

Stripey Stork

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 August 2024



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Reference and administrative information for the financial year

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Charity Number 1161613

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Trustees The trustees who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, were as follows:

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31st August 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page two forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:

The prevention or relief of poverty in local UK communities by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Stripey Stork believe that every child deserves the **same start** and that by sharing the items our families have outgrown we can support a circular economy in a focused and meaningful way. We have been successfully supporting local families with practical items they need to raise their children since 2013.

Our vision is that **every child in Surrey and Croydon** has access to the essential things they need to develop and meet their potential.

Our mission is **to alleviate the impacts of childhood poverty** by providing a practical way for families to help each other with kindness and purpose.

The charity collects donations of equipment, clothes, toys and other items for babies and children, and distributes them to families experiencing hardship across Surrey, Croydon and the surrounding areas. Our service has grown over the time we have been in operation, and we have received support from individuals, businesses, funding sources and other community groups.

Our experience is that working in partnership with local professionals (health visitors, social workers, schools, family centres etc.) is the most effective way to connect with families and as a result we only take referrals from registered partners rather than from families directly. We aim to meet each request with the items so generously donated by local families and companies. We keep the warehouse well stocked by sharing a monthly wish-list on our social media channels and use funds that are raised to buy items taking advantage of trade and bulk discounts wherever possible. Items are collected by these referral partners from our sites in Reigate and Redhill, or are delivered to their place of work, so that they are ready then to be passed on to families as part of their scheduled visits. Stripey Stork prides itself on passing on items in great condition. All items are cleaned and, where necessary, safety checked. By measuring the cost of our operations versus the value of items distributed, we are confident that we deliver a strong social return on investment with the work that we do.

Our charitable objective is the prevention or relief of poverty in local UK communities by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty (the current focus of Stripey Stork is on providing items rather than grants or services). Our geographical focus is Surrey and Croydon, and this is where most of our referrals come from, but we do not restrict where in the UK our help goes and, increasingly, we help partners across a wider area.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purpose.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. The Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Poverty in the UK

In March 2024, the Joseph Rowntree UK Poverty 2024¹ Report showed that the scale of family poverty across the UK was not diminishing, with 4.2 million (around three in every ten) children in poverty in 2021/22. Poverty rates are higher for families with younger children in the household, with three or more children, and lone parent families. Children have consistently had the highest poverty rates. Disabled people, those with caring responsibilities and those with long term mental health problems are also more likely to be affected by poverty.

Families with children also face additional challenges if childcare responsibilities limit their ability to undertake well-paid and high-quality work, which is often the case for lone-parent families and families with younger children; 44% of children in lone-parent families were in poverty in the latest data – 2021/22 – as were 32% of children in families where the youngest child was aged under 5.

The regional picture

In June 2024, Surrey-i issued an update on poverty in Surrey². Here, just under 1 in 10 children are living in poverty – around 20,000 children. Child poverty in Surrey is prevalent in working households – 7 in 10 children living in poverty here have a working adult in the household. More children living in poverty in Surrey are in lone parent families than in families with two adults, and this number has risen over the last two years. The number of single parent households on Universal Credit in Surrey has risen by 15% over two years, and the number of two adult households with children claiming Universal Credit has risen by 12% in Surrey.

The impact of poverty on the early years is well documented, creating adverse impacts on physical and mental health, family relationships and attachment, and educational attainment. These impacts have life-long consequences. We support families in poverty through our network of referral partners. On an immediate practical level, we meet basic clothing/hygiene needs and provide a safe place for babies and children to sleep. But by providing items that are clean and safe, we contribute to improved mental health, reduced isolation and improved self-esteem. The support we provide reduces the number of complex financial decisions the family need to make and enables them to take improved longer-term decisions. Delivering these practical items also helps our referral partners to build a relationship of trust with the family. Our service is also a practical option for local families with items to donate and saves many items from going to landfill.

¹ <https://www.jrf.org.uk/uk-poverty-2024-the-essential-guide-to-understanding-poverty-in-the-uk>

² <https://www.surreyi.gov.uk/dataset/2nddx/child-poverty-and-disadvantage-in-surrey/>

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Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on making it possible for children to have the same start in life as their peers and are undertaken to further the charity's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Summary of performance

"You all work so hard to provide such a needed and valuable service, I could not do my job of supporting the parents with everyday products without you."

Referral Partner

From September 2023 to August 2024 Stripey Stork responded to requests for help to support 11,314³ families (with 17,693 children). This represents an increase on 33% from the previous year. This year the A Gift For Mum referrals were included in the statistics for the first time, if they had been included in last year's statistics then the comparative growth would be 24%. The ability to respond to School Days referrals at scale was a key factor in the year-on-year increase.

In addition to supporting Surrey and Croydon families, we have fulfilled requests from East and West Sussex and the London Borough of Sutton. Referrals came from 960 referral partners from 342 organisations including health visitors, social workers, family support workers, midwives, and schools. We also work closely with local charities including I Choose Freedom, Jigsaw Woking, Baby Basics in Sunbury and Guildford, Welcare, the Good Company, regional Citizen's Advice Bureau branches and local food banks. It is a service that is needed and valued.

In the reporting period we distributed £1,259,013 of items, of which £1,015,070 were donated items. £689,310 of these were pre-loved items donated by the local community (valued using second-hand prices) and the remaining £325,760 were new items purchased by individuals or in-kind donations from companies or other groups (valued using RRP). All items are safety checked and cleaned, and our volunteers take time to package bundles with care in response to the specific request. A brand-new mattress is always included with a cot, pram or Moses basket, and a weaning kit and bibs are always offered with a highchair. Buggies are given out with a raincover, and a footmuff in winter. We try to avoid leaving the family with any additional costs when they receive help from us, and we want them to feel that they are receiving a gift not a handout.

As our reputation and impact grows, so does the interest we attract from companies and brands who kindly donate in-kind stock. Increasingly we have made connections with companies and groups who can help us provide the essential items that we distribute such toiletries, large equipment and clothing.

Items distributed – in numbers

Baby gyms/play mats	207	Moses baskets	521
Bedding bundles	1,163	Packs of nappies/wipes	4,848
Buggies and prams	445	Highchairs	219
Baby carriers / Slings	96	Newborn baby packs (average of 20 items)	377
Clothes packs (prepacked by age/gender)	4,146	School bags filled with stationery (new)	1,895
Cribs/cots/cot beds/toddler beds/travel cots	282	Shoes and trainers	2,103
Mattresses (new)	877	School uniform items	14,711
Book bags	484	Stairgates	363
Toy bundles	1,429	Toiletry packs	5,091
Activity packs	1,307		

³ Includes core referrals plus A Gift for Mum and School Days referrals. Does not include Santa Stork requests.

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The need for our service

We collect data on location, age, and family demographics, and we ask our referral partners to tell us why they are referring families to us, so that we know who needs us most.

The families we support are all experiencing poverty, and many of them face hardship across several fronts. They may be affected by domestic abuse, living with mental and physical health challenges, facing insecure or overcrowded housing, fighting rising levels of debt, or seeking asylum with no access to public funds. They are working families, single parent families, teenagers leaving the care system, and young parents with no family support. There are families expecting their first baby, and families with several school-age children. What is common to all of them is the need for somewhere to turn for help when they need it most. Behind every referral is a family we care about.

Reasons for referral

Within our data (see table below) we have also seen rising rates of families receiving Universal Credit being referred (34% across the year, up from 26% last year), and 15% of families not just struggling financially, but in debt.

Reasons for Referral ⁴	Last year 2022-23	This year 2023-24
Domestic abuse	8%	17%
Medical/disability	14%	15%
Universal credit	26%	34%
Debt	14%	15%
Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeker (MRA)	17%	21%
Mental health	20%	23%
Child protection	15%	17%
Isolated and vulnerable	18%	20%
Homelessness/risk of homelessness	7%	7%

Poverty is often caused or exacerbated by unexpected upheaval. 7% of families are either homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and our support of those affected by domestic abuse has risen to 17% (up from 8% last year), predominantly due to requests from the expansion of two refuge sites in Surrey and the increased support of other domestic abuse organisations across the region. There is also a slight increase in referrals where there is a child protection plan – now 17% of referrals cite this as a reason.

Emotional vulnerability is often linked to experiencing poverty as both cause and effect, and this year we can see that rates of both poor mental health and being isolated and vulnerable have increased among the families we help. Adding that to the rising number of young parents (up from 5% to 9%), who often do not have a strong support network in place, and we can see there are still tough conditions being endured by the families and children referred to us.

In our March 2024 partner survey, professionals reported that bed poverty, hygiene poverty and mental health are issues that are becoming increasingly prevalent. They also reported seeing more families who do not meet the threshold for early help or other statutory support but who are in financial hardship coming forward through schools, community, charity or advice line routes. We are a trusted partner that many referral partners rely on when they have assessed the options available to help the family they are supporting.

⁴ More than one reason may be cited for a referral so note that the total of percentages may exceed 100%.

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A decade of Stripey Stork

On Monday 25th September, we came together to recognise Team Stork and everything that had been achieved over the past decade. The event was held at The Harlequin Theatre in Redhill and was attended by trustees, staff and volunteers, as well as local dignitaries, referral partners, community groups and local businesses. It really was an inspirational evening – hearing from some of our referral partners and families about the difference Stripey Stork has made, and awards being presented to some very special contributors.

On the night we launched our 10-year Impact Report⁵, which includes powerful stories, survey results and statistics. It really shows how far we have come, why we are needed and how people can support us into the next 10 years. Another significant part of the evening was premiering our Team Stork video⁶. It was produced by Tom Graham Creative who did such a fantastic job in bringing our vision to life. The video shows a range of individuals and organisations that make up Team Stork and what it means to them as they reflected on the last 10 years.

Continuing to Spread Our Wings

With the support of the three-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, we continued our programme of change, that we refer to as *Spreading Our Wings*, to expand our services and help even more families. Over the period of the grant, we aim to almost double our operating capacity and to reach areas of Surrey not currently supported by a baby bank.

The programme of work will be achieved through:

- Growing the core team and volunteering pool.
- Making our warehouse work harder for us by increasing opening hours year-round (not just term-time).
- Building relationships with partner organisations (food banks, community centres) to act as local hubs for distributing items via referrals, whilst also collecting donated items brought back to our warehouse.
- Developing our offering for children 11+ years in partnership with the young people who volunteer with us.
- Increasing support for smaller baby banks in Surrey and near its borders.
- Expanding our delivery service in terms of frequency and distance covered.
- Running seasonal campaigns and special projects from a second site.

Space for large equipment

Early in the reporting period it became evident that to achieve our ambitious goals and assist the increasing number of families in Surrey and Croydon, we required more room than initially anticipated. The warehouse adjacent to our current location in Reigate became available, presenting a promising and rare opportunity. However, the space needed substantial renovations, and even with favourable terms from our existing landlord, it represented an increase in operational costs.

As their Dorking office Charity of the Year partner for 2024 and 2025, Unum's Executive Committee have seen our work and its impact in action, and they recognised the potential of this opportunity. Their CEO, Mark Till, was so committed to our cause that Unum generously covered the rent for the first year, allowing us to proceed with confidence. This substantial contribution provided the financial stability to embark on this ambitious project. Our next steps will be to continue the transformation and make it a productive useful space.

Stripey Stork on wheels

Thanks to the support of Raven Housing Trust, we welcomed the arrival of our very own, fully electric delivery van. And following the subsequent appointment of Chris, as our Distribution Referrals Coordinator, we launched a delivery schedule.

We deliver to referral partners across Surrey and Croydon. The regional hubs are referral partner organisations that act as drop-off points, allowing nearby organisations to collect from them instead of making a special trip to us. They may

⁵ <https://stripeystork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/10-year-report.pdf>

⁶ https://youtu.be/L_550DYR-ZU

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also gather donations and collect items that are no longer required on our behalf. We have continued to strengthen relationships and establish new delivery hubs in high-demand areas or where referral partners face barriers to access.

We have regional hubs at Epsom Food Bank (Epsom & Ewell), Lower Green Community Centre (Elmbridge), Baby Basics, Guildford (Guildford), Family Centre, Hale (Waverley), Jigsaw Baby Bank (Woking) and Mole Valley Family Centre (Mole Valley).

"The delivery service has been invaluable to the families we support. Without the service we would not be able to collect the quantity and volume of goods due to time and capacity constraints."

Referral partner

Referral partners tell us that our delivery service is now an essential part of helping them maximise the support they offer. And no journey is wasted, with some of our hubs acting as collection points for wish list items that supported families no longer need.

A focus on School Days

Our School Days project provides children with practical items for school, from everyday basics like non-branded uniforms and school shoes, to more specific needs such as World Book Day costumes and school trip essentials. We offer both pre-loved and new items, supporting children pre-school age right up to college students. We believe that when children feel equipped and ready for the school day, they can fully embrace school life and make the most of their learning.

This year marked the first full year of the campaign at Raven House with dedicated space for volunteers to check, sort, prepare and stock items allowing us to meet the rising need in the community. Although School Days is at its busiest around the start of the academic year, we offer this service year-round to support families as circumstances change, children outgrow uniforms and school essentials need replacing.

Our referral partners have shared with us how anxious the families feel when they can't provide all the school essentials for their children:

"The children had been increasingly missing school, refusing to go because they were worried they'd be picked on or called out for not having the right uniform. Now they have what they need, the cycle of anxiety around school attendance has been broken and mornings are much calmer in our house."

Mum

"Thank you for your speedy assistance with this. It gives me a little lift each time I see the shoes being worn, knowing that one worry has been removed from this family."

Referral partner

During the period covered in this report, we helped 3,793 families and 6,361 children with school support. We've given out 1,895 new school bags (filled with stationery), 590 PE bags and lunchboxes, 2,636 pairs of school shoes and trainers, and 14,711 items of school uniform.

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Strategic Review: 2024-2028

In March the Trustees completed a strategic review supported by the management team. We are grateful to Skylark Consulting who once again supported us through this process on a pro bono basis.

The review reiterated the need for our service, and that it is more vital than ever. It highlighted the deep need for our support and the trust that families and referral partners place in us. Recognising the challenges faced by older children and young adults, and the growing number of requests for this age group, we formally extended our age range to 18 years. We brought Croydon into scope, broadening our reach beyond Surrey to meet increasing need. And, as we continue to listen to those we support, we have placed an even greater focus on 'essentials' by addressing bed poverty, hygiene poverty and the fundamental items every child deserves.

The future we are working towards is that every child in Surrey and Croydon has access to the essential things they need to develop and meet their potential.

We agreed that our key priorities are:

- Offering high quality, safe essential items for children 0-18 years.
- Making it easier for the community to reduce waste and support a circular economy in a focused and meaningful way.
- Setting the standard in terms of our people, processes and governance.

Our agreed strategic objectives for the next four years are:

1. We will build our capacity (to be able to respond to 20,000 requests a year by the end of 2026, and sustain that level of service)
2. Our delivery service will reach every borough and district of Surrey (currently 6 boroughs and districts have referral hubs)
3. We will expand our work to cover Croydon (c.20% of support going to this London borough)
4. Our focus will always be on reducing waste and giving pre-loved items a second life (c.70% of large items will be preloved)
5. We prioritise providing essential items when deciding how to spend our time and resources
6. We are a 'baby bank' but not just for babies – our focus is all children 0-18 years in families experiencing hardship
7. We will build relationships with key partners to deliver the best outcomes for families
8. We will work inclusively and make our organisation accessible to a diverse group of staff, volunteers, partners and families.
9. That lived experience will be a key factor in the design and delivery of our service at all levels.

By 2028, we will have:

- Delivered our 'Spreading Our Wings' programme with support of the National Lottery Community Fund. We will have the operational capacity to help up to 20,000 families a year.
- Extended our reach in all Surrey districts and boroughs and have increased our impact in neighbouring Croydon.
- Expanded our space to process and store donations, as well as developing a network of delivery and collection hubs across the region.
- Developed key partnerships with referral partners, individuals, corporates and community groups with a focus on making a sustainable impact.

Our operational and fundraising plans will be aligned to this strategy, and we will build on our governance model to ensure that we are tracking and supporting these important goals.

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Team Stork

What we have achieved this year wouldn't have been possible without our incredible volunteers. There is a core team of over 150 volunteers who help in our warehouse or at home. Most are part of a wider team of 384 registered on our Facebook volunteer group which also includes those who help on an ad-hoc basis and/or act as ambassadors in the community. Together they offered 13,162 hours of their time in the reporting period.

Supporting the organisation are a core team of staff. At the end of the year there were 20 paid staff whose collective hours are the equivalent of 10.6 full time equivalent (FTE) employees.

What has become more apparent overtime is the ripple effect of volunteering at Stripey Stork. As well as the important benefit to us and the communities we serve, there's also what volunteering means to the individual.

"I particularly enjoyed the week when the staff had cake with the volunteers. It was really interesting to hear what they all do and their backgrounds. I have volunteered at places before where there is a definite negative 'us and them' feel and it's lovely that this isn't the case at Stripey Stork."

Regular volunteer

"I always look forward to my volunteering sessions. I have made new friends, and everyone is very professional and welcoming. I always come home feeling good and have enjoyed hearing the stories of the difference we are making to the supported families."

Regular volunteer

"Stripey Stork is an amazing place to volunteer and I love every second! Thank you for all the incredible work you do for our community and the support you give to your volunteers."

Regular volunteer

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme – 'Youth without Limits'

We have completed our second full year of Duke of Edinburgh volunteering, and the programme continues to thrive. Insight from our young volunteers on teen clothing, care packs and Christmas gifts ensures that recipients receive items that are both relevant and useful.

In the reporting period, the DofE sessions have had 918 volunteer hours given by 77 students from 8 schools/colleges:

- 39 Bronze awards completed
- 10 Silver awards completed
- 2 Gold awards completed

Typical tasks include sorting clothes, making up activity packs, hygiene packs and school bags, as well as checking and cleaning equipment such as highchairs and travel cots, to ensure all donated items are ready to go out. Additionally, students may get involved in seasonal campaigns, input into what goes in our Teen Care Packs and assemble activity packs for teenagers, for example those who are seeking refuge in temporary accommodation. They've embraced the attention to detail and the sense of quality that we strive for, and we couldn't be prouder of how they have risen to the challenge.

"I wanted to share how wonderful my son's experience has been volunteering with Stripey Stork as part of his DofE. It's been such a rewarding experience, the staff and volunteers have gone out of their way to make him feel welcome and part of the team."

Parent

The feedback from referral partners is that the offering we now have for teenagers has improved. A significant part of this improvement is attributed to the Duke of Edinburgh students, who often choose and pack the clothes – teenagers helping teenagers in a focused and meaningful way.

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Our Duke of Edinburgh students also act as young ambassadors for our service, often spreading the word to family and friends about how they can get involved.

Schools and college volunteering sessions

We've also been further developing our partnership with Reigate Grammar School. Every half term, their Third or Fourth Form students elect to volunteer with a local charity, and we've been fortunate to have a steady flow of student volunteers. Their insight into teenage fashion and preferred toiletry products for this age group has been useful and helps us ensure that the packs that go out are going to be appreciated by their recipients.

We've initiated what we hope will be a long-lasting relationship with Woodfield School in Merstham - a local school for children with learning and additional needs. We've hosted several visits from different pupils and welcomed four students who volunteer weekly. They've been keeping busy with quality checking toys and games, sorting coats, and providing us with valuable advice on which soft toys they believe children of a similar age would appreciate.

We are grateful to the various groups of SEND students from East Surrey College volunteering as part of their Skills for Independence course. This opportunity provides them with a great way to develop teamwork and communication skills beyond the familiar college environment, preparing them for work. They have expressed their enjoyment of learning about charity work and understanding why the quality of items is just as important when they are being used to help people.

Corporate volunteering

Partnerships remain a vital part of our work, and we have continued to develop long-term relationships with organisations such as Unum, LNRS, Esure, Total Energies, Space + Time, Nestlé, WTW and HCUK. Throughout this financial year, these organisations have participated in numerous team volunteering days, contributing their time, skills, and energy to support our mission.

Corporate volunteering and wider Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes provide businesses with valuable opportunities to engage their employees in meaningful, hands-on activities that make a tangible difference in the community. These experiences not only benefit Stripey Stork but also have an impact on the teams involved by fostering teamwork, boosting morale and deepening their understanding of social issues.

"I love coming here and keep coming back."

Corporate volunteer

"I have always felt very welcome by the Stripey Stork team who are very professional. My requests to volunteer as part of my company CSR days have been handled very quickly and the team have been very flexible on dates."

Corporate volunteer

Active members of our community

We are active citizens in the community making connections and identifying ways that we can help. A review of our fundraising function led to the creation of both a Corporate Partnerships Manager and a Community Fundraiser role. This investment in our community outreach has led to growing support from local community groups (WI, Inner Wheel, Rotary Clubs, Round Table, Lions), schools and churches.

Forming and nurturing partnerships is an important part of our work. It's a mutually beneficial relationship which we love to watch grow. They are a great way for us to work together to raise awareness, and some valuable funds. It's an unwritten assumption that once a group or organisation partners with us, they've earned themselves a lifelong membership to Team Stork, because once they see what a difference they can make, we're never far from their minds when further opportunities arise.

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Unum – charity partnership for 2024 and 2025

We started 2024 with the news that Unum Dorking had chosen us their charity partner for the next two years. Having the opportunity to work with a large organisation over an extended period was an opportunity that we were keen to make the most of. The partnership got off to a great start with fundraising, in-house donation events and regular staff volunteering. A team from Unum will run for us at Run Reigate 2024 and as mentioned earlier in the report, the Unum executive committee awarded a grant for the first year's rental payment of our new workshop, allowing us to take the lease and proceed with confidence.

The culture of corporate volunteering is strong at Unum, and it has been a pleasure to welcome 131 employees over 12 team volunteering sessions, contributing an impressive 497 hours of their time.

"Volunteering at Stripey Stork is a meaningful and practical way to make a positive difference in our community... It was great to hear and understand more about the challenging circumstances of the families they support. This was one of the best corporate volunteering days that I've taken part in, and I'm extremely impressed by the charity's cause and achievements."

Mark Till, CEO Unum

People

As part of our *Spreading Our Wings* programme, we continued to invest in our operational staff team to support the growth and development of our services. This included the introduction of new roles to strengthen key areas of our work. A dedicated Volunteer Coordinator was appointed to support our corporate volunteering programme, and a Referral Coordinator role was created to support the focus on deliveries and distribution. Additionally, we replaced the vacant Volunteer Coordinator role responsible for supporting young people.

Alongside these operational changes, we undertook a strategic review of our fundraising function to ensure long-term sustainability. As a result, we invested in new roles focused on corporate partnerships, community fundraising and individual giving, aligning with our aims to diversify and strengthen our income streams.

In March, Stripey Stork participated in the Birdsong Charity Pulse⁷ survey to gain valuable insights into staff engagement and organisational culture. As the charity continues to grow, it was important to benchmark our position and identify key areas for improvement. The survey, which is widely used across the charity sector, provided an opportunity to assess how our team feels about their roles and the organisation. The results will help inform our ongoing efforts to create a positive and supportive working environment, ensuring that our people remain engaged and empowered as we scale our impact.

Areas highlighted for focus centred on how we maintain communication as the team grows and how we monitor that workload levels are appropriate. It was encouraging to see the Stripey Stork had an Overall Engagement Index Score of 98% against an industry average score of 81%.

Processes and Technology

The Trustees recognise that our processes and technology need to keep pace with our organisational growth. We have continued our contract with local IT support partner, and amongst other things the managed service they provide has processes in place to ensure that data is backed up and held securely.

Having made the strategic decision to choose Salesforce as a technology solution, we made the investment in recruiting an in-house Salesforce Administrator. Having someone who understands our work and can work with the team to understand their needs and design solutions will mean we can continue to develop the Salesforce system to make our operation as efficient as possible. Improving the way that we can analyse data means we can make more informed decisions about how the develop and expand our service.

⁷ [Charity Pulse | Birdsong](#)

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Campaigns

We pride ourselves in being able to run our quarterly campaigns in parallel with our core service, key events that either raise funds or provided targeted help at key times of need.

Run Reigate 2023

Run Reigate 2023 was a very special event. It marked the 10-year anniversaries of both Run Reigate and Stripey Stork. Our Team Stork runners really looked the part this year sporting limited edition t-shirts and caps with our special 10-year anniversary logo.

Every year there is great excitement in the build up to race day as we eagerly await the big costume reveal from Sam and Jackie. Over the years they've gone above and beyond to represent Team Stork. We've seen orange wigs, stripey socks, Wonder Woman and cheerleading inspired costumes. This year they rocked it with their Tina Turner inspired outfits, which were simply the best! Complete with inflatable microphones they were easily spotted around the course were great ambassadors for Stripey Stork.

As last-minute entries to this year's Run Reigate, twins, Marie and Emma, decided to do something practical to help the families we support in lieu of fundraising. They donated not one but two double buggies. What's more fitting than twins donating for twins. Double buggies are in such huge demand that we always have a long waiting list for them. We're incredibly grateful for this generous donation and we know that the families who receive them will really enjoy the benefit of being able to get out and about.

We are grateful to the 19 runners (7 adults and 12 kids) who took part in the Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and kids' race - raising an amazing net £5,271.

Christmas appeal - Santa Stork 2023

The team coordinating Santa Stork 2023 distributed main presents to 6,302 children, Christmas bundles (Christmas jumpers/books/toys from our pre-loved stock) to 1,325 children and in addition 565 parents/carers received a wrapped gift. The value of the gifts distributed was £122,632.

Having taken on the lease of a second site in Redhill back in the summer, we had the perfect location to set up Santa Stork HQ. This ensured that our important core work of providing vital everyday essentials to families could continue undisturbed from our warehouse in Reigate.

Behind every request is a family who are struggling, who want to give their children a memorable Christmas and who often find it hard to ask for help. This is at the heart of Santa Stork and something we never forget.

"I haven't told mum that I'd requested presents, but I knew she was planning to wrap up some of their existing toys for Christmas." Referral partner Croydon

Mother's Day 2024

A Gift for Mum is Stripey Stork's Mother's Day campaign. Thanks to our amazing community, we were able to give out 580 pampering gift sets, each accompanied with a specially designed card handwritten by one of our amazing volunteers.

At Stripey Stork we always try to go the extra mile in everything that we do and at Mother's Day we think a handwritten card is the perfect added touch. This year Sara, from Reigate College, won our competition to design our exclusive Mother's Day card.

Our Team Stork volunteers have been amazing. It's a campaign that they really get behind and they made up our orange bags and handwritten cards, putting so much love and attention into each task. They also donated plenty of toiletries themselves, bringing them when they come for their session or ordering from our Amazon Wish List.

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"The mums I provided the gifts to were delighted with it and really appreciated the gifts, it made them feel special and provided a much needed 'pick me up' to them. Some of them expressed that the gifts would be the only gifts they will be receiving for Mother's Day."

Jigsaw4U

"For our single families, they did not expect to receive anything. One Mum in particular said that she felt as if someone had noticed her and that rarely happens. Another Mum said that she had been going through a very difficult time and it was exactly what she needed, it didn't matter what was inside the bag but the thought was enough."

Referral partner

"I didn't know what to do or say when my daughter came out of school with something for me, as nothing is ever just for me. I could see that it gave her a real self-esteem boost by being able to do something for her Mum, all by herself."

A grateful recipient

"This is another incredible offer from Stripey Stork. It allows us as schools to engage with our parents on a different level showing how much we value and care about them. It also allows us to acknowledge the hard work our families put into their children, whatever their challenges are. I have had feedback from families with nothing but positivity regarding how the gifts made them feel. The content was huge and the families I spoke with felt overwhelmed by the generosity."

"It also encourages parents to approach us – since I sent the gifts, I've had two families reach out to me for support, which I don't feel would have happened otherwise. Whether it's because I made contact or they felt safe enough to do so isn't important, the fact they came forward is what matters."

St John's School, Redhill

Not forgetting Dad – Father's Day 2024

It goes without saying that there are many Dads who are battling with similar circumstances. We never let Father's Day pass without stocking up on male toiletry gift sets and distributing them in the weeks leading up to this special day.

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Stripes4Stripey 2024

On Thursday 20th June we celebrated Stripes4Stripey Day. This annual event is a highlight in the Stripey Stork calendar, where we ask our supporters to wear stripes and donate. In total £5,327 was raised.

Every year we are blown away by the support from within our community. We had stripey ice lollies, stripey cake and even stripey ice cream, not to mention the array of Stripey clothing. Thank you to everyone who got involved.

Beryl and Pegs coffee shop in Reigate baked the most delicious Victoria sponge cake with stripey buttercream and donated all proceeds to Stripes4Stripey. They also wore their stripes in support.

Sundae Scoop ice cream shop in Earlswood created a brand-new ice cream just for Stripes4Stripey. A delicious blue vanilla ice cream and silky-smooth mango sorbet represented Stripey Stork perfectly. They donated proceed from this flavour to Stripes4Stripey.

The wonderful staff, children and parents at Banstead Prep school came out in force to celebrate Stripes4Stripey. Children came in wearing their stripes and they held a stripey ice lolly sale at breaktime. Stripey made an appearance and very much enjoyed all his cuddles with the children.

The Paw Shed in Reigate took Stripes4Stripey to a new level by adding a stripey bowtie to any dogs that came in that day. For the first time ever, we even had a stripey dog.

One of the highlights of Stripes4Stripey is our Quiz Night at Reigate Manor and this year was no exception. It was a night filled with laughs, friendly competition, and delicious curry. We tackled questions on everything from Food and Drink to Science and Nature, Film and TV, and beyond. Not only did we have a great time, but we also managed to raise a valuable amount of money from the ticket proceeds and popular raffle.

Working with Oasis to support Elmbridge families

Over the past year, we have worked closely with Oasis, a partner organisation based in Elmbridge that provide vital support to families in crisis. We've been supplying them with practical items their families need, such as school uniform, clothing and baby equipment. We caught up with Caroline Edwards, Director of Services, who shared how this support has been making a significant difference.

When Louise*, a Mum of teenage twins, approached Oasis, she was in a state of desperation. She had not only been subject to domestic abuse in the past, but her eldest son had tragically died in an accident. Everything was understandably too much, and she was unable to cope. She felt very alone, without any family support. Her mental health deteriorated and unfortunately, she lost her job, made worse because they were living in overcrowded accommodation. Caroline explained that Louise was very wary of seeking professional help because she hadn't felt supported after her son's death. She found the courage to approach Oasis because a friend recommended them from personal experience.

The twins needed the right school uniform and shoes. They had been increasingly missing school; refusing to go because they were worried they'd be picked on or called out for not having the right uniform. This anxiety is common for children their age and sadly can become a barrier to education. Mornings were often a battle to get the children to school and even when they had left the house, there was no guarantee they'd make it to school. Louise had no fight left in her and her self-esteem was at an all-time low.

Our van was ready for a scheduled delivery to the Elmbridge area, so we were able to provide all the uniform they needed, including spares to reduce the pressure of frequent washing. We learned that in the past they'd had difficulty finding school trousers that fit the son, so we supplied several sizes and styles for him to try on – just like going shopping. We also ordered the specific blouses for her daughter that the school requested, directly from the supplier for a timely delivery to Oasis.

Mum was overwhelmed with gratitude:

"You guys are incredible...like incredible! I can't believe how much time, effort and thought has gone into helping us with school uniform. I genuinely don't know how we would cope without your help. THANK YOU and thank you to everyone else who makes it happen."

Thanks to Oasis and support from our School Days campaign, the cycle of anxiety around school attendance was broken, making mornings at home much calmer. While the family still face financial insecurities and have complex emotional needs, they continue to receive support from the Oasis team, and we continue to provide items when needed. It's a step-by-step process, but we're pleased to have helped them back on their pathway to school.

Caroline emphasised the importance of Oasis being able to offer this kind of tangible help:

"We provide various types of support, from emotional well-being courses to advocacy. However, when families come to us with complex challenges, being able to provide practical items quickly is crucial. It helps gain their trust and opens the door to deeper support."

Our collaboration with Oasis continues to make a positive impact on families in the Elmbridge area and we thank them for passing on this encouraging feedback.

** Name changed to protect the privacy of the individual.*

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Journey of hope – one family's trauma after small boat crossing

Following the traumatic experience crossing the channel, their son had developed a fear of water so extreme he couldn't even wash his hands. When we received a request for a pair of swimming shorts, little did we know that the story behind it would be one of such depth and courage.

Six-year-old Hassan's family were forced to flee conflict in the Middle East, embarking on a treacherous journey to the UK in the hope of a better life. On the final leg of this journey, they found themselves on a small boat crossing, on a vessel packed with men, women and children, navigating the English Channel in rough seas. The passengers were scared as the weather began to change, and when a huge wave crashed against the boat, young Hassan was swept overboard. Struggling in the cold water, the boy was fortunately pulled back onto the boat, and eventually, he and his family were able to make it to shore. The immediate danger had passed but the memories of this traumatic incident would stay with them and him for a lifetime.

Upon arrival in the UK, the family was registered and taken to emergency accommodation. They literally had nothing. But there was hope and support on hand, in the form of the Inclusion Team at First Community Health and Care, who are very experienced at helping families in the most challenging situations. As a team who have worked closely with us for years, they knew they could rely on Stripey Stork for help. Thanks to all the donations we receive, we were able to provide them with all the clothing and essentials they asked for to meet this family's basic needs straight away. A little later on came the request for the swimming shorts for Hassan. On the surface, a simple enough request, but we had no idea how significant they were going to be.

Following the traumatic experience of crossing the channel, Hassan had developed a fear of water so extreme he couldn't even wash his hands. There was no doubt he needed treatment to overcome this trauma, but the waiting lists were long, and the nursery nurse assigned to the family was worried about the long-term impact this would have on his life if not addressed sooner. She knew he needed to be desensitised to water so put a plan of action in place. This plan would gently introduce him to water and ultimately work towards him being able to go swimming. They knew there would be challenges ahead, especially once he went to school, but believed that in time they could help him to feel more confident around water.

Small, incremental steps were needed. The first was to make water fun by adding colour to the water and encouraging him to dip his fingertips in. Then they introduced bubbles. This was a new concept, so he was understandably frightened. The nursery nurse encouraged the family to get involved, and although there was a language barrier, they were able to make this fun through laughter. For the first time, he felt bubbles burst on his skin and the fear he instinctively felt started to slowly fade.

A few weeks later, the swim shorts from Stripey Stork became a crucial part of the plan. This was a big step. The boy didn't want to go anywhere near a shower, let alone a swimming pool. Realising it would be a slow process; the first stage was to wear the swimming shorts around the room so he could get used to them. The next step was to wear the shorts and walk towards the shower. By taking their time, he started to feel safe and didn't want to take them off.

Finally, it was time to try the shower. First an arm, then a foot – all while wearing the swimming shorts, which had now become a positive association. Each little step was progress in letting go of his fear and putting the traumatic experience behind him.

The family worked closely with the nursery nurse and Inclusion Team during this time. This wasn't just for the young boy's benefit but a healing process for the whole family. They were listened to and shown kindness from the start, which gave the family hope that things would get better.

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Financial review

Income and expenditure during the year

In the 2023/24 reporting period Stripey Stork received a total income (excluding donated goods) of £821,022 (2022/23: £653,633) which is an increase of £167,389 compared to the previous year.

Our income has risen across our funding streams in line with our Fundraising Strategy. Our restricted income has risen by £136,052. This financial year is the first full year of National Lottery funding (£155,875). We also received more funding for direct spend for our beneficiaries from the Household Support Fund (£113,800).

Surrey County Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough Council continued to award us Household Support Fund monies which resulted in an increase in income and bought goods for beneficiaries. As our operational capacity increased so did the amount of preloved goods that the team could process and distribute. This is reflected in the amount of donated goods for beneficiaries. Together these increases in new and donated available stock meant that waiting lists remained low and we could respond to the increased level of requests that we received.

Total expenditure for the year was £764,790 (2022/23: £521,406), not including the value of donated goods which were passed on to the families we help.

Our expenditure has increased in line with our Spreading Our Wings strategy. With new and replacement staff, we inducted seven paid members to the team (the total number of staff over the year was 9.4 FTE compared to 6.8 FTE in 2022/23) and started leasing our van. This was also the first full year of rental payments on our second site in Redhill. Included in this spend was £248,126 on new items for beneficiaries (an increase of 41% from 2022/23's spending of £175,480).

Donations in kind

In line with best practice accounting to the SORP, the value of donated goods (new and second-hand) given out during the year is also included in these accounts.

To value second-hand donated goods for the purposes of the income and expenditure disclosures, we take a second-hand market value estimate of each type of item. Clothing is valued based on the packs we prepare to a checklist, reflecting how we distribute bundled clothing to families.

Brand new items are valued using the recommended retail price (RRP) when they are received. They are included in the value of items distributed in the financial year in which they were received.

The total value for 2023/24 is £1,015,070 (2022/23: £849,087) which is included in both income and expenditure at the same amount. No balance sheet value is assigned to any second-hand donated items held in stock at the year end.

Significant events affecting financial performance and financial position during the year

Having secured the three-year grant from the National Lottery Community Fund at the end of the 2022-23 financial year, this was the first full year of National Lottery funding. This funding has enabled us to build the capacity of the team to support more families.

Summary of movement on restricted and unrestricted funds

During the year, Stripey Stork reported unrestricted income of £1,329,017 (2022/23: £1,129,693) and unrestricted expenditure of £1,285,271 (2022/23: £1,140,308), generating an unrestricted surplus for the year of £43,746 (2022/23: £16,532) including transfer between funds.

During the year, Stripey Stork reported restricted income of £509,079 (2022/23: £373,027) and restricted expenditure of £494,589 (2022/23: £230,185), generating a restricted surplus for the year of £14,490 (2022/23: £115,695) including transfer between funds.

At the end of the financial year, the total funds of the charity were £366,090 (2022/23: £307,854), comprising £210,726 (2022/23: £166,980) unrestricted and £155,364 (2022/23: £140,874) restricted income funds.

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Reserves Policy

Stripey Stork has assessed the risks and opportunities of the year ahead, and based on these, the Trustees have agreed our reserves policy. We review the policy annually, taking into consideration any new risks or opportunities.

In line with Stripey Stork starting our Spreading Our Wings project in 2023, we have grown our unrestricted reserves. Our unrestricted reserves rose from £166,980 in August 2023 to £210,726 in August 2024.

Stripey Stork has a diversified income stream. Stripey Stork is not overly reliant upon a single event, donation or grant however we do experience spikes in our income due to receipts linked to specific high profile annual events (like Run Reigate). To mitigate the risk posed by the lumpy nature of income generation we will reserve £35,000 to ensure costs and requests can be covered in those periods where cash receipts are lower.

Stripey Stork has a full repairing and insuring lease on our Reigate warehouse. Whilst the building is insured against damage, we remain liable for running repairs. We anticipate they could cost up to £17,500. Therefore, we are holding £17,500 for repairs.

Stripey Stork maintains good stock levels on all items of baby equipment, clothing and books and toys. This second-hand stock is not insured as we know that our community would be quick to help us replenish the stock in the case of fire, flood or damage to the stock. We anticipate it would take us at least four weeks to receive in the stock and prepare packs to go out to our referral partners. Therefore, we are keeping the money to purchase a month's worth of stock, estimated to be around £45,000.

Recognising more families need essential items to raise their families, Stripey Stork is changing the scope of our 2024 Santa Stork Christmas campaign. We will support families at one of the most challenging times of year with a Christmas bundle of essentials. The team start work on this campaign at the beginning of September, before we launch our public fundraising in October. As our financial year-end is on 31st August, we are holding £25,000 for Santa Stork specifically for expenditure on the campaign.

In the current climate we are aware that some income streams are more vulnerable, and that it will take us time to find a new funder if one funder is not able to continue to support us. Therefore, we are keeping £50,000 to allow us time to apply for new funding grants, and if an application is not successful, it allows us to scale back or increase fundraising efforts elsewhere.

In summary, our reserves policy is to hold a total of £197,500 as unrestricted reserves to cover the above. The unrestricted reserves at 31st August 2024 £210,726 are broadly in line with this policy.

Going concern

The principal risk that Stripey Stork faces is our ability to sustain the level of income needed to support the ever-increasing number of families who seek our help. Taking these factors into account, the Trustees have reviewed the level of reserves currently held, along with the budgeted income and expenditure, and have concluded that the charity's funds will be sufficient to sustain its activities for a period of at least twelve months from the date of finalising these accounts. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Investment policy

In addition to the balance held in the charity's current accounts, cash is placed in short term interest-bearing deposits with UK incorporated banks and building societies, in order to maximise the charity's interest income while at the same time diversifying its exposure to individual institutions. The Trustees currently do not consider other forms of investment to be appropriate.

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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), registered as a charity on 11th May 2015. The charity was established under a CIO Constitution whose only voting members are its charity Trustees. It has no subsidiary undertakings and does not form part of a wider network. Details of the Trustees are disclosed on page two.

In the event of winding-up, members of the charity have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities. The Trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The Trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Trustees are recruited openly through an interview process conducted by nominated members of the Board. They are inducted by the staff team. The induction includes a briefing and overview of the organisational structure and policies. All Trustees are invited to spend time at the warehouse and to attend volunteering sessions.

Day-to-day management of the charity

The Board of Trustees has collective responsibility for everything that the charity does, including the legal responsibility to ensure it is controlled and properly managed. The Board delegates responsibility for operational management to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive leads the management team to develop plans, policies and processes following the Board's advice and approval. As of 31st August 2024, the rest of the management team comprised of the Operations Manager and Funding, Finance & Impact Manager. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and meets at least four times a year with the Chief Executive to review progress and to ensure the charity is on track to meet its objectives. The Board has three active sub-committees: finance, HR and operations.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 12 to the accounts.

In setting salaries, Stripey Stork strives to pay at a competitive level within the local sector and considers changes in the cost of living/inflation and changes to roles and responsibilities. The charity also considers the need to remain prudent so that salary costs are sustainable both at the current time and in the future. All employees are paid at least the wage as defined by the Living Wage Foundation. The Board of Trustees reviews and agrees the annual remuneration of the Chief Executive and agrees the remuneration level of all staff, in conjunction with the Chief Executive.

Volunteers

The Trustees are grateful for the enormous contribution made by Stripey Stork volunteers across a variety of roles whether they help regularly in the warehouse or support us at events. The charity is truly powered by its incredible volunteers, and they are one of Stripey Stork's most critical and valuable assets. There were 384 volunteers during the reporting period.

Equity, diversity and inclusion

We are working towards a goal where our staff team, volunteers and Trustees fully reflect and are representative of the diversity and difference in the lived experiences of the families we support and where individual differences and contributions are truly recognised and valued.

We remain committed to flexible working - most of our staff work part-time and many work term-time. Where possible we will advertise roles as term-time or year-round to maximise the appeal of working at Stripey Stork to the broadest possible range of candidates but also to facilitate keeping the warehouse open all year round.

We have made it an objective that lived experience will be a key factor in the design and delivery of our service at all levels. As a key starting point our Operations Manager joined the Poverty Truth Commission (PTC) for East Surrey as a civic commissioner. It is our intention to build on this work as recommendations from the PTC emerge.

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Fundraising

Stripey Stork's fundraising is led by the Funding, Finance and Impact Manager, with significant involvement from the Chief Executive. All fundraising activities are carried out in-house by our fundraising team. We do not engage external professional fundraisers or commercial participators.

We comply with relevant fundraising regulations and best practices, referring to the Code of Fundraising Practice set by the Fundraising Regulator. We regularly review our processes to ensure they align with any changes in regulation.

Fundraising activities are overseen by the Trustees, who approved our fundraising strategy for 2024-25 in September 2024. The Trustees monitor fundraising performance through regular reporting, and we maintain internal controls to ensure compliance with our ethical fundraising principles.

In the reporting period, we received no complaints related to our fundraising activities. We are committed to protecting vulnerable people and respecting individuals' privacy in all our fundraising efforts. We do not use intrusive fundraising methods, and we ensure that all communications are clear, transparent and respectful.

Risk management

The charity has a risk register in place which sets out key risks (covering governance, external, regulatory and compliance, financial and operational risk) and how they are managed. The risk register was fully reviewed in each Subcommittee meeting and noted at each Board meeting.

Policies

Policies for all relevant areas are maintained, including safeguarding, health and safety, data protection and finance. Policy review periods are agreed and approved by the relevant sub-committee or full board as necessary.

Public benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

We work in partnership with a wide range of organisations such as I Choose Freedom, The Good Company, Happy Baby, YMCA East Surrey, ESDAS, HomeStart, Citizen's Advice Bureau and local food banks as well as statutory services such as health visitors and local authorities. The charity considers that there are no related party transactions to be disclosed, other than donations from trustees – see note 12 in the accounts.

Future plans

With the ongoing support from the National Lottery Community Fund, implementing the Spreading Our Wings Programme will continue to be a key focus for the next reporting period.

We have identified the need for increased workshop space to process and store large equipment, and getting the workshop at 55 Albert Road North fully operational will be a priority. The expanded space allows us to increase our storage capacity, streamline our sorting and distribution processes, and accommodate more volunteers, thereby amplifying our impact.

We are well connected with our referral partners and see that they are often operating in uncertain and changing circumstances. This year there have been changes to the Family Centre provision across Surrey, and we know there will be a change in provider of Surrey children's community health services in 2025. As our biggest referral partner, this will undoubtedly have impacts on referrals. Local government reorganisation and devolution in Surrey will also have

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impacts in the coming 12-18 month. To understand and respond to the changes as they emerge, we will strengthen our governance in this area by refocusing our Partnerships Subcommittee.

As part of our ongoing commitment to embedding lived experience into the design, delivery, and evaluation of its work we will strengthen our work on poverty awareness and governance in this area.

Stripey Stork have developed a strong reputation and record for delivery in the local community and we have successfully developed our operational capacity and grown our supporter base. We have the ambition to meet the increasing needs of socially deprived areas and to leverage our capacity and capabilities.

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

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

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors

Third Sector Accountancy Limited were reappointed as the charity's auditors during the year.

The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees on 12 / 06 / 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Karen Lord

Chair of Trustees

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Stripey Stork

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stripey Stork (the 'charity') for the year ended 31st August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Stripey Stork

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, set out on page 21, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the charity and environment in which it operates, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to pension legislation, tax legislation, employment legislation, health and safety legislation, and other legislation specific to the industry in which the charity operates, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the reporting requirements under the Charities SORP and FRS102, and the Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principle risks were related to the pressure on management to achieve particular results. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

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- Review of policies;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journal entries; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Third Sector Accountancy Limited

Third Sector Accountancy Limited, Statutory Auditor
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Third Sector Accountancy Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	1,308,483	503,190	1,811,673	1,120,863	373,027	1,493,890
Charitable activities	4	17,241	5,889	23,130	8,134	-	8,134
Other trading activities	5	1,289	-	1,289	374	-	374
Investments	6	2,004	-	2,004	322	-	322
Total income		1,329,017	509,079	1,838,096	1,129,693	373,027	1,502,720
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	91,062	137	91,199	62,792	1,456	64,248
Charitable activities	8	1,194,209	494,452	1,688,661	1,077,516	228,729	1,306,245
Total expenditure		1,285,271	494,589	1,779,860	1,140,308	230,185	1,370,493
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	10	43,746	14,490	58,236	(10,615)	142,842	132,227
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	27,147	(27,147)	-
Net movement in funds for the year		43,746	14,490	58,236	16,532	115,695	132,227
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		166,980	140,874	307,854	150,448	25,179	175,627
Total funds carried forward		210,726	155,364	366,090	166,980	140,874	307,854

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Charity number 1161613

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	9,439	13,025
Total fixed assets		9,439	13,025
Current assets			
Stock		16,061	14,936
Debtors	16	36,935	14,095
Cash at bank and in hand		315,561	279,650
Total current assets		368,557	308,681
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	17	(11,906)	(13,852)
Net current assets		356,651	294,829
Total assets less current liabilities		366,090	307,854
Net assets		366,090	307,854
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds	19	210,726	166,980
Restricted income funds	18	155,364	140,874
Total charity funds		366,090	307,854

The notes on pages 28 to 46 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 08 / 06 / 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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J Benfield
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ending 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	22	33,907	139,878
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<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>			
Dividends, interest, and rents from investments		2,004	322
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Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		2,004	322
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Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		35,911	140,200
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		279,650	139,450
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		315,561	279,650
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1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and 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 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) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Stripey Stork meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ sterling.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

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

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d Donated goods and services

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

The charity receives a wide range of donations from the general public of second hand baby and children's clothing, cots, buggies and various other types of goods needed for babies and children. All these donations are passed on to families in need free of charge. These donations were valued at an estimated second hand value recorded both as income and expenditure (this year: £1,015,070, 2023: £849,087) in the accounts. The second hand value of these gifts is recognised in the accounts when they are distributed to the beneficiary. The stock of second hand goods is not recognised in the accounts because it would be impractical to record this information, and the costs of attempting to do so would outweigh any benefit to the users of the accounts or the charity.

Donations of new goods are valued at their recommended retail price.

e Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of fundraising events, marketing and website costs, and their associated support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating baby and young children's clothing banks undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated on a percentage basis as follows: raising funds 4% (2023: 4%) and charitable activities 96% (2023: 96%). A breakdown of those costs are set out in note 9.

i Operating leases

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	10% straight-line, or the life of the lease
Computers and equipment	33% straight-line

k Stock

Stock is new items purchased by the charity for distribution to beneficiaries and includes items such as mattresses and toiletries. This is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

l Debtors

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

m Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

n Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

o Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution scheme. The charity's contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 11. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are allocated to the activities and funds of the charity in proportion to the wage cost incurred in those activities and funds.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission and has no share capital. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted £</i>	<i>Restricted £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Donations and grants	240,139	503,190	743,329	<i>254,170</i>	<i>373,027</i>	<i>627,197</i>
Legacies	-	-	-	<i>10,000</i>	-	<i>10,000</i>
Donated goods for beneficiaries	1,015,070	-	1,015,070	<i>849,087</i>	-	<i>849,087</i>
Donated services	53,274	-	53,274	<i>7,606</i>	-	<i>7,606</i>
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Total	1,308,483	503,190	1,811,673	<i>1,120,863</i>	<i>373,027</i>	<i>1,493,890</i>
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4 Income from charitable activities

Income from charitable trading

Sales	2,092	89	2,181	<i>1,367</i>	-	<i>1,367</i>
Corporate volunteering	15,149	5,800	20,949	<i>6,767</i>	-	<i>6,767</i>
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Total	17,241	5,889	23,130	<i>8,134</i>	-	<i>8,134</i>
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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Other income	1,289	-	1,289	374	-	374
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	1,289	-	1,289	374	-	374
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6 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Income from bank deposits	2,004	-	2,004	322	-	322
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	2,004	-	2,004	322	-	322
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7 Cost of raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	<i>Unrestricted</i> £	<i>Restricted</i> £	<i>Total 2023</i> £
Staff costs	69,165	-	69,165	45,655	-	45,655
Website and marketing costs	3,736	-	3,736	8,564	325	8,889
Event costs and fundraising platform fees	4,387	-	4,387	3,214	1,086	4,300
Accommodation costs	4,717	-	4,717	2,277	-	2,277
Consulting and freelance	4,585	-	4,585	-	-	-
Depreciation	254	-	254	168	-	168
Governance costs (see note 9)	1,612	-	1,612	1,049	-	1,049
Support costs (see note 9)	2,606	137	2,743	1,865	45	1,910
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	91,062	137	91,199	62,792	1,456	64,248
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8 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	164,501	113,201
Other staff costs	11,762	3,003
Consulting and freelance costs	509	8,964
Volunteer costs	2,282	1,319
Accommodation	113,222	62,018
Donated goods for beneficiaries	1,015,070	849,087
Bought goods for beneficiaries	245,069	175,480
Consumables	6,903	5,143
Insurance	1,032	1,100
Travel and deliveries	19,091	8,174
Sundry costs	1,361	1,184
IT development	-	2,514
Depreciation	3,332	4,023
Governance costs (see note 9)	38,695	25,178
Support costs (see note 9)	65,832	45,857
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	1,688,661	1,306,245
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Restricted expenditure	494,452	228,729
Unrestricted expenditure	1,194,209	1,077,516
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	1,688,661	1,306,245
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9 Analysis of governance and support costs

	Support £	Governance £	Total 2024 £	Support £	Governance £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	48,497	31,679	80,176	32,370	18,790	51,160
IT support costs	8,250	-	8,250	5,051	-	5,051
Accountancy services	1,475	7,176	8,651	1,215	6,060	7,275
Consultancy, legal and professional	1,800	-	1,800	2,661	-	2,661
Computer and software	8,553	-	8,553	6,469	-	6,469
Governance support	-	1,452	1,452	-	1,378	1,378
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	68,575	40,307	108,882	47,766	26,228	73,994
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Analysed between						
Fundraising	2,743	1,612	4,355	1,910	1,049	2,959
Charitable activities	65,832	38,695	104,527	45,857	25,178	71,035
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	68,575	40,307	108,882	47,767	26,227	73,994
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Support and governance costs were allocated to fundraising costs and charitable activities in proportion to staff costs in those areas.

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10 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	3,586	4,190
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	49,314	42,605
Auditor's remuneration - audit fees	7,176	4,620
Auditor's remuneration - accountancy fees	1,642	1,440
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11 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	291,020	196,756
Social security costs	18,017	10,669
Pension costs	4,805	2,591
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	313,842	210,016
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Allocated as follows:		
Cost of raising funds	69,165	45,655
Charitable activities	164,501	113,201
Support costs	48,497	32,370
Governance costs	31,679	18,790
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	313,842	210,016
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No employee has employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023: Nil).

The average number of staff employed during the period was 17 (2023: 14).

The average full time equivalent number of staff employed during the period was 9.4 (2023: 6.8).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive, Operations Manager and the Funding, Finance and Impact Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £122,561 (2023: £114,426).

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

12 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the Trustee Board nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the year (2023: £Nil).

No trustee received travel and subsistence expenses during the year (2023: £Nil).

Aggregate donations from related parties were £5,250 (2023: £Nil).

Aggregate donations from Trustees totalled £1,175 (2023: £5,811). There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2023: £Nil).

13 Government grants

The government grants recognised in the accounts were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Elmbridge Borough Council	14,004	-
HMRC Employment Allowance	5,000	5,514
National Lottery Community Fund	155,875	84,647
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	68,250	35,627
Surrey County Council	50,000	46,720
Tandridge District Council	2,000	2,000
Horley Town Council	1,000	-
County Councillor Rebecca Paul	2,300	-
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	298,429	174,508
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There were no unfulfilled conditions and contingencies attaching to the grants.

14 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

15 Fixed assets: tangible assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers and Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2023	20,260	11,022	31,282
At 31 August 2024	20,260	11,022	31,282
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2023	8,471	9,786	18,257
Charge for the year	2,350	1,236	3,586
At 31 August 2024	10,821	11,022	21,843
Net book value			
At 31 August 2024	9,439	-	9,439
At 31 August 2023	11,789	1,236	13,025

16 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	339
Rental deposit	11,073	8,750
Prepayments and accrued income	25,862	5,006
	36,935	14,095

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	2,815	6,171
Other creditors and accruals	9,091	7,681
	11,906	13,852

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

18 Analysis of movements in restricted funds 2024

		Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
55 Albert Road North	grant	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
A Gift for Mum Campaign	donation	223	136	(243)	-	116
Arnold Clark Community Fund	grant	23	-	(23)	-	-
Community Foundation for Surrey	grant	15,503	15,036	(30,539)	-	-
Cots for Tots	grant	1,536	-	(1,536)	-	-
Elmbridge Borough Council - Cost of Living Fund	grant	-	14,004	(10,916)	-	3,088
Movement for Good	grant	309	-	(172)	-	137
Neighbourly	grant	500	-	(500)	-	-
Raven Housing Trust	grant	-	11,000	(10,249)	-	751
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council - Household Support Fund	grant	1,602	63,800	(53,809)	-	11,593
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council - Asylum Seeker Dispersal Grant	grant	-	3,450	(3,450)	-	-
Rent Appeal	donation	-	12,128	(878)	-	11,250
Round Table 119	grant	506	-	(506)	-	-
Santa Stork Campaign	donations & grants	51,430	108,065	(110,288)	-	49,207
School Days	donations	1,147	29,085	(28,531)	-	1,701
School Days - Mandala Slater Memorial Fund	grant	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
School Days - Peter Harrison Foundation	grant	-	25,000	(22,237)	-	2,763

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Restricted funds note (continued)

		Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
St Faith's Trust	grant	7,452	15,000	(11,949)	-	10,503
St James's Place Charitable Foundation	grant	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Stripes4Stripey Campaign	donation	1,300	-	(1,300)	-	-
Surrey County Council: Household Support Fund	grant	81	50,000	(43,784)	-	6,297
Surrey Heartlands NHS LMNS - Baby Box Project	grant	1,012	-	(1,012)	-	-
Tandridge District Council	grant	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	grant	57,399	155,875	(156,316)	-	56,958
The Screwfix Foundation	grant	708	-	(708)	-	-
VINCI UK Foundation	grant	143	-	(143)	-	-
Total		140,874	509,079	(494,589)	-	155,364

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Restricted funds note (continued)

Analysis of movements in restricted funds 2022

		Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
A Gift for Mum Campaign	donation	545	774	(1,096)	-	223
Arnold Clark Community Fund	grant	529	-	(506)	-	23
Community Foundation for Surrey	grant	-	32,100	(16,597)	-	15,503
Cots for Tots	grant	-	2,925	(1,389)	-	1,536
Esure Appeal *	donation	120	-	-	(120)	-
Expansion Plans	grant	1,505	-	(1,505)	-	-
Fidelity International - Winter Warmth & Dignity	grant	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Gatwick Airport Community Trust *	grant	323	-	-	(323)	-
Hendy Foundation	grant	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions - Safe Start Fund	donation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Movement for Good	grant	1,000	-	(691)	-	309
Neighbourly	grant	-	500	-	-	500
Peter Harrison Foundation **	grant	510	-	-	(510)	-
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council - Household Support Fund ***	grant	-	34,627	(30,325)	(2,700)	1,602
Rent Appeal *	donation	382	1,550	(1,933)	1	-
Round Table 119	grant	-	1,600	(1,094)	-	506
Santa Stork Campaign ****	donations & grants	9,160	127,354	(68,799)	(16,285)	51,430
School Days	donations & grants	-	11,623	(10,476)	-	1,147

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Restricted funds note (continued)

		Balance at 1 September				Balance at 31 August
		2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
St Faith's Trust	grant	6,074	15,000	(13,622)	-	7,452
Stripes4Stripey Campaign *	donation	903	3,636	(2,791)	(448)	1,300
Surrey County Council: Household Support Fund ***	grant	-	44,720	(38,139)	(6,500)	81
Surrey Heartlands NHS LMNS - Baby Box Project	grant	-	8,000	(6,988)	-	1,012
Tandridge District Council	grant	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund *	grant	262	74,718	(17,319)	(262)	57,399
The Screwfix Foundation	grant	-	4,400	(3,692)	-	708
Ukrainian Refugee Appeal	donation	298	-	(298)	-	-
VINCI UK Foundation	grant	3,568	-	(3,425)	-	143
Total		25,179	373,027	(230,185)	(27,147)	140,874

* Minor fund balances brought forward from the previous year had in fact been spent on items for beneficiaries but were paid out of unrestricted funds.

** The Peter Harrison Foundation balance was spent on Salesforce implementation and iPads. The expenditure was capitalised.

*** Household Support Grants: as agreed with funders, part of the grants were used as contribution to delivery and administrative expenses.

**** Santa Stork grants : part of the grants were used to cover core salary costs as agreed with funders.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Restricted funds note (continued)

Name of restricted fund	Description, nature and purposes of the fund
55 Albert Road North	Capital works to the new workshop
A Gift for Mum Campaign	Individual donations for our Mother's Day campaign
Arnold Clark Community Fund	Two grants, to cover purchase of new items for beneficiaries and for Santa Stork project costs
Community Foundation Surrey	Grant to cover salary costs
Cots for Tots	Donated funds used to purchase new mattresses
Elmbridge Borough Council - Cost of Living Fund	To support children in Elmbridge with the practical items they need.
Esure Appeal	Funds raised by Esure to purchase items for direct help
Expansion Plans	Funds raised to pilot delivery of support packages
Gatwick Airport Community Trust 2020	Funding to make videos for website
LexisNexis Risk Solutions: Safe Start Fund	Grant for purchasing the essential items needed to provide a safe start for young children
Movement for Good	Grant to purchase bespoke items for children with additional needs
The National Lottery Community Fund	Grant to cover costs of our Spreading Our Wings programme
Neighbourly	Grants towards our Christmas campaign, Santa Stork and to purchase items for our preschool activity bags
Peter Harrison Foundation	Grant towards the costs of delivering our School Days 2024 programme.
Raven Housing Trust	Grant to lease a van for the collection and distribution of items for families.
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Household Support Fund	Grant to purchase goods for beneficiaries
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council Asylum Seeker Dispersal Grant	Grant towards goods for asylum seekers in the borough
Rent Appeal	Individual donations to cover rental costs
St Faith's Trust	Grant to support teenagers in need: towards the salary of our Young People's Volunteer Co-ordinator and Operations Manager
Stripes4Stripey Campaign	Individual donations to buy new clothes, including socks, pants and pyjamas for clothing packs
Surrey County Council Household Support Fund Grant	Grant to purchase new items for beneficiary families
Surrey Heartlands NHS LMNS Baby Box Project	Grant to work with NHS Surrey Heartlands LMNS to deliver British Baby Box packs to families facing hardship living in temporary accommodation and to provide hospital bags for pregnant women
Tandridge District Council	Grant towards the costs of our Referral Co-ordinator organising deliveries to the Tandridge area
VINCI UK Foundation	Grant to cover maintenance costs: roller shutter doors, roof repairs and purchase of a new washing machine