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Annual Report 2022/23

Chair's report – the Zink Project 2022/23

Once again I am delighted to report that the management, staff and volunteers of the Zink Project have done a sterling job balancing the books of this excellent charity. In providing the range of services to help, in so many ways, the needy people of the High Peak, Zink catches the imagination of a community that continues to help us deliver these vital services with healthy donations, which along with grants and earned income meet our overheads. I can report that the Zink Project continues to maintain good financial stability.

During the year we have begun to explore new ways of helping members of the High Peak community whilst generating consistent sources of income to offset the cyclical nature of some funding. We will report, in more detail, how we are progressing with this new project next year.



Returning to personnel, I am pleased to report that supporting Zink's excellent team of management, staff and volunteers into 2023/24 are a full complement of Trustees contributing from their wealth of experiences, some with life experience of the issues with which we are dealing. Inevitably, with the voluntary nature of Trustees, some, in Zink's case very few, will leave. I would like to mention Helen White who left us at the end of the accounting year having supported Zink in a long career of

Volunteering, Trustee and Deputy Chair. We are extremely grateful for the valuable service Helen has given to Zink over many years.

I would like to close with a personal thanks to all the people of the Zink Project, you make me very proud to be part of the Team

Thank you everyone in the High Peak and surrounding areas for your support.

Alan Thompson
Chair of Trustees

Chief Executive Report

Zink has become well established in its new premises in 2022/23 having opened fully in February 2022. Between 200 and 300 people use Zink HQ every week for their wellbeing or to get help to address immediate need then plan and take action to create better futures for themselves and their families, ideally in work. The diverse range of activities and services at Zink has attracted volunteers and Zink has around 85 now. Many of these volunteers have started to take on more responsibilities so that Zink staff are more able to take a coordinator role, develop new services and undertake the necessary routine tasks to keep the charity running.

High Peak Foodbank: Donations have continued at a level that easily met demand with some surplus being shared with neighbouring foodbanks although this was less than in previous years.

Jackson's Dairies have donated milk five days a week and Sainsbury's provide bread and baked goods daily. In total, 29,600 meals were



provided over the year to 1287 Adults and 486 children. In addition, the RSPCA have provided pet food so that they can make referrals to what is essentially a pet food bank.

Zink Employability: This was the last year of European Social Funding and, consequently, the end of Spring and BBO - Towards Work employment programmes. Spring ended in October 2022, BBO shortly before. RISE continued until March 2023 (and restarted in June 2023). In order to continue to provide support, Zink started a CV and IT weekly drop in so that those without a CV could get help and people without IT skills or equipment could still look for work. An application to the national lottery was successful so a new employability service, Spring - Towards Work, could launch in April 2023. RISE employment programme supported 42 people with drug or alcohol issues, 11 moved into work, 22 had improved health and wellbeing, 15 started volunteering and 12 started education/training.

Zink Advice: Zink's advice worker has supported over 366 people to resolve issues that cause the need for foodbank use. This includes help to address welfare and finance problems as well as unstable housing or homelessness and the provision of essential household items like cookers, bedding etc. using Acts 435 crowdfunding scheme.

Community Eco-Café: The café expanded opening hours to Tuesday to Friday 10am - 2pm. Customer numbers and income has steadily increased. In addition, on Tuesdays the café provides a two course meal for families preceded by games and activities.

Wellbeing: There are wellbeing activities every day at Zink HQ:

Mondays: Support workers and those they support, activities and coffee; English for speakers of other languages.



Tuesday: walking group, Knit Happens, gaming.

Wednesday: board games, group games (e.g. bingo, quizzes), Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday: IT Workshop.



Friday: School of Rock, Jam Session.

Housing: Zink has started to make steps towards purchasing properties with a view to being able to provide homes for people who might struggle to otherwise get one or maintain a tenancy.

Future Ambitions

Zink intends to continue to react to community need as it is identified and explore innovative ways of support vulnerable and marginalised individuals and groups. The charity will seek opportunities like commissions to further its aims and to achieve sustainability by increasing earned income.

Thanks

Thank you to the many supporters who give their time, money and items so that through Zink they can support the less fortunate and, in doing so, the community itself. Thanks also to the funders who have invested in Zink and allowed the charity to deliver much needed, often imaginative projects that have made positive changes in people's lives.

Without volunteers, Zink wouldn't be able to function and many of our volunteers are current or former service users who are glad to be able to give back for the support they receive. Our trustees are actively



involved in the charity in specific roles, one off projects or as volunteers. Thank you to all who volunteer at Zink in any way.

Thanks also to the donors who give regularly, occasionally or one off amounts and fundraisers who find new and interesting ways to raise money. As well as contributing to Zink's costs, your confidence in the charity shows how well it is supported.

Paul Bohan
CEO

Treasurer's Report

The trustees have again been touched and inspired by the way local fund-raisers, groups and individuals have rallied to support the charity's services, as well as by the way national and local charitable trusts have helped. We are also very grateful for the generous donations of food that the charity receives, from individuals, local organisations and companies.



Grants received by the charity:

Arnold Clark	2,500
B&Q Neighbourly Foundation	5,000
Bingham Trust	2,750
Blakemore Foundation	100
CAF Western Power Distribution	2,500
Derbyshire community Foundation	8,000
Derbyshire County Council	6,525
East Midlands Chamber of Commerce	8,000
Education and Skills	2,000
Erewash Voluntary	4,500
Feeding Britain	750
Futures (RISE)	14,700
Groundwork (BBO)	20,077
High Peak Borough Council	1,050
High Peak CV	2,070
J H Rausing Trust	9,872
Lottery funding	53,106
National Grid	9,300
Phoenix Lodge 1235 (Masons)	136
Provincial Grand Charity	1,000
Sainsburys Neighbourly foundation	597
The Van NESTE Foundation	5,000
W F Southall Trust	1,000



Donations from groups and organisations:

Bakewell Methodists	1,030
Bakewell PCC	150
Bamford PCC	110
Buxton Methodists	300
Buxton parish team	735
Buxton Spa Trefoil	511
Chelmorton Craft Fair	150
Chinley with Buxworth PCC	800
Devonshire spa	156
Great Hucklow community spirit	150
Litton Methodists	50
Specsavers Finance	300
St Anne's school & Church	74
Tideswell church	100
Tintwistle WI	30
Wormhill WI	30



There were a large number of donations from individuals, directly and through internet giving. Some are anonymous, and some are without contact details, so the charity does not list individuals, but assures them all of the deep appreciation of the trustees and staff, as their invaluable support helps make our services possible. There are many who are registered to allow us to claim Gift Aid, and this also helps us substantially.

We also act as an advocate for ACTS 435. This is a charity which enables donors to give specific help to people in need. Our advocate posts requests, and once the money is raised, the specific item or bill is paid for via Zink.

Kirsten Williams
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's report to the Directors of The Zink Project CIO

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 5 of the annual accounts.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Examiner

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Directors consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is needed. The company's gross income has not exceeded £250,000. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

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

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

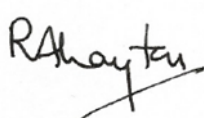
(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

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

Name:



Robert Layton



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Date: 30-11-2023

THE ZINK PROJECT CIO
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Voluntary income:</i>					
Donations and Grants	1	131,866	185,957	317,823	457,549
<i>Investment income:</i>					
Bank interest		1,607		1,607	31
Other incoming resources					
Income from services		1,677		1,677	756
Total incoming resources		135,149	185,957	321,107	458,336
Resources expended					
Charitable Activities	2	42,132	178,881	221,013	229,755
Building Costs	3	5,646		5,646	219,061
Other Expenses	4	1,382	930	2,312	3,040
Total resources expended		49,160	179,811	228,971	451,856
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources					
For year		85,990	6,146	92,136	6,480
Total funds brought forward		236,780	232,584	475,844	469,364
Total funds carried forward		322,770	238,730	567,980	475,844

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	Notes	31.3.23		31.3.22	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	5				
Freehold property		<u>145,000</u>		<u>145,000</u>	
		145,000		145,000	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	6	<u>425,579</u>		<u>334,355</u>	
		425,579		334,355	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>2,599</u>		<u>3,511</u>	
Net Current Assets			567,980		475,844
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>567,980</u>		<u>475,844</u>
INCOME FUNDS					
Surplus for the Year			92,136		6,480
Funds bought forward			<u>475,844</u>		<u>469,364</u>
			<u>567,980</u>		<u>475,844</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15-Nov-23 and signed on their behalf by:

 15/11/23
 ALAN THOMPSON

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	105,862	36,694	142,556	169,290
Grants	0	149,263	149,263	275,997
Kickstarter	0	18,367	18,367	12,262
	105,862	185,957	291,819	445,287

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Insurance	2,070	2,137
Rent	1,009	3,782
Travelling	2,341	2,823
Telephone & Internet	3,003	3,668
Administration	830	4,096
Repairs & renewals	16,692	5,934
Consultancy	4,600	6,753
Pension costs	17,018	15,642
Recruitment	3,177	542
Training	486	797
Wages	158,201	169,647
Subscriptions	96	96
Petty Cash	1,633	1,725
Sundry Costs	3,583	3,173
Postage & Stationary	1,610	432
BBO	4,664	758
G52	0	7,750
	221,013	229,755

3. BUILDING COSTS

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Heat and Light	2,915	4,815
Renovation costs	2,731	214,246
	5,646	219,061

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4. OTHER EXPENSES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	1,058	930	1,988	2,741
Bank Charges	324		324	299
	1,382	930	2,312	3,040

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Total £
Cost		
At 1st April 2022	145,000	145,000
Additions	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
Depreciation		
At 1st April 2022	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31st March 2023	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>
At 31st March 2022	<u>145,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>

The amount included in Freehold property relates to the purchase of Zink HQ, Market Street Car Park, Buxton. The amount shown is it's historical cost in December 2020.

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Total current accounts	18,874	38,354
Total deposit accounts	401,763	292,157
ACTS*	2,639	2,819
Derbyshire Community Bank	955	955
Cash	1,348	70
	425,579	334,355

* During the year, the company administered money for ACTS which is an autonomous charitable fund for the benefit of local individuals.

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7. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 13 (2022 - 14)

8. TRUSTEES

Trustee Stuart Corbett provided IT Support to the value of £441.

No other trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.