

# FROME'S MISSING LINKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1166492

## Details

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**Other names** FML

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-04-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH OR SAVING OF LIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY PROVIDING FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES TO ENABLE AND PROMOTE EXERCISE BY WALKING, CYCLING OR RUNNING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR HEALTHY RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME- OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC .

**Activities:** The advancement of health or saving of lives for the benefit of the general public by providing facilities and activities to enable and promote exercise by walking, cycling or running in a safe environment. The provision of facilities and activities for healthy recreation or other leisure time- occupation in the interests of social welfare to improve the condition of life of the general public .

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£49,427	£3,220	-	-
2023-12-31	£25,343	£61,427	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,247	£14,385	-	-
2021-12-31	£16,584	£1,042	-	-
2020-12-31	£4,668	£2,844	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Richard Ackroyd</b>	Chair	2017-03-14
Adrian Stuart Warren		2019-04-02
Grant Mitchell Gellatly		2017-01-01
Helen Elizabeth Johnstone		2021-06-22
Ruth Knagg		2017-01-01
Tricia Golinski		2017-01-01

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**Trustees:** Richard Ackroyd, Tricia Golinski, Grant Gellatly, Ruth Knagg, Helen Johnstone and Adrian Warren

**Structure:** a CIO managed by the trustees who meet monthly. At every AGM, one third of the trustees retire from office, by rotation according to who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. Trustees are re-appointed or recruited at each AGM.

### **Activities and objectives in the year 2024**

We started the year, having recently obtained permission to fence off the final section of land along Phase 2 of our proposed path, the 'missing link'. Phase 2 of the path runs from the end of the Colliers Way in Great Elm towards Frome.

We had also recently extended Phase 3, which connects Weylands in Frome with Spring Gardens, running through Whatcombe Fields.

Our objectives were to fence off Phase 2 and prepare the path for use, making use of our volunteer team and reclaiming any materials that we could from the disused rail line that had been in that area. We also aimed to consider how to progress Phase 3, which ended by the poplar wood near Selwood Manor.

We planned to continue our fundraising efforts, looking at opportunities for grant funding, working with Greenways and Cyclerroutes, and continuing with planned activities, such as the annual fundraising ceilidh.

### **Achievements and performance**

Working every Friday, our volunteers fenced off a stretch of Network Rail land above Buckland Bridge. This work was an important stage in preparing the path for surfacing. The path runs between the freight line and agricultural land, so there needed to be suitable fencing on both sides.

The volunteers battled their way through fifty years of dense vegetation, finally creating a walking route through to Elliots Lane, adding 1.2km of usable path. Getting the final bits of hedge down, fencing off the new strip of land at the edge of a field and finally opening up the route all the way to Elliots Lane was a momentous achievement and the end of a ten-year battle.

Over the following months, volunteers continued to add fencing, fill gullies and voids, install gates and access points, create signage, re-use bits of old railway infrastructure, cut back verges and vegetation, recycle tonnes of scrap metal, add

steps, seating, picnic areas, plant hundreds of saplings and wild flower seeds, fell scores of potentially dangerous ash trees and move hundreds of tonnes of railway ballast.

By the spring, the route was usable for walkers, horse riders and a few off-road cyclists, although the rough stone surface made it difficult for most cyclists or wheelchair users.

## **Beyond Phase 2**

In addition to this work, our volunteers also spent many hours maintaining the path in Whatcombe Fields, and completed some fencing in the area, to assist the local Whatcombe Fields CIC.

Other jobs undertaken through the year included:

- Clearing back growth along the Feltham Lane path, that is part of the Sustrans Route 24 and is frequented by walkers, runners and cyclists.
- Clearing the Bulls Quarr bridleway that creates a safe walking and cycling route between Tytherington and Frome.
- Joining the September work camp by Greenways and Cyclerooutes, which worked to complete a number of new sections of path as part of the Somerset Circle, in the area of Shepton Mallet. Our missing link will ultimately connect into the Somerset Circle, so this will make our routes more useful and more compelling as a way to encourage active travel.

Our volunteers contributed an estimated 2,000 hours of work during the year.

## **Fundraising and publicity**

Our first fundraising event of the year was the Frome Fling Ceilidh, on 26<sup>th</sup> January. This event sold out, as it often does, providing a great way to connect with people in Frome and raising over £1,800.

We also organised a talk in September, in partnership with local bookshop Hunting Raven, with author and journalist Laura Laker. Her book *Potholes and Pavements*, looks at the successes and challenges of the national cycle network. Our route plans to connect into that network, and we were pleased to host a packed event at Frome Town Hall to hear about her travels and how groups in other areas of the country are dealing with the challenges of developing their multi-user routes.

We were also able to raise £700 by selling some of the scrap iron removed from the area of Phase 2 by our volunteers.

## **Group donations**

We were fortunate to receive donations from both Frome and District Wheelers (£5000) and the Frome CTC (Cycle Touring Club) (£500) during 2024.

## **Crowdfunding**

During the summer of 2024, we were approached by a private individual, who wished to remain anonymous, offering to provide match funding if we were able to raise funding from the public to add a tarmac surface to Phase 2.

In order to do this, we chose to set up as Crowdfunder, sourcing a number of rewards. By setting up the Crowdfunder, we were able to tap into potential funding from Sport England, as well as Somerset Council and Sustrans. The preparation work done by volunteers meant we were able to take advantage of funding sources that needed to be spent within a limited time period.

In September, we launched the Crowdfunder and met our target, enabling us to extend the fundraising with a 'stretch target' and keep raising funds for the path.

The Crowdfunder also provided a good way to connect with supporters. We received donations from more than 300 people, and many left messages of support, including the following:

*The cycle path is a real asset to the Radstock area and we would love to see the links to Frome completed. We hope you reach your target for 2025!*

*It's an historic place in a lovely part of the world and would make a good addition in the National Cycle Network*

*I'm so looking forward to cycling all the way into Frome from Midsomer Norton. Keep going!*

*Keep up the great work – connecting Frome to Radstock without using roads will be transformative for so many people*

*Truly, I was awestruck when I visited Frome since pre-pandemic and saw what you guys have achieved in that time. It is an amazing achievement. What grit and determination you have!*

*I'm a regular user of Colliers Way - running, walking, cycling - and would love this further section to be completed. Thanks for all of your work!*

## **Aims and objectives for 2025**

Our most important objective for 2025 is to complete the surfacing of Phase 2, by the end of March. Having raised more than £20,000 through our Crowdfunder, meeting the requirements for further contributions from Somerset Council and Sustrans and the match funding from our private donor, we had raised sufficient funding to complete the surfacing. The aim for 2025 is to source three quotes for the work from local contractors and to instruct the most appropriate contractor to take on the job.

We also planned to organise an annual ceillidh, and look for ways to take forward work on Phase 3.

With our volunteers, we expect to undertake various practical work to maintain our existing paths and connecting routes in the area, as needed.

With Phase 2 complete, we would also be able to look at how to make further gains as effectively as possible, considering the route to south of Frome, as well as more

sections of the northern route (connecting to the Colliers Way).

### **Financial review**

We have reviewed our financial procedures and updated our Financial Policy. We are maintaining a separate reserve fund to cover the costs of future land purchase.



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2024	To	31/12/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Sport England (NL) to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	5,000	15,000	-	20,000	19,349
Public donations	25,321	-	-	25,321	1,600
Fundraising	4,106	-	-	4,106	4,394
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>34,427</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,427</b>	<b>25,343</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,427</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,427</b>	<b>25,343</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Direct Expenditure on Building Cycleway	1,372	-	-	1,372	59,239
Fundraising	1,120	-	-	1,120	1,557
Other operating expenditure	727	-	-	727	630
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>61,427</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>61,427</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>31,208</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,208</b>	<b>- 36,083</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>40,185</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>35,310</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,310</b>	<b>4,102</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	General Funds	35,310	-	-
	Sport England - National Lottery	-	15,000	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>35,310</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Rich Ackroyd	Richard Ackroyd	21/10/2025

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Frome's Missing Links**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Frome's Missing Links (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed:



Name: Beverley Goddard

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):  
Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: Frome, BA11 3EY

Date: 23 October 2025

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**Structure:** a CIO managed by the trustees who meet monthly. At every AGM, one third of the trustees retire from office, by rotation according to who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. Trustees are re-appointed or recruited at each AGM.

### **Activities and objectives in the year:**

Opening Phase 2 from Buckland Bridge to Elliots Lane. Many maintenance jobs here remain and the longer term aim is to put a proper surface along the path so that we can truly say "access for all" active travellers.

Extending the path from Weylands (Phase 3). Future work will involve creating more hedges, clearing verges and signage, with the longer term aim of going further towards the railway crossing at Selwood Lodge.

We are in talks with Network Rail to complete Phase 4, looking at the southern route possibilities and investigating further fundraising activities.

### **Achievements and performance:**

Opening Phase 2 from Buckland Bridge to Elliots Lane. With the help of Goldings contractors and volunteers we were able to open this stretch after a long wait to get permission from Network Rail and one landowner. Members of the public can now walk along the path, which has been cleared, fenced off and surfaced with old railway ballast.

Extending the path from Weylands (Phase 3). This was achieved in late summer with the help of Aggregate Industries, Connor Construction, volunteers and landowners. Over several weeks about 500m of tarmac path was created, which is now being used by lots of people.

Both of the above projects have been well received by the public and our volunteers now have regular activity days to keep the sections clear and open for all. Together they represent about 1.8km of new path, which is a significant achievement. As described more work is envisaged on signage, seating, fencing, planting and surfacing.

Friday Crew meet every Friday with about 6 to 12 volunteers each week. They have cleared vegetation at various sites, erected fencing, planted trees, fixed potholes, built steps, seating and installed gates and styles. They have also helped out on some Frome Town Council days with Town Rangers, for example fitting lighting along the Dippy path.

Frome Community Bike Project has been formed as a sister charity from our regular workshops, with the aim of helping to get second-hand cycles repaired and maintained by volunteers. FCBP will also run training courses on bike maintenance, repair and road skills. Any surplus income will be donated to Frome's Missing Links. FCBP raised about £35,000 from a Crowdfunder campaign, showing massive public support for the project.

Trustees continue to meet monthly and have organised fundraising events such as the Ceilidh, bike sales and stalls on market days. A regular newsletter goes out to supporters and they regularly publicise our activities.

**Financial review:**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

<b>For the period from</b>	Period start date	<b>To</b>	Period end date
	1st January 2023		31st December 2023

### Section A Receipts and payer

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Public Donations	1,600	-	-	1,600	3,458
Other donations	-	-	-	-	-
Collection Boxes	-	-	-	-	335
Ceilidh Income	4,079	-	-	4,079	13,454
Grant Income	19,349	-	-	19,349	-
Other Income - Bike and Cake sales	316	-	-	316	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,343</b>	<b>17,247</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,343</b>	<b>17,247</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Direct Expenditure on Building Cycleway	59,239	-	-	59,239	-
Brick Purchases and Engraving Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	427
Ceilidh expenses	1,557	-	-	1,557	13,957
Pedal Powered Cinema Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges - Paypal	-	-	-	-	-
Other operating expenditure	630	-	-	630	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments Sub total</b>	<b>61,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,427</b>	<b>14,385</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,427</b>	<b>14,385</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-36,083</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-36,083</b>	<b>2,862</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>40,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,185</b>	<b>37,323</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>40,185</b>

## Section B Statement of assets &

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	4,102	-	-
	Cash with Paypal	-	-	-
			-	-
	Rounding adjustment	-		
	<b>Total cash funds</b> <small>(agreed balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	<b>4,102</b>	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	Creditors		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Richard Ackroyd	Richard Ackroyd	23/09/2023
		Adrian Warren	Adrian Warren	23/09/2023

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## **Frome's Missing Links Annual Report 2022**

It's not easy to build new active travel paths. Route choice, designs, plans, landowners, barriers (bridges, rivers, roads, canals), the need for ecological, topographical and physical surveys, public consultations, opposition and discussion from the myriad of user groups (Ramblers, railway restoration groups, Trails Trust, Wildlife Trust, etc), rights of way changes, flood risk assessments, badgers, bats, noise, planning permission, insurance, tools, storage space, and general lack of funding are just a few of the problems we regularly have to deal with. No wonder we talk about this as a long-term project!

At least this year, there is some tangible progress to report on the much-anticipated Phase 2 northern link into Frome. After many years of patient negotiations with various parts of Network Rail (NR), we have been able to open up and fence off a small but key piece of land along what was the old GWR branch line to Radstock. This saw brilliant efforts from our volunteers as they first hacked their way through 50 years of undergrowth and vegetation; removed the final ten pairs of old rails, sleepers and iron works (each rail weighing about 1 ton) and erecting about 200m of weld mesh fence under Network Rail supervision. This development has kick started the whole Phase 2 route and we now look for a completion date this side of Christmas. Our volunteers and contractors have been making huge progress on this technically difficult section and it is in no small part down to our volunteer support that this has been made possible.

To add to the excitement we now also have permission to fence off another 180m of adjoining land, which will complete the link to Elliots Lane. In total Phase 2 will add another 1.3 km of useable path to the Colliers Way and will eventually become an important gateway to the much anticipated 70 mile Somerset Circle. Obviously we are quite excited by the prospect of opening a new section of path after so many years of grindingly slow progress.

More progress on the ground on Phase 3 should see another 450m of path surfaced along the river at Whatcombe by the end of the summer. We have committed £30,000 to this and will again be working with Connor Construction, who with Aggregate Industries and Mrs Yeoman's team are helping us to complete the work.

With the help of Somerset Council and Mendip District Council we have applied to Sustrans for development funding from the DFT transport fund, which will enable the next stretch to Cooper Hall and beyond. As always we say thank you to all involved.

Phase 4 is now the last part of our missing links and is only a mere 1.3km long. However, this is technically the most expensive section, as it will run largely along the existing Mendip Rail mineral line from Whatley. We have conducted a detailed survey of this whole section, with NR staff and a newly revised workbook of our plans has been submitted to NR – we thank John Grimshaw and Greenways for their help in this endeavor. Volunteers also installed a new gate and planted 400 saplings at the Coalash Lane site, where we already have a short connecting section of completed path. More progress indeed!

The main fund raising event this year was the Ceilidh, which raised almost £3,000. We also received £800 from the sale of scrap iron works. We also had a very successful day at the Independent Market and raised more funds from our collecting tins and stall. The Frome Community Bike Project, which now has CIC status and successfully raised £30,000 start up capital, will donate any excess funds to Frome's Missing Links.

Frome's Missing Link volunteers have also been helping out with various elements of the proposed Somerset Circle, which will join up disused railway lines such as the Strawberry Line and could eventually form a 76 mile circuit of traffic free routes across Somerset. Already about 2km of path has been newly created between Shepton Mallet and Wells and our volunteers played a big part in making this happen. The Frome section will form the link from the Somerset Circle to the rest of the National Cycle Network to the east.

We have had a lot of support from staff and councillors at Mendip District Council (MDC) in the last few years. MDC is now defunct and subsumed into the new Somerset Council, but we did receive a parting gift of three penny farthing bike racks, which we will place along our path in due course.

Finally, thank you to our trustees and key volunteers who have all made massive efforts this year. Sometimes it feels like a full time job rather than a useful hobby but the rewards are obvious and the enthusiasm from the general public drives us on. As I have said before, this remains a long-term project, one step forward, two back, two more forward with an unexpected twist or two along the way – a bit like ceildh dancing perhaps. The big difference is that we should all be able to walk, dance, ride or skip along some new bits of path this year. I know I intend to do just that.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Frome's Missing Links	1166492
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Public donations	3,458	-	-	3,458	3,414
Sale of engraved bricks	-	-	-	-	-
Online fundraising and collection tins	335	-	-	335	5,170
Grants received	13,454	-	-	13,454	8,000
School travel challenge donations	-	-	-	-	-
Ceilidh profit	-	-	-	-	-
Frome Sunday market bike jumble	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>17,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,247</b>	<b>16,584</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,247</b>	<b>16,584</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance premiums	-	-	-	-	-
Other operating expenses	427	-	-	427	558
Direct expenditure on building cycleway	13,957	-	-	13,957	81
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,384</b>	<b>639</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>14,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,384</b>	<b>639</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>15,945</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>37,323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,323</b>	<b>21,379</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>40,186</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,186</b>	<b>37,324</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	40,186	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	40,186	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	PMGolinski	P M GOLINSKI		01/06/2023

**FROME'S MISSING LINKS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1166492

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## **Frome's Missing Links report of 2021**

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/1/2021	To	12/31/2021
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Public donations	3,414	-	-	3,414
Sale of engraved bricks	-	-	-	-
Online fundraising & collection tins	2,234	-	-	2,234
Grants received	8,000	-	-	8,000
School travel challenge donations	-	-	-	-
Ceilidh profit	-	-	-	-
Frome Sunday market bike jumble	2,936	-	-	2,936
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,584</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,584</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Professional fees	-	-	-	-
Insurance premiums	302	-	-	302
Other operating expenses	-	-	-	-
Direct expenditure on building cycleway	740	-	-	740
Bank charges inc. Paypal	-	-	-	-
Internet expenses	-	-	-	-
Planning fees	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,042</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,042</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>15,542</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,542</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,825	-	-	21,825
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>37,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,367</b>

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	cash at bank	37,367	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,367</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Adrian Warren
	Tricia Golinski

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**Last year**  
**to the nearest £**

581
-
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1,825
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**Endowment funds**  
to nearest £

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**Endowment funds**  
to nearest £

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**Current value (optional)**

-
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-

**Current value (optional)**

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**When due (optional)**


Date of approval

9/24/2022
9/24/2022

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<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Public Donations	581	-	-	581	682
Sale of Engraved Bricks	-	-	-	-	-
Online Fund Raising and Collection Tins	4,088	-	-	4,088	8,939
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	-
School Travel Challenge Donations	-	-	-	-	565
Ceilidh Profit	-	-	-	-	890
Frome Sunday Market Bike Jumble	-	-	-	-	1,154
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>12,230</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>12,230</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	2,700
Insurance Premiums	-	-	-	-	302
Other operating Expenses	263	-	-	263	129
Direct Expenditure on Building Cycleway	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges inc Paypal	-	-	-	-	2
Internet Expenses	-	-	-	-	48
Planning Fees	-	-	-	-	462
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>3,643</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>3,643</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>304</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,001	-	-	20,001	13,738
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>14,042</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	21,825	-	-
	Cash with Paypal	-	-	-
	Rounding	-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>21,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(OK)	(OK)	(OK)	
	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £

**B2 Other monetary assets**

		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-


**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Creditors		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard Ackroyd	30/09/2021
	Adrian Warren	30/09/2021