

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

England & Wales · Charity number 1159764

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-01-05

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF AND PREVENTION OF POVERTY AND THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF GOOD HEALTH BY WAY OF PROVIDING FUNDS, GOODS AND SERVICES TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS, SPECIFICALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE HOMELESS OR SOCIALLY ISOLATED, INCLUDING THE PROVISION AND FACILITATION OF ACCOMMODATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE, AS WELL AS QUALITY SUPPORT, ALSO AVAILABLE VIA CHURCHES TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CHARITY.

Activities: Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the broken hearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Peterborough City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£692,359	£755,010	£496,496	13
2024-03-31	£722,846	£708,710	£559,147	11
2023-03-31	£551,121	£407,165	£545,011	9
2022-03-31	£589,538	£421,297	£401,055	7
2021-03-31	£610,473	£502,711	£232,814	7

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Stuart Russell Lidgett		2023-09-06
MARK JACKSON		2020-12-08
Marcia Ann Green		2019-09-01
Paul Logan		2020-12-08
Paula Jayne Marie Greaves		2024-12-11
Sara Louise Bristow		2024-12-11
Sheila Bucknell		2025-12-10

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1159764

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the Greater Peterborough area through several different exciting projects and activities.

The Garden House

The Garden House project has been running since October 2018 and has established itself as Peterborough's 'Homeless Hub'. When someone is experiencing homelessness and needs support and hope, they are signposted to this project.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, 1,039 people were supported through the project with a total of 23,148 visits. This is a rise of those in significant need compared to the previous financial year (820 people and 13,879 visits). We were also able to help 596 people to move off the streets and into accommodation during this period.

Since November 2023, we have provided a seven day a week service, including being open all Bank Holidays and the Christmas period. This has been greatly appreciated by our Garden House guests.

By opening at weekends, people can continue to access a safe and secure place to keep themselves distracted from turning to substance misuse. This also helps with mental health and the feeling of loneliness.

When people first come to the project seeking support, our Project Workers are on hand to meet them and understand the situation that they're experiencing. Care and attention are essential so we can identify the right level of support and how best to provide it.

Everyone has their own story and will come to us as a result of various reasons. Some become homeless after a breakdown in a relationship or with family, some will have lost their jobs, whilst others may have had a decline in their physical or mental health meaning they can no longer support themselves fully. There will be some who are fleeing modern slavery or domestic violence. Often, a person will have experienced a combination of these challenges.

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Across the city, there are many access centres such as community hubs, specialists such as offending and drugs/alcohol, and civic offices. Without the Garden House project, the homeless community would be lost in the middle of multiple services, spending much of their time bouncing from one to another. This is one of the reasons why we believe in the importance of a multi-agency approach.

We are able to provide showers and a laundry service to our Garden House guests. Access to washing facilities brings both physical and mental benefits to its users. The combination of the showers and our Health Outreach Bus providing on-site wound management, means people have a stronger chance of avoiding infections. 796 showers were provided over 2024-25.

In late 2024, we secured funding to create a Health and Wellbeing Garden on-site. This space will enable our guests to develop employability and living skills as well as building confidence for personal growth. There will be a dedicated outdoor kitchen and fitness area along with growing and nature areas.

We continued providing a unique support group called 'Seasons'. The aim of the group is to provide a safe space for families, friends and loved ones of people who have been or currently are sleeping rough.

Homeless Health

A big part of the support we provide through the Garden House project involves facilitating access to health services for the people we help. This is called the Homeless Health Hub. Having access to health and care professionals on-site and through Outreach on the Health Outreach Bus helps to overcome barriers that prevent them from accessing mainstream services and improves their health and wellbeing.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, there were 808 engagements made with drug and alcohol support including from Aspire CGL Recovery Service and Alcoholics Anonymous. We've continued to maintain a strong relationship with Boroughbury Medical Centre who help with GP registrations and provide GP and Nurse consultations on-site. Of the 545 people who presented as homeless for the first time, 243 of them weren't previously signed up with a doctor. We managed to register 84 of these.

During this period, the NHS Immunisations and Vaccinations team have provided vaccinations for flu and COVID-19. Terrence Higgins Trust and I-Cash Sexual Health Services have given sexual health advice, guidance and screening. For counselling and mental health support, both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust's Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team (DDOT) and Greater Peterborough Network's specialist GP and Psychotherapist have delivered one-to-one sessions.

As well as running I-Cash Sexual Health, NHS Cambridgeshire Community Services also provides us support with dentistry and physiotherapy. This means a more rounded health support package can be offered.

One of the new services we've facilitated is Optometry with the support of First Vision Eyecare. Once a month, opticians came to the Garden House to provide eye tests and eye health screening, and if required, prescription glasses were provided.

Fitness Rush is a mobile gym providing Personal Training. Since 2023, they've been visiting every week providing guests with access to gym equipment and advice. This opportunity to exercise brings many benefits to people's physical and mental health. People are also able to complete Personal Training qualifications.

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Health outreach bus

Since September 2023, we've been using our Health Outreach Bus to facilitate health services, primarily at The Garden House, but also during outreach into the community. The facilities onboard replicate a doctor's consultation room and can be accessed by anyone via its ramp.

We regularly take the bus with a Healthcare professional from Greater Peterborough Network and a member of Peterborough City Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach team to where Peterborough soup kitchens provide food and drink to those who are homeless and hungry. This gives us a captive audience to offer examinations as well as spread awareness of the support available across the city to those who are unaware of our work.

We're proud we've also been able to help facilitate other health services for the wider community. North West Anglia Foundation Trust have carried out prostate screening sessions and The Greater Peterborough Network have used the bus for cervical cancer screenings in various locations across the North of Cambridgeshire. Hundreds of men and women have been checked, thanks to having access to this medical resource.

Peer advocacy

This programme was built upon our previous Peer Support project; a group of volunteers with Lived Experience of homelessness who wanted to give something back by supporting others.

We have now developed this further and have launched our Homeless Health Peer Advocacy project. This is a training programme for people to harness their own knowledge and understanding, whilst learning new skills and experience to help them move further along their journey.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, our Peer Advocates supported 207 people and made 444 engagements. They gave 1,265 hours of their time to support others.

Peer Advocates are trained to provide practical and emotional support to those experiencing homelessness. This includes helping to navigate services such as healthcare, mental health support, substance misuse, benefits, housing and being there when things get tough.

The programme is for six months and by the end of this period, many will have gained practical skills and valuable experience. This means they will be better positioned to move into long-term employment opportunities.

We also regularly collect feedback from our Peer Advocates and others with Lived Experience on different topics and challenges they face. Lived Experience discussion groups are often held so we can listen and seek to understand how we can better support people.

Feedback we receive helps not only us but also informs policy makers and service providers so key issues can be tackled within the city.

Street Chaplains

The charity originated from the good work that City Centre Chaplains started back in 2009. Since then, the project has rebranded, but the aim has continued to be the same. Street Chaplains are volunteers who engage with people in and around the city centre who need a listening ear and a shoulder to lean on. 1,481 hours of volunteering have been given by 27 Street Chaplains during April 2024 and March 2025.

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This project also helps to improve the feelings of safety for everyone within the community, especially in public spaces and the night-time economy, and for women. The Street Chaplains are in active partnership with emergency services which speeds up help to be accessed by those in need.

Some chaplains go out at night time to provide support to those enjoying the nightlife in Peterborough. They help by giving out bottled water, provide First Aid when necessary, and help people into taxis so they can safely get home. We also have flip-flops for people who end up needing alternative footwear at the end of their night.

Chaplains will also be found in other places such as local pubs, Central Park, Community Hubs as well as supporting guests at the Garden House. Many people feel lost or are struggling with tough situations such as having loved ones or friends being in hospital.

Volunteering

We are truly thankful to have such a wonderful and caring team of volunteers. Without their contribution, we wouldn't be able to provide the same level of support to those needing help. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 7,230 hours were given in total by volunteers. This equates to a cost contribution of £91,098 to the city.

Over the years, we have established a group of people of all ages and backgrounds who have brought different attributes and experiences. They offer their time for various reasons. Some want to build up their skills and knowledge, some are retired and want to keep busy, others use it as a way to make friends or overcome grief, whilst others simply just want to make a positive impact in their community.

Through the Garden House project, volunteers serve food and drink with a friendly smile and a listening ear. Over time, volunteers can build up a strong rapport with some of the Garden House guests, which can have such a positive impact especially on those who might feel anxious or alone.

We also have volunteers who have supported us in other ways such as helping to maintain or improve our buildings and grounds. Having a network of people with different skill sets and attributes really helps us to deliver the quality of service we provide.

We feel it's important that we show appreciation to our volunteers and so we organise a couple of events each year to achieve this. We held our yearly Volunteer and Supporter Celebration evening in May 2024 and our Curry and Carols night took place in December. Thank you to the 'Little Punjab Food Company' who support the event with food each year and help to make the evening as special as possible.

Peterborough night shelter

The Peterborough Night Shelter provides emergency accommodation to those living on the streets and are facing barriers or challenges in securing temporary accommodation. This accommodation comes in the form of single-person units which are sited across four church sites in Peterborough. Each unit includes a single bed, shower, toilet, sink, a window, storage, and radiators.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, 25 people were supported with Emergency Accommodation and 2,279 bed nights were provided.

We have seven emergency pods situated across the Salvation Army Citadel, Southside Methodist Church, Peterborough International Christian Centre, and Christ the Carpenter. Dogsthorpe. Guests are referred by our Project Workers and Peterborough City Council's Rough Sleeper Outreach team.

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Guests are picked up from their unit every morning by a Project Worker in our mini-bus and then taken to the Garden House project to be further supported on their action plans throughout the day. They are then returned to their pod in the evening.

The church communities further support this project by providing water and electricity into the units while volunteers supply hot meals, visit them regularly and invite guests to take part in church activities to avoid feelings of loneliness. In total, these amazing volunteers gave 1,448 hours between April 2024 and March 2025.

Furthermore, if this and other accommodation in the city is full or not accessible we strive to not see anyone at risk on the streets. Where this is the case we will source emergency hotel accommodation to give people whose health is spiralling or at risk of abuse such as fleeing domestic violence some respite and safety.

Across Peterborough

Across Peterborough is a communication tool with a website, social media and newsletter. Our aim is to showcase some of the amazing work done in our city and provide resources that will help improve the Peterborough community. On our website, we have a directory of over 100 churches and Christian groups. This enables people to connect and find out how they can engage with the city and receive help if required.

Furthermore, other examples of good work we lead on are the Peterborough Civic Prayer Breakfast, Peterborough Christian Leaders Forum and Peterborough Christians for Social Action.

Peterborough civic prayer breakfast

Every year, we organise an event to bring together Christian and Civic Leaders to consider their work in the city and for those in need and to pray for the City Council, the Police and Health Services.

Peterborough Christian leaders forum

It was recognised by us that senior Christian leaders across denominations and charities were not meeting or considering their social action work together. Early 2025 we worked with denominational leaders from such as

The purpose of the Forum is to:

- Foster unity among Christian leaders across denominations and traditions in Peterborough.
- Encourage activities and promote collaboration in social and community action.
- Serve as a platform for discussion and response to social issues affecting the church and wider community.
- Represent a collective Christian voice to civic leaders.
- Build on historical and current activities; to reimagine the 'possible' for the city.

PC4SA (Peterborough Christians for Social Action)

The group was formed in May 2021 and originated out of the Peterborough Winter Night Shelter meetings. There was a realisation that the churches coming together to open their doors to the homeless in Peterborough were also interested in further social action initiatives. The group meets quarterly to discuss specific social action topics. This has led to increased involvement from churches on issues of food poverty, homelessness, health, substance misuse, sex working, the environment, youth work, and immigration.

Our digital and social media presence is important to our work, focussing on getting good news out to the community, increasing awareness of our work and encouraging others to help those in need. At end of March 2024 on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter we had a total of 8,426 followers. Our Light Project Peterborough monthly newsletter continues with innovative infographics and video content. In March 2024 this had 827 subscribers and feedback continues to be positive on the content and information given.

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In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing our charitable services. We were really pleased to received words of support from local leaders.

"As the Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council, I get to meet some amazing charities and people who are helping to make our city a better place. Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is one of these brilliant organisations. Across all their projects, LPP aims to improve and support people's lives in a positive way. They are a great employer with a dedicated staff team, and I was astonished to hear that they enabled over 7,000 volunteering hours this year! Great people in our city are working together every day to bring hope and guidance to those who cross their paths.

One of LPP's remarkable achievements is their support in providing accommodation, and in particular over the winter, which has provided warmth and safety to many individuals during the harshest months. LPP's successes have come from establishing strong networks and forming key partnerships over many years of dedicated service. By connecting up vital services and reaching out to every part of the city, more lives have benefitted and been improved. LPP is truly a shining beacon in the community, and it continues to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable."

Matt Gladstone, Chief Executive, Peterborough City Council

"I feel inspired and encouraged by the work that Light Project Peterborough provides and leads on across the city. Their Christian values are evident throughout each project delivered. At the Garden House, staff and volunteers give hope and love to those who are on the edges of society. Street Chaplains express their faith throughout the city centre to give a listening ear, prayer and comfort to people feeling isolated and lost.

Light Project Peterborough demonstrates leadership and initiative as well by bringing together the Christian communities in the city. By building a unified network, more can be achieved to help our neighbours and those in need. They truly do carry out their vision to "enable and equip the church and community to heal the broken-hearted, set free the oppressed, and bring good news to the poor."

The charity has also inspired both St Luke's Youth Group and the Order of Malta Cadets to fundraise and learn more about their commitment to helping others, especially those experiencing homelessness."

The Very Revd. Fr Jeffrey Downie, Catholic Dean of Peterborough & Parish Priest of St. Luke's Orton

"Light Project Peterborough has led the way in improving positive outcomes for the homeless community not only in the city but wider afield too. There are always pressures on health services but with the help of LPP, the NHS has been able to support more people including those experiencing homelessness and the community. Their Health Outreach Bus has been of huge benefit and enables health provision to be accessed both at the Garden House and into the city.

For some of those homeless, there are several barriers preventing them to access a health service and due to their living situation, it would only lead to further repercussions with their wellbeing. Getting a consultation with a GP or nurse, helps to alleviate health inequality and provides a huge step in their journey out of homelessness.

The public have been able to undergo prostate and cervical screenings which has led to cancer diagnoses to be detected, meaning lives have been saved as a result of the vehicle.

For the charity to deliver over 2,400 health consultations across 2024-2025 is an incredible feat. A big thank you to all who were involved in achieving this outcome. I look forward to continuing working with LPP and looking at more and new ways in providing health services to the homeless population and Peterborough residents."

Jonathan Bartram, Programme Director, Strategic Commissioning, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS)

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"The Constabulary have a great working relationship with Light Project Peterborough and together we are able to support some of the most vulnerable people in the city. By having a strong partnership and communication between our teams, we can help prevent and deter people from anti-social behaviour and crime as well as provide safety to those whose life is spiralling out of control.

The Garden House and Street Chaplain teams use their knowledge and experience to deliver a non-judgemental and efficient service to those in need. Across the city, some people become homeless as a result of modern-day slavery, sex working or human trafficking. LPP are on hand to give the right help, so they can escape and not return to such horrible and desperate situations.

The presence of LPP within the city has benefitted our work greatly in keeping Peterborough a safer place for its residents."

Superintendent Ben Martin, Area Commander, Peterborough and Fenland, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Risks

The trustees and senior team regularly review the principal risks facing the charity and have created a full risk register during the year. The principal risks facing the charity are:

- Managing the increase in demand for services
- Maintaining a strong reputation for managing the safety and wellbeing of service users, staff and volunteers;
- Ensuring the long-term security of funding and premises
- Maintaining good governance and compliance with relevant regulations

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees reviewed the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects and longer term objectives.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £154,000 and £297,000 (2024: £131,000 - £251,000) of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £220,914 (2024: £217,725) which falls within the range set by the policy.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Alban Jones

S Bristow (Appointed 11 December 2024)

S Bucknell (Resigned 10 April 2024)

P Greaves (Appointed 11 December 2024)

M Green

M Jackson

P Logan

A Lidgett

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Green

Trustee

10 December 2025

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners' report

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute Of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



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19 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	94,852	-	2,111	96,963	103,943
Income from charitable activities	4	420	-	580,014	580,434	609,102
Investment income		14,962	-	-	14,962	8,631
Other income	5	-	-	-	-	1,170
Total incoming resources		110,234	-	582,125	692,359	722,846
Expenditure						
Cost of generating funds	6	15,491	-	18,947	34,438	27,165
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545
Total expenditure		87,045	22,623	645,342	755,010	708,710
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		23,189	(22,623)	(63,217)	(62,651)	14,136
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	20,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,189	(2,623)	(63,217)	(62,651)	14,136
Total funds brought forward		217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147	545,011
Total funds carried forward		220,914	185,179	90,403	496,496	559,147

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	103,227	-	716	103,943	91,093
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	609,102	609,102	459,004
Investment income		8,631	-	-	8,631	695
Other income	5	237	-	933	1,170	329
Total incoming resources		112,095	-	610,751	722,846	551,121
Expenditure						
Fundraising expenditure	6	4,075	-	23,090	27,165	3,600
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	70,585	20,392	590,568	681,545	403,565
Total expenditure		74,660	20,392	613,658	708,710	407,165
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		37,435	(20,392)	(2,907)	14,136	143,956
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	90,162	(70,162)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,435	69,770	(73,069)	14,136	143,956
Total funds brought forward		200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	401,055
Total funds carried forward		217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147	545,011

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	65,179	87,802
Current assets			
Debtors	11	42,395	141,636
Cash at bank and in hand		445,496	434,009
		<u>487,891</u>	<u>575,645</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(56,574)	(104,300)
Net current assets		<u>431,317</u>	<u>471,345</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>496,496</u></u>	<u><u>559,147</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted	16	90,403	153,620
Designated	17	185,179	187,802
Unrestricted		220,914	217,725
		<u><u>496,496</u></u>	<u><u>559,147</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10 December 2025



Mark Jackson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	15	11,487	(31,817)
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(70,162)
Net cash used in investment activities		-	(70,162)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		11,487	(101,979)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		434,009	535,988
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		445,496	434,009

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that 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.

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1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Mobile health unit	20% straight line
Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Regular donations	11,319	-	296	11,615	9,269
One off donations	31,003	-	590	31,593	41,412
Gift aid reclaim	11,588	-	-	11,588	10,928
Church donations	12,698	-	600	13,298	7,418
Other donations	26,331	-	625	26,956	24,916
Legacies	-	-	-	-	10,000
Other income	1,913	-	-	1,913	-
	<u>94,852</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>96,963</u>	<u>103,943</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Peterborough City Council	-	-	118,675	118,675	253,816
DLUCH	-	-	99,999	99,999	57,283
The National Lottery	-	-	151,734	151,734	145,890
Grants: other	420	-	209,606	210,026	152,113
	<u>420</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>580,014</u>	<u>580,434</u>	<u>609,102</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income	-	-	-	-	1,170

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6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising costs	15,491	-	18,947	34,438	27,165

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Salary costs	6,263	-	332,148	338,411	277,553
Recruitment costs	51	-	439	490	597
Other staff related costs	50	-	5,414	5,464	991
Guest expenses	525	-	40,079	40,604	19,852
Direct costs: other	65	-	173,616	173,681	180,212
Volunteer expenses	1,111	-	303	1,414	278
Consultancy & project work	-	-	16,275	16,275	77,450
Marketing	6,006	-	1,747	7,753	3,816
Rent	16,816	-	3,623	20,439	18,492
Rates	3,640	-	460	4,100	1,286
Insurance	3,148	-	333	3,481	2,913
Electricity	4,213	-	1,200	5,413	10,229
Repairs & renewals	1,516	-	8,898	10,414	16,291
Cleaning	1,952	-	10,738	12,690	9,107
Vehicle costs	(837)	-	10,864	10,027	6,962
Travel & subsistence	1,263	-	697	1,960	1,192
Printing, postage & stationery	1,492	-	1,566	3,058	5,774
Telephone & internet	826	-	2,382	3,208	1,551
Computer costs	7,636	-	5,773	13,409	11,072
Accountancy	12,591	-	450	13,041	11,231
Consultancy & professional fees	2,139	-	500	2,639	260
Bank charges	2,337	-	-	2,337	2,448
Subscriptions	(1,269)	-	8,890	7,621	1,596
Other expenses	20	-	-	20	-
Depreciation	-	22,623	-	22,623	20,392
	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545
Analysis					
Direct charitable activities	50,363	22,623	626,395	699,381	630,949
Support costs	20,711	-	-	20,711	50,116
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	480
	71,554	22,623	626,395	720,572	681,545

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

9 Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	340,485	279,541
Social Security costs	25,929	19,609
Pension costs	6,694	4,751
	<u>373,108</u>	<u>303,901</u>
Average actual number of employees	<u>13</u>	<u>11</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £55,812 (2024 - £53,160). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Mobile health unit £	Plant & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	97,758	12,023	23,096	132,877
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>97,758</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>132,877</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	13,032	12,023	20,020	45,075
Charge for the year	19,548	-	3,075	22,623
At 31 March 2025	<u>32,580</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,095</u>	<u>67,698</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>65,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>65,179</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>84,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>87,802</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	28,886	129,388
Prepayments	13,509	8,884
Other debtors	-	3,364
	<u>42,395</u>	<u>141,636</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	31,041	82,488
Accruals	12,786	4,441
Taxation and social security	-	134
Other creditors	12,747	17,237
	<u>56,574</u>	<u>104,300</u>

13 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expiring within 2 - 5 years	<u>86,298</u>	<u>-</u>

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £20,439 (2024: £18,492) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which T Alban-Jones is a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

15 Cash generated from operations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(62,651)	14,136
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	22,623	20,392
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	99,241	(138,809)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(47,726)	78,502
(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(6,038)
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>11,487</u>	<u>(31,817)</u>

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Homelessness	47,105	234,103	(249,300)	-	31,908	234,234	(261,844)	-	4,298
Overnight provision	17,571	276	(2,226)	-	15,621	276	-	-	15,897
Peer advocacy	3,315	44,668	(13,858)	-	34,125	25,401	(49,468)	-	10,058
Volunteer support	-	5,366	(5,366)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pods: DLUHC	42,718	57,283	(98,794)	-	1,207	99,999	(86,848)	-	14,358
Pods: other	34,559	50,614	(46,824)	-	38,349	31,612	(52,558)	-	17,403
Mobile health unit	72,404	-	-	(70,162)	2,242	-	(2,242)	-	-
Health hub	-	190,969	(169,116)	-	21,853	146,088	(167,941)	-	-
Fenland health project	-	21,120	(13,200)	-	7,920	-	(7,920)	-	-
Community garden	-	-	-	-	-	40,000	(14,869)	-	25,131
Chaplaincy	9,017	6,352	(14,974)	-	395	1,215	(898)	-	712
United Christian projects	-	-	-	-	-	3,300	(754)	-	2,546
	226,689	610,751	(613,658)	(70,162)	153,620	582,125	(645,342)	-	90,403

The homelessness, overnight provision and pods funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the overnight and day care provision for the homeless. They consist of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one off private donations and some regular monthly donors.

The mobile health unit relates to a grant to build a specialised mobile health vehicle unit, which was completed in the year and the expenditure was transferred to the designated fixed asset fund.

The health hub and Fenland health funds are for health related projects linked to people in need.

Funds were received specifically to support a peer support worker and volunteer coordinator.

The chaplaincy and united Christian projects funds relate to joint projects between churches and chaplaincy work across the city.

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Fixed asset fund	38,032	-	(20,392)	70,162	87,802	-	(22,623)	-	65,179
Property development	70,000	-	-	20,000	90,000	-	-	20,000	110,000
New opportunities fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>118,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,392)</u>	<u>90,162</u>	<u>187,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,623)</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>185,179</u>

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed assets	-	65,179	-	65,179	-	87,802	-	87,802
Current assets / (liabilities)	220,914	120,000	90,403	431,317	217,725	100,000	153,620	471,345
	220,914	185,179	90,403	496,496	217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1159764

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the Greater Peterborough area through several different exciting projects and activities.

The Garden House

The Garden House has been open since October 2018 and is established as Peterborough's Homeless Hub. When someone is experiencing homelessness and needs support and hope, they are signposted to this project. On 8th October 2023, we celebrated five years of activities.

Between April 2023 – March 2024, 820 people were supported at The Garden House with a total of 13,879 visits. This is a significant rise of those in need compared to the previous financial year (629 people and 6,144 visits). We were also able to help 415 people to move off the streets and into accommodation between 2023-2024.

In November 2023, we were able to become a seven day a week service, including being open on Christmas Day! This was much appreciated by our Garden House guests especially those who would have found the day challenging and lonely without family or loved ones. By opening at weekends, people can continue to access a safe and secure place and keep themselves distracted from negative activities such as turning to substance misuse.

"It hasn't been an easy 13 months, but things have got moving and better for me since I started engaging with Light Project Peterborough." – Bill

Our Garden House Project Workers work closely with each person who comes through our doors so we can understand their exact needs and to seek the right support for them in a personalised and efficient manner.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Everyone has their own story. Some have had family or relationship breakdowns, some lost jobs, and some had a decline in their physical or mental health. While others have been fleeing from modern slavery or domestic violence.

There are cases where there are multiple reasons for someone to become homeless or to feel lost in the world.

"I just want to say thank you. You do feel like you are getting assistance and that you're not alone when you're at The Garden House. It does make such a huge difference." – Nigel

Across the city, there are many access centres such as community hubs, specialists such as offending and drugs/alcohol, and civic offices. Without the Garden House project, the homeless community would be lost in the middle of multiple services, spending much of their time bouncing from one to another. This is the importance of the multi-agency approach where we take a lead on bringing organisations together.

In Spring of 2024, we opened an outside unit containing shower and laundry facilities at the Garden House. This will bring both physical and mental benefits to its users. The combination of the showers and our Health Outreach Bus providing onsite wound management, means people have a stronger chance of avoiding infections as well.

The project also has a close partnership with the Police to identify modern day slavery, report hate crime and reduce begging (Operation Luscombe).

We continue to listen and innovate, keeping up with the changes in society and the needs of people we help. One great example of this is that in February 2024, we began a new support group called 'Seasons'. The aim of the sessions is to provide a safe space for families, friends and loved ones of people who have been or currently are sleeping rough.

Homeless Health

Since September 2023, we've been using our new Health Outreach Bus to provide consultations, primarily at The Garden House, but also during outreach into the community. This is part of an active and ongoing relationship with NHS, ICS (Integrated Care System) colleagues to improve health outcomes for the homeless community. The facilities onboard replicate a doctor's consultation room and can be accessed by anyone due to its accessible ramp.

Every fortnight, the bus is taken to where the Peterborough Soup Kitchen provide food and drink to those who are homeless and hungry. This gives us a further captured audience to offer examinations as well as spread awareness of the support available at The Garden House to those who are unaware of our work.

"As a GP on the Health Outreach Bus, I can be an approachable face of healthcare for patients who feel alienated from conventional GP practice. This helps to build trust and create a less intimidating environment within which vulnerable individuals can start to address their chronic physical and mental health issues." Dr. Varney, Greater Peterborough Network

We're proud we've also been able to help facilitate other health services for the wider community. North West Anglia Foundation Trust (NWAFT) have carried out prostate screening tests to the public across Peterborough. Hundreds of men have been checked and potentially lives been saved thanks to having access to this medical resource.

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Between April 2023 and March 2024, there were 630 engagements made with drug and alcohol support services including from Aspire (CGL) Recovery Service. We've continued a strong relationship with Boroughbury Medical Centre to set up GP registrations and provide check-ups for the people we support. Of the 454 people who presented as homeless for the first time, 148 of them weren't previously signed up with a doctor. We managed to register 84 of these.

The NHS Integrated Care System have provided vaccinations for flu and COVID-19. Terrence Higgins Trust and I-Cash Sexual Health Services have given sexual health advice and guidance. For counselling, psychotherapy and mental health support, both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust's Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team (DDOT) and Greater Peterborough Network have delivered one to one sessions at The Garden House.

"DDOT have been amazing with supporting me in my mental health recovery." – John

As well as running I-Cash Sexual Health, NHS Cambridgeshire Community Services also provides us support with dentistry and physiotherapy. This means a more rounded health support package can be offered at the Garden House.

Fitness Rush is a mobile gym providing Personal Training. Providing guests with access to gym equipment and advice has been an exciting development to see. There is also the opportunity to complete Personal Training qualifications.

Following feedback from our guests, we managed to secure new funding to begin weekly football sessions at the Peterborough Rugby Club with coaches from the Peterborough United Foundation. Sessions bring a welcome distraction from everyday struggles and have improved guest's physical and mental health.

"Everyone has their own problems, and playing football gives them the time and space to get away from everything even for an hour or so." – Brian

Peer Support

We previously had a Peer Support project where a group of volunteers who we have helped, or are still currently helping, wanted to give something back by supporting others who are now experiencing difficult times.

We have now developed this further and have launched our Homeless Heath Peer Advocate Service. This is a training programme for people with lived experience of homelessness to harness their own knowledge and understanding, whilst developing new skills and experience to help them move further along their journey.

"Becoming a Peer Advocate will open up new career opportunities and will help advance my skillset. It's also created a new support network for me." – Lee

Peer Advocates have been trained to provide practical and emotional support to those experiencing homelessness. This includes helping to navigate services such as healthcare, mental health support, substance misuse, benefits, housing and being there when things get tough.

Those taking part commit to participate in the programme for six months. By the end of this period, many have gained practical skills and valuable experience, having achieved personal goals positioning them well to move into long-term employment opportunities.

We have also regularly collected feedback from our Peer Advocates and others with 'Lived Experience' on different topics and challenges they face. 'Lived Experience Discussion' groups are held on a monthly basis so we can listen and seek to understand how we can better support people. Feedback we receive helps not only us but also informs policy makers and service providers so key issues can be tackled within the city.

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Peterborough Night Shelter

Our Peterborough Night Shelter project was launched in early February 2022 and involves providing emergency accommodation to help people immediately move off the streets. Working closely with and receiving funding from central and local government has formed a strong partnership basis for the work. The successes of this project have been a result of the development of accommodation at Peterborough church community sites.

Each unit serves one person and includes a single bed, shower, toilet, sink, a window, storage, and radiators. Places are given to people via referrals either from Peterborough City Council or the Garden House team. Guests are picked up from the units every morning and taken to The Garden House and then returned later in the evening. Our Peterborough Night Shelter Project Workers work closely with each person who is given accommodation so we can understand their exact needs and to seek the right support for them in a personalised manner. This is supported by weekly multi-agency planning meetings.

In February 2024, we added three new shelters to our project, all of which were placed at the Salvation Army. This has taken our total to seven emergency units with the other four situated at Southside Methodist Church, Peterborough International Christian Centre, and Christ the Carpenter Dogsthorpe.

"Being in a Night Shelter unit has been a breath of fresh air. It's a huge difference from being in a tent. I now have hot water, electricity and a warm bed every night. It's been a life saver." – Andrew

This project has shown that ending homelessness is about partnership working and a recognition of the importance of providing safe, supported environments. Our team at The Salvation Army is delighted to be part of a scheme that is helping some of our most vulnerable citizens in Peterborough." – Major Gary Chaundy, Salvation Army

To support those staying in the unit's volunteers supply hot meals, visit them regularly and invite guests to take part in church activities to avoid feelings of isolation. In total, these amazing volunteers gave 1,261 hours between April 2023 - March 2024.

The Night Shelter project is unique as it doesn't rely on the complications of housing benefits for people to be looked after. The shelters provide such a resource to those who are on the edge of society and in desperate need. 22 people who were sleeping on the streets received support with a total of 1252 nights of emergency accommodation delivered.

Street Chaplains

LPP was formed on the work that Street Chaplaincy started back in 2009. Since then, the project has rebranded, but the aim has stayed the same. Chaplains continue to go out into the city centre to listen, talk to and pray with those who need hope and love. This includes signposting to other services or support organisations if needed. On special occasions, gifts are also given out.

"Chaplaincy brings me into my faith because it's actually walking in the steps of Jesus. You get to meet people and hear their stories. People are interesting, diverse, and loving if you just stop for them and show them dignity and value." – Gill

We have chaplains who go out on Friday nights, these volunteers provide support to those enjoying the nightlife in Peterborough. They help by giving out bottled water, provide First Aid when needed, and help people into taxis. We have flipflops as well to give people alternative footwear at the end of their night.

'Pub chaplaincy' has continued. Every week, chaplains will visit local pubs and be available to anyone who would appreciate a chat or a prayer. Chaplains have helped people who have felt lost or are struggling with particular situations in their life such as a loved one or friend being in hospital. You may come across a Street Chaplain in other places such as a local park or community hubs where teams are regularly active. 1,298 hours of volunteering have been given by our team of 20 Street Chaplains during April 2023 – March 2024.

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Volunteering

We are truly blessed to have such a strong team of volunteers which continues to grow in numbers. 74 volunteers worked with us over this period. With their support, we can be a city-focused, city-change charity. We've welcomed volunteers from all ages and backgrounds but who all have the same aim: to help others. They offer their time to build up their skills and experience, to make a positive difference in their community, some retired and others use it to make friends or overcome grief and loss.

"I love volunteering as it involves having interactions with people who share their amazing stories. It also opens up your mind and I end up not just giving to others but gaining something valuable myself." – Antonella

Volunteers at the Garden House will serve food and drink along with a friendly smile and a listening ear. Over time, they often build up strong rapports with some of the Garden House guests which can have such a positive impact especially on those who might feel anxious or alone.

We also have volunteers who have supported us in other ways such as helping to maintain or improve our buildings and grounds. Having a network of people with different skill sets and attributes really helps us to deliver the quality of service we provide.

Several activities have been held during the past year to thank and celebrate our volunteers including a summer BBQ hosted by staff and trustees to show our appreciation for those who have given up their time to help us. During December, staff, trustees, volunteers and guests joined together for our second Curry and Carols evening.

We also had our first Celebration Evening held at the Allia Future Business Centre. Volunteers who have supported us for a year or more received certificates as a small token of our appreciation.

"Working with the amazing staff and volunteers has helped me to improve my social and communication skills. I've learnt the importance of serving others in need, being polite and respecting people from different backgrounds. I am inspired by the stories of individuals who have overcome obstacles in their lives with the help of Light Project Peterborough." Lawrence

Enabling and Equipping Others

We have continued to support many in the community to develop their work to alleviate poverty and contribute in meaningful ways.

Across Peterborough is a website that showcases and promotes the amazing work undertaken across the city. Across Peterborough provides information about events that help people, good news stories and job opportunities. It is supported by a monthly mailout to subscribers. A Facebook page also supports posting on the website and information on the mailouts. We also piloted a city wide Across Peterborough magazine, compiling and producing 500 copies for the community to compliment and grow this work.

We regularly engage with other organisations and people who are endeavouring to support others through day-to-day activities, workshops and the facilitation of projects within the community. Our projects are currently active in 8 community settings.

We facilitated a Civic Prayer Breakfast where over 50 Christian and Civic leaders came together to consider the impact and development of their activities. Quarterly meetings are in place where conversations have included shared learning and improved communication. Conversations have taken place with Police, NHS and Local Authority leaders to consider the ways that Church communities are contributing to social impact and where developments can be made. These have included bespoke and targeted workshops on Homelessness, Anti-Social

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Our digital and social media presence is important to our work, focussing on getting good news out to the community, increasing awareness of our work and encouraging others to help those in need. At end of March 2024 on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter we had a total of 8,426 followers. Our Light Project Peterborough monthly newsletter continues with innovative infographics and video content. In March 2024 this had 827 subscribers and feedback continues to be positive on the content and information given.

In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing our charitable services. We were really pleased to received words of support from local leaders.

"I have known of and greatly appreciated the fantastic work of Light Project Peterborough for several years now. In my view, the charity is a leading example of how the Peterborough community comes together to help people in need. Peterborough's Homeless Hub, the 'Garden House' is now open 7 days a week! Every single day, people who need help to move off the streets can now get connected to housing, health and employment services.

Furthermore, this important service gives people somewhere to go for peace and solace and contributes greatly to reducing the troubles caused by addictions, begging and anti-social behaviour. As the largest landlord in the city, we at Cross Keys Homes know how incredibly important and valuable but sometimes challenging giving people a home can be. Light Project Peterborough's support to offer 'first steps' emergency accommodation plays a vital part in Peterborough's response to helping people right on the edges of society.

We will willingly and gratefully continue to offer our advice and guidance to help shape their great work. Bringing the community together, helping volunteers play their part and being a voice to challenge where things are not working is such vital work for our city and Light Project Peterborough is an exemplar of this in everything they do. The charity is a key partner in making Peterborough a better place for us all. It is a true jewel in the crown that we are very proud to be working with and we should be hugely proud of as a city as a whole." Claire Higgins MBE, Chief Executive of Cross Keys Homes.

"I have been able to meet many kind, warm and supportive people since becoming the Bishop of Peterborough. There are many charities, churches and organisations across our city who are endeavouring to work out their Christian faith, right on the front line where needs are the greatest. Light Project Peterborough is truly one of these!

It has been an honour to spend time with the team and volunteers there and see such love and care taking place. I can see a real commitment and selfless service that is to be commended. The charity helps people on the edges, many from troubled backgrounds and many without hope for the future.

Their work gives people a new belief in themselves, offers so much practical support and shows a 'light' of the Kingdom of God on earth. I am pleased to see that the charity is committed to working with the church family, across different denominations and expressions of our faith. I believe they play a key part to in bringing unity, that we might together 'bring good news to poor'. As I will be, please do keep their teams in your thoughts and prayers." The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough.

"This week, someone who was sleeping rough in Peterborough and had been referred by Light Project Peterborough to Hope into Action, moved into their new home. It is just one example of the importance of joint work and the fact that no one comes off the streets solely through the work of one agency. It's all about collaboration and joint work. And this is what so impresses me about Light Project Peterborough and the vital role it plays at the sharp end of homelessness in Peterborough.

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As well as leading the service, Steven Pettican plays a strategic role in bringing agencies and churches together for the benefit of the whole city. This commitment, to both the homeless people they directly serve and to the unity and connection between different groups in the city, is why the work of Light Project Peterborough is so important. As a fellow Christian charity in Peterborough, Hope into Action loves working closely with Light Project Peterborough and congratulate them on all they have achieved this past year.” Jon Kuhrt, CEO of Hope into Action.

“It has been such a pleasure working with the Light Project Peterborough team this year. Their work to improve health outcomes for the homeless community is a leading example of how the community can add real value to the work of the NHS. Partnerships are really important in my work and as we are all aware there continues to be significant pressures on health services. By being ‘smart’ in our responses we do alleviate these.

Light Project Peterborough goes over and above in bringing people together to help those in need and I have seen much passion and excellence in doing so. To read that 820 people during the year were supported through the Garden House (with an 80% increase of health engagements on the previous year) is amazing! Each one of these has been given the opportunity and supported to connect to a multitude of health services. This efficient working together in the community has increased access to NHS provision.

I am really looking forward to working with the teams at Peterborough’s ‘Homeless Health Hub’ this year and excited about the potential to further improve health outcomes for people in real need. I would like to thank all involved for all they do.” Rob Murphy, North Care Partnership, Programme Director, NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICS.

Risks

The trustees and senior team regularly review the principal risks facing the charity and are in the process of producing a full risk framework reflecting the growth in the charity’s activities. The principal risks facing the charity are:

- Managing the increase in demand for services
- Managing the safety and wellbeing of service users, staff and volunteers
- Ensuring the long-term security of funding and premises

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees reviewed the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects and longer term objectives.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £131,000 and £251,000 (2023: £110,000 - £210,000) of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £217,725 (2023: £200,291) which falls within the range set by the policy.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Alban Jones

S Bucknell (Resigned 10 April 2024)

M Green

M Jackson

P Logan

E Standbrook (Resigned 6 September 2023)

C Walford (Until 20 June 2023)

A Lidgett (Appointed 6 September 2023)

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Green

Trustee

11 September 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners' report

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute Of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



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19 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	103,227	-	716	103,943	91,093
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	609,102	609,102	459,004
Investment income		8,631	-	-	8,631	695
Other income	5	237	-	933	1,170	329
Total incoming resources		112,095	-	610,751	722,846	551,121
Expenditure						
Cost of generating funds	6	4,075	-	23,090	27,165	3,600
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	70,585	20,392	590,568	681,545	403,565
Total expenditure		74,660	20,392	613,658	708,710	407,165
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		37,435	(20,392)	(2,907)	14,136	143,956
Gross transfers between funds		(20,000)	90,162	(70,162)	-	-
Net movement in funds		17,435	69,770	(73,069)	14,136	143,956
Total funds brought forward		200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	401,055
Total funds carried forward		217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147	545,011

The notes on pages 15 to 23 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	69,603	-	21,490	91,093	89,879
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	459,004	459,004	498,929
Investment income		695	-	-	695	-
Other income	5	329	-	-	329	730
Total incoming resources		70,627	-	480,494	551,121	589,538
Expenditure						
Fundraising expenditure	6	-	-	3,600	3,600	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	10,023	8,628	384,914	403,565	421,297
Total expenditure		10,023	8,628	388,514	407,165	421,297
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		60,604	(8,628)	91,980	143,956	168,241
Gross transfers between funds		(30,000)	30,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		30,604	21,372	91,980	143,956	168,241
Total funds brought forward		169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055	232,814
Total funds carried forward		200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	401,055

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	87,802	38,032
Current assets			
Debtors	11	141,636	2,827
Cash at bank and in hand		434,009	535,988
		<u>575,645</u>	<u>538,815</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(104,300)	(31,836)
Net current assets		<u>471,345</u>	<u>506,979</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>559,147</u></u>	<u><u>545,011</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted	16	153,620	226,689
Designated	17	187,802	118,032
Unrestricted		217,725	200,290
		<u><u>559,147</u></u>	<u><u>545,011</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2024



Mark Jackson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	15	(31,817)		176,859	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(70,162)		-	
Net cash used in investment activities		(70,162)		-	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(101,979)		176,859	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		535,988		359,129	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		434,009		535,988	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling , which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that 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.

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1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Mobile health unit	20% straight line
Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and

3 Income: donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Regular donations	8,873	-	396	9,269	8,878
One off donations	41,392	-	20	41,412	35,626
Gift aid reclaim	10,928	-	-	10,928	8,774
Church donations	7,418	-	-	7,418	13,077
Other donations	24,616	-	300	24,916	24,738
Legacies	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	<u>103,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>103,943</u>	<u>91,093</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Peterborough City Council	-	-	253,816	253,816	167,925
DLUCH	-	-	57,283	57,283	100,000
The National Lottery	-	-	145,890	145,890	151,445
Grants: other	-	-	152,113	152,113	39,634
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>609,102</u>	<u>609,102</u>	<u>459,004</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	237	-	933	1,170	329

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6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising costs	4,075	-	23,090	27,165	3,600

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Salary costs	32,557	-	220,636	253,193	206,325
Employer's national insurance	3,609	-	16,000	19,609	12,543
Employer's pension cost	751	-	4,000	4,751	3,939
Recruitment costs	299	-	298	597	1,024
Other staff related costs	32	-	959	991	891
Guest expenses	26	-	19,826	19,852	4,006
Direct costs: other	-	-	180,212	180,212	95,006
Volunteer expenses	-	-	278	278	917
Consultancy & project work	-	-	77,450	77,450	65
Marketing	1,544	-	2,272	3,816	3,465
Rent	-	-	18,492	18,492	18,492
Rates	1,286	-	-	1,286	1,204
Insurance	2,745	-	168	2,913	468
Electricity	-	-	10,229	10,229	6,781
Repairs & renewals	6,939	-	9,352	16,291	7,855
Cleaning	-	-	9,107	9,107	6,370
Vehicle costs	(948)	-	7,910	6,962	856
Travel & subsistence	1,031	-	161	1,192	769
Printing, postage & stationery	3,720	-	2,054	5,774	4,518
Telephone & internet	1	-	1,550	1,551	1,557
Computer costs	7,179	-	3,893	11,072	10,829
Accountancy	11,231	-	-	11,231	4,667
Consultancy & professional fees	218	-	42	260	-
Bank charges	2,448	-	-	2,448	1,597
Subscriptions	(4,083)	-	5,679	1,596	793
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	20,392	-	20,392	8,628
	70,585	20,392	590,568	681,545	403,565
Analysis					
Direct charitable activities	19,989	20,392	590,568	630,949	397,301
Support costs	50,116	-	-	50,116	5,784
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	480
	70,585	20,392	590,568	681,545	403,565

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

9 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	279,541	206,325
Social Security costs	19,609	12,543
Pension costs	4,751	3,939
	<u>303,901</u>	<u>222,807</u>
Average actual number of employees	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £53,160 (2023 - £48,000). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Mobile health unit £	Plant & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	27,596	12,023	23,096	62,715
Additions	70,162	-	-	70,162
At 31 March 2024	<u>97,758</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>132,877</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	-	9,283	15,400	24,683
Charge for the year	13,032	2,740	4,620	20,392
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,032</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>20,020</u>	<u>45,075</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>84,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>87,802</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,596</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>7,696</u>	<u>38,032</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued income	129,388	-
Prepayments	8,884	2,827
Other debtors	3,364	-
	<u>141,636</u>	<u>2,827</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	82,488	14,913
Accruals	4,441	4,516
Deferred income	-	6,038
Taxation and social security	134	554
Other creditors	17,237	5,815
	<u>104,300</u>	<u>31,836</u>

13 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expiring within 1 - 2 years	<u>-</u>	<u>18,492</u>

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £18,492 (2023: £18,492) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which T Alban-Jones is a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

15 Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	14,136	143,956
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	20,392	8,628
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(138,809)	47,261
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	78,502	11,771
(Decrease) in deferred income	(6,038)	(34,757)
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>(31,817)</u>	<u>176,859</u>

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16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Homelessness	10,752	271,387	(235,034)	-	47,105	234,103	(249,302)	-	31,906
Overnight provision	20,473	276	(3,178)	-	17,571	276	(2,226)	-	15,621
Peer support	-	35,689	(32,374)	-	3,315	44,668	(13,858)	-	34,125
Volunteer support	-	487	(487)	-	-	5,366	(5,366)	-	-
Pods: DLUHC	-	100,000	(57,282)	-	42,718	57,283	(98,794)	-	1,207
Pods: other	27,662	53,719	(46,822)	-	34,559	50,614	(46,824)	-	38,349
Mobile health unit	72,404	-	-	-	72,404	-	-	(70,162)	2,242
Health hub	-	-	-	-	-	190,969	(169,116)	-	21,853
Fenland health project	-	-	-	-	-	21,120	(13,200)	-	7,920
Chaplaincy	3,418	18,701	(13,102)	-	9,017	6,352	(14,974)	-	395
United Christian projects	-	235	(235)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	134,709	480,494	(388,514)	-	226,689	610,751	(613,660)	(70,162)	153,618

The homelessness, overnight provision and pods funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the overnight and day care provision for the homeless. They consist of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one of private donations and some regular monthly donors.

The mobile health unit relates to a grant to build a specialised mobile health vehicle unit, which was completed in the year and the expenditure was transferred to the designated fixed asset fund.

The health hub and Fenland health funds are for health related projects linked to people in need.

Funds were received specifically to support a peer support worker and volunteer coordinator.

The chaplaincy and united Christian projects funds relate to joint projects between churches and chaplaincy work across the city.

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Fixed asset fund	46,660	-	(8,628)	-	38,032	-	(20,392)	70,162	87,802
Property development	40,000	-	-	30,000	70,000	-	-	20,000	90,000
New opportunities fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	96,660	-	(8,628)	30,000	118,032	-	(20,392)	90,162	187,802

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed assets	-	87,802	-	87,802	-	38,032	-	38,032
Current assets / (liabilities)	217,725	100,000	153,620	471,345	200,290	80,000	226,689	506,979
	217,725	187,802	153,620	559,147	200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1159764

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

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LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the Greater Peterborough area through several different exciting projects and activities.

The Garden House

Coming to The Garden House is the first step for anyone who is sleeping on the streets in Peterborough and in need of support.

During this period, 629 people were supported and came to us for various reasons. Some had family breakdowns, and some lost their jobs. While others were fleeing from modern slavery or domestic violence. There's a different story behind each person and understanding this helps us to provide the best forms of support.

By working with partner organisations, such as Peterborough City Council Housing Needs team, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Aspire (CGL), we become a bigger support service - leading to a higher rate of positive outcomes.

An important part of our work is helping people progress into more permanent accommodation. This is achieved through supportive partners and the community pulling together. Working with others is always a key part of our thinking. With their help, we supported 251 people who were on the streets to find a secure place to live.

We help people feel positive about themselves by facilitating haircuts, provide access to health services as well as fun activities. These include trips out to watch football and the World Superbike Championships.

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

We prioritised an important link with HSBC's No Fixed Address programme and helped 42 people to set up a bank account. Operation Luscombe has continued playing a role in supporting wider needs. Acting as a hub for Peterborough and led by the Police, we bring together different partners who all have the same aim: to support people to move away from begging activities.

On 8 October 2023, we marked 5 years of running The Garden House whilst continuing to work to find our long-term home. We constantly review, reflect and aspire to ensure that our services are of the highest standard and the team gained great satisfaction when awarded the Housing Justice Quality Mark for Excellent Practice.

This excellent practice was strengthened by an investment in a new client management and recording system: In-Form. This system provided by Homeless Link is nationally recognised in supporting charities with recording and reporting. We are utilising this system across a number of different projects.

Homeless Health

As part of The Garden House project, our Homeless Health work has carried on its journey of working with the NHS and the countywide Integrated Care System to address inequalities in health support for the homeless.

Access to health care can sometimes seem a daunting process when you haven't got the stability of a home, an address, or the ability to travel to appointments. You may even be embarrassed or fearful about cleanliness or undealt with health needs.

Our vision of a Health Outreach Bus has been realised and has been available to use from autumn 2023. It features state of the art facilities replicating a doctor's consultation room. There is also a ramp for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues. Treatments include dry blood spot testing, flu vaccinations, basic eye tests, and minor medical treatments such as dressing wounds and treating infections. The bus is sited at The Garden House for day-to-day activities and will be taken out to different venues and locations across the city.

Care services are onsite every week to give guests the opportunity to have health checks and gain the support they need with challenges such as addiction. Aspire Recovery Service engaged with people 537 times between April 2022 and March 2023. They helped those who need advice with alcohol and drug use. There were also 114 engagements with Alcoholics Anonymous.

As well as Aspire and AA, we have continued to work with Boroughbury Medical Centre to set up GP registrations and provide check-ups for our guests. The NHS Integrated Care System offered vaccinations for flu and COVID-19 while the Terrence Higgins Trust gave sexual health advice and support. For those with high levels of mental health needs, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust's Dual Diagnosis Outreach Team delivered one to one sessions at The Garden House.

We are delighted that our partnership network has continued to expand and now includes amongst others Healthy You and the Greater Peterborough Network.

Importantly, these health improvements have been co-produced with the people it will support and we continue to ensure increased investments here give the greatest potential. To this end we have been working with Homeless Link to undertake an external evaluation. Our leadership of the Peterborough Homeless Health Board has been instrumental in this work not only in Peterborough but across the county where we are investing much in the response to countywide Homeless Health Needs Assessments. This will put the health needs of the homeless population front and centre over the coming years.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Peer Support

One of the things we love to see is where we have helped someone, they then want to help others. This can be with us or with other groups or people, it really does not matter. If we all do our bit, we can make each other's lives just that little bit better.

Peer Support is a group of volunteers we have supported whose lives have since improved. They now want to give something back and help others. Those involved have all had experience of sleeping on the streets, some form of addiction or issues with their mental health.

This enables them to be able to communicate effectively with those who come to The Garden House or during outreach as they understand what the person is going through. Seeing people who have been in a similar situation get back onto their feet and turn their life around often inspires others to follow suit. During this period 165 different people were supported by our Peer Support group who gave 473 hours of volunteering during this period.

Peer support team members regularly went on outreach to provide food and drink to those living on the streets, supported with upkeeping our garden surroundings, and arranged Saturday Breakfasts. There were also art and poetry workshops held at The Garden House. In total, there were 63 social activities involving or led by Peer Support team members.

Giving a voice to those we help continues with our 'Lived Experience' discussion group. Every month those we support are given the opportunity to discuss their needs and barriers and feed into the development of the charity and city-wide issues.

Peterborough Night Shelter

The Peterborough Night Shelter project began in early February 2022 and involves providing emergency accommodation to help people move off the streets immediately. To make this project a success, we've worked hard with the UK central and local governments as well as Peterborough's church communities. Their support allowed us to provide 1,134 nights of emergency shelter between April 2022 and March 2023. We were also delighted to see 19 people move on from the Night Shelter units and into their own accommodation.

Each unit caters for one person and contains a single bed, shower, toilet, sink, a window, storage, and radiators. Guests are also given an emergency contact number should they need immediate help from us during the night.

The project is supported by weekly referral and action planning meetings that include city council housing officers and drugs / alcohol workers. These meetings ensure that each person's needs are considered and that they are supported to be their best.

We currently have four units, all secured and located at three church sites: Southside Methodist Church, Peterborough International Christian Centre, and Christ the Carpenter Dogsthorpe.

These church communities provide water and electricity for the units while volunteers prepare a meal every night for each guest as well as clean bedding and toiletries. In total, our amazing volunteers here gave 1,764 hours of their time. We are hoping to increase the amount of Night Shelters to seven by the end of 2023 of which we are currently undergoing a planning application to site three more units at the Peterborough Salvation Army Citadel.

The Night Shelter project is different from all other accommodation as it does not rely on the complexities of housing benefits for people to be looked after. The shelter fills a real gap for those on the edge of society and in desperate need.

As with the Garden House project team this team gained commendation when also awarded the Housing Justice Quality Mark for Excellent Practice.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Street Chaplains

Chaplaincy work has been undertaken by volunteers in the city since 2009. The work has been long serving and volunteers have a real passion to reach out to those who are lonely, troubled and need some gentle reassurance.

The work of our Street Chaplaincy has developed since it was rebranded in early 2022. The chaplains have continued to go out onto the streets to listen, give out things like chocolate on special occasions and pray with those who need it. These small acts give some people new hope and reminds them that they are truly loved.

There are also night time chaplains who go out on Fridays between 9pm and 3am. These volunteers provide support to those enjoying the nightlife in Peterborough. They hand out bottled water, provide First Aid, help people into taxis and give out flipflops to anyone who needs alternative footwear at the end of their night.

We also decided to restart the 'pub chaplaincy' with the Draper's Arms pub in Peterborough. Every Friday morning, chaplains will be onsite available to anyone who would appreciate a chat. We have a team in the city's main park and regularly join and support city community hubs. Overall, almost 1,000 hours of volunteering were given by our Street Chaplains in this period.

We continue to lead chaplaincy work in the city with examples such as the production of a chaplaincy magazine in partnership with Cambridgeshire Workplace Chaplaincy. We also chair the Peterborough chaplaincy Forum which supports chaplains in a range of different settings to help their important work and leading the way as a charity to enable and equip others.

Volunteering

Without volunteers Light Project Peterborough would not be as it is. Enabling and equipping volunteers is an integral part of the work of the charity and wherever possible we want to join with others to make our city a better place.

We're very grateful to all of our volunteers who help us to be who we are: a truly city-focused, city-change charity. To see people wanting to provide their time to help others in the community is heartwarming and keeps driving us forward. During this period, we enabled 51 volunteers to give 5,614 hours of assistance. Based on the National Real Living Wage 2022/23 this equates to a cost contribution of £61,193 to the city.

People choose to volunteer for various reasons; some are retired and want to keep busy, some are taking a break from work, and others have lost a loved one. Making new friends helps a great deal with their grief. However, they all have something in common: the desire to help others.

'Your Time' has been developed to give our volunteers the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience with us. They can suggest new ideas or improvements and all volunteers meet formally twice a year. We celebrated our volunteers by holding a Summer BBQ where staff, trustees, partners and supporters came together to say thanks. There was also a 'Curry and Carols' event in December 2022 where volunteers and Garden House guests attended. BBC Look East even came to film a news piece about the event!

We endeavour to listen to our volunteers with regular training, consultation activities and feedback. We provide direct support with a dedicated staff member, and we hope that volunteering with us is not only meaningful, but fun as well.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Across Peterborough

Across Peterborough is a website that showcases and promotes the amazing work undertaken across the city. Across Peterborough provides information about events that help people, good news stories, job opportunities and activities information and continues a monthly mailout to subscribers. The mailing list was at 343 at the end of March 2023. A Facebook page also supports posting on the website and information on the mailouts.

We have also recently piloted a city wide Across Peterborough magazine, compiling and producing 500 copies for the community to compliment and grow this work.

In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing the charitable services of LPP. However, with many positives in the mind, the principal risks facing Light Project Peterborough are:

a) Cost of Living Crisis: The impact of the Cost of Living Crisis reduced the amount of income from fundraising events on behalf of the charity, and donations from individuals and organisations. However, our strong partnership activities enable us to continue to maintain financial stability and response to city need.

b) Uncertainty as to our base of operations: Our current lease for our base of operations ends in March 2024. However, we have received reassurance that this will be extended.

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees reviewed the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects and longer term objectives.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £110,000 and £210,000 (2022: £106,000 - £172,000) of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £200,290 (2022: £169,686) which falls within the range set by the policy.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Alban Jones (Appointed 6 September 2022)

S Bucknell

M Green

M Jackson

P Logan

E Standbrook (Resigned 6 September 2023)

C Walford (Until 20 June 2023)

S Lidgett (Appointed 6 September 2023)

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M Green

Trustee

13 November 2023

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners' report

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



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20 November 2023

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	69,603	-	21,490	91,093	89,879
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	459,004	459,004	498,929
Investment income		695	-	-	695	-
Other income	5	329	-	-	329	730
Total incoming resources		70,627	-	480,494	551,121	589,538
Expenditure						
Cost of generating funds	6	-	-	3,600	3,600	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	10,023	8,628	384,914	403,565	421,297
Total expenditure		10,023	8,628	388,514	407,165	421,297
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		60,604	(8,628)	91,980	143,956	168,241
Gross transfers between funds		(30,000)	30,000	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		30,604	21,372	91,980	143,956	168,241
Total funds brought forward		169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055	232,814
Total funds carried forward		200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	401,055

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these accounts.

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	63,831	-	26,048	89,879	125,849
Income from charitable activities	4	24,732	-	474,197	498,929	483,881
Other income	5	730	-	-	730	743
Total incoming resources		89,293	-	500,245	589,538	610,473
Expenditure						
Fundraising expenditure	6	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711
Total expenditure		12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		76,898	(13,061)	104,404	168,241	107,762
Gross transfers between funds		(16,514)	44,110	(27,596)	-	-
Net movement in funds		60,384	31,049	76,808	168,241	107,762
Total funds brought forward		109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814	125,052
Total funds carried forward		169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055	232,814

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	38,032	46,660
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,827	50,088
Cash at bank and in hand		535,988	359,129
		<u>538,815</u>	<u>409,217</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(31,836)	(54,822)
Net current assets		<u>506,979</u>	<u>354,395</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>545,011</u></u>	<u><u>401,055</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted	16	226,689	134,709
Designated	17	118,032	96,660
Unrestricted		200,290	169,686
		<u><u>545,011</u></u>	<u><u>401,055</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 November 2023



Mark Jackson
Trustee

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	15	176,859		161,555	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(27,596)	
Net cash used in investment activities			-		(27,596)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		176,859		133,959	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		359,129		225,170	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		535,988		359,129	

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling , which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that 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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Assets under construction	Nil
Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income: donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Regular donations	8,442	-	436	8,878	8,251
One off donations	33,426	-	2,200	35,626	39,555
Gift aid reclaim	8,774	-	-	8,774	12,396
Church donations	5,754	-	7,323	13,077	4,868
Other donations	13,207	-	11,531	24,738	24,809
	69,603	-	21,490	91,093	89,879

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants: floating support & hotels work	-	-	-	-	93,852
Grants: other	-	-	459,004	459,004	405,077
	-	-	459,004	459,004	498,929

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other income	329	-	-	329	730

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6 Cost of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising costs	-	-	3,600	3,600	-

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Salary costs	-	-	206,325	206,325	180,458
Employer's national insurance	-	-	12,543	12,543	11,089
Employer's pension cost	-	-	3,939	3,939	3,399
Recruitment costs	-	-	1,024	1,024	649
Other staff related costs	-	-	891	891	1,147
Guests expenses	-	-	4,006	4,006	9,471
Direct costs: other	219	-	94,787	95,006	98,743
Volunteer expenses	-	-	917	917	631
Consultancy & project work	-	-	65	65	1,085
Marketing	-	-	3,465	3,465	559
Rent	-	-	18,492	18,492	18,492
Rates	-	-	1,204	1,204	1,006
Insurance	-	-	468	468	2,270
Electricity	-	-	6,781	6,781	6,657
Repairs & renewals	-	-	7,855	7,855	8,952
Cleaning	-	-	6,370	6,370	2,997
Vehicle costs	-	-	856	856	2,054
Travel & subsistence	-	-	769	769	333
Printing, postage & stationery	3,436	-	1,082	4,518	1,382
Telephone & internet	104	-	1,453	1,557	2,468
Computer costs	-	-	10,829	10,829	4,157
Accountancy	4,667	-	-	4,667	8,355
Consultancy & professional fees	-	-	-	-	44,295
Bank charges	1,597	-	-	1,597	987
Subscriptions	-	-	793	793	1,033
Depreciation	-	8,628	-	8,628	8,628
	10,023	8,628	384,914	403,565	421,297
Analysis					
Direct charitable activities	3,759	8,628	384,914	397,301	409,942
Support costs	5,784	-	-	5,784	10,875
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	480
	10,023	8,628	384,914	403,565	421,297

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

9 Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	206,325	180,458
Social Security costs	12,543	11,089
Pension costs	3,939	3,399
	<u>222,807</u>	<u>194,946</u>
Average actual number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £48,000 (2022 - £45,000). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	27,596	12,023	23,096	62,715
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,596</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>62,715</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2022	-	5,275	10,780	16,055
Charge for the year	-	4,008	4,620	8,628
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>9,283</u>	<u>15,400</u>	<u>24,683</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,596</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>7,696</u>	<u>38,032</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>27,596</u>	<u>6,748</u>	<u>12,316</u>	<u>46,660</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income	-	50,009
Prepayments	2,827	79
	<u>2,827</u>	<u>50,088</u>

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,913	9,367
Accruals	4,516	3,866
Deferred income	6,038	40,795
Taxation and social security	554	-
Other creditors	5,815	794
	<u>31,836</u>	<u>54,822</u>

13 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expiring within 1 - 2 years	<u>18,492</u>	<u>36,984</u>

14 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £18,492 (2022: £18,492) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which T Alban-Jones is a member of the Cathedral Chapter.

15 Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	143,956	168,241
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	8,628	8,628
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in debtors	47,261	90,511
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	11,771	(68,684)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(34,757)	(37,141)
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>176,859</u>	<u>161,555</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Overnight provision	15,674	5,267	(468)	-	20,473	276	(3,178)	-	17,571
Homelessness	41,981	185,721	(216,950)	-	10,752	271,387	(235,034)	-	47,105
Pods: DLUHC	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	(57,282)	-	42,718
Pods: other	-	52,587	(24,925)	-	27,662	53,719	(46,822)	-	34,559
Mobile health unit	-	100,000	-	(27,596)	72,404	-	-	-	72,404
Hotels work & floating support	-	93,852	(93,852)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volunteer support	-	10,372	(10,372)	-	-	487	(487)	-	-
Move costs	-	13,711	(13,711)	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Garden House	-	29,592	(29,592)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chaplaincy	246	6,500	(3,328)	-	3,418	18,701	(13,102)	-	9,017
United Christian projects	-	2,643	(2,643)	-	-	235	(235)	-	-
Peer support	-	-	-	-	-	35,689	(32,374)	-	3,315
	57,901	500,245	(395,841)	(27,596)	134,709	480,494	(388,514)	-	226,689

The overnight provision, pods and homelessness funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the overnight and day care provision for the homeless. It consists of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one of private donations and some regular monthly donors.

The mobile health unit relates to a grant to build a specialised mobile health vehicle unit.

The hotels work and floating support represents funding received for particular projects connected to the homeless work. Additional funds were received specifically to support a peer support worker and volunteer coordinator.

The move costs and new Garden House funds represent funding to move premises and investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

The chaplaincy and united Christian projects funds relate to joint projects between churches and chaplaincy work across the city.

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17 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Fixed asset fund	27,692	-	(8,628)	27,596	46,660	-	(8,628)	-	38,032
Funding for New Garden House	7919	-	(4,433)	(3,486)	-	-	-	-	-
Property development	20,000	-	-	20,000	40,000	-	-	30,000	70,000
New opportunities fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	65,611	-	(13,061)	44,110	96,660	-	(8,628)	30,000	118,032

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

Funding for New Garden House grant represents the contribution required to costs to support a grant to investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £
Fixed assets	-	38,032	-	38,032	-	46,660	-	46,660
Current assets / (liabilities)	200,290	80,000	226,689	506,979	169,686	50,000	134,709	354,395
	200,290	118,032	226,689	545,011	169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1159764

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the city through several different exciting projects and activities.

The Everyone In initiative

Early 2020 the Light Project Peterborough team were asked to be part of leading and delivering support for Peterborough's 'Everyone In' initiative for people sleeping on the streets. This important piece of work was put in place to reduce the spread of the Covid19 virus as all hands were put to the pumps to ensure the most vulnerable in society were protected from infection and transmission.

Due to the excellent relationships the team have with people sleeping on the streets, within a day 25 people, within 4 days 50 people, and within a week over 80 people who were on the streets were being supported with food, warmth, love and wrap around services from staff, volunteers, and partner organisations in local hotels.

The initiative was in place from 27th March 2020 all the way through to 11th May 2021, 410 continuous days and nights of investing in helping those in need, and the city to be as safe as possible through the pandemic. It was a very busy time for us with 339 people accommodated. But a special time. New friends were made, and many lives were changed for the better. A hot shower, a warm bed and 3 meals a day were all in place. Acceptance, love from staff, partners and volunteers involved was seen everyday leaving an imprint in many people's hearts to fulfil the great potential they have.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Peterborough Multi-Agency Floating Support Team

Over the course of the 'Everyone In' initiative it was evident that much resource and energy was being put into helping lots of people move off the streets. It was important to the Light Project Peterborough team to ensure that these resources and energy was not wasted, and that people did not return to the streets.

In partnership with Peterborough City Council, Cross Keys Homes, and the Longhurst Group we set up the Peterborough Multi Agency Floating Support Team. Leading a partnership team of 9 people was an exciting venture. The importance of working together and sharing knowledge and skills across organisations to help people keep their new homes was evident.

The target of the project was to support 100 people who had moved into new homes but over the course of the work 186 people were supported, amazing teamwork! Helping people with benefits and employment, engaging with health services, building good relationships with landlords, digital access and much more the team were active at all times of the day and week to give people the best chance possible of not losing their homes. The project started in August 2020 and ended in July 2021, of the 186 people supported 179 were still in their homes!

The Garden House

The Garden House is the front door to help anyone who is sleeping on the streets of Peterborough find a home and connect to important support services.

During this period the Garden House team supported 840 different people, with 405 of these being new presentations and 237 were supported to move off the streets. Some people had just left the care system, some were fleeing modern slavery, and some had lost their jobs. There are many different reasons why people end up on the streets and we see people with many different histories and life stories.

Helping people feel well and better about themselves is important to all of us and we regularly facilitate haircuts, podiatry, arts workshops, NHS health care and much more.

We encourage and challenge partner organisations wherever possible to join together to put those in need at the centre of our work. We host other organisations and offer hot desks for them to work from, it is one big family of support we invest a lot of time in to keep in place. Strong partnerships are in place with such as Peterborough City Council Housing Needs team, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust and Aspire (CGL). One practical example of how we support our partners is our work with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to host Operation Luscombe. Acting as a hub for Peterborough this initiative brings partners together to support people in moving away from begging activities.

The Voice of the Voiceless

An exciting piece of work we started this year was our 'Experts by Experience' group. If you have had struggles in life, you are in a great position to turn these experiences round for the good of others. Some of the experts we are working with have had experiences of sleeping on the streets, drug addiction, family breakdown or poor mental health and with our help and perseverance have managed to turn things around.

One of the things we love to see is where we have helped someone, they then want to help others. This can be with us or with other groups or people, it really does not matter. If we all do our bit, we can make each other's lives just that little bit better.

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Through this project we now have a group of experts who are answering and responding to the question 'from our experiences how can we really change the lives of those who are struggling?' Often when you are at rock bottom you can feel isolated and marginalised, not being listened to. The group is acting as the 'Voice of the Voiceless' and is an important part of our work to heal hearts and set people free.

Group members are undertaking outreach onto the streets, putting on gardening and creative workshops, helping people one to one and getting involved in social change through informing policy and speaking on the media. These ideas are worked up with the group, who we know have the knowledge and experiences to really make a difference.

Health Support

An important part of our work within the city is to improve the health of some of its most vulnerable people. These are exciting times for us as we have been working with the NHS and the County Clinical Commissioning Group to lead on putting in place a Health Hub for the Homeless. Over 2021/22 there has been lots of planning, including receiving support from NHS Charities Together and the Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. The vision is that the health hub will be open for business late 2022/early 2023.

This has built on our work to ensure that more people have access to health care. This can sometimes seem a daunting process when you haven't got the stability of a home, an address, or the ability to travel to appointments. You may even be embarrassed or fearful about cleanliness or undealt with health needs. This facility is being co-produced with the people it will support and there is much excitement about the potential to increase health outcomes for some of those most in need.

Being on the edges of society does influence general wellbeing. Regular registration of those we help get a GP, support to engage with physical consultations and procedures and engagement with mental health services where needed are all in place by the Light Project Peterborough teams.

We are particularly pleased to be asked to contribute to reduce the impact of the pandemic and improve equality of access to all by hosting vaccination sessions and delivering 1114 Lateral Flow tests.

Education, Employment and Training

Having something to do is important and all of us at Light Project Peterborough have a mindset that everyone has great potential to succeed. Over the year we have had a great partnership with Reed Recruitment helping people into training and employment and continue to explore ways of helping people furthest away from the employment world.

We ran a pilot project 'Stepping Stones' in partnership with Peterborough College Jobsmart and Peterborough City Council Environmental team to help people on the edges of employment acquire more skills through creative workshops, studies for certification and physical activity at a local allotment. This is an area we are always seeking ways to develop further. This could be more links to employers such as Mick George who have offered employment with accommodation, providing more workshops and opportunities to inspire and train the amazing people we support, and/or developing a social enterprise.

Peterborough Night Shelter

The Peterborough Night Shelter is an exciting project that was built off the back of the Peterborough Winter Night Shelter. The Peterborough Winter Night Shelter was an exciting initiative that due to the pandemic restrictions had to end early 2020. During the 2019/20 season the Peterborough Winter Night Shelter project worked with 15 church communities to open their doors to people sleeping on the streets.

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It was important to the Light Project Peterborough team that these strong community activities and links were not lost and continued to be supported. Some hard work was undertaken with Homeless Link and the UK government to build on this important emergency, immediate accommodation.

Across the year partnerships were continued with Southside Methodist Church, Peterborough International Christian Centre and Christ the Carpenter Dogsthorpe. We started this project on February 11th 2022 and up until the end of March 2022 provided 143 emergency bed nights to help people quickly move off the streets. These amazing church communities have been hosting and creating welcoming and warm beds for the night. A warm shower and toilet, clean bedding and toiletries and daily food support is all offered to guests.

An important part of this work is for the Light Project Peterborough project team to help people progress into more permanent accommodation through action plans and multi-agency support. Working with partners on this referral and move on is a key part of making this project a success.

This project has continued with evaluation activities undertaken to support learning and development. We have applied for funding from local and national government and are considering its longer term future.

Across Peterborough

Across Peterborough is a website that showcases and promotes the amazing work undertaken by the church and other community organisations across the city. Across Peterborough provides information about events that help people, good news stories, job opportunities and activities information and continues to increase its reach with a weekly mailout to subscribers. In 2021/22 the mailing list increased to 395 monthly recipients. A Facebook page supports the posting on the website and information on the mailouts.

The reach of Across Peterborough continues to gently grow, as it continues to build bridges between projects and people through the medium of the internet, ultimately to the end of helping those who need support to engage with community services and support.

Volunteering with us

Without volunteers Light Project Peterborough would not be as it is. Enabling and equipping volunteers is an integral part of the work of the charity and wherever possible we want to join with others to make our city a better place.

Volunteering hours across this period totalled 4351 with 37 people working with us directly. This equates to £38,767.41 cost contribution to the city based on the National Living Wage.

Volunteers join with us for different reasons. People that support us are retired, having a work break, recovering from life challenges, looking to improve skills and make friends but all are looking to give something back to those in need. During this period volunteers joined with us at the Garden House, as Chaplains, on the Everyone in Initiative, with Telephone Support and much more...we even have a monthly cleaning team who make our building nice for everyone to work from.

Chaplaincy work has been undertaken by volunteers in the city since 2009. The work has been long serving and volunteers have a real passion to reach out to those who are lonely, troubled and need some gentle reassurance.

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The pandemic placed a real pressure on much chaplaincy work across the city to stand down, including Light Project Peterborough's City Centre Chaplaincy project. Quite rightly it was important to be guided by government guidance and act accordingly. However, this gave a great opportunity to work with volunteers and partners to consider the best plans to move forward. During this time the Light Project Peterborough team worked closely with Peterborough Street Pastors and agreed to set up a new project, Street Chaplains. We are now taking forward the Street Chaplains project, building teams to go out in the day and night time and have great excitement about how this work will develop.

We continue to facilitate the Peterborough chaplaincy Forum supporting chaplains in a range of different settings to help their important work and leading the way as a charity to enable and equip others.

When you move into a new home it can often take time to get settled. Volunteers really stepped up to the mark on this and worked with us to offer telephone support. A friend on the end of the phone once or twice a week and an encouraging voice is really important when trying to start afresh, and this project has seen some wonderful stories of change happening. One person is now working toward their driving licence, another has made friends and is attending a local church, and another is moving into sheltered accommodation looking forward to overcoming loneliness by being part of a community.

We endeavour to listen to our volunteers with regular training, consultation activities and feedback. We provide direct support with a dedicated staff member and put on activities to celebrate the kindness that is shown. We hope that volunteering with us is not only meaningful, but fun as well.

In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing the charitable services of LPP. However, with many positives in the mind, the principal risks facing Light Project Peterborough are:

- a) Covid-19 fallout and Cost of Living Crisis: The impact of the pandemic and the now Cost of Living Crisis has reduced the amount of income from fundraising events on behalf of the charity, and donations from individuals and organisations. However, a new CRM system is in place, regular contact/updates to supporters is being maintained and grant income continues to be steady.
- b) Uncertainty as to our base of operations: Our current lease for our base of operations ends in March 2024. Work to pursue a purpose built centre on the Peterborough Cathedral grounds has been halted due to objections received. Long term building considerations continue to be investigated.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees reviewed the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £106,000 and £172,000 (2021: £80,000 - £150,000) of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £169,686 (2021: £109,257) which falls within the range set by the policy.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

T Alban Jones	(Appointed 6 September 2022)
S Brown	(Resigned 13 January 2022)
S Bucknell	
M Green	
M Jackson	
P Logan	
E Standbrook	
C Walford	

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C Walford
Trustee
7 December 2022

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners' report

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

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Date: 17 January 2023

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	63,831	-	26,048	89,879	125,849
Income from charitable activities	4	24,732	-	474,197	498,929	483,881
Other income	5	730	-	-	730	743
Total incoming resources		89,293	-	500,245	589,538	610,473
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711
Total expenditure		12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		76,898	(13,061)	104,404	168,241	107,762
Gross transfers between funds		(16,514)	44,110	(27,596)	-	-
Net movement in funds		60,384	31,049	76,808	168,241	107,762
Total funds brought forward		109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814	125,052
Total funds carried forward		169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055	232,814

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	112,337	-	13,512	125,849	79,079
Income from charitable activities	4	10,000	-	473,881	483,881	122,017
Other income	5	743	-	-	743	462
Total incoming resources		123,080	-	487,393	610,473	201,558
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	10,989	5,887	485,835	502,711	156,532
Total expenditure		10,989	5,887	485,835	502,711	156,532
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		112,091	(5,887)	1,558	107,762	45,026
Gross transfers between funds		(37,919)	49,942	(12,023)	-	-
Net movement in funds		74,172	44,055	(10,465)	107,762	45,026
Total funds brought forward		35,130	21,556	68,366	125,052	80,026
Total funds carried forward		109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814	125,052

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	46,660	27,692
Current assets			
Debtors	10	50,088	140,599
Cash at bank and in hand		359,129	225,170
		<u>409,217</u>	<u>365,769</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(54,822)	(160,647)
		<u>354,395</u>	<u>205,122</u>
Net current assets		<u>401,055</u>	<u>232,814</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>401,055</u>	<u>232,814</u>
Funds			
Restricted	15	134,709	57,901
Designated	16	96,660	65,611
Unrestricted		169,686	109,302
		<u>401,055</u>	<u>232,814</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 7 December 2022

Mark Jackson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	14	161,555		166,687	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(27,596)		(12,023)	
Net cash used in investment activities		(27,596)		(12,023)	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		133,959		154,664	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		225,170		70,506	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		359,129		225,170	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling , which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that 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.

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1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Assets under construction	Nil
Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income: donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Regular donations	7,644	-	607	8,251	9,293
One off donations	30,050	-	9,505	39,555	57,738
Gift aid reclaim	12,396	-	-	12,396	5,583
Church donations	2,325	-	2,543	4,868	5,881
Other donations	11,416	-	13,393	24,809	47,354
	<u>63,831</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,048</u>	<u>89,879</u>	<u>125,849</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants: floating support & hotels work	-	-	93,852	93,852	370,975
Grants: other	24,732	-	380,345	405,077	112,906
	<u>24,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>474,197</u>	<u>498,929</u>	<u>483,881</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other income	730	-	-	730	743

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Salary costs	8,642	-	171,816	180,458	143,586
Employer's national insurance	465	-	10,624	11,089	7,965
Employer's pension cost	261	-	3,138	3,399	2,840
Recruitment costs	469	-	180	649	234
Other staff related costs	60	-	1,087	1,147	181
Direct costs: hotels work	-	-	-	-	185,591
Direct costs: floating support	-	-	-	-	65,008
Guests expenses	-	-	9,471	9,471	4,135
Direct costs: other	-	-	98,743	98,743	1,131
Volunteer expenses	-	-	631	631	224
Consultancy & project work	325	-	760	1,085	11,036
Marketing	37	-	522	559	838
Rent	-	-	18,492	18,492	14,928
Rates	-	-	1,006	1,006	354
Insurance	-	-	2,270	2,270	2,243
Electricity	-	-	6,657	6,657	1,277
Repairs & renewals	-	-	8,952	8,952	2,024
Cleaning	-	-	2,997	2,997	615
Vehicle costs	-	-	2,054	2,054	3,009
Travel & subsistence	149	-	184	333	969
Printing, postage & stationery	-	-	1,382	1,382	1,185
Telephone & internet	-	-	2,468	2,468	1,866
Computer costs	-	-	4,157	4,157	8,849
Accountancy	1,000	-	7,355	8,355	7,130
Consultancy & professional fees	-	4,433	39,862	44,295	27,486
Bank charges	987	-	-	987	1,502
Subscriptions	-	-	1,033	1,033	618
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	8,628	-	8,628	5,887
	12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711
Analysis					
Direct charitable activities	1,040	13,061	395,841	409,942	339,688
Support costs	10,875	-	-	10,875	162,543
Governance costs	480	-	-	480	480
	12,395	13,061	395,841	421,297	502,711

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

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8 Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries	180,458	143,586
Social Security costs	11,089	7,965
Pension costs	3,399	2,840
	<u>194,946</u>	<u>154,391</u>
Number of employees		
Average actual number of employees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £45,000 (2021 - £40,000). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets under construction £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	-	12,023	23,096	35,119
Additions	27,596	-	-	27,596
At 31 March 2022	<u>27,596</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>62,715</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	-	1,267	6,160	7,427
Charge for the year	-	4,008	4,620	8,628
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>10,780</u>	<u>16,055</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2022	<u>27,596</u>	<u>6,748</u>	<u>12,316</u>	<u>46,660</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>10,756</u>	<u>16,936</u>	<u>27,692</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

10 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued income	50,009	140,599
Prepayments	79	-
	<u>50,088</u>	<u>140,599</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,367	78,276
Accruals	3,866	600
Deferred income	40,795	77,936
Taxation and social security	-	3,177
Other creditors	794	658
	<u>54,822</u>	<u>160,647</u>

12 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expiring within 1 - 2 years	<u>36,984</u>	<u>-</u>

A new lease was entered into after the end of the year for rent of £18,492 p.a.

13 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £18,492 (2021: £5,000) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which Sarah Brown are members of the Cathedral Chapter.

14 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	168,241	107,762
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	8,628	5,887
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	90,511	(95,944)
Increase in creditors	(68,684)	71,046
Increase in deferred income	(37,141)	77,936
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>161,555</u>	<u>166,687</u>

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15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Winter night shelter	15,938	494	(758)	-	15,674	5,267	(468)	-	20,473
Homelessness	52,428	87,373	(85,797)	(12,023)	41,981	185,721	(216,950)	-	10,752
Winter transformation	-	-	-	-	-	52,587	(24,925)	-	27,662
Mobile health unit	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	(27,596)	72,404
Hotels work & floating support	-	370,975	(370,975)	-	-	93,852	(93,852)	-	-
Volunteer support	-	6,567	(6,567)	-	-	10,372	(10,372)	-	-
Move costs	-	6,256	(6,256)	-	-	13,711	(13,711)	-	-
New Garden House	-	13,928	(13,928)	-	-	29,592	(29,592)	-	-
Chaplaincy	-	1,800	(1,554)	-	246	6,500	(3,328)	-	3,418
United Christian projects	-	-	-	-	-	2,643	(2,643)	-	-
	68,366	487,393	(485,835)	(12,023)	57,901	500,245	(395,841)	(27,596)	134,709

The winter night shelter, homelessness and winter transformation funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the winter and day care provision. It consists of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one of private donations and some regular monthly

The mobile health unit relates to a grant to build a specialised mobile health vehicle unit.

The hotels work and floating support represents funding received for particular projects connected to the homeless work. Additional funds were received specifically to support a project worker and volunteer coordinator.

The move costs and new Garden House funds represent funding to move premises and investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

The chaplaincy and united Christian projects funds relate to joint projects between churches and chaplaincy work across the city.

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16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Fixed asset fund	21,556	-	(5,887)	12,023	27,692	-	(8,628)	27,596	46,660
Funding for New Garden House	-	-	-	7,919	7,919	-	(4,433)	(3,486)	-
Property development	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000	40,000
New opportunities fund	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>21,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,887)</u>	<u>49,942</u>	<u>65,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,061)</u>	<u>44,110</u>	<u>96,660</u>

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

Funding for New Garden House grant represents the contribution required to costs to support a grant to investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed assets	-	46,660	-	46,660	-	27,692	-	27,692
Current assets / (liabilities)	169,686	50,000	134,709	354,395	109,302	37,919	57,901	205,122
	169,686	96,660	134,709	401,055	109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814

Accounts

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and financial statements of Light Project Peterborough for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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).

Charitable object

The purpose of the charity is the relief and prevention of poverty and the promotion and preservation of good health by way of providing funds, goods and services to vulnerable individuals, specifically but not exclusively to the homeless or socially isolated, including the provision and facilitation of accommodation, information, advice and guidance, as well as quality support, also via churches to be determined by the charity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The vision of Light Project Peterborough (LPP) is 'Enabling and equipping the church and community to heal the brokenhearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.' To this end LPP serves the community through several different exciting projects and activities.

This year offered increased challenges with the first cases of Covid-19 being seen in the United Kingdom in January 2020. As with all charities across Peterborough this effected the way we did things but also gave opportunities to help people in the city in more and different ways.

The Garden House

Set at the heart of Peterborough city centre The Garden House multi agency daytime service for people sleeping rough continued to offer a service during the pandemic. Being the first point of call to help people move off the streets of Peterborough the Garden House continued to offer love and hope to ensure that everyone was able to have access to and navigate the support systems in these times of increased uncertainty and need. The Garden House continued to be a sanctuary for those on the edges of society.

Most of our partners who we offer working space to moved to working from home and the core team at LPP navigated their way through the complexities of operating local services in a global pandemic. The service moved from 6 days to 5 days per week to help staff deal with the increased pressures and rather than being an open access project numbers were reduced to no more than 6 'guests' on site at a time.

The rough sleeping community of Peterborough responded well to the new safety measures with everyone handwashing and the wearing of face masks. Where people were symptomatic the established working relationships with the Local Authority and NHS colleagues ensured that diligent measures were put in place for appropriate housing and health support. Not only were we keeping some of the most vulnerable linked into support services, but the team were also playing their part in keeping the wider community safe.

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However, the reduction of numbers on site increased pressures with the managing of people coming to see us for support. Increased tension was in place as people were asked to wait or come back in an hour and sometimes longer. The community feel of the house changed as the team had to turn the support around quicker to ensure everyone had access. Food poverty became a real increased issue both within the homeless and wider communities. As with other services soup kitchens were unable to operate and the Garden House team took on board the challenges of keeping the hungry fed. Over 100,000 meals were mobilised and organised during this period.

With measures in place to protect the clinically extremely vulnerable many of the volunteers who had been the rock bed of the Garden House support teams had to shield. This increased pressures in many ways but a core team were able to safely continue the support given and over the period of 2020/21 2,274.5 volunteering hours were mobilised by the LPP team. 4,874 interventions of support were given with on average 119 different people coming through the doors for support every month.

In the first week of April 2021 many months of planning saw the Garden House move building. The current building had been sold by Peterborough Cathedral but this important working relationship and siting within the city centre was maintained with a move to another building within the precincts, Archdeaconry House. The team held up under great pressure and Garden House services only stopped for two days as a new home was established as the new base of operations for LPP.

Peterborough Winter Night Shelter

2019/20 was the Peterborough Winter Night Shelter's 5th full season of operation. The night shelter increased its planned length to 20 weeks in this winter season with 15 churches working together to open their doors to people sleeping on the streets. Church communities offered an evening meal, bed and breakfast and friendly and welcoming hosting, treating each and every 'guest' with real love and respect.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and subsequent guidance from government the night shelter had to close early on March 26th, 2020. However, 123 nights of support were given, 7,581 volunteer hours mobilised and 57 'guests' were supported with 49 achieving positive move on.

2020/21 was a real challenge for the PWNS 'family'. Due to government guidelines on Covid-19 the night shelter did not open over the winter period. The steering group continued to meet regularly with input from Housing Justice, Public Health England, The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and city council senior officers with church coordinators working alongside LPP leadership to consider the best response. This group has now become Peterborough Christians for Social Action with 48 representatives from the Christian community working together to harness the energy to promote social change for the good in Peterborough.

The Peterborough Winter Night Shelter may surface again and the energy and love from local churches and communities is something not to be lost. Government guidance once again is not promoting shared air spaced night shelters across the winter of 2021/22 but in turn new and creative ideas. Work with Homeless Link and Housing Justice is seeing a pilot activity in consideration to see small independent units of accommodation on church lands over this winter period.

'Everyone In'

27th March 2020 saw a move and significant increase of LPP resources into supporting the Covid-19 pandemic response to move all rough sleepers off the streets in Peterborough; the 'Everyone In' initiative.

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Upon request from the city council a 'Rest' centre was created at one of the local hotels, with LPP taking the lead on support. Due to the excellent relationships the LPP team have with people sleeping rough within a day 25 people had moved in, within 4 days 50 had moved in and within a week over 80 people who were on the streets were being supported with food, warmth, love and wrap around services from LPP staff and volunteers and partner organisations.

Daily management meetings with the city council, Public Health England and Cambridgeshire Constabulary enabled this piece of work to keep this vulnerable group safe from the pandemic, with only one Covid-19 outbreak during the whole period of support. 24 hour security supported these and other safety arrangements.

In total 410 days of support by the LPP team were put in place from 27th March 2020 to 11th May 2021. 339 people were supported to move off the streets with 177 of these successfully moving into accommodation.

Floating support

The 'Rest Centre' activity provided a platform to build on with many people and it was crucial that this significant investment of resources to get everybody off the streets should be built upon.

Working with the city council in August 2020 LPP launched the Peterborough Multi Agency Floating Support team with partner staff included from Cross Keys Homes and the Longhurst Group (Registered Social Landlords). The team was made up of 9 members of staff. 6 of these were mobilised through LPP; 8 as floating support workers and 1 as a project coordinator.

This team was predicted to support up to 100 people in their new homes, working hard to ensure they did not return to the streets. However, over the course of the project a total of 186 people were supported. At the end of this project (July 2021) 179 people were still in accommodation.

This work was supported by 'Digital Inclusion' where 20 wi-fi enabled tablets were sourced and utilised by the team to enable those most isolated were connected in a greater way to support staff, employment and other on line support opportunities.

Evaluation activities supported this important work for future learning both at LPP and with other partners in Peterborough. Just some of the feedback about the staff included:

'Listened to me – has been there when nobody else was.'

Gave me hope – she takes the time to come to see me and it puts a smile on my face.'

'Helped me get back on my feet after rough sleeping.'

'She has made me feel a lot more positive about what I felt at time were impossible situations.'

'I had not idea where to turn for help and he has helped enormously.'

'I'm not sure I would have got through the last four months without the support.'

Telephone support

To promote connection and to help people maintain their accommodation a volunteer telephone support team was mobilised. This created a seamless pathway in our services to help people move off the streets and to then being integrated into community support. 9 volunteers signed up to offer words of encouragement and a friendly listening ear over the telephone and 8 people were referred through other LPP projects and supported by this new team.

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City Centre Chaplaincy

City Centre Chaplaincy is the longest running project of LPP and is now in its 12th year of operation. The project is run in partnership with Churches Together in Central Peterborough who provides an annual grant towards the cost of operation.

LPP chaplains are volunteers and are supported to reach out to people on the streets and to local businesses in gentle and creative ways. There are many people who are lonely, have mental health challenges and suffer daily. The city centre chaplains are in place to offer a listening ear, encouragement and support and where asked, to pray for those in need. Connections are strong with city centre pubs where often those in need of chaplaincy support can be found and many long term relationships have been formed.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic a decision was made to stand the team down for the majority of the 2020/21 period. This was a real challenge for the passionate volunteers and in turn, those that they offer chaplaincy support to.

This time has allowed time for prayer for the chaplaincy work and the city. Learning workshops have been put in place with support from Cambridgeshire Workplace Chaplaincy and the lead chaplain in Lowestoft has helped with these reflections. A new team 'Street Chaplains' is being formed with an invigorated vision to not only offer chaplaincy support in the city centre but into other areas of the city as the pressures of Covid-19 lift.

The leadership of the Peterborough Chaplaincy Forum continues to be with LPP and this regular networking space which is open to all chaplains across Peterborough provides opportunities to develop good practice and encourage each other in this important work.

Across Peterborough

Across Peterborough is a website that showcases and promotes the amazing work undertaken by the church and other community organisations across the city. Across Peterborough provides information about events that help people, good news stories, job opportunities and church information and continues to increase its reach with a weekly mailout to subscribers. In 2020/21 the mailing list increased to over 350 users. A Facebook page supports the posting on the website and information on the mailouts.

The reach of Across Peterborough continues to gently grow, as it continues to build bridges between projects and people through the medium of the internet, ultimately to the end of helping those who need support to engage with community services and support.

Lockdown has caused challenges as many services and activities have ceased to be able to function as in previous times. However, as matters pick up and churches and organisations adapt to current times there is an expectation that Across Peterborough will again increase its impact on building bridges and sharing good news across the city.

In Summary

Another good year in maintaining and developing the charitable services of LPP. Excitingly for all the LPP team we were commended by the work through the pandemic with a visit from HRH the Duke of Cambridge. A great opportunity to be encouraged and pause and reflect on the good work we are doing to change people's lives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Partnerships within the city continue to grow and be strong ensuring that the charity is working with partners to fulfill its vision. Practical examples of these are:

- The Garden House is the base of operations for the policing project 'Operation Luscombe' which supports people in Peterborough to move away from begging. Subsequently, police calls about homelessness in the city have decreased by 37%, and in the city centre, fallen by 74%. The city centre 'Neighbourhood Policing Team' was recently awarded the counties 2021 Problem Solving Award from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- A seat at and participation on the Safer Peterborough Partnership board.
- The securing of funding from NHS Charities Together to develop a homeless health hub. Locally this has developed stronger relationships with NHS leaders and will strengthen LPP's ability to help the poor and needy with greater health access.
- Work with Public Health England and the city council to deliver Lateral Flow Tests across the city to homeless community settings.
- The securing of 3 year funding from The National Lottery to cover a good portion of core costs. This has created a real opportunity to invest in the best staff team, create greater stability with systems of support and ensure the charity is focusing on fulfilling its vision for the poor in Peterborough.

However, with many positives in the mind, the principal risks facing Light Project Peterborough are:

- The Covid-19 impact: The impact of the pandemic has been to significantly reduce the amount of income from fundraising events on behalf of the charity, and donations from individuals and organisations. The trustees have therefore supported an external fundraising review with support, strategy and a new CRM system to understand in greater measure and connect in a more targeted and consistent manner with the donor base. A fundraising officer is now in post.
- Team growth and change: LPP is now a medium sized charity and has grown quickly. Keeping staff and volunteers on the growth journey is critical to ensuring the charity continues to deliver against its charitable objects and vision. Trustees meet regularly to strengthen governance arrangements and board unity and the charities resilience. Some staff have moved on and new staff are joining the LPP team. Regular team meetings, staff consultation, regular review of staff performance and a greater investment in training have all been increased.
- Uncertainty as to our base of operations: LPP has moved its base of operations and has a level of stability with a 3 year lease. However, the building is not built/designed for purpose and a permanent base of operations within Peterborough city centre is still being sought. Grant support has been gained to consider pre-planning work on a site within Peterborough Cathedral precincts and the project team have undertaken consultation with the city council and Historic England. There is still uncertainty as to whether this site will be suitable for a long term home.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity's income comes almost entirely from grants and donations. The majority of the expenditure relates to the direct delivery of the projects being run.

The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover the general running costs and to allow the charity to continue with its existing projects as well as embarking on new ones.

The trustees updated the reserves policy during the year and aim to keep 6 months' rent in accordance with the break clause within the new property lease plus between 3 and 6 months' operating expenditure in unrestricted reserves. In addition the trustees have set aside a number of designated funds relating to specific projects.

The reserves policy equates to maintaining between £80,000 and £150,000 of available funds. The actual amount of available funds at the end of the year was £109,257 which falls within the range set by the policy.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees and they have developed a comprehensive induction process.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Armitage	(Resigned 21 October 2020)
I Black	(Resigned 30 April 2020)
S Brown	
S Bucknell	
M Green	
M Jackson	(Appointed 8 December 2020)
P Logan	(Appointed 8 December 2020)
E Standbrook	
C Walford	
M Woodd	(Resigned 31 January 2021)

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



C Walford

Trustee

13 January 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Light Project Peterborough (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 examiners' report

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



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Date 25 January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	112,337	-	13,512	125,849	79,079
Income from charitable activities	4	10,000	-	473,881	483,881	122,017
Other income	5	743	-	-	743	462
Total incoming resources		123,080	-	487,393	610,473	201,558
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	10,989	5,887	485,835	502,711	156,532
Total expenditure		10,989	5,887	485,835	502,711	156,532
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		112,091	(5,887)	1,558	107,762	45,026
Gross transfers between funds		(37,919)	49,942	(12,023)	-	-
Net movement in funds		74,172	44,055	(10,465)	107,762	45,026
Total funds brought forward		35,130	21,556	68,366	125,052	80,026
Total funds carried forward		109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814	125,052

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Prior financial year

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	3	68,107	-	10,972	79,079	128,200
Income from charitable activities	4	8,000	-	114,017	122,017	-
Other income	5	462	-	-	462	100
Total incoming resources		76,569	-	124,989	201,558	128,300
Expenditure						
Expenditure on charitable activities	6	52,540	1,540	102,452	156,532	93,963
Total expenditure		52,540	1,540	102,452	156,532	93,963
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds		24,029	(1,540)	22,537	45,026	34,337
Gross transfers between funds		(3,685)	23,096	(19,411)	-	-
Net movement in funds		20,344	21,556	3,126	45,026	34,337
Total funds brought forward		14,786	-	65,240	80,026	45,689
Total funds carried forward		35,130	21,556	68,366	125,052	80,026

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	27,692	21,556
Current assets			
Debtors	10	140,599	44,655
Cash at bank and in hand		225,170	70,506
		<u>365,769</u>	<u>115,161</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(160,647)	(11,665)
Net current assets		<u>205,122</u>	<u>103,496</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>232,814</u></u>	<u><u>125,052</u></u>
Funds			
Restricted	15	57,901	68,366
Designated	16	65,611	21,556
Unrestricted		109,302	35,130
		<u><u>232,814</u></u>	<u><u>125,052</u></u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13 January 2022



Mark Jackson
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	14	166,687		26,821	
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(12,023)		(23,096)	
Net cash used in investment activities		(12,023)		(23,096)	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		154,664		3,725	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		70,506		66,781	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		225,170		70,506	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Light Project Peterborough is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England and Wales.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling , which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted general funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted funds are funds that 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.

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1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Policy for recognition of liabilities is as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. All costs have been allocated directly to a charitable activity and therefore there are no support costs to allocate between activities.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computer and equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income: donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Regular donations	8,629	-	664	9,293	3,798
One off donations	57,414	-	324	57,738	8,691
Gift aid reclaim	5,583	-	-	5,583	1,042
Church donations	3,537	-	2,344	5,881	6,246
Other donations	37,174	-	10,180	47,354	59,302
	<u>112,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,512</u>	<u>125,849</u>	<u>79,079</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Grants: floating support & hotels work	-	-	370,975	370,975	-
Grants: other	10,000	-	102,906	112,906	122,017
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473,881</u>	<u>483,881</u>	<u>122,017</u>

5 Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other income	743	-	-	743	462

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	2021	2020
				£	£
Salary costs	-	-	143,586	143,586	78,370
Employer's national insurance	-	-	7,965	7,965	3,350
Employer's pension cost	-	-	2,840	2,840	1,501
Recruitment costs	-	-	234	234	230
Other staff related costs	138	-	43	181	982
Direct costs: hotels work	-	-	185,591	185,591	-
Direct costs: floating support	-	-	65,008	65,008	-
Guests expenses	374	-	3,761	4,135	3,335
Direct costs: other	41	-	1,090	1,131	5,973
Volunteer expenses	43	-	181	224	57
Consultancy & project work	80	-	10,956	11,036	9,813
Marketing	462	-	376	838	3,183
Rent	-	-	14,928	14,928	15,000
Rates	-	-	354	354	334
Insurance	1,808	-	435	2,243	1,284
Electricity	-	-	1,277	1,277	2,690
Repairs & renewals	218	-	1,806	2,024	4,554
Cleaning	242	-	373	615	300
Vehicle costs	-	-	3,009	3,009	3,000
Travel & subsistence	110	-	859	969	2,029
Printing, postage & stationery	939	-	246	1,185	1,996
Telephone & internet	-	-	1,866	1,866	1,858
Computer costs	-	-	8,849	8,849	4,708
Accountancy	2,130	-	5,000	7,130	2,676
Consultancy & professional fees	2,679	-	24,807	27,486	6,758
Bank charges	1,502	-	-	1,502	404
Subscriptions	223	-	395	618	505
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	102
Depreciation	-	5,887	-	5,887	1,540
	10,989	5,887	485,835	502,711	156,532

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. No expenses were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

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8 Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	143,586	78,370
Social Security costs	7,965	3,350
Pension costs	2,840	1,501
	<u>154,391</u>	<u>83,221</u>
Number of employees		
Average actual number of employees	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

The remuneration of key management personnel relates to the Chief Executive and amounts to £40,000 (2020 - £40,000). No employee earned £60,000 p.a. or more.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	-	23,096	23,096
Additions	12,023	-	12,023
At 31 March 2021	<u>12,023</u>	<u>23,096</u>	<u>35,119</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	-	1,540	1,540
Charge for the year	1,267	4,620	5,887
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,267</u>	<u>6,160</u>	<u>7,427</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	<u>10,756</u>	<u>16,936</u>	<u>27,692</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>21,556</u>	<u>21,556</u>

All of the fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

10 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued income	140,599	43,735
Prepayments	-	920
	<u>140,599</u>	<u>44,655</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	78,276	6,487
Accruals	600	3,227
Deferred income	77,936	-
Taxation and social security	3,177	1,608
Other creditors	658	343
	<u>160,647</u>	<u>11,665</u>

12 Lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments

	2021 £	2020 £
Expiring within 12 months	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>

A new lease was entered into after the end of the year for rent of £18,492 p.a.

13 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid rent amounting to £5,000 (2020: £15,000) for the rental of the property used for the Garden House project to Peterborough Cathedral, at which Sarah Brown and Ian Black are members of the Cathedral Chapter.

14 Cash generated from operations

	2021 £	2020 £
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	107,762	45,026
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	5,887	1,540
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(95,944)	(23,871)
Increase in creditors	71,046	4,126
Increase in deferred income	77,936	-
Cash generated from / (absorbed by) operations	<u>166,687</u>	<u>26,821</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Winter night shelter	15,000	51,924	(27,890)	(23,096)	15,938	494	(758)	-	15,674
Homelessness	48,890	71,265	(67,727)	-	52,428	87,373	(85,797)	(12,023)	41,981
Hotels work & floating support	-	-	-	-	-	370,975	(370,975)	-	-
Volunteer support	-	-	-	-	-	6,567	(6,567)	-	-
Chaplaincy	1,350	1,800	(6,835)	3,685	-	1,800	(1,554)	-	246
Move costs	-	-	-	-	-	6,256	(6,256)	-	-
New Garden House	-	-	-	-	-	13,928	(13,928)	-	-
	65,240	124,989	(102,452)	(19,411)	68,366	487,393	(485,835)	(12,023)	57,901

The winter night shelter and homelessness funds are restricted funds set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the winter and day care provision. It consists of a variety of grants from different organisations as well as many one of private donations and some regular monthly donors. The transfer relates to restricted income spent on fixed assets.

The hotels work and floating support represents funding received for particular projects connected to the homeless work.

Additional funds were received specifically to support a project worker and volunteer coordinator.

Chaplaincy: This is a restricted fund that has been set up to receive grants and donations specifically related to the work of the City Centre Chaplaincy Team. An annual grant from Churches Together in Central Peterborough is a major contributor to this fund. The transfer relates to costs incurred in excess of the restricted funds raised.

The move costs and new Garden House funds represent funding to move premises and investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

16 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Fixed asset fund	-	-	(1,540)	23,096	21,556	-	(5,887)	12,023	27,692
Funding for New Garden House grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,919	7,919
Property development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
New opportunities fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	-	-	(1,540)	23,096	21,556	-	(5,887)	49,942	65,611

The fixed asset fund relates to the book value of fixed assets.

Funding for New Garden House grant represents the contribution required to costs to support a grant to investigate feasibility of new accommodation in the longer term.

The property development fund has been set up to begin to set aside a capital sum for potential future property development.

The new opportunities fund has been set up to ensure funds are available to support a new project that the trustees believe the charity should pursue.

LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed assets	-	27,692	-	27,692	-	21,556	-	21,556
Current assets / (liabilities)	109,302	37,919	57,901	205,122	35,130	-	68,366	103,496
	109,302	65,611	57,901	232,814	35,130	21,556	68,366	125,052