

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

England & Wales · Charity number 1159719

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-12-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE MENTAL, SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DISTRESS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RESIDENT IN WILTSHIRE SUFFERING FROM BEREAVEMENT.

Activities: We provide support to children, young people and their families living in Wiltshire affected by bereavement.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WILTSHIRE
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£97,026	£113,931	-	-
2023-12-31	£141,964	£90,487	-	-
2022-12-31	£68,688	£83,523	-	-
2021-12-31	£73,829	£82,256	-	-
2020-12-31	£88,483	£58,557	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Claire Louise Penny	Chair	2026-03-11
Faye Auty		2017-01-11
Helen Joy Pepler		2015-01-26
Jean Ash		2025-03-12
Lucas Gleed		2024-09-11
Rosie Harris		2024-02-21
Simon Chaplin		2025-07-23
Stephen Adams		2025-07-30

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Accounts



Grief support for
children & young people
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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2024

Wiltshire Treehouse

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Members of:



Trustees Report 2024...



The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Wiltshire Treehouse, a vibrant, inviting, and supportive charity! What a year we have had, **supporting 391 Children and young people**: our direct beneficiaries. Plus **764 parents, carers and siblings**. In addition, through our work **with 509 professionals** we have challenged the taboo around death and dying and built bereavement stronger communities, **therefore improving the potential bereavement experience for an amazing 94,179 children** across Swindon and Wiltshire! This significant achievement has been made possible with just three full-time equivalent staff, and we are immensely grateful to our dedicated volunteers for their invaluable contributions.

Our year started with a high as we were honoured to receive the Wiltshire Life Awards: Charity of the Year! This prestigious recognition is an amazing achievement for our small charity and serves as a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, volunteers, and supporters. Winning this award highlights the significant impact we have made in the community in supporting children, young people, and families through bereavement. It also reinforces our commitment to continuing our vital work and inspires us to further our mission of providing quality support to those in need throughout Swindon and Wiltshire.

We also embarked on the celebration of our 10th anniversary with the launch of our inaugural Community Bereavement Awards. This event marks a significant milestone in our journey and serves as a platform to recognise and honour the outstanding contributions of individuals, organisations, and volunteers who have made a meaningful impact in the field of bereavement support within our community. The Community Bereavement Awards not only celebrate our decade of service but also highlight the collaborative efforts that have helped us provide support to those experiencing loss. As we reflect on the past ten years, we are filled with gratitude for the partnerships and community that we have built.

Our participation in World Suicide Prevention Day holds significant importance for our charity, as we have received 108 referrals related to bereavement from deaths by suicide. This involvement underscores our commitment to raising awareness about suicide prevention and supporting those affected by such losses. By engaging in this global initiative, we aim to foster a greater understanding of the impact of suicide on families and communities, while also advocating for mental health support and resources. Our efforts are dedicated to providing compassionate care and guidance to those navigating the complex emotions associated with bereavement by suicide.

However, none of our work would be possible without the support of our community. Wiltshire Treehouse are incredibly grateful for the remarkable support we have received from numerous local businesses, including Zurich, Openworks, Nationwide, Mann Truck, Slimming World, and many others. Their generous contributions have been instrumental in advancing our work. These partnerships have not only provided financial assistance and voluntary hours but have also fostered a collaborative spirit that enhances our ability to deliver impactful programs and services. The involvement of these businesses underscores the importance of community engagement and collective efforts in addressing the challenges of bereavement, and we are thankful for their commitment to making a positive difference alongside us.

Amanda McConaghy, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amanda McConaghy', written over a horizontal line.

Our Mission...

At Wiltshire Treehouse, we believe every child and young person should have access to support during their grieving process. We enable those in our local communities to improve the coping strategies, skills and confidence needed to better manage daily life.

History...

In 2001 Swindon hospital were providing support for siblings of children being cared for at the Children's unit. By 2003 there was an increased demand, and the Rainbow Club was launched. With further increase in need our founders, guided by Child Bereavement UK (CBUK), started exploring ways of providing group support. Wiltshire Treehouse was born in 2014, assisting bereaved children, young people, and families within Swindon.

The Need for Wiltshire Treehouse...

In the UK alone, there are an estimated 46,300 children (aged 0-17)

bereaved of a parent each year.

127 children are bereaved of a parent every day.

1 in 29 children will have experienced the death of a parent or sibling before age 16,

that's one per school class.

92% of children will lose someone important to them.

Statistics provided by Childhood Bereavement Network 2022

In line with these statistics, Wiltshire Treehouse continues to see a demand for services, with an average of 32 children referred to us monthly. With an even spread of referrals from across Swindon and Wiltshire.

For the children and young people supported by Wiltshire Treehouse, all are subject to increased life challenges because of their bereavement. Research highlights that bereaved children can experience significantly worse mental health concerns compared to their peers, a high proportion experience poor health, reduced educational attainment and social outcomes if not provided with appropriate and timely support. A quote from a parent sums up the struggle bereavement can bring, but also the hope that support from Wiltshire Treehouse offers.

"She experiences times of feeling sick and not wanting to go to school, she is unable to say why she feels sick or if she is upset to say why. For her to know this is normal and to gain tools on how to manage this going forward, will help with her anxiety". NEST parent.

Statement of Public Benefit...

When planning the activities for the period the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and other matters. The charity operates in and around Swindon but as funds become available the charity will extend this to the wider community. The Charity provides bereavement support for children and young people.

Our Children & Young People Said:

"I learned my feelings are valid & I'm not alone, other kids are also going through this".

"I liked how everyone was so supportive and understanding, it's all so relatable."

"I'm taking away lots of coping skills and I now know my triggers, which is really good to help me".

"You made us all feel welcome and it's helped me cope with my feelings better."

"I feel more confident, able to talk to my family about Dad now, I don't worry about things anymore".

"I found a lot more ways to express myself & feelings".

"Everyone was so nice & really listened to me, meeting others really helps"

Parents/Carers Said:

"Fantastic to be able to celebrate the memory in a fun & safe environment. The energy & care in the room is so beautifully infectious. Thank you"

"She has really benefited from talking about Mum in a safe environment. She no longer thinks Mum is in hell & has a positive connection with Mum's memory."

"Their confidence & ability to speak in a group has grown & they find it easier to talk about Dad."

"I learnt there were gaps in my Children's knowledge about their special person. The groups helped us to start conversations, which my children couldn't do before".

Our Aims:

Improved Emotional Literacy:

Understanding grief & the feelings, thoughts & behaviours that result.

Lasting Connection:

The ability to openly talk about the loss & those who died.

Increased Resilience:

Learning coping strategies helping manage a life with grief, throughout the transition to adulthood & beyond.

We've Supported

391

Children & Young People

764

Parents/Carers & Siblings

509

Professionals

Helping our message reach

94,179

children & young people.

WILTSHIRE
TREE
HOUSE
2024

We did it all with **1,150** volunteer hours & 3 full time equivalent staff.

Our seasonal events provide children with the opportunity to remember their people who have died, as well as the chance to feel connected with other grieving children.



"We like to attend the seasonal events that Wiltshire Treehouse has to offer, and the children have made some beautiful memorial pieces for their Daddy and baby sister that they keep in their bedrooms. The volunteers always take the time to make sure every child is spoken to and supported at these events, and I know my children always come away with such positive memories of the day."

- quote from mum of 2 children



Can you find all the hidden spooky clues and claim your prize?

Wiltshire Treehouse HALLOWEEN HUNT Sponsored by EureMove

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024
2PM - 4PM

£3.50 per child Online

Town Gardens, Quarry Road, Swindon, SN1 4EN

To avoid disappointment, book your ticket in advance at www.wiltshiretreehouse.org.uk/halloween
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Our community fundraising events helped increase awareness and vital funds to support our work.

Easter Egg Trail 2024

Free Easter Egg for every child
 Choose alternative prizes available also

Saturday 30th March
10am-2pm

Online tickets: £1.50
 Tickets purchased on the day: £4.00

Town Gardens, Swindon
<https://witheastertrail2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Brief support for children & young people in Swindon & Wiltshire

Charity of the Year 2024!



We even held our own awards ceremony, launching our 10th Anniversary



This year we delivered our first ever Wiltshire based NEST. The programme provides much needed support in the Wiltshire area.

Rachel and the team delivered 3 NESTs and supported 18 vulnerable young people.



We worked with local author Kate Claxton, assisting to write her new community story book, 'The Winter Wish Tree'.

THANK YOU

To everyone who donated!

Our new Coffee morning campaign launch helped to raise £1055!

Thank you to all our amazing hosts, bakers and donors! We couldn't do it without you.



The Winter Wish Tree Story Trail



A brand-new community story written by *Kate Claxton*.

With the help of children from Swindon Young Carers, Wiltshire Treehouse and We're Open Families.



Our very own Sica, climbed 3 peaks! Raising over £1500.

Our Services...

Wiltshire Treehouse staff and volunteers are committed to providing robust high-quality programmes and services to best support the vulnerable children, young people, and families we serve. Using a holistic group work approach, we aim for 3 key outcomes for all beneficiaries:

- I. Improved Emotional Literacy: Understanding grief and the feelings, thoughts and the behaviours that result.
- II. The ability to openly talk about the loss and those who died: Increasing the ability to maintain a healthy 'enduring connection' and engage in meaningful interactions relating to the deceased – including every day and therapeutic conversation.
- III. Improved resilience: Learning coping strategies to help manage a life with grief, now and throughout the transition to adulthood.

To ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and young people we support, the charity works on a self-referral system. Once a referral is received, we make contact to gain further insights to the needs of the child(ren) and family. Sometimes this is all families need to feel empowered to support themselves, but if more assistance is

required, we will complete an assessment. Here we meet with the family in person (or online) to further understand the needs of the child, introduce a key member of staff to the child/young person and ensure we are the right service to continue their journey of support. The following programs of bereavement support are offered:

You guys are amazing and do an incredible job helping children at the worst time for them, so you guys make a big difference to their grief process.
Parent from Family Group

Family Group: Our children and family programmes benefit those 6 to 11 years of age, focusing on our key outcomes for all. We help children and their families to manage the challenges following bereavement. Developed by Child Bereavement UK, this quality assured service has successfully improved lives of children and their families for 25 years.

NEST: Co-created with local young people with lived experience of childhood bereavement, these groups support young people aged 11+ coping with the death of a loved one. Run by skilled and experienced staff and volunteers, groups focus on helping to remember the person(s) who has died, identifying complex feelings, and exploring a range of techniques and strategies to help manage these feelings and situations that may cause difficulties.

A Day to remember: A condensed program, designed by Child Bereavement UK, that covers the key elements of our Family Group program. We support families in an intensive day of self-development and learning, focusing on the key outcomes for beneficiaries.

The activities and being with other children his age really helped. The staff were all so supportive and understanding.
Thank you!
Parent from Day to Remember

94% of parents felt better able to start conversations with their child about the person who had died.

100% of young people who completed the NEST programme said it helped them to express their feelings and to cope better.

Since coming to NEST I know I am not alone, there are others like me & I have the skills to cope. I can talk about Dad without getting upset, although it's okay when I do.

Young Person, 14

Professional Training: In addition to supporting direct beneficiaries, we know that a child-centred approach is key, therefore, we are working to improve the awareness of those working with children and young people.

100% of attendees found training was very or extremely relevant to their role.

I thoroughly enjoyed the training day. Trainers were knowledgeable and encouraged sharing of practice and thoughts in a compassionate manner and really built-up participants confidence in their existing practice and reassured them of ways to move forward.

Providing training, we aim to improve the understanding of childhood bereavement, enabling better support throughout the child's existing network assisting them throughout their grief. At any one time over 70% of schools in the UK are supporting a bereaved child, we believe that all professionals working with children and young people would benefit from an improved understanding of childhood bereavement.



The Journey ahead...

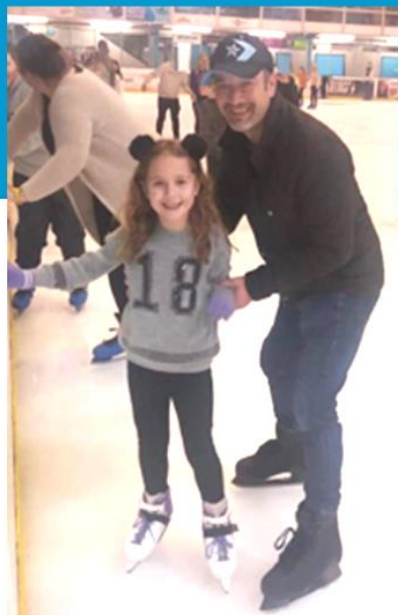
Each year the team at Wiltshire Treehouse take time to reflect on our achievements, to acknowledge challenges and to review our vision for the future. In 2024 we welcomed additional volunteers, trustees and a member of the business team. This added capacity means that going forward we can increase the spaces available on our programmes and run additional workshops. We acknowledge that the fundraising climate continues to provide a challenging time, with many grants reducing their offer or closing their applications windows early due to over subscription. Therefore, we will continue to build our local fund-raising partnerships whilst maintaining applications to relevant grants. To best utilise these funds, we will assess how we can expand our services even further using volunteers. Aiming to drive our efficiency further yet maintaining our level of quality and commitment to those children, young people and families that we serve. 2025 marks our 10th year in operation and we hope that the charity can continue for many years to come. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our supporters, beneficiaries, volunteers and all the amazing people who have helped us to achieve so much.

Kath Brownlee, Service Director and Sarah Bear, Business Director

Gracie & Alison's Story ...

We sadly lost Eliot, Gracie's dad, suddenly to his 2nd heart attack at the age of 51... **My grief was devastating to deal with as an adult, but it was I think, the hardest thing as a parent telling Gracie** only 8 years old that the doctors could not save her daddy! I remember us both crying for hours hugging each other.

I wanted to offer the best support to Gracie and was lucky to have found Wiltshire Treehouse & get placed on the Family Programme when Gracie was about 9 years old.



Gracie says: "I had a close & happy Father-Daughter relationship. But now I'm always with Mum, Dad's not around to speak to or go on days out with.

Before coming to Wiltshire Treehouse I didn't have any coping skills & I didn't recognise the different feelings I was having.

My message to others like me is to trust the people at Wiltshire Treehouse!"

One day Gracie asked me **"Did Dad know that I loved him?"** At that point I felt we needed the help & reassurance of Wiltshire Treehouse again, so I reached out, as Gracie had become very quiet. This time Gracie joined their NEST group, as she was now 13 years old. **Each time the course was age-appropriate, allowing Gracie to know that she's not on her own** - so many people lose people they love! Since her most recent course with them **Gracie has seemed more open & is laughing again!**

For me I want to say thankyou to all the staff & volunteers that work at Wiltshire Treehouse offering this service. The work that you all do has helped to reiterate to Gracie that she is a strong, resilient young lady who has the skills & strength to carry on with life!



Images courtesy of family. Top: Gracie & Dad skating. Left: Theatre with Mum & Dad. Bottom: Mum, Dad & Baby Gracie

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Reference & Administrative details:

Charity Number: 1159719

Principle Office: George & Ann Tweed Rooms, Westlea Primary School, Langstone Way, Westlea Swindon, SN5 7BT

The following Trustees served within the year ending 31.12.2024:

F. Auty

A. Day (Resigned 22nd February 2024)

A McConaghy (Elected chair November 2023)

H. Pepler

R. Harris

L.Gleed (Appointed 10th September 2024)

Accountants:

Case Accounting Ltd. 20 Goodwood Way, Cepen Park South, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 0SY

Achievement and Performance...

Financial Review:

In 2024, total income was £97,026 (2023: £141,964). Expenditure increased to £113,931 (2023: £90,839). As expected, our most significant expenses were staff (£98,932) service delivery (£4,140) resources and equipment (£314), and general expenses including insurance (£10,545).

The unrestricted deficit of £18,610 has decreased the General Fund to £89,820 (2023: £108,430), which is a sufficient level to provide financial stability for the charity.

Reserves policy:

Wiltshire Treehouse holds reserves to ensure a continuing service to clients. Our aim is to retain a minimum reserve of four month's operational costs; allowing the Charity to close should it be necessary, without adversely affecting the service to families in receipt of support and meet liabilities to creditors, staff notice and redundancy costs. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually to take account of any change in circumstances.

Fundraising Report:

Donors to Wiltshire Treehouse can be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising. Whilst not registered with the Fundraising Regulator; due to our small size and income, we are committed to the Fundraising Promise and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016.

During 2024 our charitable bereavement services received £97,026; made up of 33% from Grants and Foundations, 35% donated by corporate partners, 11% from fundraising efforts running events and household waste recycling schemes, 14% independent/private donations and gifts, 3% from investments and 4% from trade of childhood bereavement training. We received less than 1% (£263.50) from the Swindon Community Lottery.

For every £1 spent on fundraising we raised £3.87. With a 37% success rate on applications to Trusts & Foundations.

Where businesses or individuals fundraise on our behalf, we work to ensure that the correct safeguards are in place. To do this we require confirmation of compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice. To further aid this process, we have also developed a fundraising brochure to help all groups and individuals wishing to fundraise on our behalf. As per best practice, our complaints policy is available upon request or can be located on our website. Wiltshire Treehouse operates a "complaints friendly"

environment and greatly regrets if we do not meet the expectations or needs of beneficiaries and supporters, we always welcome and respect feedback.

Structure, Governance and Management...

Governing document:

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charity Incorporated Organisation, registered in December 2014.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 08/05/2025 and signed on its behalf by:



A. McConaghy - Chair of Trustees.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wiltshire Treehouse

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wiltshire Treehouse for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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Wiltshire Treehouse Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	26,551	63,012	89,563	136,915
Other trading activities	4	6,179	-	6,179	5,049
Investments	5	1,284	-	1,284	-
Total		34,014	63,012	97,026	141,964
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	25,043	-	25,043	17,093
Charitable activities	7	18,104	61,307	79,411	64,276
Other	8	9,477	-	9,477	9,470
Total		52,624	61,307	113,931	90,839
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income	9	(18,610)	1,705	(16,905)	51,125
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)		(18,610)	1,705	(16,905)	51,125
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		(18,610)	1,705	(16,905)	51,125
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		108,430	20,561	128,991	77,866
Total funds carried forward		89,820	22,266	112,086	128,991

at 31 December 2024

Charity No. 1159719		2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	500	1,452
		<u>500</u>	<u>1,452</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		112,252	128,169
		<u>112,252</u>	<u>128,169</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12	(666)	(630)
Net current assets		111,586	127,539
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>112,086</u>	<u>128,991</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		112,086	128,991
Total net assets		<u>112,086</u>	<u>128,991</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	13		
Restricted income funds		22,266	20,561
		<u>22,266</u>	<u>20,561</u>
Unrestricted funds	13		
General funds		78,290	96,430
Designated funds		11,530	12,000
		<u>89,820</u>	<u>108,430</u>
Total funds		<u>112,086</u>	<u>128,991</u>

Approved by the trustees on 14th May 2025

And signed on their behalf by:



A. McConaghy.
Chair of Trustees.

Date: 14th May 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures & equipment	25% Straight line
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Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised as 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	30,867	106,048	136,915
Other trading activities	5,049	-	5,049
Total	<u>35,916</u>	<u>106,048</u>	<u>141,964</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	17,093	17,093
Charitable activities	-	64,276	64,276
Other	352	9,118	9,470
Total	<u>352</u>	<u>90,487</u>	<u>90,839</u>
Net income	<u>35,564</u>	<u>15,561</u>	<u>51,125</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	35,564	15,561	51,125
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	<u>35,564</u>	<u>15,561</u>	<u>51,125</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	<u>108,430</u>	<u>20,561</u>	<u>128,991</u>
Total funds carried forward			

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations & gift aid	5,594	-	5,594	1,277
Grants	6,194	63,012	69,206	130,965
Partner income	14,763	-	14,763	4,673
	<u>26,551</u>	<u>63,012</u>	<u>89,563</u>	<u>136,915</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising events	4,615	4,615	2,406
Professional training	1,564	1,564	2,643
	<u>6,179</u>	<u>6,179</u>	<u>5,049</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Interest receivable	1,284	1,284	-
	<u>1,284</u>	<u>1,284</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Fundraising costs	25,043	25,043	17,093
	<u>25,043</u>	<u>25,043</u>	<u>17,093</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Bereavement support	17,438	61,307	78,745	63,646
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examination	666	-	666	630
	<u>18,104</u>	<u>61,307</u>	<u>79,411</u>	<u>64,276</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	952	952	952
General administrative costs	7,895	7,895	8,074
Legal and professional costs	630	630	444
	<u>9,477</u>	<u>9,477</u>	<u>9,470</u>

9 Net (expenditure)/income before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	952	952

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Bereavement	4	4
Fundraising	2	1

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost at 1 January 2024	<u>3,807</u>	<u>3,807</u>
Cost at 31 December 2024	<u><u>3,807</u></u>	<u><u>3,807</u></u>
Depreciation at 1 January 2024	2,355	2,355
Depreciation charge	952	952
Deprecation at 31 December 2024	<u><u>3,307</u></u>	<u><u>3,307</u></u>
At 31 December 2024	<u><u>500</u></u>	<u><u>500</u></u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>1,452</u></u>	<u><u>1,452</u></u>

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>666</u>	<u>630</u>
	<u><u>666</u></u>	<u><u>630</u></u>

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2024	Income	Resources expended	Gross transfers	At 31 December 2024
		£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted income funds:					
Wiltshire Community Foundation	1,000	5,000	(6,000)	-	-
Openwork Foundation	3,423	-	(3,423)	-	-
Nick Jones Foundation	16,138	-	-	-	16,138
Groundwork	-	375	(375)	-	-
National Lottery	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Wiltshire Moon & Stars	-	5,478	-	-	5,478
NFU Mutual	-	6,509	(6,509)	-	-
Henry Smith Foundation	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Stratton St Margaret PC	-	650	-	-	650
Total	20,561	63,012	(61,307)	-	22,266
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	96,430	34,014	(52,624)	470	78,290
Designated funds:					
Operational provision	12,000	-	-	(470)	11,530
Total	12,000	-	-	(470)	11,530
Total funds	128,991	97,026	(113,931)	-	112,086

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Wiltshire Community Foundation To help fund new bereavement support groups in Wiltshire over the next two years.

Openwork Foundation To cover rent and a project worker

Nick Jones Foundation To use for delivery of bereavement support to children and young people

Groundwork To use for delivery of bereavement support to children and young people

National Lottery To cover core operational costs

Wiltshire Moon & Stars Bereavement support to families within Swindon & Wiltshire

NFU Mutual Bereavement delivery

Henry Smith Foundation To cover core operational costs

Stratton St Margaret PC Training delivery

Designated funds:

Operational provision An operational cost provision for premises rent, project workers and wellbeing of employees and volunteers

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159719

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Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2023

Wiltshire Treehouse

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Trustees Report 2023...



The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Wiltshire Treehouse, a vibrant, inviting, and supportive charity! What a year we have had, **supporting 307 children and young people**: our direct beneficiaries. Plus **760 parents and carers**, and over 723 professionals working with children and young people! Through this work, **our small charity has improved the potential bereavement experience for an amazing 67, 412**

children and young people within Swindon and Wiltshire! A colossal impact with only 2.1 full time equivalent staff, and something that we will be forever thankful to our many amazing volunteers for helping us achieve.

After some challenging financial times within 2022, I am pleased to say that 2023 has really seen the charity thrive, with a good financial position that has enabled the team to reflect and review our delivery and behind the scenes activities. Following our blue-sky thinking day; facilitated by Cranfield Trust, we are robust in our strategy and ready for the year ahead with a healthy organisation. We give thanks again to The Openwork Partnership, Henry Smith, Nationwide Community Grants Scheme, The National Lottery – Reaching Communities fund, Masonic Charities Foundation and Wiltshire Community Foundation. But also, to the Kingsdown Crematorium and St James' Place. In addition, we thank the Nick Jonas Foundation, who sadly closed their organisation, but their legacy lives on with a donation of £16,138 that will continue to help support bereaved children and young people within the work that we continue to do.

Our year has been one of hard work and dedication, and I express my gratitude and thanks to everyone on the team that has worked so hard to make this year possible. Reviewing the feedback from our beneficiaries and reading their stories highlights the positive impact we are making. The team and I look forward to all that 2024 can bring to our charity, and to the positive difference we can continue to make to those children and young people bereaved within our county.

Sadie Panter, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sadie Panter'.

Our Mission...

At Wiltshire Treehouse, we believe every child and young person should have access to support during their grieving process. We enable those in our local communities to improve the coping strategies, skills and confidence needed to better manage daily life.

History...

In 2001 Swindon hospital were providing support for siblings of children being cared for at the Children's unit. By 2003 there was an increased demand, and the Rainbow Club was launched. With further increase in need our founders, guided by Child Bereavement UK (CBUK), started exploring ways of providing group support. Wiltshire Treehouse was born in 2014, assisting bereaved children, young people, and families within Swindon.

The Need for Wiltshire Treehouse...

In the UK alone, there are an estimated 46,300 children (aged 0-17) bereaved of a parent each year.

127 children bereaved of a parent every day.

1 in 29 children will have experienced the death of a parent or sibling before age 16, that's one per school class.

92% of children will lose someone important to them.

Statistics provided by Childhood Bereavement Network 2024

In line with these statistics, Wiltshire Treehouse continues to see a demand for services, with an average of 25 children referred to us monthly. Most recently we have seen an increase in requests for support from Wiltshire families outside of Borough where access to bereavement support for children is limited.

For the children and young people supported by Wiltshire Treehouse, all are subject to increased life challenges because of their bereavement. Research highlights that bereaved children can experience significantly worse mental health concerns compared to their peers, a high proportion experience poor health, reduced educational attainment and social outcomes if not provided with appropriate and timely support. A quote from a parent sums up the struggle bereavement can bring, but also the hope that support from Wiltshire Treehouse offers.

"She experiences times of feeling sick and not wanting to partake in activities, she is unable to say why she feels sick or if she is upset to say why. For her to know this is normal and to gain tools on how to manage this going forward, will hopefully help with her anxiety". NEST parent.

Statement of Public Benefit...

When planning the activities for the period the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and other matters. The charity operates in and around Swindon but as funds become available the charity will extend this to the wider community. The Charity provides bereavement support for children and young people.

Our Children & Young People Said:

"NEST is the highlight of my week. The adults are really nice and the food is good".

"I've been able to cope a lot better & be happier because I got a lot off my chest."

"I know how to control my feelings. I can open up better about my special person".

"My behaviour towards family & school has got better & being able to cope."

"I liked being able to talk about my special person to people who have lost theirs".

"My parents listen to me more & we talk more now".

"I liked making things to remember Daddy it helped me understand how he died."

Parents/Carers Said:

"She is like a different child after doing NEST. Her grief was playing a part in her not wanting to attend school and now she is attending everyday! Even school have noticed a huge difference."

"R now sleeps in her own bed & there has been no more violence towards me."

"You listened to me without judgement & helped my children to become more emotionally stable."

"My son & I are much closer since the group. He now openly talks to me about his mum & we haven't had any behavioural problems since the group, unlike before."

Our Aims:

Improved Emotional Literacy:

Understanding grief & the feelings, thoughts & behaviours that result.

Lasting Connection:

The ability to openly talk about the loss & those who died.

Increased Resilience:

Learning coping strategies helping manage a life with grief, now & throughout the transition to adulthood.

We've Supported

307

Children & Young People

760

Parents/Carers & Siblings

273

Professionals

Helping our message reach

67,412

children & young people.

WILTSHIRE
TREE
HOUSE
2023

We did it all with **732** volunteer hours & 2.1 full time equivalent staff

Our Services...

Wiltshire Treehouse staff and volunteers are committed to providing robust high-quality programmes and services to best support the vulnerable children, young people, and families we serve. Using a holistic group work approach, we aim for 3 key outcomes for all beneficiaries:

- I. Improved Emotional Literacy: Understanding grief and the feelings, thoughts and the behaviours that result.
- II. The ability to openly talk about the loss and those who died: Increasing the ability to maintain a healthy 'enduring connection' and engage in meaningful interactions relating to the deceased – including every day and therapeutic conversation.
- III. Improved resilience: Learning coping strategies to help manage a life with grief, now and throughout the transition to adulthood.

To ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and young people we support, the charity works on a self-referral system. Once a referral is received, we make contact to gain further insights to the needs of the child(ren) and family. Sometimes this is all families need to feel empowered to support themselves, but if more assistance is required, we will complete an assessment. Here we meet with the family in person (or online) to further understand the needs of the child, introduce a key member of staff to the child/young person and ensure we are the right service to continue their journey of support. The following programs of bereavement support are offered:



Family Group: Our children and family programmes benefit those 6 to 11 years of age, focusing on our key outcomes for all. We help children and their families to manage the challenges following bereavement. Developed by Child Bereavement UK, this quality assured service has successfully improved lives of children and their families for 25 years.

NEST: Developed by our volunteers who have personal experience of bereavement at a young age, these groups support young people aged 11+ coping with the death of

a loved one. Run by skilled and experienced staff and volunteers, groups focus on helping to remember the person(s) who has died, identifying complex feelings, and exploring a range of techniques and strategies to help manage these feelings and situations that may cause difficulties.

A Day to remember: A condensed program, designed by Child Bereavement UK, that covers the key elements of our Family Group program. We support families in an intensive day of self-development and learning, focusing on the key outcomes for beneficiaries.

Professional Training: In addition to supporting direct beneficiaries, we know that a child-centred approach is key, therefore, we are working to improve the awareness of those working with children and young people. Providing training, we aim to improve the understanding of childhood bereavement, enabling better support throughout the child's existing network assisting them throughout their grief. At any one time over 70% of schools in the UK are supporting a bereaved child, we believe that all professionals working with children and young people would benefit from an improved understanding of childhood bereavement.



Our Ongoing Response to the Pandemic...

Wiltshire Treehouse responded swiftly and innovatively to the Covid-19 pandemic. Within weeks we had realigned our resources with the needs of grieving families. We learnt from our new models and have improved our services because of the experience, making best use of online meetings and communications.

Whilst all face-to-face programs are now re-established, we are mindful of the potential disruption that covid related sickness can have on the charity. As a precautionary measure we have reviewed our contingency policy and remain ever dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the whole team and beneficiaries we support.



The Journey ahead...

During 2023 we said bon voyage to our amazing team member Jeannie, who retires with a view of travelling the world. We cannot thank Jeannie enough for her commitment to children and young people throughout her career and for her dedication to bereavement support through her work with ourselves and Cruse. We are excited to hear all about her travels on her return and welcome her with open arms as a dedicated Volunteer.

In November we welcomed the wonderful Sica Wheeler to the position of Senior Practitioner. Sica joined the charity with a wealth of knowledge and lots of experience working with children and young people. Hitting

the ground running, Sica has already proven herself a valuable member of the team and we know that she will be pivotal in the support of so many children and young people.

As part of our 2023 charitable review, Trustees, staff and Volunteers held a blue-sky thinking day, allowing the charity to pause, check-in on achievements and the direction of travel for the future. The opportunity to refresh our strategy and target our resources has helped us further develop our Wiltshire delivery, starting with a pilot NEST programme in Trowbridge. The Charity aims to continue this progression with the development of additional Wiltshire based posts, pending successful funding.



As we move further into the year, we will also begin

to release information about our 10th anniversary, a year of celebrations across Swindon & Wiltshire. We hope that the charity can continue for many years to come and would very much like to take the opportunity to thank our supporters, beneficiaries, volunteers and all the amazing people who have helped achieve such a remarkable organisation, making a positive difference to our community.



Reference & Administrative details:

Charity Number: 1159719

Principle Office: George & Ann Tweed Rooms, Westlea Primary School, Langstone Way, Westlea Swindon, SN5 7BT

The following Trustees served within the year ending 31.12.2022:

F. Auty	
S. Cook	(Resigned 30 September 2023)
A. Day	(Appointed 19 April 2023, resigned 22 February 2024)
A. Delvecchio	(Resigned 31 January 2023)
A McConaghy	(Appointed 19 April 2023)
S. Panter	
H. Pepler	
S. Ward	(Resigned 19 April 2023)

Accountants:

Case Accounting Ltd. 20 Goodwood Way, Cepen Park South, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 0SY

Achievement and Performance...

Financial Review:

In 2023, total income was £141,964 (2022: £68,688). Expenditure increased to £90,487 (2022: £83,523). As expected, our most significant expenses were staff (£76,526) service delivery (£3,118) resources and equipment (£354), and general expenses including insurance (£5,089).

The unrestricted surplus of £35,564 has increased the General Fund to £108,430 (2022: £72,866), which is a sufficient level to provide financial stability for the charity.

Treasurers Statement:

2023 was a transformational year as regards our income. Fundraising was not only very successful in 2022, yielding benefits for 2023, but in the latter part of the year we also secured profitable relationships with corporate partners (including Nationwide and Openwork) and were entrusted with the remaining funds from the Nick Jones Foundation. We received a generous donation from the Kingsdown Crematorium and grants from The Henry Smith Charity, Wiltshire Community Foundation, St James's Place, and the Masonic Charitable Fund. Our talented and dedicated staff are to be congratulated!

It is hugely exciting to move forward with financial security as we expand our vital services further into Wiltshire.

We have designated £25,000 for 2024, including costs associated with a new fundraiser, our accommodation, and staff for further Wiltshire expansion. With the increase of expenditure during 2023 and plans for the year ahead, we have reflected this within our reserves, raising them to £50,000.

In early 2024 we look to finalise the set-up of a savings account for our reserves, which will ensure a small amount of growth for these funds.

Reserves policy:

Wiltshire Treehouse holds reserves to ensure a continuing service to clients. Our aim is to retain a minimum reserve of four month's operational costs; allowing the Charity to close should it be necessary, without adversely affecting the service to families in receipt of support and meet liabilities to creditors, staff notice and redundancy costs. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually to take account of any change in circumstances.

Fundraising Report:

Donors to Wiltshire Treehouse can be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising. Whilst not registered with the Fundraising Regulator; due to our small size and income, we are committed to the Fundraising Promise and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016.

During 2023 our charitable bereavement services received £141,964; made up of 87% from Grants and Foundations, 5.5% donated by corporate partners, 3% from fundraising efforts running events and household waste recycling schemes, 1.5% independent/private donations and gifts, and 3% from trade of childhood bereavement training. We received less than 1% (£282.50) from the Swindon Community Lottery.

Where businesses or individuals fundraise on our behalf, we work to ensure that the correct safeguards are in place. To do this we require confirmation of compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice. To further aid this process, we have also developed a fundraising brochure to help all groups and individuals wishing to fundraise on our behalf. As per best practice, our complaints policy is available upon request or can be located on our website. Wiltshire Treehouse operates a “complaints friendly” environment and greatly regrets if we do not meet the expectations or needs of beneficiaries and supporters, we always welcome and respect feedback.

Structure, Governance and Management...

Governing document:

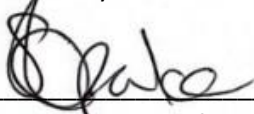
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charity Incorporated Organisation, registered in December 2014.

Statement of trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 08/05/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



S. PANTER - Chair of Trustees. DATE: 08/05/2024

Maddie's Story...

Maddie was 11 when her Dad died. **"I was finding it hard to concentrate at school and I felt anxious. I was withdrawing at home and I couldn't speak about my Dad."**

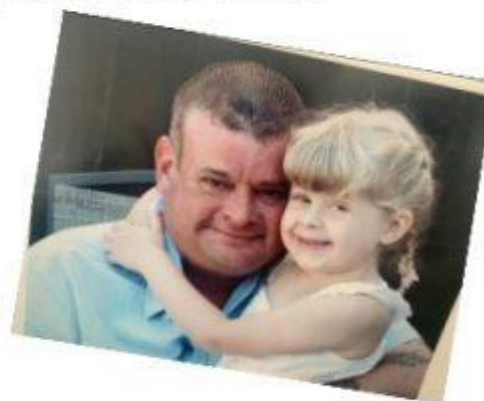


Maddie attended the NEST bereavement support programme and was able to take part in creative activities to help her remember her Dad and express her feelings.

"By taking part in NEST I've learnt how to cope when things get bad. I now feel privileged to be a volunteer, and enjoy helping other young people."

"Taking part in the programme helped me to open up about my Dad. The programme gave me a safe place to talk, which really helped me. The activities helped me to express how I felt."

On the programme Maddie met other young people who had also been



bereaved, helping her to understand her feelings were normal, & other's felt them too.

"It helped to meet other people in a similar situation and I realised I wasn't the only person this had happened to."

Maddie now volunteers with the charity and is studying Health & Social Care at college.

Maddie has come on an incredible journey. She is a credit to herself & family, channelling her grief and difficult experiences to the benefit of others.



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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wiltshire Treehouse

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wiltshire Treehouse for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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08/05/2023

Wiltshire Treehouse

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	30,867	106,048	136,915	61,386
Other trading activities	4	5,049	-	5,049	7,302
Total		35,916	106,048	141,964	68,688
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	-	17,093	17,093	22,693
Charitable activities	6	-	64,276	64,276	54,471
Other	7	352	9,118	9,470	6,359
Total		352	90,487	90,839	83,523
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	8	35,564	15,561	51,125	(14,835)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains/(losses)		35,564	15,561	51,125	(14,835)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		35,564	15,561	51,125	(14,835)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		72,866	5,000	77,866	92,701
Total funds carried forward		108,430	20,561	128,991	77,866

Wiltshire Treehouse Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2023

Charity No. 1159719		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,301</u>
		1,452	1,301
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>128,169</u>	<u>77,165</u>
		128,169	77,165
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	<u>(630)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net current assets		127,539	76,565
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>128,991</u>	<u>77,866</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>128,991</u>	<u>77,866</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>128,991</u></u>	<u><u>77,866</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	12		
Restricted income funds		<u>20,561</u>	<u>5,000</u>
		20,561	5,000
Unrestricted funds	12		
General funds		96,430	72,866
Designated funds		<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		108,430	72,866
Reserves	12		
		<u>128,991</u>	<u>77,866</u>
Total funds		<u><u>128,991</u></u>	<u><u>77,866</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 08/05/2024

And signed on their behalf by:

S. Panter
Trustee

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts.

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting.

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income.

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation.

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation.

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

Fixtures & equipment	25% Straight line
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Trade and other debtors.

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors.

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	19,536	41,850	61,386
Other trading activities	7,302	-	7,302
Total	26,838	41,850	68,688
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	12,826	9,867	22,693
Charitable activities	-	54,471	54,471
Other	6,359	-	6,359
Total	19,185	64,338	83,523
Net income	7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	65,213	27,488	92,701
	72,866	5,000	77,866

Total funds carried forward

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations & gift aid	1,277	-	1,277	8,870
Grants	130,965	106,048	130,965	46,013
Partner income	4,673	-	4,673	6,503
	30,867	106,048	136,915	61,386

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Fundraising events	2,406	2,406	2,856
Professional training	2,643	2,643	4,446
	<u>5,049</u>	<u>5,049</u>	<u>7,302</u>

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations & gift aid	373	373	1,038
Grants	16,720	16,720	21,655
	<u>17,093</u>	<u>17,093</u>	<u>22,693</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Bereavement support	63,646	63,646	53,871
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Independent examination	630	630	600
	<u>64,276</u>	<u>64,276</u>	<u>54,471</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Depreciation on tangible</i>				
Fixed assets	352	600	952	676
General administrative costs	-	8,074	8,074	5,239
Legal and professional costs	-	444	444	444
	<u>352</u>	<u>9,118</u>	<u>9,470</u>	<u>6,359</u>

8 Net income/(expenditure) before transfers

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	952	676

9 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows (FTE was 2.2 employees):

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Bereavement	5	5

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2023	2,704	2,704
Additions	1,103	1,103
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,807</u>	<u>3,807</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2023	1,403	1,403
Depreciation charge for the year	952	952
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,355</u>	<u>2,355</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,452</u>	<u>1,452</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,301</u>

11 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	<u>630</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>630</u>	<u>600</u>

12. Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
National Lottery Community Fund	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Charities Trust (Nationwide)	-	9,873	(9,873)	-	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	-	6,000	(5,000)	-	1,000
Openwork Foundation	-	13,837	(10,414)	-	3,423
Masonic Charitable Fund	5,000	5,000	(10,000)	-	-
Central/South Swindon	-	560	(560)	-	-
Henry Smith	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Nick Jones Foundation	-	16,138	-	-	16,138
Royal Arch Masons of Wiltshire	-	390	(390)	-	-
Westfield Health	-	4,250	(4,250)	-	-
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>106,048</u>	<u>(90,487)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,561</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Operational provision (designated)	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
General fund	72,866	35,916	(352)	(12,000)	96,430
Total funds	<u>77,866</u>	<u>141,964</u>	<u>(90,839)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,991</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

National Lottery Community Fund	To cover core operational costs.
Charities Trust (Nationwide)	The grant supports the 'Day to Remember' project.
Wiltshire Community Foundation	The grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation will help fund new bereavement support groups in Wiltshire over the next two years.
Openwork Foundation	To cover rent and a project worker.
Masonic Charitable Fund	To cover core operational costs.
Central/South Swindon	To delivering bereavement training in south Swindon
Henry Smith	To cover core operational costs.
Nick Jones Foundation	To use for delivery of bereavement support to children and young people.
Royal Arch Masons of Wiltshire	To purchase of a bench.
Westfield Health	To delivery of bereavement support groups
Operational provision	An operational cost provision for premises rent, project workers and wellbeing of our employees and volunteers.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,452	-	1,452
Net current assets	16,491	111,048	127,539
	<u>17,943</u>	<u>111,048</u>	<u>128,991</u>

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159719

Accounts

Grief support for
children & young people
in Swindon & Wiltshire

Registered Charity: 1159719



Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2022

Wiltshire Treehouse

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Trustees Report 2022...



The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Like many charities, surviving during and after Covid has presented many challenges, however our staff, volunteers & supporters' resilience and commitment to support the community continues to stand strong – Thank you. This has meant we have adapted the way we work with more flexible arrangements so that we can continue to support more children and young people. At end of 2022 we have been able to offer support to 302 children and young people, plus 730 parents/carers and siblings: a total of 1030 direct beneficiaries.

2022 has been a lean year of income generation, however, I am delighted to confirm that following a number of successful funding bids towards the end of the year this now means 2023 will provide more financial stability and provide us with the opportunity to focus on growth for the future years. Thank you to The Openwork Partnership, Henry Smith, Nationwide Community Grants Scheme, The National Lottery – Reaching Communities fund and Wiltshire Community Foundation.

I am super proud to be working with such an amazing team, and would like to again express our gratitude to the volunteers and staff who give their time and hearts to our organisation. And to all those who have donated funds to allow the Charity to continue our vital work with vulnerable children and young people

Sadie Panter, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sadie Panter'.

Our Mission...

At Wiltshire Treehouse, we believe every child and young person should have access to support during their grieving process. We enable those in our local communities to improve the coping strategies, skills and confidence needed to better manage daily life.

History...

In 2001 Swindon hospital were providing support for siblings of children being cared for at the Children's unit. By 2003 there was an increased demand, and the Rainbow Club was launched. With further increase in need our founders, guided by Child Bereavement UK (CBUK), started exploring ways of providing group support. Wiltshire Treehouse was born in 2014, assisting bereaved children, young people, and families within Swindon.

The Need for Wiltshire Treehouse...

In the UK alone, a parent of a child dies every 22 minutes; that's around 23,600 deaths a year and equates to around **111 children bereaved of a parent every day**.

- **5% of children** will have **experienced the death of a parent or sibling** before age 16.
- **92% of children will lose someone important** to them.
- At any one time, **around 70% of schools have a bereaved pupil** in their care. (CBUK, 2016)

In line with these statistics, Wiltshire Treehouse continues to see a demand for services, with an average of 10 Swindon referrals received monthly. Most recently we have seen an increase in requests for support from Wiltshire families outside of Borough where access to bereavement support for children is limited.

For the Children and Young People supported by Wiltshire Treehouse, all are subject to increased life challenges because of their bereavement. Research highlights that bereaved children can experience significantly worse mental health concerns compared to their peers, a high proportion experience poor health, reduced educational attainment and social outcomes if not provided with appropriate and timely support. A quote from a parent sums up the struggle bereavement can bring, but also the hope that support from Wiltshire Treehouse offers.

“She experiences times of feeling sick and not wanting to partake in activities, she is unable to say why she feels sick or if she is upset to say why. For her to know this is normal and to gain tools on how to manage this going forward, will hopefully help with her anxiety”. NEST parent.

Statement of Public Benefit...

When planning the activities for the period the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and other matters. The charity operates in and around Swindon but as funds become available the charity will extend this to the wider community. The Charity provides bereavement support for children and young people.

Our Children & Young People Said:

"It opened my eyes to see I don't always have to be sad, I can be happy, angry".

"I feel a lot more stable with coping with my feelings & the staff are all amazing!".

"It's been good to express my feelings & learn ways to cope & also it's good to talk about Dad".

"I've felt like I can finally show some emotion when people are around me".

"It helped me be a better version of me, & helped me listen to my true feelings".

"I felt safe & secure when I expressed my feelings".

Parents/Carers Said:

"H showed me the memory activity you did & we had a laugh together. It helped me too, remembering the happy times. Thank you for the great suggestions for when she's finding things difficult."

"Z has been reluctant to refer directly to Daddy since he passed using "he" or "him". Thank you for helping her find the words she needed."

"NEST helped M massively. He recently had a dream & got upset but actually spoke to me about it, I can see the progress in him. Thank you."

Our Aims:

Improved Emotional Literacy:

Understanding grief & the feelings, thoughts & behaviours that result.

Lasting Connection:

The ability to openly talk about the loss & those who died.

Increased Resilience:

Learning coping strategies helping manage a life with grief, now & throughout the transition to adulthood.

We've Supported

302

Children & Young People

730

Parents/Carers & Siblings

190

Professionals

WILTSHIRE
TREE
HOUSE
2022

We did it all with **582** volunteer hours, plus 2.2 full time equivalent staff

Our Services...

Wiltshire Treehouse staff and volunteers are committed to providing robust high-quality programmes and services to best support the vulnerable children, young people, and families we serve. Using a holistic group work approach, we aim for 3 key outcomes for all beneficiaries:

- I. Improved Emotional Literacy: Understanding grief and the feelings, thoughts and behaviours that result.
- II. The ability to openly talk about the loss and those who died: Increasing the ability to maintain a healthy 'enduring connection' and engage in meaningful interactions relating to the deceased – including every day and therapeutic conversation.
- III. Improved resilience: Learning coping strategies to help manage a life with grief, now and throughout the transition to adulthood.

To ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and young people we support, the charity works on a self-referral system. Once a referral is received, we make contact to gain further insights to the needs of the child(ren) and family. Sometimes this is all families need to feel empowered to support themselves, but if more assistance is required, we will set up an assessment. Here we meet in person or via web meeting to further understand the needs of the child, introduce a key member of staff to the family and ensure we are the right service to continue their journey of support. The following programs of bereavement support are offered:



"Our work from family programme. Proudly hanging on the wall in the living room." Mother & Daughter, Feb 2022.

Family Group: Our children and family programmes benefit those 6 – 11 years of age, focusing on developing emotional literacy, with the aim to provide coping strategies. We help children and their families to manage the challenges following bereavement. Developed by Child Bereavement UK, this quality assured service has successfully improved lives of children and their families for 25 years.

NEST: Developed by our volunteers who have personal experience of bereavement at a young age, these groups support young people aged 12+ coping with the death of a loved one. Run by skilled and experienced staff and volunteers, groups focus on helping to remember the person(s) who has died, identifying complex feelings, and exploring a range of techniques and strategies to help manage these feelings and situations that may cause difficulties.

A Day to remember: A condensed program, designed by Childhood Bereavement UK, that covers the key elements of our Family Group program. We support families in an intensive day of self-development and learning, focusing on the key outcomes for beneficiaries.

"Once again, thank you for taking the time to talk through our situation. It has definitely helped me plan our way forward."

Parent of 11-year-old who received telephone advice.

Professional Training: In addition to supporting direct beneficiaries, Wiltshire Treehouse knows that a child-centred approach is key. Therefore, we are working to improve the awareness of those working with Children and young people. Through delivery of training, we aim to improve the understanding that professionals have of childhood bereavement, improving their ability to support in the immediate, short-term, and long-term effects. At any one time over 70% of schools in the UK are supporting a bereaved child, we believe that all professionals working with children and young people would benefit from a better understanding of childhood bereavement.

Thank you very much, loads of really helpful and clear information and very informative.

17.11.22 – Online Webinar

Our Response to Covid-19...

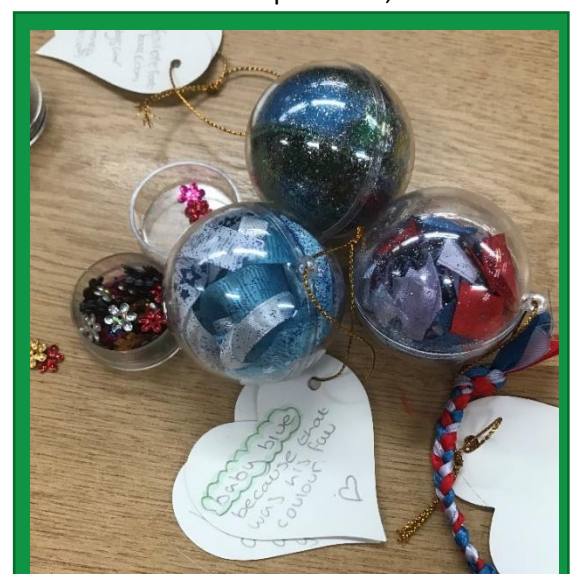
Wiltshire Treehouse responded swiftly and innovatively to the Covid-19 pandemic. Within weeks we had realigned our resources with the needs of grieving families, and we continue to evolve to meet the changing landscape the pandemic continues to bring. We learnt from our new models and have improved our services because of the experience. The Charity continues to utilise learning from the pandemic, with continued use of online meetings and communications. However, we are mindful of the Teams/Zoom fatigue, and therefore, where safe, have resumed face to face meetings following all necessary protocols, with the option of remote services for those who would prefer.

Whilst all face-to-face programs are now re-established, we are mindful of the potential disruption that covid related sickness can have on the charity. As a precautionary measure we have reviewed our contingency policy and remain ever dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the whole team and beneficiaries we support.

The Journey ahead...

This year we have seen our demand stabilise following the potential peak caused by covid measures. Therefore, within the year ahead we are looking to assist the consolidation of the charity. As a small organisation we have seen massive growth, from 1 20 hours staff member to a team of 5 paid staff; 2.2 FTE, within the past 5 years. Therefore, we aim to take stock of our achievements whilst continuing to provide a high-quality bereavement support to our beneficiaries. The team will also take time to further embed our bereavement training delivery and review our internal systems. Finally, our team behind the scenes are working towards the implementation of a long-term impact measure for the charity, helping to increasingly demonstrate the potential impact the charity has for our beneficiaries and further strengthen our fundraising efforts.

Our planned outputs for the year are similar to 2022 with family groups, day to remember program and NEST programmes remaining our key deliverables. Plus, the continuation of our introduction to childhood bereavement training for professionals and corporates, and maintaining our traumatic bereavement training as the trend in traumatic deaths locally has not diminished.



Decorations made at the Christmas grief workshops held within schools.

Reference & Administrative details:

Charity Number: 1159719

Principle Office: George & Ann Tween Rooms, Westlea Primary School,
Langstone Way, Westlea Swindon, SN5 7BT

The following Trustees served within the year ending 31.12.2022:

H. Pepler,
S. Ward – (resigned as chair November 2022)
F. Auty – Treasurer,
A. Delvecchio,
S. Cook
S. Panter (Elected chair in November 2022)

Accountants:

Case Accounting Ltd. 20 Goodwood Way, Cepen Park South, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 0SY

Achievement and Performance...

Financial Review:

In 2022, total income was £68,688 (2021: £73,829). Expenditure increased to £83,523 (2021: £82,256). As expected our most significant expenses were staff (£73,293) service delivery (£2,232) resources and equipment (£779), and general expenses including insurance (£7,141). The unrestricted surplus of £7,653 has increased the General Fund to £72,866 (2021: £65,213), which is still considered to be a sufficient level to provide financial stability for the charity.

Reserves policy:

Wiltshire Treehouse holds reserves to ensure a continuing service to clients. Our aim is to retain a minimum reserve of four month's operational costs; allowing the Charity to close should it be necessary, without adversely affecting the service to families in receipt of support and meet liabilities to creditors, staff notice and redundancy costs. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually to take account of any change in circumstances.

Fundraising Report:

Donors to Wiltshire Treehouse can be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising. Whilst not registered with the Fundraising Regulator; due to our small size and income, we are committed to the Fundraising Promise and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016.

During 2022 our charitable bereavement services received £68,688; made up of 60% from Grants and Foundations, 11% donated by corporate partners, 5% from fundraising efforts running events and household waste recycling schemes, 16% independent/private donations and gifts, and 8% from trade of childhood bereavement training. We received less than 1% (£302.50) from the Swindon Community Lottery.

Where businesses or individuals fundraise on our behalf, we work to ensure that the correct safeguards are in place. To do this we require confirmation of compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice. To further aid this process, we have also developed a fundraising brochure to

help all groups and individuals wishing to fundraise on our behalf. As per best practice, our complaints policy is available upon request or can be located on our website. Wiltshire Treehouse operates a “complaints friendly” environment and greatly regrets if we do not meet the expectations or needs of beneficiaries and supporters, we always welcome and respect feedback.

Structure, Governance and Management...

Governing document:

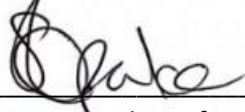
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charity Incorporated Organisation, registered in December 2014.

Statement of trustees’ responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 20/06/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



S. PANTER - Chair of Trustees. 19.04.2023

The Cormack Family ...

When Freya & Brandon Junior's Daddy died, Mum Chelsea got in touch with Wiltshire Treehouse for support. **"I wanted to make sure I helped the children as much as I could. Wiltshire Treehouse really helped me work out how to communicate with Freya & Brandon & how to answer their questions."** says Chelsea.

As well as receiving advice & guidance the family also took part in activities that helped them to feel **connected to Daddy**, develop their **coping skills** & **meet other bereaved families**.



Freya recalls, **"We've still got our list of coping skills on the fridge that we look at. I also enjoyed making my book about how Daddy died & memories I have of him. I loved picking the photos to go in my book."**



Mum says **"Freya will now talk to me more instead of worrying so much** about how it will make me feel. **She copes a lot better at school.**

Brandon Junior really enjoyed time to talk about his Dad & it has helped him to understand that Daddy isn't here any more.

I want to say a massive thank you to Wiltshire Treehouse for helping me & my children start our grieving journey. The support has been amazing, not only for my children but for myself, **it has really helped us get through the toughest first year."**



1 year on & in memory of Daddy, Mum & Freya climbed Pen Y Fan mountain, choosing to fundraise along the way. Thanks to their contributions we can help other families like theirs.

Registered Charity: 1159719

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wiltshire Treehouse

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wiltshire Treehouse for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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19/04/2023

Wiltshire Treehouse
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

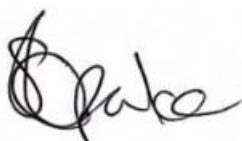
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Total		26,838	41,850	68,688	73,829
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Raising funds	5	12,826	9,867	22,693	19,929
Charitable activities	6	-	54,471	54,471	47,509
Other	7	6,359	-	6,359	14,818
Total		19,185	64,338	83,523	82,256
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	8	7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)	(8,427)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)	(8,427)
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		7,653	(22,488)	(14,835)	(8,427)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		65,213	27,488	92,701	101,128
Total funds carried forward		72,866	5,000	77,866	92,701

Wiltshire Treehouse
Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2022

Charity No. 1159719		2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,301	1,378
		<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,378</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		77,165	91,923
		<u>77,165</u>	<u>91,923</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	(600)	(600)
Net current assets		76,565	91,323
Total assets less current liabilities		77,866	92,701
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		77,866	92,701
Total net assets		<u>77,866</u>	<u>92,701</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds			
Restricted income funds	12	5,000	27,488
		<u>5,000</u>	<u>27,488</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	12	72,866	65,213
		<u>72,866</u>	<u>65,213</u>
Reserves			
	12		
Total funds		<u>77,866</u>	<u>92,701</u>

Approved by the trustees on _____.

And signed on their behalf by:



S. Panter
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related Expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and Legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed Assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of Expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accrual's basis. Expenditure includes any VAT. Which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on governance costs.	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and charitable activities
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures & equipment	25% Straight line
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Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

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2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	23,007	45,071	68,078
Other trading activities	5,751	-	5,751
Total	<u>28,758</u>	<u>45,071</u>	<u>73,829</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	19,929	-	19,929
Charitable activities	1,931	45,578	47,509
Other	14,818	-	14,818
Total	<u>36,678</u>	<u>45,578</u>	<u>82,256</u>
Net income	<u>(7,920)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(8,427)</u>
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	<u>(7,920)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(8,427)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	73,133	27,995	101,128
Total funds carried forward	<u>65,213</u>	<u>27,488</u>	<u>92,701</u>

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations & gift aid	8,870	-	8,870	4,174
Grants	4,163	41,850	46,013	61,221
Partner income	6,503	-	6,503	2,683
	<u>19,536</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>61,386</u>	<u>68,078</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Fundraising events	2,856	2,856	766
Professional training	4,446	4,446	4,985
	<u>7,302</u>	<u>7,302</u>	<u>5,751</u>

5 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>				
Donations & gift aid	1,038	-	1,038	891
Grants	11,788	9,867	21,655	19,038
	<u>12,826</u>	<u>9,867</u>	<u>22,693</u>	<u>19,929</u>

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Bereavement support	(600)	54,471	53,871	46,909
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examination	600	-	600	600
	<u>-</u>	<u>54,471</u>	<u>54,471</u>	<u>47,509</u>

7 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	676	676	526
General administrative costs	5,239	5,239	13,758
Legal and professional costs	444	444	534
	<u>6,359</u>	<u>6,359</u>	<u>14,818</u>

8 Net expenditure before transfers

	2022	2021
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	676	526

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9 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows (FTE was 2.2 employees):

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Bereavement	5	4
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment £	Total £
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2022	2,105	2,105
Additions	599	599
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,704</u>	<u>2,704</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2022	727	727
Depreciation charge for the year	676	676
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,403</u>	<u>1,403</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,301</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,378</u>	<u>1,378</u>

11 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	600	600
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

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12 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 December 2022
		£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Charities Trust (Nationwide)	-	9,873	(9,873)	-
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	19,988	500	(20,488)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	20,500	(20,500)	-
Masonic Charitable Fund	-	5,000	-	5,000
Aviva Community Fund	-	977	(977)	-
Openwork Foundation	7,500	-	(7,500)	-
Total	<u>27,488</u>	<u>41,850</u>	<u>(64,338)</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	65,213	26,838	(19,185)	72,866
Total funds	<u>92,701</u>	<u>68,688</u>	<u>(83,523)</u>	<u>77,866</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Charities Trust (Nationwide)	The grant supports the 'Day to Remember' project.
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	The charity has received donations from BBC Children in Need and D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to fund volunteer and resources costs associated with Family and NEST groups.
Wiltshire Community Foundation	The grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation will help fund new bereavement support groups in Wiltshire over the next two years.
National Lottery Community Fund	To cover core operational costs.
Masonic Charitable Fund	To cover core operational costs.
Aviva Community Fund	To cover the cost of the role of project worker.
Openwork Foundation	To cover rent and a project worker.

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159719

Accounts

Grief support for
children & young people
in Swindon & Wiltshire

Registered Charity: 1159719



Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts

Year ending 31 December 2021

Wiltshire Treehouse

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Trustees Report 2021...

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

In our busiest year yet the Charity continues to learn to live with Covid, maintaining a flexible approach to ensure services continue to run, and to a high standard. Our resilience has indeed been tested, but our defences have held because of our amazing volunteers, staff, and supporters – Thank you.

In line with our reflective practises, we have trialled new programmes, including a monthly virtual drop-in for young people and, virtual summer support group – in response to beneficiary feedback asking for support through the long summer holidays. The Charity has also responded to local need after a marked increase in referrals for children and young people bereaved by suicide. In 2019, 4 beneficiaries were bereaved by suicide, growing to 20 within 2020. Very sadly, this year we have supported 37 children and young people in this group, including a postvention in-school support programme for 13 young people.

In addition to an increased workload, we have also moved home. You will now find us on site with Westlea Primary School and we are immensely thankful to the Head, Sarah Sumner, and her team for such a warm welcome into their community. Our new premises has provided a safe and supportive environment for our groups, assessments, offices, and facilitated the delivery of our professionals training too. Through our specialised training and support, Wiltshire Treehouse has improved the understanding of childhood bereavement of over 390 professionals such as teachers and mental health support workers. The impact of this has the potential to improve the lives of over 50,000 children and young people. Highlighting the reach and impact that our services can have.

But we couldn't do it alone, so in my closing statement, I would like to again express our gratitude to the volunteers and staff who give their time and hearts to our organisation. And to all those who have donated funds to allow the Charity to continue our vital work with vulnerable children and young people.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Ward".

Sue Ward, Chair of the Board of Trustees. 20/07/2022

The Grainger Family ...

Through recommendations, I got in touch with Wiltshire Treehouse, for guidance on how to support Evie and Theodore after their Dad died. Their response was quick and extremely helpful. Not only did they give me **invaluable advice, they also communicated with Evie's school** so that we were all supporting her together. After Christmas I knew it was time to get in touch with them again and were offered a place on their family programme "A Day to Remember!".

Before the day, Evie attended an assessment, it helped to get a better understanding of where Evie was emotionally and also gave us a chance to meet before the day. It also gave me **a chance to ask more questions on how best to support** Evie in the meantime as she was really struggling at this point. Rachel gave us lots of information about the day and we left knowing what to expect.

Well, we have just returned from "A Day to Remember" and were blown away. We met others suffering bereavement similar to ours, completed craft activities to remember our loved ones, there were opportunities for the adults to share their experiences whilst the children were busy taking part in other activities, and a wealth of advice and support for the future. Wiltshire Treehouse created a safe space for the children to learn about their emotions and to share special memories about their loved ones.

Today was the first day I have seen Evie talk about her daddy in front of a group of people. Today she found the courage to say what emotions she has been feeling these past few months and **spoke fondly of the wonderful things that reminded her of her daddy.** Evie has not been able to communicate these feelings to me successfully since Ben died.

I am so proud of her, and I honestly feel that Wiltshire Treehouse gave her the tools, and the safe space, to be able to do this! Now I know I haven't mentioned Theodore in this day, this is because it's for children aged 6 to 11. However, this does not mean he won't benefit. Not only do **I have tools, strategies and activities that will help support** him, I also know that there is this amazing charity who I can call, message or email for any advice at any time! I also know that when he turns six, who I would choose to support him if needs be.



Wendy is amazing, not only has she been through a bereavement herself and supported her children. She has also completed the 9-Peaks Challenge, climbing the UK's highest mountains of England, Wales & Scotland to raise funds for Wiltshire Treehouse.

We cannot thank her enough and it has been a pleasure to support her and family along their journey.



Our Mission...

At Wiltshire Treehouse, we believe every child and young person should have access to support during their grieving process. We enable those in our local communities to improve the coping strategies, skills and confidence needed to better manage daily life.

History...

In 2001 Swindon hospital were providing support for siblings of children being cared for at the Children's unit. By 2003 there was an increased demand, and the Rainbow Club was launched. With further increase in need, our founders guided by Child Bereavement UK (CBUK), started exploring ways of providing group support. Wiltshire Treehouse was born in 2014, assisting bereaved children, young people, and families within Swindon.

The Need for Wiltshire Treehouse...

In the UK alone, a parent of a child dies every 22 minutes; that's around 23,600 deaths a year and equates to around **111 children bereaved of a parent every day**.

- **5% of children** will have **experienced the death of a parent or sibling** before age 16.
- **92% of children will lose someone important** to them.
- At any one time, **around 70% of schools have a bereaved pupil** in their care. (CBUK, 2016)

In line with these statistics, Wiltshire Treehouse continues to see a demand for services, with an average of 10 Swindon referrals received monthly. Most recently we have seen an increase in requests for support from Wiltshire families outside of Borough where access to bereavement support for children is limited.

For the Children and Young People supported by Wiltshire Treehouse, all are subject to increased life challenges because of their bereavement. Research highlights that bereaved children can experience significantly worse mental health concerns compared to their peers, a high proportion experience poor physical health, reduced educational attainment and social outcomes if not provided with appropriate and timely support. A quote from a parent sums up the struggle bereavement can bring, but also the hope that support from Wiltshire Treehouse offers.

“She experiences times of feeling sick and not wanting to partake in activities, she is unable to say why she feels sick or if she is upset to say why. For her to know this is normal and to gain tools on how to manage this going forward, will hopefully help with her anxiety”. NEST parent.

Statement of Public Benefit...

When planning the activities for the period, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and other matters. The charity operates throughout Swindon & Wiltshire, providing bereavement support for children and young people.

"It (Wiltshire Treehouse) helps you understand your feelings and makes you more confident and happy about yourself"

"It's been helpful. I feel like my old personality is back. I didn't think talking would help but I feel much happier".

"I enjoyed making my support tree because it showed me how many people I have around me who care for me."

"The girls are doing really well now. They really enjoyed the group and didn't stop talking about it for weeks. We framed their work and put it next to my son's picture. Thank you again for everything you do."

"I don't think our daughter will ever forget how much you helped her, her Dad and I certainly won't".

"I feel more equipped to support their emotions, with techniques & ideas to help"

Our Aims

Improved Emotional Literacy:

Understanding grief and the feelings, thoughts and behaviours that result.

Lasting Connection:

The ability to openly talk about the loss and those who died

Increased Resilience:

Learning coping strategies to help manage a life with grief, now and throughout the transition to adulthood.

We've Supported

346 ^{^55% on 2020}

Children & Young People

721 ^{^92% on 2020}

Parents/Carers & Siblings

390 ^{^0.25% on 2020}

Professionals

WILTSHIRE
TREE
HOUSE
2021

We did it all with **517** volunteer hours, plus 2 full time equivalent staff

Our Services...

Wiltshire Treehouse staff and volunteers are committed to providing robust high-quality programmes and services to best support the vulnerable children, young people, and families we serve. Using a holistic group work approach, we aim for 3 key outcomes for all beneficiaries:

- I. Improved Emotional Literacy: Understanding grief and the feelings, thoughts and behaviours that result.
- II. The ability to openly talk about the loss and those who died: Increasing the ability to maintain a healthy 'enduring connection' and engage in meaningful interactions relating to the deceased – including every day and therapeutic conversation.
- III. Improved resilience: Learning coping strategies to help manage a life with grief, now and throughout the transition to adulthood.

To ensure the best possible outcomes for the children and young people we support, the charity works on a self-referral system. Once a referral is received, we make contact to gain further insights to the needs of the child(ren) and family. Sometimes this is all families need to feel empowered to support themselves, but if more assistance is required, we will set up an assessment. Here we meet in person or via web meeting to further understand the needs of the child, introduce a key member of staff to the family and ensure we are the right service to support their bereavement journey. The following programmes of bereavement support are offered:

Family Group: Our children and family programmes benefit those 6 – 11 years of age, focusing on developing emotional literacy, with the aim to provide coping strategies. We help children and their families to manage the challenges following bereavement. Developed by Child Bereavement UK, this quality assured service has successfully improved lives of children and their families for 25 years.

NEST: Developed by our volunteers who have personal experience of bereavement at a young age, these groups support young people aged 12+ coping with the death of a loved one. Run by skilled and experienced staff and volunteers, groups focus on helping to remember the person(s) who has died, identifying complex feelings, and exploring a range of techniques and strategies to help manage these feelings and situations that may cause difficulties.

A Day to remember: A condensed programme, designed by Childhood Bereavement UK, that covers the key elements of our Family Group programme. We support families in an intensive day of self-development and learning, focusing on the key outcomes for all beneficiaries.

Professional Training: In addition to directly supporting beneficiaries, Wiltshire Treehouse knows that a child-centred approach is key. Therefore, we also support a variety of professionals with responsibility for the wellbeing of Children and young people. Through delivery of training, we aim to improve their understanding of childhood bereavement, improving their ability to support in the immediate, short-term, and long-term. At any one time, over 70% of school communities in the UK include a bereaved child. We believe that all professionals working with children and young people benefit from a better understanding of childhood bereavement.

Specialised training and development of volunteers: We could not deliver any of the above activities without the support of our committed and generous volunteers. To ensure they are equipped to support our beneficiaries; we ensure that they receive specialised bereavement training delivered by our partner CBUK and most recently that covering children and young people's responses to bereavement by suicide. Our volunteers are offered supervision for them to be able to discuss and share their feelings and be able to continue the valuable support they offer. That our project officer is a former volunteer is testament to the rewards our volunteers experience know that they've helped children and young people struggling with the impact of bereavement on their lives.

Bespoke Support: This year the charity has seen a marked increase in the number of children and young people negatively affected by suicide, with figures rising to 37 children and young people affected, in comparison to just 4 in 2019. In response to need we implemented a bespoke support programme for young people and have written new training to improve understanding around death by suicide and the impact this has upon children and young people.

Organisational Changes: In 2021 the Board of Trustees commissioned an independent 'health check'. In response to the recommendations and findings, it has improved its own working, including clarifying roles and responsibilities and the efficiency of its meetings. Most significantly, it agreed changes to the structure of the Charity to reflect its growth. Wiltshire Treehouse has developed as an organisation significantly and Trustees agreed that their roles should shift from direct management to one that is more advisory. In doing so, we appointed two directors one with responsibility for service delivery and the other for business, policy development and fundraising. We were delighted to appoint Kath Brownlee and Sarah Gillam for these roles respectively and that the Charity is flourishing as a result.

Our Response to Covid-19...

Wiltshire Treehouse responded swiftly and innovatively to the Covid-19 pandemic. Within weeks we had realigned our resources with the needs of grieving families, and we continue to evolve to meet the changing landscape as the pandemic continues to unfold. We've learnt from the delivery of our new models and have improved our services because of this experience. The Charity continues to utilise online meetings and communications. However, we are mindful of the Teams/Zoom fatigue, and therefore, where safe, have resumed face to face meetings following all necessary protocols, with the option of remote services for those who would prefer this.

Whilst all face-to-face programs are now re-established, we are mindful of the potential disruption that covid related sickness can have on the charity. As a precautionary measure we have reviewed our contingency policy and remain ever dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the whole team and beneficiaries we support.

The Journey ahead...

In 2022 we aim to use our time to reflect and recover from the impact of the pandemic. The whole team have continued to work hard, whilst mitigating the impact of covid related absences and responding to increased pressure due to demand. Our passion to support children and young people never wavers, but we are also mindful to ensure we spend time with those volunteers who allow us to keep support going. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our values and to all our volunteers we are eternally grateful.

We welcomed Rachel Clarkson our new project worker to our team. She is an experienced volunteer with a passion for supporting bereaved children, young people, and their families. We are so very pleased to benefit from Rachel's experience. In addition, we have taken time to reflect on the processes that run behind the scenes and would like to give special mention to our administrator Gemma Stanley for all her hard work. Whilst many of our beneficiaries will not meet Gemma, all will have been in contact with her through our emails, letters, telephone system or by making a referral. This wonderful lady has worked tirelessly to streamline our referral system which has had a huge time-saving implication and in turn cost-saving – Thank you Gemma.

Our planned outputs for the year are similar to 2021, but there is uncertainty as regards the demands on our services. The addition of our new project worker provides the charity with increased capacity to flex and meet additional demand as needs be.

The year ahead doesn't look easy, and we continue to work through the impact of covid. Yet once again we are reassured of our ability to rise to the challenges presented, with a strong and cohesive team dedicated to improving the lives of bereaved children and young people.

Reference & Administrative details:

Charity Number: 1159719

Principle Office: George & Ann Tween Rooms, Westlea Primary School,
Langstone Way, Westlea Swindon, SN5 7BT

The following Trustees served within the year ending 31.12.2021:

H. Pepler,
S. Ward – Chair,
F. Auty – Treasurer,
H. Cretchley (Resigned 09/06/2021),
C. Paradise (Resigned 21/04/2021),
A. Delvecchio,
G. Jeffery (Resigned 15/12/2021),
S. Cooke (Joined 21/04/2021),
S. Panter (Joined 06/10/2021).

Accountants:

Case Accounting Ltd. 20 Goodwood Way, Cepen Park South, Chippenham, Wilts, SN14 0SY

Achievement and Performance...

Financial Review:

In 2021, total income was £73,829 (2020: £88,483). Expenditure increased to £82,256 (2020: £58,557). As expected, our most significant expenses were staff (£61,667) service delivery (£2,851) resources and equipment (£1,301), training and supervision (£1,089) and general expenses including insurance (£13,434). The unrestricted deficit of £7,920 has decreased the General Fund to £65,213 (2020: £73,294) but is still considered to be a sufficient level to provide financial stability for the charity.

Reserves policy:

Wiltshire Treehouse holds reserves to ensure a continuing service to clients. Our aim is to retain a minimum reserve of three month's operational costs; allowing the Charity to close should it be necessary, without adversely affecting the service to families in receipt of support and meet liabilities to creditors, staff notice and redundancy costs. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually to take account of any change in circumstances. Within 2022 we will continue work to increase our reserve position, from 3 to 4 months, aiding our organisation to become increasingly robust within a challenging climate for charities. Moving into 2022, the agreed amount to be held in reserves is 3.5 months and must not be below £32,118.

Fundraising Report:

Donors to Wiltshire Treehouse can be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising. Whilst not registered with the Fundraising Regulator; due to our small size and income, we are committed to the Fundraising Promise and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016.

During 2022 our charitable bereavement services received £68,078; made up of 89% from Grants and Foundations, 4% donated by corporate partners, 7% from fundraising efforts, including seeking donations and gifts, running events and household waste recycling schemes. We received less than 1% (£325) from the Swindon Community Lottery.

Where businesses or individuals fundraise on our behalf, we work to ensure that the correct safeguards are in place. To do this we require confirmation of compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice. To further aid this process, we have also developed a fundraising brochure to help all groups and individuals wishing to fundraise on our behalf. As per best practice, our complaints policy is available upon request or can be located on our website. Wiltshire Treehouse operates a "complaints friendly" environment and greatly regrets if we do not meet the expectations or needs of beneficiaries and supporters, we always welcome and respect feedback.

Structure, Governance and Management...

Governing document:

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charity Incorporated Organisation, registered in December 2014.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 20/06/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



S. WARD - Chair of Trustees. 20/07/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wiltshire Treehouse

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Wiltshire Treehouse for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144(2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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20 July 2022

Wiltshire Treehouse
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	23,007	45,071	68,078	83,456
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	2,776
Other trading activities	5	5,751	-	5,751	2,251
Total		28,758	45,071	73,829	88,483
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	19,929	-	19,929	14,939
Charitable activities	7	1,931	45,578	47,509	37,905
Other	8	14,818	-	14,818	5,874
Total		36,678	45,578	82,256	58,718
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income	9	(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)		(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Other gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		73,133	27,995	101,128	71,363
Total funds carried forward		65,213	27,488	92,701	101,128

**Wiltshire Treehouse
Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2021**

Charity No. 1159719	2021	2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	11 1,378	603
	<u>1,378</u>	<u>603</u>
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	91,923	101,077
	<u>91,923</u>	<u>101,077</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	12 (600)	(552)
Net current assets	91,323	100,525
Total assets less current liabilities	92,701	101,128
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability	92,701	101,128
Total net assets	<u>92,701</u>	<u>101,128</u>
The funds of the charity		
Restricted funds	13	
Restricted income funds	27,488	27,995
	<u>27,488</u>	<u>27,995</u>
Unrestricted funds	13	
General funds	65,213	73,133
	<u>65,213</u>	<u>73,133</u>
Reserves	13	
Total funds	<u>92,701</u>	<u>101,128</u>

Approved by the trustees on 30 September 2022

And signed on their behalf by:

S. Ward
Trustee
20/07/2022

Wiltshire Treehouse
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Wiltshire Treehouse
Notes to the Accounts

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures & equipment	25% Straight line
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Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

Wiltshire Treehouse
Notes to the Accounts

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	23,526	59,930	83,456
Charitable activities	2,776	-	2,776
Other trading activities	2,251	-	2,251
Total	28,553	59,930	88,483
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	14,939	-	14,939
Charitable activities	4,868	32,485	37,353
Other	6,426	-	6,426
Total	26,233	32,485	58,718
Net income	2,320	27,445	29,765
Transfers between funds	18,379	(18,379)	-
Net income before other gains/(losses)	20,699	9,066	29,765
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	20,699	9,066	29,765
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	52,434	18,929	71,363
Total funds carried forward	73,133	27,995	101,128

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations & gift aid	4,174	-	4,174	4,804
Grants	16,150	45,071	61,221	70,830
Partner income	2,683	-	2,683	7,751
Recycling	-	-	-	71
	23,007	45,071	68,078	83,456

4 Income from charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Government grants	-	2,776
	-	2,776

Wiltshire Treehouse
Notes to the Accounts

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Fundraising events	766	766	231
Professional training	4,985	4,985	2,020
	<u>5,751</u>	<u>5,751</u>	<u>2,251</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
<i>Costs of generating voluntary income</i>			
Donations & gift aid	891	891	25
Grants	19,038	19,038	14,914
	<u>19,929</u>	<u>19,929</u>	<u>14,939</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Bereavement support	1,331	45,578	46,909	37,353
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Independent examination	600	-	600	552
	<u>1,931</u>	<u>45,578</u>	<u>47,509</u>	<u>37,905</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	526	526	201
General administrative costs	13,758	13,758	5,241
Legal and professional costs	534	534	432
	<u>14,818</u>	<u>14,818</u>	<u>5,874</u>

Wiltshire Treehouse
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9 Net (expenditure)/income before transfers

	2021	2020
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	526	201
Independent Examiner's fee	600	552
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	534	432

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Bereavement	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 January 2021	804	804
Additions	1,301	1,301
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,105</u>	<u>2,105</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 January 2021	201	201
Depreciation charge for the year	526	526
At 31 December 2021	<u>727</u>	<u>727</u>
Net book values		
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,378</u>	<u>1,378</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>603</u>	<u>603</u>

12 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals	600	552
	<u>600</u>	<u>552</u>

Wiltshire Treehouse
Notes to the Accounts

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 January 2021	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2021 £
Restricted funds:				
Restricted income funds:				
Charities Trust (Nationwide)	-	6,583	(6,583)	-
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	14,709	19,988	(14,709)	19,988
Groundwork UK (Tesco)	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
National Lottery Covid Funding	13,286	-	(13,286)	-
Openwork Foundation	-	7,500	-	7,500
Total	27,995	45,071	(45,578)	27,488
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	73,133	28,758	(36,678)	65,213
Total funds	101,128	73,829	(82,256)	92,701

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Restricted funds:

Charities Trust (Nationwide)	The grant supports the 'Day to Remember' project.
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	The charity has received donations from BBC Children in Need and D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to fund volunteer and resources costs associated with Family and NEST groups.
Groundwork UK (Tesco)	Service delivery and activities.
Wiltshire Community Foundation	The grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation will help fund new bereavement support groups in Wiltshire over the next two years.
National Lottery Covid Funding	To cover core costs for the period from September 2020 to March 2021 only.
Openwork Foundation	To cover rent and a project worker.

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,378	-	1,378
Net current assets	64,435	26,888	91,323
	65,813	26,888	92,701

Wiltshire Treehouse
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations & gift aid	4,174	-	4,174	4,804
Grants	16,150	45,071	61,221	70,830
Partner income	2,683	-	2,683	7,751
Recycling	-	-	-	71
	<u>23,007</u>	<u>45,071</u>	<u>68,078</u>	<u>83,456</u>
Charitable activities				
Government grants	-	-	-	2,776
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,776</u>
Other trading activities				
Fundraising events	766	-	766	231
Professional training	4,985	-	4,985	2,020
	<u>5,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,751</u>	<u>2,251</u>
Total income and endowments	28,758	45,071	73,829	88,483
Expenditure on:				
Costs of generating donations and legacies				
Donations & gift aid	891	-	891	25
Grants	19,038	-	19,038	14,914
	<u>19,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,929</u>	<u>14,939</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	19,929	-	19,929	14,939
Charitable activities				
Bereavement support	1,331	45,578	46,909	37,353
	<u>1,331</u>	<u>45,578</u>	<u>46,909</u>	<u>37,353</u>
Governance costs				
Independent examination	600	-	600	552
	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>552</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	1,931	45,578	47,509	37,905
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation				
Depreciation of Fixtures & equipment	526	-	526	201
Publicity	857	-	857	290
Office expenses	12,901	-	12,901	4,951
	<u>14,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,284</u>	<u>5,442</u>

Wiltshire Treehouse**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

Legal and professional costs				
Payroll fees	534	-	534	432
	<u>534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>432</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	14,818	-	14,818	5,874
Total expenditure	36,678	45,578	82,256	58,718
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-
	<u>(7,920)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(8,427)</u>	<u>29,765</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Net (expenditure)/income before other gains/(losses)	(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Other Gains	-	-	-	-
	<u>(7,920)</u>	<u>(507)</u>	<u>(8,427)</u>	<u>29,765</u>
Net movement in funds	(7,920)	(507)	(8,427)	29,765
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	73,133	27,995	101,128	71,363
Total funds carried forward	65,213	27,488	92,701	101,128

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

England & Wales - Charity number 1159719

Accounts

Grief support for
children & young people
in Swindon & Wiltshire

Registered Charity: 1159719



Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 for Wiltshire Treehouse

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Trustees Report 2020...

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

2020 has been a tough year, with not much let up in sight. However, I am proud of every member of Wiltshire Treehouse. They have and continue to work exceptionally hard within unprecedented times. Our flexibility and team approach has been our strength, not just surviving as a charity but excelling.

We believe in putting our beneficiaries at the heart of all that we do, and this year has been no different. Whilst we have been unable to meet our children, young people, and their families in person, we have devised new methods of communication, moving elements of our service online. The team have also made a commitment to support those on the front line, delivering an online induction to child bereavement; funded by Wiltshire Community Foundation. This course has helped us reach over 3,000 children and young people this year, improving the experience of bereaved children and young people now and for years to come.

In difficult circumstances the charity has forged new relationships, partnering with Swindon Phoenix Rotary Club, and receiving a fantastic donation of £6,200 from the Ogbourne Downs Golf Course. We look forward to furthering our relationships in the future, albeit in a more virtual fashion

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those who have supported us during this turbulent year and every year.

Sue Ward,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Ward".

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Our Mission...

At Wiltshire Treehouse, we believe every child and young person should have access to support during their grieving process. We enable those in our local communities to improve the coping strategies, skills and confidence needed to better manage daily life.

History...

In 2001 Swindon hospital were providing support for siblings of children being cared for at the Children's unit. By 2003 there was an increased demand and the Rainbow Club was launched. With further increase in need our founders, guided by Child Bereavement UK (CBUK), started exploring ways of providing group support. Wiltshire Treehouse was born in 2014, assisting bereaved children, young people, and families within Swindon.

The Need for Wiltshire Treehouse...

In the UK alone, a parent of a child dies every 22 minutes; that's around 23,600 deaths a year and equates to around **111 children bereaved of a parent every day**.

- **5% of children** will have **experienced the death of a parent or sibling** before age 16.
- **92% of children will lose someone important** to them.
- At any one time, **around 70% of schools have a bereaved pupil** in their care. (CBUK, 2016)

In line with these statistics, Wiltshire Treehouse continues to see a demand for services, with an average of 10 Swindon referrals received monthly. Most recently we have seen an increase in requests for support from Wiltshire families outside of Borough where access to bereavement support for children is limited.

For the Children and Young People supported by Wiltshire Treehouse, all are subject to increased life challenges as a result of their bereavement. Research highlights that bereaved children can experience significantly worse mental health concerns compared to their peers, a high proportion experience poor health, reduced educational attainment and social outcomes if not provided with appropriate and timely support. A quote from a parent sums up the struggles bereavement can bring, but also the hope that support from Wiltshire Treehouse offers.

“She experiences times of feeling sick and not wanting to partake in activities, she is unable to say why she feels sick or if she is upset to say why. For her to know this is normal and to gain tools on how to manage this going forward, will hopefully help with her anxiety”. NEST parent.

Statement of Public Benefit...

When planning the activities for the period the Trustees have considered The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and other matters. The charity operates in and around Swindon but as funds become available the charity will extend this to the wider community. The Charity provides bereavement support for children and young people.

Our Services...

Wiltshire Treehouse staff and volunteers are committed to providing robust high-quality programmes and services to best support the vulnerable children, young people, and families we serve.

**100% of Participants
said they would recommend us
to a friend.**

(Children, Young people, parents & Carers)

“To start with I didn’t know how to cope with things, I didn’t really know what to do with myself. I feel more confident showing my feelings. My head is more clear about it all, not perfect but certainly better.”

Young person’s feedback.

Family Group: Our children and family programmes benefit those 6 – 11 years of age, focusing on developing emotional literacy, with the aim to provide coping strategies. We help children and their families to manage the challenges following bereavement. Developed by Child Bereavement UK, this quality assured service has successfully improved lives of children and their families for 25 years.

NEST: Developed by our volunteers who have personal experience of bereavement at a young age, these groups support young people aged 12+ coping with the death of a loved one. Run by skilled and experienced staff and volunteers, groups focus on helping to remember the person who has died, identifying complex feelings, and exploring a range of techniques and strategies to help manage these feelings and situations that may cause difficulties.

“Without WTH I would have just brushed my feelings under the carpet and tried to turn off my emotions.”

Nest Participant, age 14.

Wiltshire Treehouse

~ YOU ARE NOT ALONE ~



Drawn by one of our 11+ bereavement support group participants.

Children & Young People tell us we have helped them...

- > Express their feelings
- > Cope with problems
- > Feel safe & worry less

“I felt as though it was my safe haven where anything I felt was ok, I could express myself”

“Without WTH I would have brushed my feelings under the carpet & turned off my emotions.”

Parents & Carers say they could ...

- > Talk to their child about the person who died more easily.
- > Understand their child's emotional reactions to the bereavement

100% of all Participants said they would recommend us to a friend.

“I feel more equipped to support their emotions, with techniques & ideas to help.”

We did it all with
302

Hours of Volunteer Time

Plus...

2 FTE (reduced to 1 from April to September)

We've Supported

223 ^{^26% from 2019}

Children & Young People

376 ^{^51% from 2019}

Parents/Carers & Siblings

389 ^{^309% from 2019}

Professionals

**WILTSHIRE
TREE
HOUSE
2020
IN BRIEF**

Our Response to Covid-19...

Wiltshire Treehouse responded swiftly and innovatively to the Covid-19 pandemic. Within weeks we had realigned our resources with the needs of grieving families, and we continued to evolve to meet the changing landscape of 2020. During the year we directly supported over 200 children in a Covid secure way, more than any year previously. We supported both those bereaved by Covid-19 and those bereaved by other causes to navigate their grief at a time when people were unable to say goodbye in person, attend funerals, and many other points of help were not available.

“Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the children & young people we work with, the effects of which are likely to be long-lasting. We witnessed a rise in anxiety and young people self-harming.”

Jeannie, WTH Bereavement Support Worker.

“M is sleeping much better and is less anxious overall. She’s able to talk about her mum with fondness instead of tears as well, and she is coping much better overall. It has helped her process her mum’s death incredibly well.”

Day to Remember Parent.

Our Flexible Approach and Covid-Secure

Changes: To begin we simplified our referral system to allow families to access our service as easily as possible. By re-training our volunteers, we increased the number of team members available to support families remotely, including training around autism awareness to ensure our services remained as inclusive as possible.

We continued to offer vital support to parents/guardians and professionals using phone calls, email, text messages, and social media. We also created a new range of

information and resource packs, designed specifically for those supporting bereaved children and young people. We redesigned our group work programmes and 1 to 1 work so that we could deliver them virtually. By working virtually, we extended our reach, and were able to help more children from rural areas who would have been unable to attend our traditional, in person programmes due to a lack of transport.

The team developed a covid-secure 1 day programme for primary aged children. Delivered in-person, this provided children and parents/guardians the opportunity to safely meet and take part in an intensive bereavement intervention.

For professionals we increased our training to include a webinar for educational professionals, with 130+ attendees, new online Introduction to Bereavement training and virtual First Line Bereavement Support training.

We worked in partnership with local and national organisations such as Swindon Borough Council, Child Bereavement UK, and the Childhood Bereavement Network. Supporting a coordinated local response to Covid-19 and sharing best practise.

“This is a very good introductory course. The ‘unhelpful/helpful’ comments were useful to note, also confirmation of what terms we should use when describing a death. Thank you.”

Online induction to childhood bereavement participant.

“Can I just say, the service you are running for ‘G’ and other kids is amazing! ‘G’ is really finding it useful & rewarding. I really appreciate that she can be part of it.”

Text from a parent of online NEST participant.

Nicholas's Story ...

After the death of his much loved Grandad Nicholas became angry, negative and often worried. Feeling like her little boy was lost, Mum contacted Wiltshire Treehouse for support.

Joining the Family Program, Nicholas and Mum were supported to explore and learn about their emotions, finding ways to share their memories about Grandad.



“Wiltshire Treehouse has not only helped Nicholas deal with the loss of my father, it has helped me learn how to listen to him more and understand how his emotions affect him” said Mum.

The groups are delivered by the charity within Swindon and Wiltshire, helping to raise awareness of the affects of grief. Using creativity, stories and games, families learn strategies that work for them, such as Nicholas's worry monster.

After completing the family program Mum feels more able to support Nicholas effectively. **“I've gained my little boy back and I can't thank Wiltshire Treehouse enough. Without them I think I'd still have a very lost and angry little boy”**.



Nicholas says, **“Wiltshire Treehouse has helped me learn how to deal with my emotions in a safe way. I've now started to feel like I did when Grandad Tony was still alive. I still miss him lots and it hurts but I now understand how I feel a lot more and I know that it is ok to be sad.”**

Images courtesy of family. Top: Nicholas with a photo of Grandad Tony. Bottom: Nicholas and his new worry monster.

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The Journey ahead...

In 2021 we aim to achieve the main goals set in our 5-year strategic plan, with some adaptations that will enable us to meet the short-term needs of our families following the pandemic. We will also make some changes informed by our learning from 2020.

As planned, we will **deliver 4 programmes for primary aged children and 3 programmes for secondary aged young people, plus 2 training courses for professionals**. However, we will allow the venues of our programmes to be decided as per the need of our families, **embracing a hybrid method of working** that will include our traditional in-person programmes, new virtual programmes, and new 1-day intensive intervention programme as appropriate.

“In 2021 we plan to learn from the pandemic, blending our traditional in-person programmes with new virtual provision. This will increase the availability & choice of support for beneficiaries, whilst maintaining the high standards we work to.”

Kath Brownlee, Bereavement Service Lead.

We will also begin **scoping work for a hub in South Wiltshire** with a view to developing the support that we can offer in this rural area.

During 2020 we saw a rise in complex cases and children experiencing complicated grief, due to the challenges presented by the pandemic. There was also a rise in children displaying self-harm and anxiety, with a greater number of children bereaved by suicide. In response to this, in 2021 we will **provide trauma training for our volunteers** and will work to **develop specific training around supporting Children Bereaved by Suicide**, which will be made available to our volunteers and local professionals.

We will continue to utilise our local and national partnerships helping us **to respond to the changing needs of our services users**, and ensure our work continues to **reflect best practise** and use of resources.

Reference & Administrative details for year ended 31/12/2020.

Trustees:

H Peplar
S Ward - Chair
F Auty - Treasurer
H Cretchley
C Paradise
A Delvecchio – joined 01 November 2020

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Achievement and Performance...

Charitable Activities:

In 2020, total income was £88,483 (2019: £55,514). Expenditure increased to £58,557 (2019: £57,520). As expected, our most significant expenses were staff (£52,266) service delivery (£819) resources and equipment (£1,330), training and supervision (£1,047) and general expenses including insurance (£3,095).

A total of £18,379 of funds were de-restricted during the year. The unrestricted surplus of £20,860 has increased the General Fund to £73,294 (2019: £52,434) providing more financial stability for the charity.

Reserve's policy:

Wiltshire Treehouse holds reserves to ensure a continuing service to clients. Our aim is to retain a minimum reserve of four month's operational costs (£23,500); allowing the Charity to close should it be necessary, without adversely affecting the service to families in receipt of support and meet liabilities to creditors, staff notice and redundancy costs. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually to take account of any change in circumstances. Within 2021 we will continue work to increase our reserve position, from 4 to 5 months, aiding our organisation to become increasingly robust within a challenging climate for charities.

Fundraising Report:

Donors to Wiltshire Treehouse can be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising. Whilst not registered with the Fundraising Regulator; due to our small size and income, we are committed to the Fundraising Promise and adhere to the Code of Fundraising Practice. This report covers the requirements charities must follow as set out in the Charities Act 2016.

During 2020 our charitable bereavement services received £99,569; made up of 86% from Grants and Foundations, 8% donated by corporate partners, 5% from fundraising efforts, including seeking donations and gifts, running events and household waste recycling schemes. We received less than 1% (£212) from the Swindon Community Lottery.

“Fundraising within a pandemic has bought many challenges, including a drop in corporate support & individual giving. However, I couldn't be prouder of our team, who have continued to provide exceptional support at a time of trauma. It has been a joy to share the work that has continued, despite social distancing. Our thanks go out to all those who have donated to our cause, our success is only possible with their generosity”.

Sarah Gillam, Director of Development.

Where businesses or individuals fundraise on our behalf, we work to ensure that the correct safeguards are in place. To do this we require confirmation of compliance with the Code of Fundraising Practice. To further aid this process, we have also developed a fundraising brochure to help all groups and individuals wishing to fundraise on our behalf. As per best practice, our complaints policy is available upon request or can be located on our website. Wiltshire Treehouse operates a “complaints friendly” environment and greatly regrets if we do not meet the expectations or needs of service users. We welcome feedback and any negative comments will be taken very seriously.

Structure, Governance and Management...

Governing document:

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charity Incorporated Organisation, registered in December 2014.

Commencement of Activities:

As a newly established charity in 2014, Wiltshire Treehouse launched services to the public in October 2015 and had an immediate response and number of referrals. With experience from founding Trustees, dating back to 2001, Wiltshire Treehouse are the lead provider in Children and Young People's bereavement support within Swindon.

We anticipate that 2021 will continue to be a challenging year within fundraising due to the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we are hopeful that the many cancelled events of 2020 will continue to run in 2021, if not by 2022, including our local giving campaigns, Easter trail and Family Fun Day.

Approved by order of the board of Trustees on 09/06/2021 and signed on its behalf by:



S. WARD - Chair of Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wiltshire Treehouse

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wiltshire Treehouse (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

T R Case FCA
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Case Accounting Ltd.
20 Goodwood Way
Cepen Park South
Chippenham, Wiltshire
SN14 0SY

Date: 09/06/2021

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		23,526	59,930	83,456	55,514
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	3	2,776	-	2,776	-
Other trading activities	2	2,251	-	2,251	-
Total		28,553	59,930	88,483	55,514
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		14,939	-	14,939	8,229
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		11,294	32,485	43,779	49,291
Total		26,233	32,485	58,718	57,520
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,320	27,445	29,765	(2,006)
Transfers between funds	9	18,379	(18,379)	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,699	9,066	29,765	(2,006)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		52,434	18,929	71,363	73,369
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		73,133	27,995	101,128	71,363

The notes form part of these financial statements

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	603	-	603	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		73,082	27,995	101,077	71,897
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(552)	-	(552)	(534)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>72,530</u>	<u>27,995</u>	<u>100,525</u>	<u>71,363</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>73,133</u>	<u>27,995</u>	<u>101,128</u>	<u>71,363</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>73,133</u>	<u>27,995</u>	<u>101,128</u>	<u>71,363</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				73,133	52,434
Restricted funds				27,995	18,929
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>101,128</u>	<u>71,363</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 09/06/2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



S Ward - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fundraising events	231	-
Professional training	<u>2,020</u>	-
	<u>2,251</u>	-

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2020	2019
	Activity	£	£
Government grants	Charitable activities	<u>2,776</u>	<u>-</u>

The Government grants represent Job Retention Scheme (furlough) receipts for which the charity was entitled to claim.

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses in the sum of £185 (2019: £12) were incurred during the year ended 31 December 2020.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Management	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The number of staff includes four persons working part-time.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	36,585	18,929	55,514
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	8,229	-	8,229
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	20,403	28,888	49,291
Total	<u>28,632</u>	<u>28,888</u>	<u>57,520</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	7,953	(9,959)	(2,006)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	44,481	28,888	73,369

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued				
	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>52,434</u>	<u>18,929</u>	<u>71,363</u>	
7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
			Computer equipment £	
COST				
Additions			<u>804</u>	
DEPRECIATION				
Charge for year			<u>201</u>	
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2020			<u>603</u>	
At 31 December 2019			<u>-</u>	
8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2020	2019	
		£	£	
Other creditors		<u>552</u>	<u>534</u>	
9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	52,434	2,320	18,379	73,133
Restricted funds				
Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	9,994	14,709	(9,994)	14,709
St James Place & Warburtons (resources and materials)	550	(550)	-	-
Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)	3,385	-	(3,385)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
National Lottery Covid Funding	<u>-</u>	<u>13,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,286</u>
	<u>18,929</u>	<u>27,445</u>	<u>(18,379)</u>	<u>27,995</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>71,363</u>	<u>29,765</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,128</u>

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,553	(26,233)	2,320
Restricted funds			
Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	19,660	(4,951)	14,709
St James Place & Warburtons (resources and materials)	-	(550)	(550)
Edward Gostlin Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	7,770	(2,770)	5,000
National Lottery Covid Funding	30,000	(16,714)	13,286
	<u>59,930</u>	<u>(32,485)</u>	<u>27,445</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>88,483</u>	<u>(58,718)</u>	<u>29,765</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	44,481	7,953	52,434
Restricted funds			
Staff funding	28,888	(28,888)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)	-	5,000	5,000
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	-	9,994	9,994
St James Place & Warburtons (resources and materials)	-	550	550
Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)	-	3,385	3,385
	<u>28,888</u>	<u>(9,959)</u>	<u>18,929</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,369</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>	<u>71,363</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	36,585	(28,632)	7,953
Restricted funds			
Staff funding	-	(28,888)	(28,888)
Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)	5,000	-	5,000
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	9,994	-	9,994
St James Place & Warburtons (resources and materials)	550	-	550
Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)	<u>3,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,385</u>
	<u>18,929</u>	<u>(28,888)</u>	<u>(9,959)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>55,514</u>	<u>(57,520)</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>

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

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	44,481	10,273	18,379	73,133
Restricted funds				
Staff funding	28,888	(28,888)	-	-
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	-	24,703	(9,994)	14,709
Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)	-	3,385	(3,385)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
National Lottery Covid Funding	<u>-</u>	<u>13,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,286</u>
	<u>28,888</u>	<u>17,486</u>	<u>(18,379)</u>	<u>27,995</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>73,369</u>	<u>27,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,128</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	65,138	(54,865)	10,273
Restricted funds			
Staff funding	-	(28,888)	(28,888)
Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)	5,000	(5,000)	-
BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)	29,654	(4,951)	24,703
St James Place & Warburtons (resources and materials)	550	(550)	-
Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)	3,385	-	3,385
Edward Gostlin Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
Wiltshire Community Foundation	7,770	(2,770)	5,000
National Lottery Covid Funding	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(16,714)</u>	<u>13,286</u>
	<u>78,859</u>	<u>(61,373)</u>	<u>17,486</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>143,997</u>	<u>(116,238)</u>	<u>27,759</u>

Wiltshire Community Foundation (expanding services)

The grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation will help fund new bereavement support groups in Wiltshire over the next two years.

BBC Children in Need (Family and NEST groups)

The charity has received donations from BBC Children in Need and D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to fund volunteer and resources costs associated with Family and NEST groups.

St James Place and Warburtons (resources and materials)

Donations towards art materials, books and resources.

Zurich Community Trust (Family groups)

The charity received a donation from Zurich CT to fund Family groups in Swindon and North Wiltshire.

Edward Gostlin Fund

Made a contribution to one month's core costs.

Wiltshire Community Foundation

For the delivery of professional online bereavement training within the county of Wiltshire.

National Lottery Community Fund- Covid 19 response

To cover core costs for the period from September 2020 to March 2021 only.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations & gift aid	4,804	55,514
Grants	70,830	-
Partner income	7,751	-
Recycling	71	-
	<u>83,456</u>	<u>55,514</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	231	-
Professional training	2,020	-
	<u>2,251</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable activities		
Government grants	2,776	-
	<u>2,776</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	88,483	55,514
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Staff costs	14,914	7,489
Fundraising events	25	440
Fundraising consultant	-	300
	<u>14,939</u>	<u>8,229</u>
Charitable activities		
Staff costs	37,353	38,661
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	562	471
Service delivery	1,033	2,566
Volunteer costs	19	-
Office expenses	2,026	1,861
Publicity & advertising	290	505
Training & supervision	1,047	2,473
Resources & equipment	264	1,968
	<u>5,241</u>	<u>9,844</u>
Finance		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	201	-

WILTSHIRE TREEHOUSE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Finance		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and payroll fees	984	786
	<u>984</u>	<u>786</u>
Total resources expended	<u>58,718</u>	<u>57,520</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>29,765</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>

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