



Social Link - a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered charity 1158743

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2021

turning disabilities into **abilities**

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

Constitution

Social Link was formed on 14th August 2014 and registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission on 1st October 2014. The purpose of the Charity is to provide support, practical advice and social and recreational facilities for adults with learning disabilities in Buckinghamshire. A revised constitution was approved at last years' virtual General Meeting in July 2020. A notable feature of this was the incorporation of proxy voting into the charity's constitution.

Our Vision

A world where people with learning disabilities are valued equally, listened to, empowered to contribute and included within our society.

Our Mission

To provide a safe, supported and stimulating environment for adults with learning disabilities to work and grow together and as individuals, thereby helping to build confidence and a sense of self-worth, develop independence and realise potential.

Our Core Values

Putting our beneficiaries first

Our service and its development is led by the needs, ambitions, passions, interests, hopes and dreams of our beneficiaries.

Embracing diversity and uniqueness

We celebrate diversity in all that we do.

Promoting independence and social interaction

Developing enduring life skills through social experience and community membership.

Looking after ourselves and each other

By acting together in a caring, compassionate, considerate, celebratory, tolerant and respectful manner.

Championing equality, inclusion and belonging

Ensuring integration and involvement in communities, by breaking down barriers which may cause isolation and exclusion.

Aspiring to be better

Together we will ensure we are an organisation that is responsive to the needs of our beneficiaries, that sets no limits on individual growth and potential, that is ambitious for both the charity and its beneficiaries and that strives for continuous improvement.

Board of Trustees 2020 - 2021

The Trustees are-

Linda Laurance (Chair)
James Boylan (Vice Chair)
Carole Harvey (Treasurer)
Glynis Wiseman
Janet Shuttlewood
Umair Manir (Joined the board 09/12/2020)

Services and Activities Provided

During a challenging year, the Social Link team has indefatigably and successfully managed to overcome the most insurmountable of obstacles to continue to support over 140 Buckinghamshire-based adults with learning disabilities in a range of innovative face-to-face and virtual ways. This has included:

- Daily to weekly phone support to suit individual needs
- Weekly activity packs
- Daily Zoom activity sessions
- Weekly challenges
- Walking milestones including 1:1 walking
- Walking groups *when allowed*
- Gardening
- Football training
- Delivery of IT equipment and stationery to members to ensure individuals were not excluded due to personal and family circumstances.

Indoor day project activities have now resumed following the implementation of appropriate health, safety and welfare measures, including operating in bubbles of eight members. The Social Link team has worked tirelessly to ensure that members have experienced innovative and creative social and learning opportunities throughout the pandemic and that all our members have been able to feel included throughout this challenging time through phone calls, the home delivery of activity packs, virtual interactive sessions on Zoom and the setting of weekly challenges.

The members' own fabulous newspaper, 'The Social Link Times', has been retitled for now 'The Social Link Lockdown Times'. This has provided a platform for members to submit poetry expressing their thoughts and feelings, stories of their personal lockdown experiences, photos illustrating the completion of challenges set, and the sharing of ideas for keeping busy during lockdown, including step-by-step picture recipes. A member Editorial Board was formed and met weekly via Zoom to ensure the regular publication of 'The Social Link Lockdown Times'. This was hugely successful, and feedback was that it was instrumental in the reduction of anxiety and loneliness.

During the pandemic there has been a significant focus on activities relating to health, fitness and healthy minds, including the creation of a 2600 mile walking challenge for the

whole organisation which was the equivalent of us walking to Lithuania and back. This enabled members, supported by their families and carers, to remain active during lockdown.

Evening and weekend Internet gaming sessions were provided, linking members who were at higher risk of facing isolation and enabling them to connect with each other for extra support. These have continued, without the need of being supported by staff.

New Outdoor Service

As restrictions eased after the first lockdown, we recognised the need for members to be together socially with their friends and peers. Virtual services alone were not enough to prevent their anxieties increasing and mental wellbeing from deteriorating. So, recognising that outside was the safest place to be (especially with those who don't necessarily understand social distancing), the idea of a brand new outdoor-only service was proposed. To achieve this, we collaborated with the Wycombe Arts Centre offering to develop their gardens and to provide creative opportunities of engagement in outdoor physical activities in a safe space for our members. This partnership also enabled us to provide a range of outdoor-based activities including art, music, dance alongside horticultural activities to ensure full engagement of all members whatever their talents.

We secured the support of a local building company, A Bone & Son, who kindly donated much-needed large quantities of top soil from another site for our home-made veg boxes, to even out uneven ground and to create a long-needed wheelchair ramp.

We also gained the support from an organisation called Rough Around The Edges, who ensured the gardens were wildlife-friendly and provided us with an opportunity to develop wildlife conservation gardening skills.

The produce that has been grown within this project is now being used in cooking sessions, allowing members to see the produce go from seed to plate, developing their knowledge and interest in food. The members were instrumental in deciding what to grow, sowing and nurturing the fruit, vegetables and herbs from seed, watering, harvesting and then finally cooking what they have grown. This journey together has enabled all of us to better respect, understand and appreciate the wonders of nature and the food that sustains us.

This new outdoor service has proven to be very successful and will be developed further in the year ahead. Feedback from members and their families has been extremely positive, and viewed by many as a lifeline during lockdown. We are very proud of how our imaginative response to the pandemic has strengthened relationships within the charity as well as beyond the charity and how we have added a greener dimension to our work.

Gardening Service

Building on the success of the current Day Project offer, we chose to invest some of our reserves prior to the pandemic into the introduction of a café and gardening service. Due to Covid restrictions, the café project has currently been put on hold. The Gardening Service

has, by contrast, gone from strength to strength. This service provides members with supported employment opportunities, introducing key work-based certificated transferable skills alongside integration into the local community.

During the last year, a core group of five gardeners and a horticulture-trained consultant have supported members of the community with small gardening projects including the tidying of a local community residents' woodland. The feedback from members and parents of those attending these new services has been very positive. With an emphasis on the acquisition of new skills this has increased confidence, resilience, and self-belief. Members have blossomed and developed a strong desire to be part of a working team and to feel useful. Feedback from clients booking the team's services has been equally as positive, with comments identifying the high standard of work and leading to new word of mouth bookings.

This wonderful new project has given us the added benefit of an extra stream of funding. All work, once checked on completion that it is to the standard required, has been carried out in exchange for a donation to the charity. We would like to thank Consultant Rob Thomas for taking the lead and for driving this valuable service forward.

We extend our thanks to all employees, consultants and volunteers involved in organising and providing such wonderful opportunities for the beneficiaries of the charity, particularly going above and beyond during the last year to ensure that the safety of all our vulnerable members and their families was paramount.

Partnerships

As a result of financial challenges caused by the pandemic, our partnership with White Stuff sadly came to an end. However, our close working relationship is continuing to mutual benefit. We would like to thank the team at the Beaconsfield White Stuff store for all their continuing support.

The charity continues to gain great benefit from the 9-seater vehicle provided to us by LCVR Ltd in Princes Risborough. The vehicle was upgraded in summer 2020 and continues to be used every day, enabling us to travel further afield and increasing the activities and opportunities on offer to our beneficiaries. A huge thank you again to everyone at LCVR Ltd.

Proud of Bucks Award

Wendy and the Social Link Team were nominated in the Proud of Bucks Awards in recognition for their efforts during lockdown. They were successful in gaining a Highly Commended Award in the Community Heroes category. Well done to all!

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when meeting the organisation's charitable objectives. The

charity has continued to provide valuable advice, support and social, recreational, and educational experiences for adults with learning disabilities and difficulties.

During the pandemic, the charity increased its levels of support to those who needed it, including 1:1 walking every day for those who were at greater risk of experiencing mental health difficulties. The charity received increased referrals as other services were not opening or were being selective in their acceptance criteria.

The activities of the charity are made available to all who meet the stated admission's criteria. The Trustees regularly review the circumstances of the charity's beneficiaries and Social Link provides financial assistance where this might be required to enable participation in its activities. Resources, including IT equipment, have also been made available to members where appropriate to ensure their inclusion in the charity's activities.

Impact of COVID

General Income

Although the charity has successfully managed to navigate its way through the pandemic ensuring the needs of the beneficiaries have been met, the pandemic has had an expected negative impact on our general running costs.

The need for higher ratios of staff to members, PPE, individual non-sharing activity resources, reduced service provision and income due to restrictions in place, increase in days of provision due to smaller bubbles have all resulted in extra premises and staffing costs. This has meant greater costs will continue into 2021-2022 until restrictions are completely eased. As a result, financial provisions have been made by the Board of Trustees.

Extra support from Buckinghamshire Council were gratefully received when they identified the need for day services to gain additional monetary support from the Infection Control Grants which they received from central government. We would like to thank them for this support which has enabled us to ensure that we continue to maintain Covid safety standards with appropriate PPE and infection control measures.

Fundraising

Due to restrictions in place during the pandemic we have sadly been unable to carry out our usual fundraising activities of previous years. We were, however, successful in gaining £1000 in fundraising from the 2600-mile walking challenge, and an additional bonus from the Give Back 2020 Campaign. We would like to thank all those members, families and team members who took part in our challenge or made a donation as part of the campaign.

We also had a further £3000 in fundraising from the following individuals, organisations and activities: Mr B Oliver and his fellow golfers, Lotto, Amazon smile, and Members Christmas cards. We would like to thank all those involved in all these fundraising events and for your ongoing support.

Ebay sales increased this year due to some wonderful donations of bric-a-brac from friends of Social Link and members of the community. Thank you to all those who donated goods and thank you to Bobby Faiers for her time and dedication in running this service.

Donations

Despite the challenging year faced, the charity received a wonderful total of £10,808 in donations, including tax repayments under Gift Aid. Major donations were gratefully received from White Stuff Beaconsfield, the Premier League, Amanda Hodgson, Jennifer Stevenson, Jan Genders, Bernie Till, Richard and Sandie Baldwin, Mrs Croucher and colleagues at County Financial, Kal Sharif at Universal Pharma and Deanfield Homes. Brian, Delia, Sarah, Matthew and Adam Biley, friends of Russell and Sarah Wiseman, generously donated £4000. We were overwhelmed to receive a further £900 in donations given in memory of Sarah Wiseman, a valued volunteer and member of Social Link who sadly passed away in March 2020.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who made donations which have supported the charity's activities during a very difficult time.

Grants

Due to the pandemic and rising costs, Social Link has been proactively and successfully seeking grants to support the development of new projects and assist with sustainability. We would like to thank the following organisations for their generosity:

- The Rothschild Foundation
- Heart of Bucks
- The National Lottery Community Fund

Future Plans

Despite the pandemic, Social Link continues to go from strength to strength and is relentless in seeking to ensure the best provision for our beneficiaries. The Board of Trustees and Management team recently held a strategy meeting to identify strategic priorities for the future as follows:

1. Gardening Project – To further develop this into a stand-alone profit generating business unit.
2. The provision of additional support for members struggling with anxiety as part of a Healthy Minds programme. We are currently exploring specialised qualifications in this area for specific members of the team to undertake and to cascade knowledge throughout the organisation to the rest of the team members.
3. To compliment Priority 2, the formation of a parent support group would build upon the relationships that have been formed with member families throughout lockdown. It would provide a source of information to families as well as an opportunity to share experiences in an informal setting. In addition, it could assist in growing the number of Social Link supporters and helpers.

4. A transitional service to ensure that young people leaving education are aware of Social Link and the options available to them. A focus to be placed on building a relationship with special schools in the county is central to this aim.
5. Supported employment opportunities – working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council to develop an employment support service to enable members and others to learn and develop employment-related skills to enable them to access and retain employment.
6. Respite provision – it has been recognised that there is a serious lack of respite provision in Buckinghamshire for adults with learning disabilities. Social Link receives high numbers of requests for weekend breaks. A need has been identified for regular small group person-centred breaks.
7. To create and sell a 'Social Link model' which could be applied in other geographical locations beyond Buckinghamshire.

Board Membership

The Board of Trustees is keen to appoint new trustees with legal, business and marketing / PR experience to diversify the charity's Trustee base and contribute to the sustainability of Social Link in the years ahead. It was agreed that the performance of the Board should be reviewed at least every three years, or sooner should the composition of the Board significantly change.

Operations

Future provision needs were highlighted, discussed and prioritised at the recent board meeting, although it is recognised that the prioritised list may change depending on opportunities arising, and on shifts in the external environment.

Voting Membership

Voting Membership of the charity is open to parents, carers and friends who would like to support our aims. Membership is available for a £25 annual subscription, which entitles the member to vote at the AGM and receive regular newsletters, and enables the charity to claim a 25% tax rebate under gift aid, where the subscriber is a UK taxpayer.

Financial Update and Risk Review

Due to the Covid pandemic the charity has had to face many challenges during the 13-month period to the 31st March 2021. Government regulations required the closure of our indoor services at the end of March. Conscious of the support our clients need, which in many cases increased as a result of the pandemic, we immediately created services online and then, when possible, increased services to include social distance walking and outdoor gardening. We have followed both best practice and regulations to ensure the safety of our clients, staff and consultants whilst still providing continuous services throughout the year.

Providing services under the new regulations, and always with safety of our team and clients in mind, does incur additional costs. To ensure the financial security of Social Link the Trustees met on a fortnightly basis to monitor and review the income, expenditure and cash position. We also applied for, and were awarded, several very welcome grants. As at the 31st March 2021 the charity has a deferred income position of £20,000 and total funds carried forward of £129,666. We are confident that we can continue to deliver all our expanded services and will continue to apply for grants to supplement our income and cover our costs.

As a charity which operates services for vulnerable adults, we are very conscious of the potential risks arising from our activities. We have established policies for the operation of our activities which are reviewed and monitored by the Trustees. The charity maintains a risk register which is regularly reviewed. Procedures are in place to protect the organisation from financial fraud.

Reserves Policy

The finances of the charity and the need for future funding are reflected in our Reserves Policy.

The charity has ongoing commitments to run its evening clubs and day sessions, which are a very valuable part of our clients' lives. The Trustees have decided that the reserves need to be sufficient to cover risks that may arise and should, as a minimum, be sufficient to cover the level of direct expenditure on these activities for a period of four months, that is £111,000 without additional external support. We will continue to apply for further grants to supplement these reserves.

The Trustees consider that the current reserves of £129,666 of Unrestricted Funds in the Financial Statements, are sufficient but the charity continues to need to raise funds each year to meet its future requirements. As the charity continues to expand, and over the coming year with the effects of Covid the Trustees will continue to review the reserves policy.

Organisation of the Charity

The Trustees take policy decisions on behalf of the charity at their regular Board meetings. The last year has seen the board increase their meetings to 4-weekly in order to support the CEO and her team with navigating their way through the pandemic. Day to day decisions continue to be delegated to our CEO who manages all aspects of the charity and who has benefited greatly from weekly discussions with the Chair during this difficult time. Our CEO also attends and provides advice at Board meetings.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the terms of the charity's constitution. When appointing new trustees, the charity looks for individuals who understand or are involved with adults with learning disabilities and difficulties, and who complement the skills of the existing Trustees. In the past candidates have been drawn from the circle of people who were known to the charity but more recently efforts have been made to widen the search through advertising, mindful of the importance of diversity and inclusion. Formal training is

provided to the Trustees on matters such as safeguarding, and the induction of new Trustees is carried out on a one-to-one basis.

Appreciation

Trustees

On 9 December 2020 Umair Manir was co-opted as a member of the Board of Trustees bringing with him a background in finance and corporate activity, and an understanding of the nature of charitable organisations through his experiences in volunteering. He has brought fresh insights to the work of the Board.

The Board

During the year under review the Board were more than ever mindful of the uncertain environment in which Social Link was operating and so endeavoured to be as supportive as possible of the CEO and the whole operational team. Informal conversations between the Chair and individual Trustees aimed to ensure that Board members also felt supported and that the Board functioned efficiently collectively despite the difficulties of zoom-only meetings. The commitment shown by all the Trustees is greatly appreciated.

Employees, Leaders, Support Workers, volunteers and supporters

The last year has been one of the most challenging years for the charity, facing difficulties that were beyond our control. Despite this, Social Link has demonstrated its resilience and ability to adapt to challenging circumstances, constantly putting the needs and safety of the beneficiaries first. The Trustees and CEO would like to acknowledge the versatility and creativeness that the staff and consultants have shown. We appreciate the continuous support provided by all colleagues and their ceaseless contributions to the development of the charity. Social Link is enriched by the diversity of talent, imagination, energy, compassion, resourcefulness, drive and determination of all those who contribute to the work of the charity.

The Trustees would also like to thank our donors and all the volunteers who have made the success of the last year possible. Also, thanks to those local businesses who have supported the charity during this very challenging year.

A final thanks from the Trustees goes to the management team of Wendy, Victoria and Karen for their passionate and diligent day-to-day leadership which ensures the high quality, highly regarded and highly performing service that is recognised across Buckinghamshire.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 16/06/21
by:



Linda Laurance – Chair of Trustees:
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Statement of Financial Activities for the 13-month period ended 31st March 2021, the comparison for 2020 is for the 12-month period to 29th February 2020

	2021	2020
	13 months	12 months
Income from:		
Donations (Note 2)	£10,818	£6,354
Charitable activities (Note 3)	£314,598	£288,919
Other trading activities (Note 4)	£5,415	£22,072
Income from Infection Control Fund and Furlough	£43,616	
Interest (Note 5)	£77	£463
Total income	£374,524	£317,809
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (Note 6)	£444	£7,085
Charitable activities (Note 7)	£333,002	£347,540
Total expenditure	£333,446	£354,625
Net income and movement in funds	£41,078	-36,816
Total funds brought forward	£88,777	138,690
Movement in designated funds	-£190	-13,098
Total funds carried forward	£129,665	£88,777

The notes of pages 15 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
Intangible fixed assets (Note 8)	£250	£250
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 9)	£166,373	£110,435
Prepayments	£1,265	£525
Debtors (Note 10)	£9,098	£13,703
	£176,736	£124,663
Current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	£47,321	£36,326
Net current assets	£129,415	£88,337
Net assets	£129,665	£88,777
Unrestricted income fund	£129,665	£88,777
Total funds	£129,665	£88,777

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows for the 13-month period ended 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
Net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income	£41,078	-£36,816
Decrease in debtors and prepayments	£3,866	-£2,383
Increase in liabilities	£10,994	£12,958
Capital expenditure	£0	£0
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Net cash provided by operating activities	£55,938	-£26,241
 Cash at the beginning of the year	 £110,435	 £136,676
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Cash at the end of the year	£166,373	£110,435

The notes on pages 15 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the 13 months ended 31st March

1. Statement of accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies have been consistently applied. The financial statements also comply with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the amount will be received. Donations under gift aid together with income tax recoverable are recognised when the donation is receivable.

c) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that activity.

The cost of small items of equipment is written off in the year it is incurred.

d) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligations can be measured with reasonable certainty.

2. Donations

Donations include subscriptions for membership of the charity plus gift aid rebates.

3. Charitable activities

	This year	Last year
Evening club revenues	£9,238	£13,667
Day sessions revenues	£305,360	£275,252
	£314,598	£288,919

4. Other trading activities

Our fund raising activities have been impacted by the pandemic.

5. Interest

This comprises income from the charity's bank deposit accounts.

6. Expenditure on raising funds

This represents direct expenditure on fund raising events which have been limited due to the pandemic

7. Charitable expenditure

	This year			Last year		
	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Total
Evening Clubs	£11,145	£5,672	£16,817	£9,979	£4,258	£14,237
Day Sessions	£209,842	£106,788	£316,630	£233,623	£99,680	£333,303
Total	£220,987	£112,460	£333,447	£243,602	£103,938	£347,540

Support costs, which are mainly the employment and related costs of the charity's employees, are allocated in proportion to the direct costs of the evening clubs and the day sessions respectively.

8. Intangible assets at cost

The trademark "Social Link" is held at cost on the balance sheet

	This year	Last year
At the beginning of the year	£250	£250
Additions	£0	£0
Disposals	£0	£0
At the end of the year	£250	£250

9. Cash at bank and in hand

This comprises bank current and deposit accounts plus petty cash. These are all liquid funds available for immediate use by the charity.

10. Debtors

Debtors comprise outstanding invoices in respect of day session beneficiaries and donations receivable.

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

These provisions represent liabilities for services provided but not yet invoiced and accrued costs, all of which have been settled since the year end.

	This year	Last year
Trade creditors and accruals	£15,808	£23,256
Consultants	£7,621	£9,222
HMRC	£3,088	£2,893
Pensions	£804	£765
Deferred income	£20,000	£190
	£47,321	£36,326

	Last year	Increase in deferred income	Decrease in deferred income	This year
Deferred Income				
Grants from Heart of Bucks and Rothschild		£20,000	£0	£20,000
Infection Control Fund from Bucks Council		£31,898	-£31,898	£0
Furlough Grant		£11,718	-£11,718	£0
	£0	£63,616	-£43,616	£20,000

12. Trustees and Governance costs

No remuneration was paid to Trustees neither did they receive re-imbursement of out of pocket expenses but they were reimbursed for purchases made from time to time on behalf of the charity. There were no Governance costs.

13. Staff costs and volunteers

13.1 Staff Costs

	13 months this year	12 months last year
Salaries and wages	£149,253	£128,951
Social security costs	£9,484	£8,462
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	£5,809	£4,844
Other employee benefits	£0	£0
Total staff costs	£164,546	£142,258

There are no staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

(includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity.

13 months this year	12 months last year
£51,217	£47,253

13.2 Average head count in the
Parts of the charity in which the employees
work

Fundraising
 Charitable Activities
 Governance
 Total

13 months this year	12 months last year
Number	Number
4	4
2	2
6	6

13.3 There were no ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees).

13.4 There were no redundancy payments.

13.5 The charity relies on the generous contribution of time from unpaid volunteers in carrying out its activities. Volunteers provide substantial support to the beneficiaries at the evening clubs, day sessions and trips away. The value of this contribution, which is difficult to measure, is not included as income.

14. Taxation

Social Link is registered as a charity with both the Charity Commission and HM Revenue & Customs and is thus exempt from corporation tax on its income which is applied for charitable purposes.

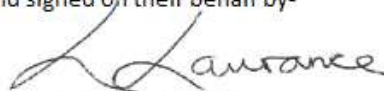
15. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

Approved by the Trustees on 16/06/21 and signed on their behalf by-

Linda Laurance – Chair

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Social Link

**On accounts for the year
ended**

13 months to 31/03/2021

Charity no.:

1158743

Company no.:

Set out on pages

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the 13 months ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of
report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

**Independent examiner's
statement**

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section

396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

Signed:  **Date:** 10/6/21

Name: Veronica Mary Simpson

Relevant professional qualification Fellow of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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