

CROSTON TOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 1166190

Details

Other names	CROSTON FLOOD RELIEF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-03-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	8 Farmhouse Court Croston Leyland PR26 9AG
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Activities

Objects: 1. In particular, but not limited to, the relief of financial hardship among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston who have suffered loss or damage to their property or its contents as a result of floods in Croston which is not recoverable from insurance or other grants, in particular but not exclusively, by providing such persons, businesses and community organisations with grants of money2.The relief of need by the provision of advice, advocacy and support to the beneficiaries identified in Object 13. To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the Trustees see fit from time to time.

Activities: The objects are to provide relief from financial hardship among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston, who have suffered loss or damage to property and or it's contents as a result of floods.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£9,261	£6,453	-	-
2024-12-31	£1,199	£2,174	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,168	£7,414	-	-
2022-12-31	£295	£14,236	-	-
2021-12-31	£7,521	£9,261	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
NEVILLE THOMAS NORCROSS	Chair	2016-03-23
Christopher John Wild		2018-11-12
Hannah Victoria Humphris		2017-06-12
Ian Grime		2018-10-08
Jane Rosemary Phythian		2016-04-14
Karen Anne Davies		2024-08-01
Mrs Gillan Ann Stubbs		2017-09-05
Philippa JAne Guinness		2021-01-01
THOMAS DANIEL LEONARD SMITH		2016-03-23

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Accounts

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Croston Together
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Croston Together

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2025

TRUSTEES

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JR Phythian
PJ Guinness
G Stubbs
HV Humphris
I Grime
CJ Wild
KA Davies

REGISTERED OFFICE

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Buckshaw Village
Chorley
Lancashire
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- (i) In particular, but not limited to, the relief of financial hardships among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston who have suffered a loss or damages to their property or its contents as a result of floods in Croston which is not recoverable from insurance or other grants, in particular but not exclusively, by providing such persons, businesses and community organisations with grants of money.
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The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

Croston Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2025

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Firstly, I would like to thank and pay tribute our Trustees, who have supported our Charity and made a big difference to village life over the past 12 months. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group to guide our work in ensuring that our village is the best that it can possibly be. Thanks also to our Independent Accountant who ensures that all our business is conducted in a professional and effective manner.

We can look back on another very successful year as we endeavour to Engage; Encourage and Enrich the lives of the residents of Croston and the wider community.

This year's calendar has been as popular as ever and promotes the beauty around our village and also our work as a charity. We have held discussions with Feather and Twigs and we will work together in the coming year to hold a photographic competition which will be linked with an exhibition of local artists, which is planned for October.

During the year we have used some booklets produced by the Charity Commission to review our effectiveness as Trustees. This was a useful exercise which reminded us of our responsibilities as Trustees.

We were proud to be asked, by the Parish Council, to lay a wreath at the War Memorial as part of this year's Remembrance ceremony.

Our strong relationship with the Parish Council has continued to bear fruit - in our work on the Recreation Park and on other projects such as the renewal and refurbishment of seating around the village and the completion of work to enhance the Village Green

On New Year's Day the village was hit by another flooding event. This was nothing like the flooding on Boxing Day 2015 but around 20 homes were affected. Flood relief is in our DNA and I am proud to say that once again we were able to visit every affected home in order to offer help. One visitor to our village commented that she had never come across a community that was so helpful.

Our central store of gazebos and card reader machines has been well used by various village organisations.

We have provided advice to the owner of Home Farm Education Centre as she seeks to establish this education facility at a local farm. This is now open to schools and local groups and early signs are encouraging.

The team that does such a good job in maintaining the village cemetery have been struggling with inadequate machinery. We provided advice and then funding to enable a new mowing machine to be purchased.

Croston Old School had to limit its availability following the demise of the industrial dishwasher. We provided a grant which helped in the purchase of a new machine. Important events, such as weddings, can now resume. As a result, an important funding stream has been restored.

The local Scout Group asked for advice on storage and the replacement of a tent which was lost in the New Year's Day flood. We provided a grant for a new tent and are exploring options which will enhance the storage of their equipment.

We have continued to show our support for the Annual Croston Show, which is such an important village event. We were proud to present the Croston Together trophy for Best in Show and to provide judges for two of the sections.

Our partnership with the Parish Council is a good example of what can be achieved when civil authorities and charities work together. Our team of three volunteers work extremely hard and show such a commitment towards our village Recreation Park. Their efforts were recognised during the year with a Level 5 (Outstanding) award from Royal Horticultural Society judges. This is the highest level that can be awarded and the team proudly accepted the award at a ceremony held at Bolton Wanderers Football Club in November.

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Report of the Trustees

for the year ended 31 December 2025

Our experience of gaining grants, has been helpful once again as we sought funding to place an accessible roundabout on the Recreation Park. Our grant application was successful and this provided 75% of the funding that was needed. The Parish Council has provided the additional 25%. The new equipment is to be installed during early March and will be a great addition to the current facilities.

We have led the way in reinstating Croston Open Gardens in July. Several of our Trustees worked alongside other village residents to organise an enormously successful event that attracted hundreds of people to the village. We showcased 15 gardens and the whole event represented much of what is good about Croston Together in particular and the village in general. It also raised valuable funds which can be re-invested in our village.

Working in partnership with the Community Centre we have seen the return of Lego Master Builders which now meets one Sunday afternoon every month when it is wonderful to see parents and children working together on building projects. Each month the 'Croston Together Lego Master Builder Cup' is now awarded.

A member of the public alerted us to the bench off Carr Lane which had fallen into disrepair. Working in conjunction with Croston Men's Sheds we brought about the refurbishment of the bench, which now looks very smart along the much-used public footpath. It has also been adopted by a local family as a tribute to their father.

We have been approached by the Trustees of Croston Old School in order to provide support for their warm spaces initiative. I am sure that this is something we will want to encourage.

Croston KnitWits continue to delight us with their creations around the village. The knitted version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' has been a real talking point around the Croft Field. The Knitwits are planning a festival of craft to be held in St. Michael's Church in March. This will attract visitors from a wide area and I am sure that we will want to respond positively to the organisers request for financial support.

Some years ago, Croston Sports Club asked for support in their quest to develop new sporting facilities for our village. After a great deal of work and many setbacks, a plot of land has been acquired and funding secured. We are hopeful that a planning application for this ambitious project (Project SPACE) will be made to Chorley Council during the spring of this year. Watch this SPACE. This is another example of how a partnership with a village organisation can bear fruit.

Trustees have regularly attended meetings throughout the year. However, their influence goes well beyond the four walls of the meeting room. They are involved with a whole range of initiatives across the life of our village and are always looking out for opportunities to enhance the life of our village. We look forward to another year in which we can make a difference to people's lives - ENGAGE; ENCOURAGE and ENRICH.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

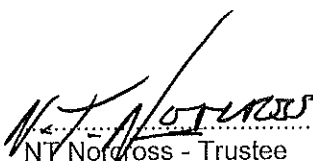
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	-	-	-	551
Other trading activities	4	<u>9,261</u>	-	<u>9,261</u>	<u>648</u>
Total		<u>9,261</u>	-	<u>9,261</u>	<u>1,199</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,117	-	4,117	648
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>2,336</u>	-	<u>2,336</u>	<u>1,526</u>
Total		<u>6,453</u>	-	<u>6,453</u>	<u>2,174</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,808	-	2,808	(975)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,299</u>	-	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>20,107</u>	-	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Croston Together

Balance Sheet 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	728	-	728	-
Cash at bank		<u>19,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,379</u>	<u>17,751</u>
		20,107	-	20,107	17,751
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	-	-	-	(452)
		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>20,107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	10			<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>20,107</u>	<u>17,299</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o 28 Eaton Avenue, Matrix Office Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 7NA.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>551</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fund generation - fund raising	<u>9,261</u>	<u>648</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable	<u>2,221</u>	<u>1,170</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Croston Over 80's	199	-
Croston Recreation	-	20
Mens sheds	-	530
Croston Scout Group	280	250
Croston Singers	-	370
Croston Old School	1,000	-
Croston Parochial Church Council	<u>742</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,221</u>	<u>1,170</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2025

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	551	-	551
Other trading activities	<u>648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>
Total	<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	648	-	648
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>1,309</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>1,526</u>
Total	<u>1,957</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>2,174</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(758)	(217)	(975)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,057</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>18,274</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>728</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2025

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>452</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/25	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	17,299	2,808	20,107
	<u>17,299</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>20,107</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>17,299</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>20,107</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,261	(6,453)	2,808
	<u>9,261</u>	<u>(6,453)</u>	<u>2,808</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,261</u>	<u>(6,453)</u>	<u>2,808</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,057	(758)	17,299
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	217	(217)	-
	<u>18,274</u>	<u>(975)</u>	<u>17,299</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>18,274</u>	<u>(975)</u>	<u>17,299</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,199	(1,957)	(758)
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	-	(217)	(217)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,199</u>	<u>(2,174)</u>	<u>(975)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

The public right of way improvement project is particularly for the signage of the footpaths in Croston.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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We have taken the decision to hold a Croston Open Gardens in July 2025. Martin Chaplain has kindly agreed to lead this initiative and will be ably supported by several of our Trustees. Work on this has been in progress for several months.

This year's calendar was another excellent publication. In addition, the calendar made a good profit although sales were not as high as hoped for. We have purchased and registered two SumUp machines. These were used initially to support the sale of calendars but will be available for other events such as Open Gardens.

We have continued to maintain and organise a number of gazebos which are available for hire to villagers - notably at Music in the Woods.

We continued to support Croston Shed and have asked that they open their own bank account in order that there is clarity around our respective responsibilities.

Once again, we were invited to lay a wreath at the village war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

We have continued to support work on the Recreation Park through ongoing maintenance and development throughout the year. This work has been well supported by the Parish Council who provide funding and a regular programme of grass cutting and strimming. We have developed a good working relationship with the Parish Council during the year and this has had a positive impact on the village - particularly in the improvements to the Village Green and War Memorial.

We are fortunate in having a good level of reserves which we are keen to use in support of appropriate projects. We will continue to encourage applications with a new initiative in the next financial year.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

During 2024 we provided the following grants:

- The money remaining from the footpaths project was used in conjunction with the Parish Council to provide a new bench and associated groundwork along Carr Lane. We also renovated 2 benches in the Parish Cemetery and at the foot of Town Bridge, which were not doing justice to our lovely village.
- grant was given to the Scouts who organised a free village tea party on the Croft Field. This was a splendid village event.
- Croston Singers, who provide an excellent service at numerous village events, requested a grant to fund part of the cost of a new amplification system.

I am confident that in 2025 we can look forward to another year in which we make a difference to the lives of the people of Croston.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	551	-	551	5,342
Other trading activities	4	<u>648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>826</u>
Total		<u>1,199</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>6,168</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		648	-	648	1,216
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>1,309</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>1,526</u>	<u>6,198</u>
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Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		17,751	-	17,751	18,274
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(452)	-	(452)	-
		<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>17,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,299</u>	<u>18,274</u>
FUNDS					
	9			17,299	18,057
Unrestricted funds				17,299	18,057
Restricted funds				-	217
TOTAL FUNDS					
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	551	208
Grants	-	5,134
	<u>551</u>	<u>5,342</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other grants	-	5,134

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fund generation - fund raising	<u>648</u>	<u>826</u>

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable	<u>1,170</u>	<u>597</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Croston Recreation	20	-
Riverside Green	-	74
Mens sheds	530	38
Living Well	-	132
Croston Scout Group	250	250
Sew & Sews	-	103
Croston Singers	<u>370</u>	-
	<u>1,170</u>	<u>597</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	208	5,134	5,342
Other trading activities	<u>826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>826</u>
Total	<u>1,034</u>	<u>5,134</u>	<u>6,168</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,216	-	1,216
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>597</u>	<u>5,601</u>	<u>6,198</u>
Total	<u>1,813</u>	<u>5,601</u>	<u>7,414</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(779)	(467)	(1,246)
Transfers between funds	<u>68</u>	<u>(68)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(711)	(535)	(1,246)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>18,057</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>18,274</u>

Croston Together

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>452</u>	<u>-</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,057	(758)	17,299
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	217	(217)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>18,274</u>	<u>(975)</u>	<u>17,299</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,199	(1,957)	(758)
Restricted funds			
Public right of way improvement project	-	(217)	(217)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,199</u>	<u>(2,174)</u>	<u>(975)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	18,768	(779)	68	18,057
Restricted funds				
Croston Recreation Park	68	-	(68)	-
Croston Remembers	467	(467)	-	-
Public right of way improvement project	217	-	-	217
	<u>752</u>	<u>(467)</u>	<u>(68)</u>	<u>217</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>19,520</u>	<u>(1,246)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,274</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,034	(1,813)	(779)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	5,134	(5,134)	-
Croston Remembers	<u>-</u>	<u>(467)</u>	<u>(467)</u>
	<u>5,134</u>	<u>(5,601)</u>	<u>(467)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,168</u>	<u>(7,414)</u>	<u>(1,246)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

Croston Recreation Park is for the creation of the recreation park from the previous recreation ground.

Croston Remembers is for memorials for those who gave their lives in the great war.

The public right of way improvement project is particularly for the signage of the footpaths in Croston.

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

CROSTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1166190

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2023

TRUSTEES

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NT Norcross
JR Phythian
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1166190

Croston Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- (i) The relief of financial hardship among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston who have suffered loss or damage to their property or its contents as a result of floods in Croston which is not recoverable from insurance or other grants, in particular but not exclusively, by providing such persons, business and community organisations with grants of money.
- (ii) The relief of need by the provision of advice, advocacy and support to the beneficiaries identified in (i) above.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

I am delighted to present this annual report for 2023. This year, we have continued to stand at the centre of village life and make a difference to the lives of residents.

I am most grateful to our excellent team of Trustees who, in a whole variety of ways, have supported our charity. I am also grateful for the personal support that I have received throughout the year. I think we can all be very proud of what has been achieved. A number of our projects are on-going and we can look forward to another successful year.

Grants Received - £5,134

Projects Supported, Encouraged and Funded

Recreation Park
Croston Boules League
Festivities Group
Riverside Green
Croston Shed
Project SPACE
Croston Sew and Sews

Communications

Communications continue to be an important part of our work and with around 1,700 Facebook followers, we provide an invaluable service to many individuals and groups within our village; publicising and supporting initiatives that enhance village life.

Financial Summary

At the end of 2023 we have a bank balance of £18,274 but around £217 of that is already committed.

Meetings

We are very grateful to the Village Surgery for allowing us to use their premises for our meetings. The surgery provides a very suitable and comfortable space for our meetings.

All of these events/projects will continue to make an impact on village life as we seek to Encourage, Enrich and Engage. Thank you to the Trustees for all that you have done and continue to do to make this possible. It has been a privilege to be a part of all that has taken place in support of our village.

Croston Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Croston Together is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The CIO (registered charity number 1166190) was established by CIO constitution on 23 March 2016.

Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of charitable needs to meet the objects of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	208	5,134	5,342	295
Other trading activities	4	<u>826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		<u>1,034</u>	<u>5,134</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>295</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		1,216	-	1,216	25
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>597</u>	<u>5,601</u>	<u>6,198</u>	<u>14,211</u>
Total		<u>1,813</u>	<u>5,601</u>	<u>7,414</u>	<u>14,236</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	8	<u>(779)</u> <u>68</u>	<u>(467)</u> <u>(68)</u>	<u>(1,246)</u> <u>-</u>	<u>(13,941)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(711)	(535)	(1,246)	(13,941)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>18,057</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>18,274</u>	<u>19,520</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		18,057	217	18,274	19,520
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		18,057	217	18,274	19,520
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		18,057	217	18,274	19,520
NET ASSETS					
		18,057	217	18,274	19,520
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8			18,057	18,768
Restricted funds				217	752
TOTAL FUNDS					
				18,274	19,520

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

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

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o 28 Eaton Avenue, Matrix Office Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 7NA.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	208	295
Grants	<u>5,134</u>	-
	<u>5,342</u>	<u>295</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other grants	<u>5,134</u>	-

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fund generation - fund raising	<u>826</u>	-

5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable	<u>597</u>	<u>2,112</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Croston Festivities	-	239
Give it a go	-	106
Riverside Green	74	122
Croston Boules League	-	592
Croston Shows	-	472
Quilting	-	15
Mens sheds	38	566
Living Well	132	-
Croston Scout Group	250	-
Sew & Sews	<u>103</u>	-
	<u>597</u>	<u>2,112</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>155</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>295</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	25	-	25
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>2,112</u>	<u>12,099</u>	<u>14,211</u>
Total	<u>2,137</u>	<u>12,099</u>	<u>14,236</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(1,982)	(11,959)	(13,941)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	18,768	(779)	68	18,057
Restricted funds				
Croston Recreation Park	68	-	(68)	-
Croston Remembers	467	(467)	-	-
Public right of way improvement project	<u>217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217</u>
	<u>752</u>	<u>(467)</u>	<u>(68)</u>	<u>217</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>19,520</u>	<u>(1,246)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,274</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,034	(1,813)	(779)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	5,134	(5,134)	-
Croston Remembers	-	(467)	(467)
	<u>5,134</u>	<u>(5,601)</u>	<u>(467)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>6,168</u>	<u>(7,414)</u>	<u>(1,246)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,750	(1,982)	18,768
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	1,015	(947)	68
Croston Remembers	467	-	467
Project Space	5,724	(5,724)	-
Public right of way improvement project	5,505	(5,288)	217
	<u>12,711</u>	<u>(11,959)</u>	<u>752</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,461</u>	<u>(13,941)</u>	<u>19,520</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155	(2,137)	(1,982)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	140	(1,087)	(947)
Project Space	-	(5,724)	(5,724)
Public right of way improvement project	-	(5,288)	(5,288)
	<u>140</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>	<u>(11,959)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>295</u>	<u>(14,236)</u>	<u>(13,941)</u>

The purpose of the restricted funds is as follows:

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2023

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Croston Recreation Park is for the creation of the recreation park from the previous recreation ground.

Croston Remembers is for memorials for those who gave their lives in the great war.

Project Space is to develop plans to provide new sporting and community facilities adjacent to Croston Sports Club.

The public right of way improvement project is particularly for the signage of the footpaths in Croston.

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

CROSTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1166190

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2022

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S Gregory (resigned 2/2/2022)
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Croston Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

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- (ii) The relief of need by the provision of advice, advocacy and support to the beneficiaries identified in (i) above.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2022 was a particularly busy year as we supported a number of initiatives which enabled the village to bounce back after the Covid lockdown. This year has been a little quieter in terms of projects but nevertheless, we have continued to stand at the centre of village life and make a difference to the lives of residents.

I am most grateful to our excellent team of Trustees who, in a whole variety of ways, have supported our charity. I am also grateful for the personal support that I have received throughout the year. I think we can all be very proud of what has been achieved. A number of our projects are on-going and we can look forward to another successful year.

Communications

Communications continue to be an important part of our work and with around 1,700 Facebook followers, we provide an invaluable service to many individuals and groups within our village; publicising and supporting initiatives that enhance village life.

Financial Summary

At the end of 2022 we have a bank balance of £18,768 but around £1,500 of that is already committed.

Meetings

We are very grateful to the Village Surgery for allowing us to use their premises for our meetings. The surgery provides a very suitable and comfortable space for our meetings.

All of these events/projects will continue to make an impact on village life as we seek to Encourage, Enrich and Engage. Thank you to the Trustees for all that you have done and continue to do to make this possible. It has been a privilege to be a part of all that has taken place in support of our village.

Membership

Finally, it was with great sadness that we heard that one of our original Trustees, Daisy-Mae Morrison had died. Daisy-Mae was a wonderful, loving character who will be sorely missed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of charitable needs to meet the objects of the charity.

Croston Together

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	<u>155</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>7,521</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		25	-	25	284
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>2,112</u>	<u>12,099</u>	<u>14,211</u>	<u>8,977</u>
Total		<u>2,137</u>	<u>12,099</u>	<u>14,236</u>	<u>9,261</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,982)	(11,959)	(13,941)	(1,740)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Croston Together

Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	675
Cash at bank		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>32,786</u>
		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>18,768</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				<u>18,768</u>	20,750
Restricted funds				<u>752</u>	<u>12,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>19,520</u>	<u>33,461</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The charity is a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o 28 Eaton Avenue, Matrix Office Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 7NA.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

The presentational currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	<u>295</u>	<u>7,521</u>

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable	<u>2,112</u>	<u>3,575</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Croston Festivities	239	-
Croston Community Centre	-	1,500
Croston Heritage Group	-	438
Keep Croston Tidy	-	420
Trees	-	928
Knit wits	-	214
Dressmakers	-	25
Give it a go	106	50
Riverside Green	122	-
Croston Boules League	592	-
Croston Shows	472	-
Quilting	15	-
Mens sheds	<u>566</u>	-
	<u>2,112</u>	<u>3,575</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>1,708</u>	<u>5,813</u>	<u>7,521</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	284	-	284
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>3,575</u>	<u>5,402</u>	<u>8,977</u>
Total	<u>3,859</u>	<u>5,402</u>	<u>9,261</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,151)	411	(1,740)
Transfers between funds	<u>573</u>	<u>(573)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	(1,578)	(162)	(1,740)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>22,328</u>	<u>12,873</u>	<u>35,201</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>675</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,750	(1,982)	18,768
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	1,015	(947)	68
Croston Remembers	467	-	467
Project Space	5,724	(5,724)	-
Public right of way improvement project	5,505	(5,288)	217
	<u>12,711</u>	<u>(11,959)</u>	<u>752</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>33,461</u>	<u>(13,941)</u>	<u>19,520</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155	(2,137)	(1,982)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	140	(1,087)	(947)
Project Space	-	(5,724)	(5,724)
Public right of way improvement project	-	(5,288)	(5,288)
	<u>140</u>	<u>(12,099)</u>	<u>(11,959)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>295</u>	<u>(14,236)</u>	<u>(13,941)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,328	(2,151)	573	20,750
Restricted funds				
Croston Recreation Park	1,940	(925)	-	1,015
Croston Remembers	259	208	-	467
Covid-19	1,142	(569)	(573)	-
Project Space	9,532	(3,808)	-	5,724
Public right of way improvement project	-	5,505	-	5,505
	<u>12,873</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>(573)</u>	<u>12,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,201</u>	<u>(1,740)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,461</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2022

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,708	(3,859)	(2,151)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	-	(925)	(925)
Croston Remembers	208	-	208
Covid-19	100	(669)	(569)
Project Space	-	(3,808)	(3,808)
Public right of way improvement project	<u>5,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,505</u>
	<u>5,813</u>	<u>(5,402)</u>	<u>411</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,521</u>	<u>(9,261)</u>	<u>(1,740)</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

CROSTON TOGETHER

England & Wales - Charity number 1166190

Accounts

**Croston Together
Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

McMillan & Co LLP
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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2021

TRUSTEES

TDL Smith
NT Norcross
JR Phythian
P J Guinness (appointed 1/1/2021)
G Stubbs
HV Humphris
I Grime
S Gregory
CJ Wild

REGISTERED OFFICE

28 Eaton Avenue
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Buckshaw Village
Chorley
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PR7 7NA

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1166190

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

- (i) The relief of financial hardship among people, businesses and community organisations in Croston who have suffered loss or damage to their property or its contents as a result of floods in Croston which is not recoverable from insurance or other grants, in particular but not exclusively, by providing such persons, business and community organisations with grants of money.
- (ii) The relief of need by the provision of advice, advocacy and support to the beneficiaries identified in (i) above.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

I am very pleased by the way in which Croston Together has responded so positively during the recent pandemic. We have not only assisted the Covid-19 Support Group but have funded a whole range of projects as our village emerges from lockdown. We invited residents to come up with ideas that would enable our village to spring back to life. As usual, they responded brilliantly.

I am most grateful to our excellent team of Trustees who, in a whole variety of ways, have supported our charity. I am also grateful for the personal support that I have received throughout the year. I think we can all be very proud of what has been achieved. A number of our projects are on-going and we can look forward to another successful year in which we really do make a difference to life in our village.

We have received grants and gifts amounting to £7,213 in addition to the funds we hold on behalf of other village organisations.

We have supported 19 village projects and organisations by donating funds, providing advice and encouraging those who seek to improve village life. The projects have covered issues such as mental health; the village environment; sporting activities; development of craft skills and our village history and culture.

Communication continues to be an important part of our work and with almost 1,500 Facebook followers, we provide an invaluable service to many individuals and groups within our village; publicising and supporting initiatives that enhance village life.

All of these events/projects will continue to make an impact on village life as we seek to Encourage, Enrich and Engage. Thank you to the Trustees for all that you have done and continue to do to make this possible. It has been a privilege to be a part of all that has taken place in response to one of the greatest challenges that our village, and the world, has faced.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Croston Together is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England and Wales. The CIO (registered charity number 1166190) was established by CIO constitution on 23 March 2016.

Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of charitable needs to meet the objects of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

NT Norcross - Trustee

Croston Together

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	1,708	5,813	7,521	14,586
Other income		-	-	-	1,907
Total		1,708	5,813	7,521	16,493
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		284	-	284	188
Charitable activities					
Charitable		3,575	5,402	8,977	8,260
Total		3,859	5,402	9,261	8,448
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	8	573	(573)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,578)	(162)	(1,740)	8,045
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		22,328	12,873	35,201	27,156
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		20,750	12,711	33,461	35,201

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	675	675	675
Cash at bank		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,036</u>	<u>32,786</u>	<u>34,526</u>
		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>20,750</u>	<u>12,711</u>	<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				20,750	22,328
Restricted funds				<u>12,711</u>	<u>12,873</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>33,461</u>	<u>35,201</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Basis of preparing the financial statements

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Income

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

Expenditure

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial assets, which include debtors, prepayments and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Basic financial liabilities, which include creditors, accruals, bank loans and group borrowings, are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently carried at cost unless the arrangement indicates otherwise and then the liability is measured at the present value of the future obligations discounted at a market rate of interest.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	<u>7,521</u>	<u>14,586</u>

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charitable	<u>3,575</u>	<u>-</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Croston Community Centre	1,500	-
Croston Heritage Group	438	-
Keep Croston Tidy	420	-
Trees	928	-
Knit wits	214	-
Dressmakers	25	-
Give it a go	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,575</u>	<u>-</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	14,586	14,586
Other income	<u>1,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,907</u>
Total	1,907	14,586	16,493
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	188	-	188
Charitable activities			
Charitable	-	8,260	8,260
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,260</u>	<u>8,260</u>
Total	188	8,260	8,448
	<u>188</u>	<u>8,260</u>	<u>8,448</u>
NET INCOME	1,719	6,326	8,045
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>6,326</u>	<u>8,045</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	20,609	6,547	27,156
	<u>20,609</u>	<u>6,547</u>	<u>27,156</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>22,328</u>	<u>12,873</u>	<u>35,201</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	<u>675</u>	<u>675</u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,328	(2,151)	573	20,750
Restricted funds				
Croston Recreation Park	1,940	(925)	-	1,015
Croston Remembers	259	208	-	467
Covid-19	1,142	(569)	(573)	-
Project Space	9,532	(3,808)	-	5,724
Public right of way improvement project	<u>-</u>	<u>5,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,505</u>
	<u>12,873</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>(573)</u>	<u>12,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,201</u>	<u>(1,740)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,461</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,708	(3,859)	(2,151)
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	-	(925)	(925)
Croston Remembers	208	-	208
Covid-19	100	(669)	(569)
Project Space	-	(3,808)	(3,808)
Public right of way improvement project	5,505	-	5,505
	<u>5,813</u>	<u>(5,402)</u>	<u>411</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,521</u>	<u>(9,261)</u>	<u>(1,740)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,609	1,719	22,328
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	6,522	(4,582)	1,940
Croston Remembers	25	234	259
Covid-19	-	1,142	1,142
Project Space	-	9,532	9,532
	<u>6,547</u>	<u>6,326</u>	<u>12,873</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>27,156</u>	<u>8,045</u>	<u>35,201</u>

Croston Together

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2021

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,907	(188)	1,719
Restricted funds			
Croston Recreation Park	-	(4,582)	(4,582)
Croston Remembers	1,774	(1,540)	234
Covid-19	2,812	(1,670)	1,142
Project Space	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(468)</u>	<u>9,532</u>
	<u>14,586</u>	<u>(8,260)</u>	<u>6,326</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,493</u>	<u>(8,448)</u>	<u>8,045</u>

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There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.