, but enabled us to introduce additional support services that we and other organisations could offer, giving an added benefit to those coming along.

We have continued to deliver these informal engagement meetings and events throughout the year including Coffee Mornings, Buffet Lunches and Pizza Evenings. At these sessions we also generate internal referrals from one RotherFed project into another providing wrap around support to individuals. For example, someone receiving a friendship call getting support from our Energy Team, or vice versa.

Tenant Scrutiny:

Tenant scrutiny gives tenants the power to hold their landlord to account for their decisions, performance and conduct and involves empowered tenants working together to research issues and make recommendations for change based on the evidence they find. All these reports are available publicly for anyone who wishes to read them. Rotherham Council has responded positively to all previous reports including the two we have completed in 2022/23 - Customer Satisfaction for Repairs and Maintenance, and Communication with Tenants. We are now working on the next review which is "Void Properties", and we hope to have a report of recommendations ready for RMBC by the Spring of 2023. This review is closely linked with the RMBC Housing White Paper action plan and aims to support compliance.

New Federation Member Groups 2022/23

2022/23 has been an extremely progressive year for Community Led groups and TARA'S becoming Federation members. There have been 11 groups that have applied successfully since January 2022 and there are two more applications that are pending currently.

The "New" member groups are: S62, Catcliffe Cone, CEAD, Clifton Garden Society, Friends of Dalton East Herringthorpe and Thrybergh Green Spaces, Henley Residents Association, Krazy Krafters, Silverwood Colliery Heritage Group, Friends of Boston Castle Parklands and Moorgate Cemetery, Keppel & Scholes Heritage Group, Manvers Residents Association.

This is the most members we have ever seen join the Federation in a 12-month period, and we believe that this increase has been driven by the community spirit that was evident during the pandemic.

Grant making policy

A Grant making Policy for the Charity was agreed by Trustees in June 2016 and reviewed in May 2021. The trustees apply the funds of Rotherham Federation at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity. The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are small grants in the following areas:

- Reaching communities
- Stimulating community activity
- Encouraging community development
- Capacity building

In awarding grants, the trustees focus on supporting smaller community organisations in the Borough of Rotherham. Grants are publicly advertised and planned with a simple application process each with a named staff coordinator. The trustees carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary.

Financial Review

The principal funding of the charity has continued to diversify this year from mainly grant contract only, to charitable grants covering operational and core costs. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity and that the Charity have sufficient funds to cover all upcoming commitments.

Reserves policy

Rotherham Federation needs reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases
- To meet unexpected costs
- To replace equipment as it wears out.
- To give the company some independence from housing revenue account and provide services to our non-council house members
- To provide working capital when funding is still pending
- To cover any pension deficits of Pensions Trust

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to carry out activities to support its beneficiaries as outlined in the charity's strategic plan and continue to work hard to develop income streams that provide security and sustainability moving forward.

Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group 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 UK 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 charitable company will continue in business.

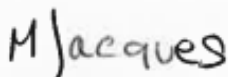
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Signed on behalf of the directors:

Signed



Name and position Mary Jaques, Chair/Director

Date: 13th March 2023

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st January 2023

I report on the accounts of the Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited for the year ended 31 January 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



D F Randles FCA
D & J Randles Chartered Accountants
203 Askern Road
Bentley
Doncaster
DN5 0JR

Date: 13th March 2023

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st January 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:	2	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations		55,960	0	582,974	638,934	546,896
Charitable activities		192,333	0	0	192,333	251,945
Investments		107	0	0	107	140
Other					0	0
Total		248,400	0	582,974	831,374	798,981
Expenditure on:	3					
Raising funds		1,714	0	5,275	6,990	5,491
Charitable activities		236,793	0	547,670	784,463	658,293
Other					0	0
Total		238,508	0	552,946	791,453	663,783
Net income/(expenditure)		9,892	0	30,029	39,921	135,198
Transfers between funds		1,581	0	-1,581	0	0
Net movement in funds after transfers		11,473	0	28,448	39,921	135,198
Total funds brought forward		86,702	220,810	209,631	517,143	381,945
Total funds carried forward		98,175	220,810	238,079	557,064	517,143

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	5	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	7,713	0	1,774	9,487	72,735
Cash at bank & in hand		91,982	220,810	239,758	552,550	462,637
		99,695	220,810	241,532	562,037	535,371
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts due within one year	6	-1,520	0	-3,452	-4,972	-8,228
Deferred income	6	0	0	0	0	-10,000
		-1,520	0	-3,452	-4,972	-18,228
Net current assets		98,175	220,810	238,079	557,064	517,143
Net assets		98,175	220,810	238,079	557,064	517,143
Funds of the company						
Unrestricted Funds	7				98,175	86,702
Designated Funds					220,810	220,810
Restricted Funds					238,079	209,631
Total funds					557,064	517,143

For the year 31st January 2023, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

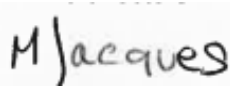
- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the Directors:

Signed 

Name and position Mary Jaques, Chair/Director

Date: 13th March 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. 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, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations					
Active through football	2,500	0	0	2,500	5,000
Awards for all - Friendship	0	0	9,850	9,850	0
Big Lottery - Big Local	0	0	87,784	87,784	58,500
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	0	0	95,997	95,997	47,660
Big Lottery - Making Our Money Go Further	0	0	177,218	177,218	155,001
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	0	0	0	0	88,792
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	0	0	20,240	20,240	0
Energy Savings Trust	0	0	132,182	132,182	35,944
Garfield Weston	20,000	0	0	20,000	20,000
Held As Custodian	0	0	4,955	4,955	-1,000
HMRC	5,000	0	0	5,000	4,000
RMBC - Gentle Exercise	150	0	0	150	0
RMBC - Better Mental Health	28,310	0	34,000	62,310	130,000
VAR - Anything is possible	0	0	15,000	15,000	0
Winter Warm Grant	0	0	5,750	5,750	0
Tudor Trust	0	0	0	0	3,000
	55,960	0	582,974	638,934	546,896
Charitable activities					
Contract income - Housing Revenue Account	160,000	0	0	160,000	160,000
Contract income - Big Local	4,620	0	0	4,620	2,925
Contract income - RMBC Friendship	17,500	0	0	17,500	0
Contract income - RMBC Neighbourhoods Fund	6,571	0	0	6,571	0
Contract income - DWP	941	0	0	941	0
Training	0	0	0	0	10
	189,632	0	0	189,632	162,935
Raising funds					
Fundraising	2,700	0	0	2,700	240
Investments					
Bank interest	107	0	0	107	140

3. Expenditure on

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Advertising and publicity	1,714	0	5,275	6,990	5,491
Charitable activities					
Direct costs					
Activity and project costs	2,081	0	63,544	65,625	29,778
Donations	0	0	0	0	0
Events and meetings	6,577	0	8,815	15,392	6,392
Examination of accounts	1,750	0	0	1,750	950
Grants	2,514	0	105,220	107,734	118,054
Interpreter	150	0	6,930	7,080	150
Photocopying Costs	363	0	90	453	135
Professional fees	1,026	0	1,500	2,526	3,297
Staff costs	171,123	0	194,632	365,755	140,296
Volunteer expense and training	323	0	1,554	1,877	2,472
Youth club	0	0	19,742	19,742	8,440
	185,908	0	402,027	587,935	309,965
Support costs					
Bank Charges	362	0	97	458	72
Equipment	1,143	0	6,768	7,911	2,965
ICT Support	402	0	2,362	2,764	2,203
Insurance	479	0	1,548	2,027	1,818
Membership & subscriptions	246	0	24	270	913
Photocopying	208	0	731	939	472
Postage, stationery & supplies	931	0	990	1,922	2,209
Professional Fees	3,682	0	21,522	25,204	24,241
Rent, rates, heat & light	279	0	6,950	7,229	282
Staff costs	37,919	0	88,668	126,587	297,218
Staff training and expenses	2,852	0	8,087	10,939	8,225
Telephones & broadband	2,164	0	6,157	8,321	7,229
	50,666	0	143,903	194,569	347,848
Governance					
Examination of accounts	0	0	1740	1,740	480
Meeting costs - Trustees	220	0	0	220	0
	220	0	1,740	1,960	480

4. Grants made during the year

Grants	Purpose	£	£
Activity grants	To provide financial support to small groups to carry out a community activity	10,505	6,432
Initial start-up grants	To provide financial support to newly formed groups	464	0
Grant to partners	To deliver a joint project with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance	22,800	0
Grant to partners	To deliver a joint project providing debt advice	73,965	73,965
		107,734	9,209

5. Fixed assets

There were no fixed assets during the period of these accounts.

6. Debtors and creditors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,713	71,299
Prepayments	1,774	1,436
	<u>9,487</u>	<u>72,735</u>
Creditors due in one year	-4,972	-8,228
Deferred income	0	-10,000
	<u>-4,972</u>	<u>-18,228</u>

*During the period of these accounts, deferred funding of £10,000 from the last financial year relating to Rotherham Deaf Futures Mental Health fund has been released.

7. Movement of funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards for all - Friendship	0	9,850	-1,917		7,933
Big Lottery - Big Local Plan	41,092	87,784	-88,187	-644	40,046
Big Lottery - Friendship project	17,688		-13,298		4,390
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	39,618	95,997	-93,066		42,549
Big Lottery - Making our money go further	89,392	177,218	-166,499		100,110
Deaf Futures - Better Mental Health Fund	0	20,240	-9,041		11,199
Energy Savings Trust	-31,149	132,182	-98,600	-937	1,495
Held as custodian	22,732	4,955	-160		27,527
RMBC - Better Mental Health	30,258	34,000	-64,258		0
VAR - Anything is possible	0	15,000	-15,000		0
Winter Warm Grant	0	5,750	-2,920		2,830
Designated funds					
Redundancy and closure costs	220,810	0	0	0	220,810
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	86,702	248,400	-238,508	1,581	98,175
Total funds	517,143	831,374	-791,454	0	557,064

Restricted Funds

- Awards for all – Friendship calls – to support isolated/lonely effected by the Pandemic
- Big Local (Local Trust)- to support delivery of resident led Plan in Thurcroft
- Big Lottery - Friendship project – to support isolated/lonely effected by the Pandemic
- Big Lottery - Heart of the Community - . to develop the skills and capacity of local people to support vulnerable neighbours and build community pride.
- Big Lottery - Making our money go further – to provide the tools people need to deal with the financial issues that are most important to them.
- Deaf Futures – these funds are to support Rotherham Deaf Futures with activities and awareness
- Energy Savings Trust – This funding has been awarded to delivery energy saving advice in the community.
- RMBC - Better Mental Health – to offering residents who accessed the council's Community Hub (RCH) physical and emotional help.
- VAR - Anything is possible – to deliver intergenerational community sessions to enhance the employability of younger people
- Winter Warm Grant – to provide winter wear and food supplies to individuals in need over the winter months.

8. Funds held as custodian

These funds are held on behalf of beneficiary organisations that do not have bank accounts or, require support from Rotherham Federation in respect of managing their finances. Transactions relating to these funds are recorded in Rotherham Federation's financial system and categorised as Restricted Funds.

Breakdown of Funds held as custodian	2023	2022
	£	£
Group without bank accounts	5,125	5,125
Big Local - Fundraising	22,402	17,607
	27,527	22,732

9. Designated funds

The designated funds are unrestricted in nature. These funds have been set aside by the Trustees in accordance with the Charity's Reserves Policy, which is, to have at least 3 months operating costs, staff redundancy costs and closure costs, and alternative accommodation costs.

10. Salaries

Salaries details	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	428,443	381,208
Social security costs	38,865	34,574
Pension	25,035	21,732
	492,342	437,514

No person received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff during the year was 15.5 FTE (2022:12 FTE).

11. Pensions

Retirement benefits are funded by contributions by the charity and its employees to defined contribution pension schemes, which are financially separate from the charity.

12. Net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging;

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	0	0
Accountancy fees	500	400
	500	400

13. Company Limited by Guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of a winding up, is limited to £1.

14. Directors Remuneration

No remuneration was received by any directors in the period of these accounts. Only expenses properly incurred were reimbursed. During the period of accounts, no expenses were reimbursed.

15. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period of the accounts.

16. Previous period comparison

Where available, the previous period's figures have been included for comparison purposes only.

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1158600

Accounts

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited

**Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st January 2022**

Charity number: 1158600
Registered England and Wales

Company number: 5913521
Company limited by guarantee

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited)
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for the year ended 31st January 2022

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Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Administrative details
for the year ended 31st January 2022

Charity registered number 1158600 (Registered on 17th September 2014)

Company registration number 5913521 (Registered on 22nd August 2006)

Trustees (Directors)	Mary Jacques	Chair	Appointed 25/03/2009
	Terry Adair	Secretary	Appointed 09/09/2013
	Kay Bacon	Treasurer	Appointed 13/03/2015
	Wendy Birch	Vice Chair	Appointed 26/04/2018
	Pat Broskam		Appointed 27/07/2020
	Emma Barrett		Appointed 03/03/2020
	Kim Addy		Appointed 31/03/2015
	Stella Parkin		Appointed 31/03/2015
	David Ramsden		Appointed 30/03/2016
	Ella Webster		Appointed 01/09/2019

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**Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Trustees (Directors) Annual Report
for the year ended 31st January 2022**

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2022.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Structure, governance and management

On the 17th September 2014, Rotherham Federation of Tenants and Residents Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered with The Charity Commission to form Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited, an incorporated charity.

The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under the Articles of Association. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were registered on 22nd August 2006, since amended on 21st October 2014.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute £1 each only. The Charity is run by the board of Trustees (Directors) with day to day management in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Trustees (Directors)

Up to 9 Trustees are elected by the Charity's membership, 8 Trustees are elected to support geographical areas of Rotherham, and two Trustees are elected from communities of interest. Up to 3 Trustees are co-opted by the trustees. Due to geographical Ward changes across the borough during 2020, Trustees will represent alternative areas of the borough from May 2020 onwards - North, South, East and West Rotherham. This changes from the "Area Assembly" geographies that had been in place previously.

Objects

Objects of the Charity are:

(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Rotherham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(b) 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 conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the project.

Statement of Public Benefit and Main Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Rotherham Federation is providing its beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge and the capacity to improve their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Covid – 19

RotherFed have continued to be part of the overall community support programme targeting those most in need in our communities, initially through the Rotherham Heroes campaign and Community Hub, but also through providing support to our network of TARA's and community groups. Our CEO has been involved in the multi-agency response and the Rotherham Tactical Group that work together to respond to community needs. As part of our involvement in the Rotherham Heroes campaign, we took a lead role in helping to shape and organise Friendship Calls to the most isolated and lonely people across the borough, culminating in the creation of a Befriending Providers Network that is Chaired by our CEO and meet monthly to improve outcomes for local people who are lonely and isolated.

Covid – 19 (continued)

Our team have been in touch with vulnerable people from the outset through contact with existing TARAs/Community Groups, referring individuals into the Rotherham Heroes campaign and advising/guiding groups through the pandemic. We have been supporting our community groups/TARAs in each neighborhood, talking to them and supporting their active response to the crisis, and capturing where any vulnerable people may be.

Our calls identified people who have been socially active when their groups were meeting but had found themselves alone and unconnected due to the lockdown/self-isolation. It was clear from this process that there are many residents in a range of circumstances who not only needed practical help but also someone actually taking the time to talk to them, listen to how they are being affected and offer a friendly and supportive voice.

Friendship Calls

RotherFed has recruited, trained and mentored volunteers to make contact/calls with the most lonely and isolated people in the borough, and have two Volunteer Co-ordinators who support our volunteer cohort.

We are contacting residents through our internal network, taking referrals through the Rotherham Hub and also on an ad hoc basis via incoming requests. Our focus is to:

- Counteract issues of loneliness and isolation.
- Use work phones and tablets, to protect personal details, to call people through an audio or video call.
- Give them a friendly face to see, voice to hear, help to relive boredom, keep in touch with what is happening.

These calls also give us the chance to support people who may not have been at risk at the start of the pandemic but have become vulnerable due to length of time in home isolation, bringing in additional services as required.

Regarding our Friendship Calls work with lonely and isolated tenants and residents, Since April 2020 we have now supported 465 Rotherham residents (211 are tenants) and 44 active volunteers are currently making calls to 160 residents involved at present.

The Better Mental Health Fund

RotherFed's work with the Befriending Providers Network continues to have good effect and has led to a funding opportunity for the Network. Rotherham were successful with a proposal to the Public Health England "Better Mental Health Fund", and through this, Public Health Rotherham are contracting with RotherFed to deliver a partnership Befriending project that supports lonely and isolated residents to take the next steps to improve mental health through social engagement, training, local activities and generally taking part more in community life. The project will run from September 2021 through to April 2022 and be delivered as a "pilot" scheme that if successful could lead to longer term funding. Partners involved include Live Inclusive, Rotherham Ethnic Minorities Alliance (REMA), Rotherham Parent and Carers Forum (RPCF), YAWR Services, Age UK Rotherham, Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR).

Community capacity building

Rotherham Federation has provided the people and communities of Rotherham with the support, guidance and tools that they need to improve their local communities and, therefore, the lives of the people living in those communities. Rotherham Federation has worked with individuals and community groups to develop the skills of the people living in Rotherham so that they feel empowered to create their own solutions to local problems.

In order to achieve this charitable purpose, Rotherham Federation has provided a wide range of practical information and services to Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) and Community Led Organisations (CLOs) including community accountancy, legal, insurance, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services and stationery Packs were given out to groups during the year. As well as advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters and other resources, we have provided mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks for community leaders. We have helped individuals start up and run community groups for the benefit of the local community. We have provided support, encouragement and practical help from start up as well as ongoing help once a community group has been established. This help can range from creating a business plan, identifying local needs, budgeting, training, advice and help on the practicalities of running a group, for instance grants to help meet costs. Rotherham Federation has also provided physical resources such as access to computers and photocopying services. We have also brought in help with bookkeeping and yearly examination of accounts through HSL Accountancy Ltd.

We have worked alongside these groups who through their membership of Rotherham Federation, shape and influence our development and the support we provide. Our skilled staff team and board together have extensive experience of helping communities work. We excel in working with and alongside local tenants and residents to build community strength, facilitating ways to learn and network with one another to improve the quality of life for all. Rotherham Federation's roots are in communities, and we are the only tenant and resident focused infrastructure body in the Borough. We are owned by our members, local TARAs and CLOs, who set our direction and values. In delivering our work, we empower, share and link members rather than build large central structures.

Enabling Community Voices

Our Reaching Communities project "More Voices and Choices" funded by Big Lottery for 3 years which started in January 2019, has focused on the 4 areas of Dinnington, East Dene, East Herringthorpe and Masbrough with Community Organisers working to give people a voice, build confidence and support them to take action/drive change in their own communities. The team has also supported formal and informal community groups to form and develop their capacity throughout the year. From environmental projects to improving social isolation, our team have been instrumental in helping groups and individuals to make a difference to their selves and their communities.

As we work with our groups and volunteer leads to ensure that they are well positioned given that our "More Voices and Choices" project is ending in December 2021, we will start to turn our attention to the new "Heart of the Community" project that begins in January 2022. Heart of the Community is a 3-year, community-led, place-based project delivered in 6 communities in Rotherham, encouraging residents to work on their own and together make their neighbourhoods somewhere to be proud of. Our work will develop the skills and capacity of local people to support vulnerable neighbours and build community pride. With our support, our target communities will:

- increase the little acts of kindness that turn neighbourhoods into communities
- enable people to help each other recover from the pandemic
- restart local life after the pandemic
- help communities to become more connected, confident, and resilient

Thurcroft Big Local

As many other projects, the pandemic had an impact on the community activities in Thurcroft, however as soon as was possible, the partnership and the people of Thurcroft got back into community life and have been a great example of how a community can support each other.

As the project moves into its last couple of years, a key focus now will be legacy and sustainability. The group, with Rotherfed's support, will work hard over the next two years to ensure that as many elements as possible for community support are in place before the grant term ends. Youth work, community events and usage of the Hub are emerging as what are most important to the people of Thurcroft going forward.

Money Management / Debt Support

In January 2021 we began the delivery of our Lotter Partnership project with Citizens Advice Rotherham – Making Our Money Go Further. This is a community led money management support programme focusing on some of the most deprived areas across the borough and helping local people to form groups and gain knowledge and understanding on how to make their money go further. Included within the project is one to one debt advice for those who need technical help. This project will continue for a three-year period.

We aim to change the way communities think & talk about managing money, with community led solutions to the issues that matter most to local people. It's about supporting local people to make real change happen. Our team will listen to what the community says, identify people's money-related worries and support, enable and empower them to collectively develop practical solutions to help make ends meet. We have no idea what solutions communities will propose to make their money go further but our role will be to help make whatever that is, happen.

Throughout this project we will help people reduce expenditure, increase income and renegotiate outgoings. Activities could include skills transfer, one to ones, group training, ways to cut energy consumption, utilities switching, simple home insulations, skills swaps, cost effective ideas to eat well, benefits checks, creating food bank outlets, referrals to support organisations (Food Banks, Credit Unions), charity grants, anti-loan shark campaigns, community food gardening and support to access statutory services e.g. job centres, colleges, RMBC. We will have to wait and see.

Energy Know How

Starting in June 2021, Energy Know How is a 2-year project starting in June 2021 supporting Rotherham residents to reduce energy usage and utility costs in their homes. Our team of Energy Advisers will deliver group and individual training, advice and support on energy awareness and efficiency through face-to-face sessions in community venues, and via email, zoom, phone calls to support people remotely.

There is no cost for this service and our aim is to improve knowledge and awareness of home energy efficiency and help people to switch providers, access energy saving measures and debt and benefit advice. Local people can become Volunteer's and get involved to deliver energy-saving activities in their communities. In addition, the project also supports other local community service providers to be more energy aware.

Energy Know How (continued)

Energy Know How will advise and guide energy consumers who need support to reduce their fuel bills. We aim to:

- reduce physical health problems made worse by high fuel costs by enabling people to be warmer at home and releasing income for other household essentials.
- reduce the anxiety/stress/worry experienced by people who are struggling with high fuel bills.
- deliver energy efficiency advice/support to reduce consumption and resulting fuel costs.
- establish community-led groups to empower local people to reduce future energy consumption.

Our project targets 10 areas across Rotherham however all Rotherham residents can access our support. The areas are: Masborough, Ferham, Swinton, Eastwood, Springwell, Maltby, Kilnhurst, Canklow, Rawmarsh, Dinnington.

This project is Funded through the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme' their website www.energyredress.org.uk
Working with RMBC

The partnership with RMBC continues to develop well and we have worked closely through the last year to ensure we responded to the needs of our communities throughout the pandemic's challenges and changes. An example of this is additional funding from RMBC to extend the Friendship Calls project into 2022. Also, this project was nominated for the Tpas Awards in the Richard Crossley Excellence in Community Action category, and we won. This was a great recognition for our staff and volunteers who have made such a difference to so many people over the last 2 years.

Neighbourhood Centres

We worked with RMBC to look at how we can grow the interest and usage of Neighbourhood Centres culminating in the recruitment of a full time Activities Co-Ordinator in November 2021. Their role will be to organise and create a varied activities programme in Neighbourhood Centres across Rotherham, from group events to seasonal activities, all of which will support tenants and resident's needs. The Co-ordinator will take responsibility for the overall development and delivery of social activities in Neighbourhood Centres, mentor volunteers within groups to take on responsibility for arranging activities thus driving centre usage, support existing groups to enhance/increase their activities, and through improved marketing and promotion raise awareness of centre activities and their benefits.

Tenants and Residents Events

In September we ran our first Rotherfed community and tenant engagement event in 18 months. The Coffee and Cake event at Springwell Gardens was a big success with many new tenants coming along as well as some of the Ward Councillors from across Rotherham. This was a really informal session however we had our team there who were able to promote all our services, some of which have come online in the last few months. It was great too to see in person some of our tenant reps and volunteers, some of which we had not met in person before due to the restrictions. We have now scheduled in more informal tenant engagement meetings and events including Coffee Mornings, Buffet Lunches and Pizza Evenings. We are promoting these events through our new "Tenant Voice Newsletter" that is now being distributed monthly, to existing Tenant Reps, those we have engaged with in the past 18 months, and those who are involved with our TARA's and Community Groups.

Tenant Scrutiny: Tenant scrutiny gives tenants the power to hold their landlord to account for their decisions, performance and conduct and involves empowered tenants working together to research issues and make recommendations for change based on the evidence they find. All these reports are available publicly for anyone who wishes to read them. Rotherham Council has responded positively to all previous reports including the two we have completed in 2021/22 - Aids and Adaptations, and Customer Satisfaction for Repairs and Maintenance.

Services to Community Led Organisations and TARA's

A wide range of practical advice and services are available including constitutional and group structure support, community accountancy, legal, insurance advice, various collective services, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services including advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters/leaflets, mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks. Support with bookkeeping and yearly examination of accounts is also provided. Training for Community Strength is delivered in committee, organisational, community development, diversity and practical skills and increasing tenant's knowledge in mentoring, housing issues and confidence building. We also deliver a range of group training sessions such as food hygiene, health and safety, equality and diversity and safeguarding as required.

Increasing Board Resilience

In addition to the events and meetings that our Trustees attend to keep them up to date with community and housing issues, Rotherham Federation has provided training and development to its Trustees throughout 2021. This has included mandatory Equality and Diversity training, finance/accounts awareness and mandatory Safeguarding training.

Grant making policy

A Grant making Policy for the Charity was agreed by Trustees in June 2016 and reviewed in May 2021. The trustees apply the funds of Rotherham Federation at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity. The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are small grants in the following areas:

- Reaching communities
- Stimulating community activity
- Encouraging community development
- Capacity building

In awarding grants, the trustees focus on supporting smaller community organisations in the Borough of Rotherham. Grants are publicly advertised and planned with a simple application process each with a named staff coordinator. The trustees carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary.

Financial Review

The principal funding of the charity has continued to diversify this year from mainly grant contract only, to charitable grants covering operational and core costs. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity and that the Charity have sufficient funds to cover all upcoming commitments.

Reserves policy

Rotherham Federation needs reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases
- To meet unexpected costs
- To replace equipment as it wears out.
- To give the company some independence from housing revenue account and provide services to our non-council house members
- To provide working capital when funding is still pending
- To cover any pension deficits of Pensions Trust

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to carry out activities to support its beneficiaries as outlined in the charity's strategic plan and continue to work hard to develop income streams that provide security and sustainability moving forward.

Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group 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 UK 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 charitable company 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 charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Signed on behalf of the directors:

Signed *M Jacques*

Name and position *MARY JACQUES CHAIR / DIRECTOR*

Date *4-4 2022*

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st January 2022

I report on the accounts of the Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited for the year ended 31 January 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 3-5-2022

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st January 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Income and endowments from:	2	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations		31,787	0	515,109	546,896	327,832
Charitable activities		251,945	0	0	251,945	162,935
Other trading activities		0	0	0	0	240
Investments		140	0	0	140	0
Other					0	0
Total		283,872	0	515,109	798,981	491,007
Expenditure on:	3					
Raising funds		435	0	5,056	5,491	1,404
Charitable activities		198,440	0	459,853	658,293	398,189
Other					0	0
Total		198,875	0	464,909	663,783	399,593
Net income/(expenditure)		84,997	0	50,201	135,198	91,414
Transfers between funds		-90,810	90,810		0	0
Net movement in funds after transfers		-5,813	90,810	50,201	135,198	91,414
Total funds brought forward		92,515	130,000	159,430	381,945	290,531
Total funds carried forward		86,702	220,810	209,631	517,143	381,945

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	5	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	61,778	0	10,957	72,735	9,412
Cash at bank & in hand		118,376	133,076	211,185	462,637	400,311
		180,154	133,076	222,142	535,371	409,722
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts due within one year	6	-5,718	0	-2,510	-8,228	-5,778
Deferred income	6		0	-10,000	-10,000	-22,000
		-5,718	0	-12,510	-18,228	-27,778
Net current assets		174,436	133,076	209,631	517,143	381,945
Net assets		174,436	133,076	209,631	517,143	381,945
Funds of the company						
Unrestricted Funds	7				86,702	92,668
Designated Funds					220,810	130,000
Restricted Funds					209,631	159,277
Total funds					517,143	381,945

For the year 31st January 2022, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the Directors: *M. Jacques*

Name and position: *MARY JACQUES CHAIR / DIRECTOR*

Date: *4.4.2022*

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. 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, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations					
Active through football	5,000			5,000	0
Big Lottery - Big Local			58,500	58,500	46,620
Big Lottery - Friendship project				0	66,200
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community			47,660	47,660	0
Big Lottery - Making our money go further			155,001	155,001	66,427
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities			88,792	88,792	92,798
Donations				0	750
Energy Savings Trust			35,944	35,944	0
Garfield Weston	20,000			20,000	0
Held As Custodian			-1,000	-1,000	0
HMRC	4,000			4,000	10,038
RMBC				0	10,000
RMBC - Better Mental Health			130,000	130,000	0
South Yorkshire Community Foundation				0	5,000
Tudor Trust	2,787		213	3,000	30,000
	31,787	0	515,109	546,896	327,832
Charitable activities					
Contract income - Housing Revenue Account	160,000	0	0	160,000	160,000
Contract income - Big Local	2,925	0	0	2,925	2,925
Contract income - RMBC Friendship	45,000	0	0	45,000	0
Contract income - RMBC Neighbourhoods Fund	33,000	0	0	33,000	0
Contract income -DWP	11,020	0	0	11,020	0
Training	0	0	0	0	10
	251,945	0	0	251,945	162,935
Raising funds					
Fundraising	0	0	0	0	240
Investments					
Bank interest	140	0	0	140	0

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st January 2022

3. Expenditure on

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Advertising and publicity	435	0	5,056	5,491	1,404
Charitable activities					
Direct costs					
Activity and project costs	1,948	0	27,830	29,778	33,521
Donations	0	0	0	0	1,000
Events and meetings	1,573	0	4,818	6,392	465
Examination of accounts	950	0	0	950	1,854
Grants	1,075	0	116,979	118,054	9,209
Interpreter	150	0	0	150	799
Photocopying Costs	50	0	85	135	0
Professional fees	2,047	0	1,250	3,297	0
Staff costs	54,232		86,065	140,296	174,823
Volunteer expense and training	122	0	2,350	2,472	1,875
Youth club	0	0	8,440	8,440	4,110
	62,147	0	247,818	309,965	227,657
Support costs					
Bank Charges	0	0	72	72	54
Equipment	834	0	2,131	2,965	6,775
ICT Support	278	0	1,925	2,203	3,787
Insurance	1,339	0	478	1,818	1,246
Membership & subscriptions	166	0	748	913	211
Photocopying	87	0	385	472	462
Postage, stationery & supplies	409	0	1,800	2,209	2,820
Professional Fees	6,388	0	17,853	24,241	16,583
Rent, rates, heat & light	282	0	0	282	9,080
Staff costs	121,482	0	175,736	297,218	119,318
Staff training and expenses	2,639	0	5,587	8,225	4,833
Telephones & broadband	1,910	0	5,319	7,229	4,486
	135,813	0	212,035	347,848	169,658
Governance					
Examination of accounts	480	0	0	480	250
Meeting costs - Trustees	0	0	0	0	625
	480	0	0	480	875

4. Grants made during the year

Grants	Purpose	2022	2021
		£	£
Activity grants	To provide financial support to small groups to carry out a community activity	6,432	9,043
Initial start-up grants	To provide financial support to newly formed groups	0	165
Grant to partners	To delivery a joint project providing debt advice	111,622	0
		118,054	9,209

5. **Fixed assets**

There were no fixed assets during the period of these accounts.

6. **Debtors and creditors**

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	71,299	8,312
Prepayments	1,436	1,100
	<u>72,735</u>	<u>9,411</u>
Creditors due in one year	-8,228	-5,778
Deferred income*	-10,000	-22,000
	<u>-18,228</u>	<u>-27,778</u>

*The deferred income refers to the Rotherham Deaf Futures Mental Health Grant Funding which has been received by the Charity in the year prior to the project starting in the new financial year.

During the period of these accounts, deferred funding of £22,000 from the last financial year has been released. £20,000 from Garfield Weston and £2,000 from Tudor Trust.

7. **Movement of funds**

	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery - Big Local Plan	39,422	58,500	-56,830	0	41,092
Big Lottery - Friendship project	32,601	0	-14,913	0	17,688
Big Lottery - Heart of the Community	0	47,660	-8,041	0	39,618
Big Lottery - Making our money go further	38,334	155,001	-103,943	0	89,392
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	1,019	88,792	-89,811	0	0
Deaf Futures	8,675	0	-3,694	-4,981	0
Energy Savings Trust	0	35,944	-67,093	0	-31,149
Held as custodian	18,607	-1,000	144	4,981	22,732
RMBC - Better Mental Health	0	130,000	-99,742	0	30,258
Tudor Trust	0	213	-213	0	0
Tudor Trust - Friendship	20,773	0	-20,773	0	0
Designated funds					
Redundancy and closure costs	130,000	0	0	90,810	220,810
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	92,515	283,872	-198,875	-90,810	86,702
Total funds	381,945	798,981	-663,783	0	517,143

Restricted Funds

- Big Local (Local Trust)- to support delivery of resident led Plan in Thurgroft
- MSO – supporting growth of a South Yorkshire network of community organiser
- SAH – enabling an experienced Community Organiser to recruit and train community leaders
- Tudor Trust - Community Organiser support for Eastwood Middle and Springwell Gardens.
- Voices and Choices – lottery project enabling community organiser support in our poorest communities
- More Voices and Choices - lottery project enabling community organiser support in our poorest communities
- Awards For All get connected project is to enable older people to get online
- Deaf Futures – these funds are to support Rotherham Deaf Futures with activities and awareness
- Energy Savings Trust – This funding has been awarded to delivery energy saving advice in the community. As at the date of these accounts there is a Deficit fund balance. The deficit is being financed by Unrestricted Funds of the Charity. These funds will be replaced as soon as the funder releases the quarterly payment Energy Savings Trust

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8. Funds held as custodian

These funds are held on behalf of beneficiary organisations that do not have bank accounts or, require support from Rotherham Federation in respect of managing their finances. Transactions relating to these funds are recorded in Rotherham Federation's financial system and categorised as Restricted Funds.

Breakdown of Funds held as custodian

	2022	2021
	£	£
Group without bank accounts	5,125	1,000
Big Local - Fundraising	17,607	17,607
	22,732	18,607

9. Designated funds

The designated funds are unrestricted in nature. These funds have been set aside by the Trustees in accordance with the Charity's Reserves Policy, which is, to have at least 3 months operating costs, staff redundancy costs and closure costs, and alternative accommodation costs.

10. Salaries

Salaries details

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	381,208	253,442
Social security costs	34,574	23,350
Pension	21,732	17,350
	437,514	294,142

No person received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year.
The average number of staff during the year was 12.

11. Pensions

Retirement benefits are funded by contributions by the charity and its employees to defined contribution pension schemes, which are financially separate from the charity.

12. Net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging;

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	0	0
Accountancy fees	400	400
	400	400

13. Company Limited by Guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of a winding up, is limited to £1.

14. Directors Remuneration

No remuneration was received by any directors in the period of these accounts. Only expenses properly incurred were reimbursed. During the period of accounts, no expenses were reimbursed.

15. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period of the accounts.

16. Previous period comparison

Where available, the previous period's figures have been included for comparison purposes only.

ROTHERHAM FEDERATION OF COMMUNITIES LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1158600

Accounts



Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited

Financial Statements for the
year ended 31st January 2021

Charity number: 1158600
Registered England and Wales

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Company limited by guarantee

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Charity registered number 1158600 (Registered on 17th September 2014)

Company registration number 5913521 (Registered on 22nd August 2006)

Trustees (Directors)	Mary Jacques	Chair	Appointed 25/03/2009
	Terry Adair	Secretary	Appointed 09/09/2013
	Kay Bacon	Treasurer	Appointed 13/03/2015
	Wendy Birch	Vice Chair	Appointed 26/04/2018
	Pat Broskam		Appointed 27/07/2020
	Emma Barrett		Appointed 03/03/2020
	Kim Addy		Appointed 31/03/2015
	Stella Parkin		Appointed 31/03/2015
	David Ramsden		Appointed 30/03/2016
Ella Webster		Appointed 01/09/2019	

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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st January 2021.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Structure, governance and management

On the 17th September 2014, Rotherham Federation of Tenants and Residents Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered with The Charity Commission to form Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited, an incorporated charity.

The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under the Articles of Association. The Memorandum and Articles of Association were registered on 22nd August 2006, since amended on 21st October 2014.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute £1 each only. The Charity is run by the board of Trustees (Directors) with day to day management in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Trustees (Directors)

Up to 9 Trustees are elected by the Charity's membership, 7 Trustees are elected to support geographical areas of Rotherham, and two Trustees are elected from communities of interest. Up to 3 Trustees are co-opted by the trustees. Due to geographical Ward changes across the borough during 2020, Trustees will represent alternative areas of the borough from May 2020 onwards - North, South, East and West Rotherham. This changes from the "Area Assembly" geographies that had been in place previously.

Objects

Objects of the Charity are:

(a) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Rotherham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(b) 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 conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the project.

Statement of Public Benefit and Main Activities

The Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Rotherham Federation is providing its beneficiaries with the skills, knowledge and the capacity to improve their lives and the lives of others in their communities.

Covid – 19

RotherFed have been part of the overall community support programme targeting those most in need in our communities, initially through the Rotherham Heroes campaign and Community Hub, but also through providing support to our network of TARA's and community groups. Our CEO has been involved in the multi-agency response and the Rotherham Tactical Group that work together to respond to community needs. As part of our involvement in the Rotherham Heroes campaign, we took a lead role in helping to shape and organise Friendship Calls to the most isolated and lonely people across the borough, culminating in the creation of a Befriending Providers Network that is Chaired by our CEO and meet monthly to improve outcomes for local people who are lonely and isolated.

Covid – 19

Our team have been in touch with vulnerable people from the outset through contact with existing TARAs/Community Groups, referring individuals into the Rotherham Heroes campaign and advising/guiding groups through the pandemic. We have been supporting our community groups/TARAs in each neighbourhood, talking to them and supporting their active response to the crisis, and capturing where any vulnerable people may be. Our calls identified people who have been socially active when their groups were meeting but had found themselves alone and unconnected due to the lockdown/self-isolation. It was clear from this process that there are many residents in a range of circumstances who not only needed practical help but also someone actually taking the time to talk to them, listen to how they are being affected and offer a friendly and supportive voice.

Friendship Calls

From mid-April RotherFed has dedicated an increased amount of staff time to making contact/calls with the most lonely and isolated people in the borough. We are contacting residents through our internal network, taking referrals through the Rotherham Hub and also on an ad hoc basis via incoming requests. Our focus is to:

- Counteract issues of loneliness and isolation.
- Use work phones and tablets, to protect personal details, to call people through an audio or video call.
- Give them a friendly face to see, voice to hear, help to relive boredom, keep in touch with what is happening.
- Each person will have a contact call at least once every week.

These calls also give us the chance to support people who may not have been at risk at the start of the process but have become vulnerable due to length of time in home isolation, bringing in additional services as required.

Covid-19 Health and Safety Training

We invited all our groups to 'Covid-19 Health and Safety' training which looks at how to put things in place to make rooms and buildings safe for a potential return. We also extended the invite to members of Rotherham Council and Parish councils in the borough.

We have supported RMBC colleagues by helping with Covid Safety stalls around the Rotherham borough to promote safety and offer advice to the community. We attended the Covid roadshow at Dinnington Tesco with Neighbourhood teams Steve Lavin, Claire Moseley, SYP reps, and Elected members Jeannette Mallinder & John Vjestica speaking to community about being covid safe. This was a real success and we had 500 members of the public speak to us, taking free masks and hand sanitiser.

Community capacity building

Rotherham Federation has provided the people and communities of Rotherham with the support, guidance and tools that they need to improve their local communities and, therefore, the lives of the people living in those communities. Rotherham Federation has worked with individuals and community groups to develop the skills of the people living in Rotherham so that they feel empowered to create their own solutions to local problems.

In order to achieve this charitable purpose, Rotherham Federation has provided a wide range of practical information and services to Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs) and Community Led Organisations (CLOs) including community accountancy, legal, insurance, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services and stationery. Packs were given out to groups during the year. As well as advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters and other resources, we have provided mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks for community leaders. We have helped individuals start up and run community groups for the benefit of the local community. We have provided support, encouragement and practical help from start up as well as ongoing help once a community group has been established. This help can range from creating a business plan, identifying local needs, budgeting, training, advice and help on the practicalities of running a group, for instance grants to help meet costs. Rotherham Federation has also provided physical resources such as access to computers and photocopying services. We have also brought in help with bookkeeping and yearly examination of accounts through HSL Accountancy Ltd.

We have worked alongside these groups who through their membership of Rotherham Federation, shape and influence our development and the support we provide. Our skilled staff team and board together have extensive experience of helping communities work. We excel in working with and alongside local tenants and residents to build community strength, facilitating ways to learn and network with one another to improve the quality of life for all. Rotherham Federation's roots are in communities and we are the only tenant and resident focused infrastructure body in the Borough. We are owned by our members, local TARAs and CLOs, who set our direction and values. In delivering our work, we empower, share and link members rather than build large central structures.

Community capacity building

In March 2019 Thurgroft Big Local Partnership approved the recruitment of an Employment Coach to provide local unemployed people with all aspects of support as they looked for work. Our Coach, Louise Johnson, has been based at various locations in Thurgroft since May 2019 and has provided support to over 50 people, 30 of which had progressed into employment by the end of the year. A fantastic example of how the project has supported the needs of local people. As the project moves into its last few years, a key focus now will be legacy and sustainability. The group, with Rotherfed's support, will work hard over the coming year to ensure that as many elements as possible for community support are in place before the grant term ends. Youth work, community events and usage of the Hub are emerging as what are most important to the people of Thurgroft going forward.

Enabling Community Voices

Throughout 2020 we have been able to deploy a team of 5 Community Organisers funded through grants from Big Lottery, Tudor Trust, CO Ltd and RMBC, to listen to, engage with and support the residents of Rotherham. Our Reaching Communities project "More Voices and Choices" funded by Big Lottery for 3 years which started in January 2019, has focused on the 4 areas of Dinnington, East Dene, East Herringthorpe and Masbrough with Community Organisers working to give people a voice, build confidence and support them to take action/drive change in their own communities. The team has also supported formal and informal community groups to form and develop their capacity throughout the year. From environmental projects to improving social isolation, our team have been instrumental in helping groups and individuals to make a difference to their selves and their communities.

Community Organising in Springwell Gardens

Our 2-year grant from Tudor Trust came to an end in August 2019, however we were successful with a one-year continuation of the project and will be able to continue our support until August 2020. In the third year, the role of our community organiser working on the project has focused more on training and support. Although we have continued to door knock and listen to local people, the key focus in year three has been more about training Springwell TARA and steering group to embed organising in their activities, ensuring the group is sustainable and community activity is ongoing for the long term in Springwell Gardens. This project is an example of how community tenacity can win through over a sustained period of time.

Thurgroft Big Local

Our proposals for the big local plan spend for the next 2 years have been submitted and now approved by the Local Trust. This includes funding to enable staff support from Rachel Cole from Rotherham Federation.

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Money Management / Debt Support

In late 2019 we submitted our proposal to the Lottery for a partnership project involving Rotherfed and Citizens Advice, to deliver a community led money management support programme. The bid was successful, and we can now support some of the most deprived areas across the borough to form groups and gain knowledge and understanding on how to make their money go further. Included within the project is one to one debt advice for those who need some technical help. We started delivery in January 2021, and this will continue for a three-year period.

Working with RMBC

HRA Funding: We went through an open tender process in Autumn 2019 for the Tenant Federation contract and RMBC have confirmed we were successful. Our new contract began on 1st April 2020. We have engaged with and got more tenants involved in housing services, supported TARA's to achieve their ambitions (including supporting their communities through the pandemic) and improve social isolation throughout the borough.

Tenant Scrutiny: Tenant scrutiny gives tenants the power to hold their landlord to account for their decisions, performance and conduct and involves empowered tenants working together to research issues and make recommendations for change based on the evidence they find. All these reports are available publicly for anyone who wishes to read them. Rotherham Council has responded positively to all previous reports including Young Tenants, Repairs and Maintenance and ASB, developing action plans to address issues raised and improve services for all tenants. In 2020 the scrutiny panel have completed the review of "Aids and Adaptations" on the home and are now in the process of presentations to the Senior Managers at RMBC.

New Federation Member Groups 2020

- East Herringthorpe Heritage Group
- Dinnington Boxing Group
- Good Companion
- SEND youth group

Services to Community Led Organisations and TARA's

A wide range of practical advice and services are available including constitutional and group structure support, community accountancy, legal, insurance advice, various collective services, help with funding bids, marketing and communication services including advice and practical resources to produce newsletters, posters/leaflets, mentoring and support for community leaders and organisations in relation to safeguarding including DBS checks. Support with bookkeeping and yearly examination of accounts is also provided. Training for Community Strength is delivered in committee, organisational, community development, diversity and practical skills and increasing tenant's knowledge in mentoring, housing issues and confidence building. We also deliver a range of group training sessions such as food hygiene, health and safety, equality and diversity and safeguarding as required.

IT Support

We have been working with tenants and residents who are wanting to get involved with online meetings/coffee mornings etc. Doing 'mock' meetings allows for the user to learn from experience and they get to "see" what they need to do. This method of learning has been very popular and people who have never used technology before and they are becoming more confident.

Sarah Fletcher has met with many of our existing tenants following COVID-19 governmental guidelines and she has helped them to join Tenant Scrutiny and Housing Involvement Panel meetings remotely.

Increasing Board Resilience

In addition to the events and meetings that our Trustees attend to keep them up to date with community and housing issues, Rotherham Federation has provided training and development to its Trustees throughout 2020. This has included mandatory Equality and Diversity training, finance/accounts awareness and mandatory Safeguarding training.

Grant making policy

A Grant making Policy for the Charity was agreed by Trustees in June 2016 and reviewed in May 2020. The trustees apply the funds of Rotherham Federation at their discretion and in accordance with the charitable purposes and objectives of the charity. The amount of work or number of projects that can be supported by the trustees is necessarily limited to the amount of funds that are available for distribution each year. The trustees have determined that the current priorities for funding are small grants in the following areas:

- Reaching communities
- Stimulating community activity
- Encouraging community development
- Capacity building

In awarding grants, the trustees focus on supporting smaller community organisations in the Borough of Rotherham. Grants are publicly advertised and planned with a simple application process each with a named staff coordinator. The trustees carry out sufficient due diligence on any potential beneficiary.

Financial Review

The principal funding of the charity has continued to diversify this year from mainly grant contract only, to charitable grants covering operational and core costs. The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the charity and that the Charity have sufficient funds to cover all upcoming commitments.

Reserves policy

Rotherham Federation needs reserves to:

- Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close. This includes redundancy pay, amounts due to creditors and commitments under leases
- To meet unexpected costs
- To replace equipment as it wears out.
- To give the company some independence from housing revenue account and provide services to our non-council house members
- To provide working capital when funding is still pending
- To cover any pension deficits of Pensions Trust

Plans for the future

The charity will continue to carry out activities to support its beneficiaries as outlined in the charity's business plan and continue to work hard to develop income streams that provide security and sustainability moving forward.

Statement of Directors and Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) 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).

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 charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

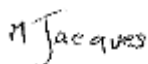
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and of the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Signed on behalf of the directors:

Signed: 

Name and position: Mary Jacques, Director

Date: 9th March 2021

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st January 2021

I report on the accounts of the Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited for the year ended 31 January 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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

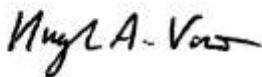
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records;
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Hugh Voice Chartered Accountant
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Date: 22nd March 2021

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st January 2021

		Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2021	2020
Income and endowments from:	2	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations		25,038	0	302,795	327,832	285,964
Charitable activities		162,935	0	0	162,935	162,807
Other trading activities		240	0	0	240	4,037
Investments		0	0	0	0	325
Other					0	0
Total		188,213	0	302,795	491,007	453,133
Expenditure on:	3					
Raising funds		400	0	1,004	1,404	3,909
Charitable activities		159,838	717	237,635	398,189	424,638
Other					0	0
Total		160,238	717	238,639	399,593	428,547
Net income/(expenditure)		27,975	-717	64,155	91,414	24,586
Transfers between funds		-28,672	28,717	-45	0	0
Net movement in funds after transfers		-696	28,000	64,110	91,414	24,586
Total funds brought forward		93,211	102,000	95,320	290,531	265,946
Total funds carried forward		92,515	130,000	159,430	381,945	290,531

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Rotherham Federation of Communities Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31st January 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	5	0	0	0	0	0
Current Assets						
Debtors	6	1,416	0	7,995	9,412	587
Cash at bank & in hand		97,029	130,000	173,282	400,311	328,581
		98,445	130,000	181,277	409,722	329,167
Liabilities						
Creditors - amounts due within one year	6	-5,778	0	0	-5,778	-1,066
Deferred income	6	0	0	-22,000	-22,000	-37,570
		-5,778	0	-22,000	-27,778	-38,636
Net current assets		92,668	130,000	159,277	381,945	290,531
Net assets		92,668	130,000	159,277	381,945	290,531
Funds of the company						
Unrestricted Funds	7				92,668	93,211
Designated Funds					130,000	102,000
Restricted Funds					159,277	95,320
Total funds					381,945	290,531

For the year 31st January 2021, the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

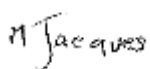
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed: 

Name and position: Mary Jacques, Director

Date: 9th March 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that 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.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.

The rates applicable are;

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| Computer equipment | - | 33% on cost |
| Office equipment | - | 20% on cost |

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. 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, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations					
Big Lottery - Awards For All				0	9,974
Big Lottery - Big Local			46,620	46,620	97,625
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities			92,798	92,798	0
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities 2019				0	88,008
Big Lottery - Friendship project			66,200	66,200	0
Big Lottery - Making our money go further			66,427	66,427	0
Deaf Futures				0	9,900
HMRC	10,038			10,038	3,000
Donations			750	750	3,130
Garfield Weston				0	20,000
Held As Custodian				0	6,626
RMBC	10,000			10,000	0
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	5,000			5,000	0
Small grants				0	200
Social Action Hub				0	17,500
Tudor Trust			30,000	30,000	30,000
	25,038	0	302,795	327,832	285,964
Charitable activities					
Contract income - Housing Revenue Account	160,000			160,000	160,000
Contract income - Big Local	2,925			2,925	2,663
Training	10			10	144
	162,935	0	0	162,935	162,807
Raising funds					
Fundraising	240			240	4,037
Investments					
Bank interest	0			0	325

3. Expenditure on

	General Fund	Designated Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Advertising and publicity	400	0	1,004	1,404	3,909
Charitable activities					
Direct costs					
Activity and project costs	2,602	0	30,920	33,521	26,778
Donations	0	0	1,000	1,000	317
Events and meetings	38	0	427	465	21,357
Examination of accounts	1,854	0	0	1,854	3,375
Grants	165	0	9,043	9,209	7,595
Group insurances	0	0	0	0	96
Interpreter	99	0	700	799	2,378
Photocopying Costs	0	0	0	0	153
Professional fees	0	0	0	0	853
Staff costs	60,493	0	114,330	174,823	192,537
Volunteer expense and training	243	0	1,632	1,875	5,499
Youth club	0	0	4,110	4,110	18,800
	65,495	0	162,162	227,657	279,737
Support costs					
Bank					
Charges	0	0	54	54	68
Equipment	3,926	0	2,848	6,775	3,044
ICT Support	972	0	2,815	3,787	2,164
Insurance	0	0	1,246	1,246	1,786
Membership & subscriptions	0	0	211	211	40
Photocopying	136	0	327	462	2,753
Postage, stationery & supplies	232	0	2,588	2,820	3,705
Professional Fees	11,457	0	5,126	16,583	19,180
Rent, rates, heat & light	5,873	0	3,207	9,080	4,540
Staff costs	68,587	717	50,015	119,318	91,064
Staff training and expenses	1,576	0	3,257	4,833	9,700
Telephones & broadband	1,251	0	3,236	4,486	4,233
	94,011	717	74,930	169,658	142,277
Governance					
Examination of accounts	250			250	250
Meeting costs - Trustees	81	0	544	625	2,373
	331	0	544	875	2,623

4. Grants made during the year

Grants	Purpose	£	£
Activity grants	To provide financial support to small groups to carry out a community activity	9,043	7,265
Initial start up grants	To provide financial support to newly formed groups	165	331
		9,209	7,595

5. Fixed assets

There were no fixed assets during the period of these accounts.

6. Debtors and creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,312	0
Prepayments	1,100	587
	<u>9,411</u>	<u>587</u>
Creditors due in one year	-5,778	-1,066
Deferred income	-22,000	-37,570
	<u>-27,778</u>	<u>-38,636</u>

7. Movement of funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery - Big Local Plan	44,871	46,620	-52,069	0	39,422
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	929	92,798	-92,708	0	1,019
Big Lottery - Friendship project	0	66,200	-33,599	0	32,601
Big Lottery - Making our money go further	0	66,427	-28,093	0	38,334
Big Lottery - Awards For All	5,072	0	-5,072	0	0
Deaf Futures	9,525	0	-850	0	8,675
Held as custodian	18,621	750	-718	-45	18,607
Social Action Hub	2,240	0	-2,240	0	0
Tudor Trust	14,062	0	-14,062	0	0
Tudor Trust - Friendship	0	30,000	-9,227	0	20,773
Designated funds					
Redundancy and closure costs	102,000	0	-717	28,717	130,000
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	93,211	188,213	-160,238	-28,672	92,515
Total funds	290,531	491,007	-399,593	0	381,945

Restricted Funds

- Big Local (Local Trust)- to support delivery of resident led Plan in Thurgroft
- MSO – supporting growth of a South Yorkshire network of community organiser
- SAH – enabling an experienced Community Organiser to recruit and train community leaders
- Tudor Trust - Community Organiser support for Eastwood Middle and Springwell Gardens.
- Voices and Choices – lottery project enabling community organiser support in our poorest communities
- More Voices and Choices - lottery project enabling community organiser support in our poorest communities
- Awards For All get connected project is to enable older people to get online
- Deaf Futures – these funds are to support Rotherham Deaf Futures with activities and awareness

8. Funds held as custodian

These funds are held on behalf of beneficiary organisations that do not have bank accounts or, require support from Rotherham Federation in respect of managing their finances. Transactions relating to these funds are recorded in Rotherham Federation's financial system and categorised as Restricted Funds.

Breakdown of Funds held as custodian	2021	2020
	£	£
Group without bank accounts	1,000	1,045
Big Local - Fundraising	17,607	17,576
	18,607	18,621

9. Designated funds

The designated funds are unrestricted in nature. These funds have been set aside by the Trustees in accordance with the Charity's Reserves Policy, which is, to have at least 3 months operating costs, staff redundancy costs and closure costs, and alternative accommodation costs.

10. Salaries

Salaries details	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries	253,442	239,932
Social security costs	23,350	22,688
Pension	17,350	13,981
	294,142	276,601

No person received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year.
The average number of staff during the year was 12.

11. Pensions

Retirement benefits are funded by contributions by the charity and its employees to a defined contribution pension schemes, which are financially separate from the charity.

12. Net incoming (outgoing) resources are stated after charging;

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	0	0
Accountancy fees	400	400
	400	400

13. Company Limited by Guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of a winding up, is limited to £1.

14. Directors Remuneration

No remuneration was received by any directors in the period of these accounts. Only expenses properly incurred were reimbursed. These expenses have been included under the Volunteer expenses category in Members activity and support costs (See note 3).

15. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period of the accounts.

16. Previous period comparison

Where available, the previous period's figures have been included for comparison purposes only.