



# 2021 Annual Report

AGM: Jan 30th 2022

**Wychavon Festival of Brass**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the year ending 31st December 2021**

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# Wychavon Festival of Brass

## Chairman's Report 2021

2021

Despite another difficult year that saw rising and falling rates of Covid infections and a high degree of uncertainty that caused many organisations to abandon their efforts to organise and run their various events, the Wychavon Festival of Brass was exceptionally fortunate. As luck would have it, the Annual Entertainment Contest took place in a window of opportunity when, relatively speaking, Covid infection rates were low and the attendant strictures that had been regularly instituted to minimise the spread of the virus, were at their most lenient.

This meant that the contest could go ahead. There was clearly a huge appetite amongst bands to compete and those that did enjoyed the day enormously. Although the eventual numbers were down on the previous year (45 performance were given from over three dozen bands - somewhat lower than the fifty plus entries we normally have) actual entries remained high with several late withdrawals due entirely to bands finding they had a Covid outbreak in the last few days leading up to contest day. In the run-up, all bands were made aware of their own responsibilities to curtail the Covid virus and it is heartening to know that bands took these responsibilities seriously and sensibly withdrew if that was necessary. Those which made it to the contest were delighted to be there and all bands behaved impeccably on the day.

One issue remains, and it seems to be a perennial one, which is the management of bands within their allocated time span. One band was so lax that they exceeded their time slot excessively, and it was only because of the inclusion of comfort breaks that the timetable recovered. We must find a mechanism of managing situations like this more effectively by ensuring that bands are more time aware and that our volunteers have the knowledge and confidence to 'chivvy' bands along.

All our service providers survived the pandemic and gave us their usual excellent service at the contest, and will again, although I anticipate a rise in their costs, as they struggle to recoup their 2021 losses in 2022.

Our own losses were minimised by the healthy number of entries and the financial support given to us across the year from Evesham Town Council, and the promise of three years of support from The Elmley Foundation (among other grant providers and sponsors). Although ticket sales were down, the fact that well over two hundred people were prepared to travel to our contest, despite the uncertainties that Covid brings, says much about the warmth of feeling there is for what we do, as well as topping up the coffers somewhat.

In late November, we hosted a concert that showcased the test piece we commissioned from Dan Price to celebrate our thirty-year history. Performed by Langley Band with Avonbank support, this was an excellent concert given on a night when the icy blast of winter in the form of a blizzard deterred many would-be concertgoers. However, the small audience was an appreciative one, and, due to the sterling efforts of Diana and Rob Raphael, sufficient profit was made to fund both bands and to make a significant contribution to our own resources. On behalf of the WFB team, I formally thank Rob as Chair of the Wychavon District Council and Diana, as our President for their unprecedented support of this concert and of our Festival of Brass in general. I thank Langley Band for their hard work in getting to grips with the test piece which I know took many hours of preparation.

As a result of Rob's efforts, in 2022 WDC has agreed to offer us some financial support and (at the time of writing) we have been promised an immediate sum of £1500. Discussions are underway about longer-term support. What this interest indicates is that our efforts over the last ten years or so, and the success of our Contest, is (at last) beginning to be recognised and we are starting to reap the rewards of those many hours of hard work!

Another indicator is that other organisations are increasingly showing awareness of our success and expertise and look to us for support for their own enterprises. Recently, the NYBBGB contacted WFB regarding the forthcoming finals of their Young Conductor Competition and I was pleased to be able to offer them the benefit of our many years of experience. Links like this are worth fostering – their players of today are our competitors, conductors and players of tomorrow.

All of this is only possible because of the many hours the WFB team puts in, with only the reward of doing a job as well as it possible, and for the satisfaction that this brings. I commend Mike for his efficient management of the volunteers (amongst other things), Oli for his dedication to our social media profile in a year when he has had many other pressing matters in his professional life, Sarah for her fresh approach and immediate understanding of what needs doing and Simon without whose practical skills and calmness in any emergency we would be lost. A special thanks goes to Derrick whose steady hand on the finances has been very much appreciated by us all.

The WFB team can and should look forward to another exciting year in 2022. Let us all hope that Covid recedes, and things get back to normal.

Stay Safe!

Val Trim

Chair of WFB



## WFB 2021 Stewarding

With Covid-19 still high in everyone's mind, I expected there to be difficulties in finding sufficient volunteers to steward the 2021 event, and initially my fears were correct. I sent out e-mails to 140 previous volunteers, once in August asking them to save the date, and then again in September asking for their availability. Of these, 57 did not reply, and 43 were not available either for previous commitments, or for health reasons. Only running three halls instead of the usual four reduced the number of stewards required, but this still left a shortfall of about 40 bodies. Sarah recruited three new volunteers from COBB, and with Avonbank not competing this year, 18 members of the band were able to help. Dave Lerner's crew provided a further eight people who performed the parking and room guide functions. Several volunteers were extremely generous with their time and agreed to extended shifts or to perform double duties – one person doing 8am to 8.30pm and another 8am to 5pm! Because of the generosity of the volunteers, all the stewarding functions were fully covered, ensuring the smooth running of the event.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who helped to steward on the day to make the contest run as well as usual.

Mike Pawson

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021

CHARITY NUMBER 1167590

### OVERVIEW

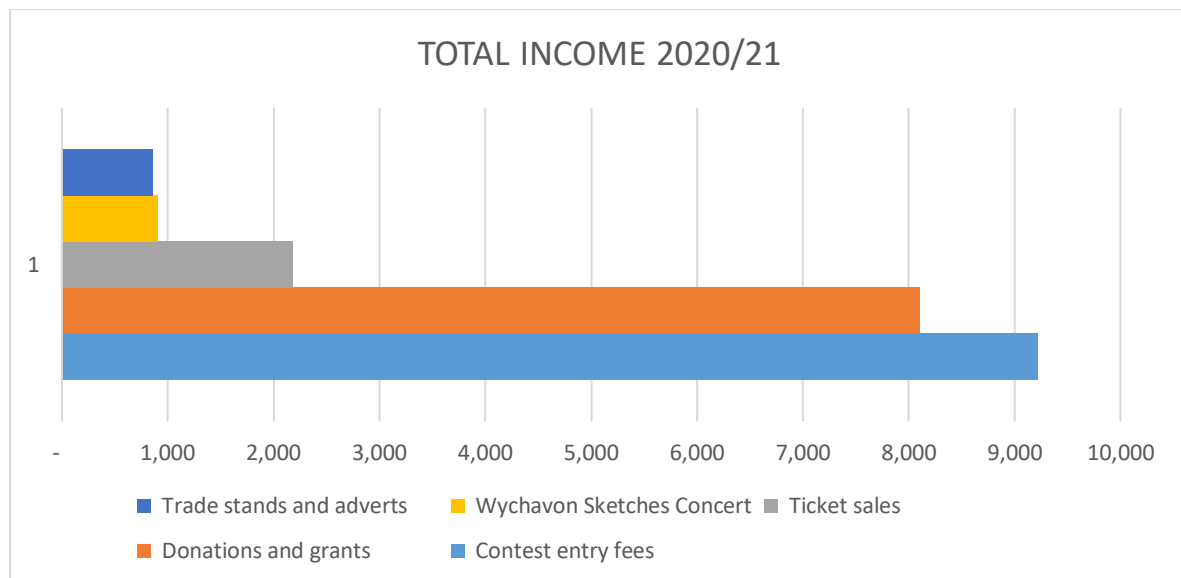
The advent of Covid-19 restrictions resulted effectively in the income and expenditure for the 2021 Contest being spread over two years – 2020 and 2021 there being no Contest in 2020.

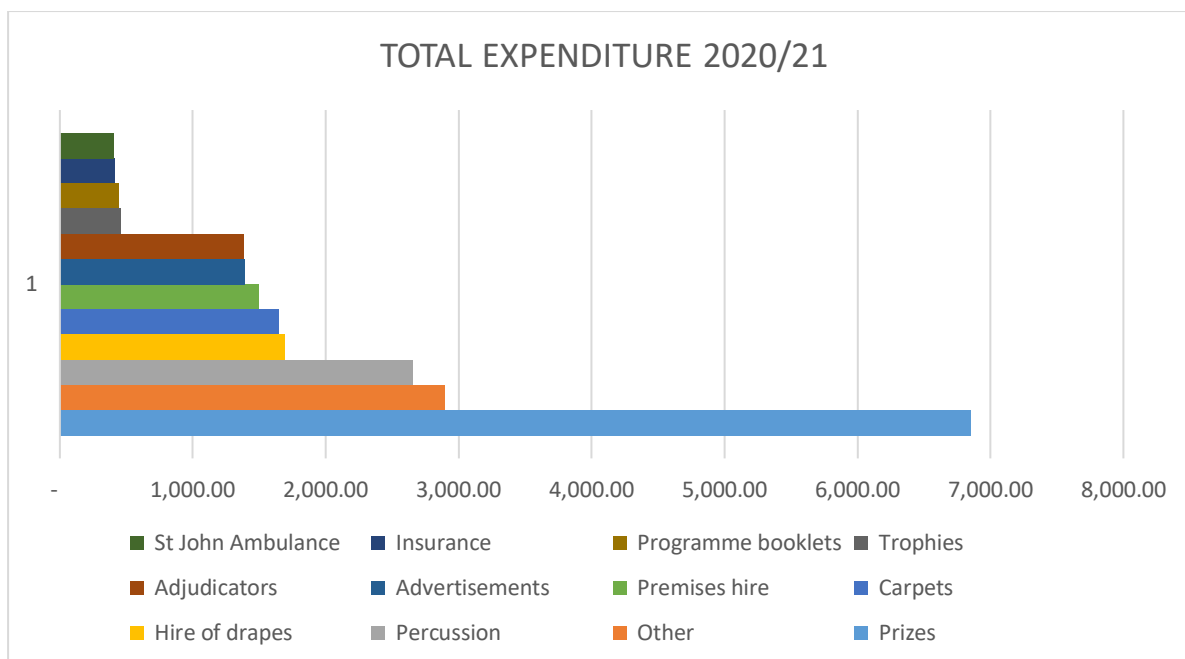
The bank balance in the Contest account on 1 January 2020 was £5,495. The balance in the Youth Projects account was £3,768 at the same date. Apart from a small donation in the Contest account during 2020 the only other income was from Contest entry fees as can be seen in the 2020 accounts. As is usual funds were spent in the early part of the year advertising the Contest originally scheduled for 31 October. Other expenditure was mostly as normal although a donation was made to the Brass Bands England Emergency Fund to assist with the fallout from the Covid restrictions.

The only other item of note was a welcome donation into the Youth Projects account from the Rotary Club.

Funds held on 31 December 2021 were £5,039 and £4,018 respectively, the total being £9,057 to carry forward to 2022.

Total income and expenditure for the combined years is shown below.





## CONTEST ACCOUNT Income - 2021

£8,100 was given to the charity by donation and grant during 2021. A further £4,325 was received in entry fees making the total for the two years £9,210. Ticket sales were £2,184 reflecting a reduced attendance at the 2021 Contest. Income from Advertisers and Trade Stands was £860. A celebratory concert including the first public performance of the previously sponsored new piece *Wychavon Sketches* produced a net income of £907.

## CONTEST ACCOUNT Expenditure - 2021

Expenditure totalled £19,425 as detailed in the Notes to the Statement of Financial Affairs. The main items of expenditure were as in previous years although the amounts were slightly different.

## YOUTH PROJECTS Account

There was no activity in this account during 2021.

The separate extra set of accounts combining 2020 with 2021 is here presented so that easy comparison may be made with 2019.



# WYCHAVON FESTIVAL OF BRASS

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity 1167590

				<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2019</u>	
				£	£	£	£
<b><u>Contest Account</u></b>							
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January 2020</b>					5,495.03		6,076.10
<b>Income</b>	Donations and grants	Notes	1	8,105.00		6,532.00	
	Ticket sales			2,184.00		3,670.00	
	Exhibitors and Advertisers			860.00		1,340.00	
	<i>Wychavon Sketches Concert</i>			907.40	12,056.40	363.42	11,905.42
					17,551.43		17,981.52
<b>Expenditure</b>	Contest	Notes	2	12,098.88		10,476.14	
	Other		3	413.18	12,512.06	2,010.35	12,486.49
<b>Bank Balances as at 31 December</b>					<b>5,039.37</b>		<b>5,495.03</b>
<b><u>Youth Projects Account</u></b>							
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January 2020</b>					3,768.20		4,995.40
<b>Income</b>	Rotary Club donation				250.00		500.00
					4,018.20		5,495.40
<b>Expenditure</b>	Fame project expenses			-		1,689.00	
	Other expenditure			-	-	38.20	1,727.20
<b>Bank Balances as at 31 December</b>					<b>4,018.20</b>		<b>3,768.20</b>
<b>Total bank balances</b>				£	<b>9,057.57</b>	£	<b>9,263.23</b>



**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
COVERING 2020 AND 2021**

Note 1	Donations and Grants	Elmley Foundation	3,000.00	
		Evesham Town Council	2,000.00	
		Rowlands Trust	2,000.00	
		Fleece Inn	1,000.00	
		New Moon Insurance	100.00	
		Anonymous	<u>5.00</u>	8,105.00
Note 2	Contest	Prizes	6,850.00	
		Percussion	2,652.00	
		Hire of drapes	1,692.96	
		Carpets	1,641.00	
		Premises hire	1,500.00	
		Advertisements	1,393.00	
		Adjudicators	1,385.23	
		Trophies	454.50	
		Programme booklets	440.00	
		St John Ambulance	403.20	
		Donation BBE Emergency Fund	250.00	
		Committee meal/expenses	232.85	
		Trailer haulage and upgrades	229.93	
		Trailer repairs	220.00	
		Part school pathway upgrade	220.00	
		Covid protection	165.42	
		Student assistance	160.00	
		AV system hire	140.40	
		BBE Safeguarding	120.00	
		Part new printer	120.00	
		Wrist bands	109.20	
		20 items under £100 each	<u>929.19</u>	
			21,308.88	
	less	Entry fees	<u>9,210.00</u>	12,098.88
Note 3	Other expenditure			
		Insurance premium		413.18

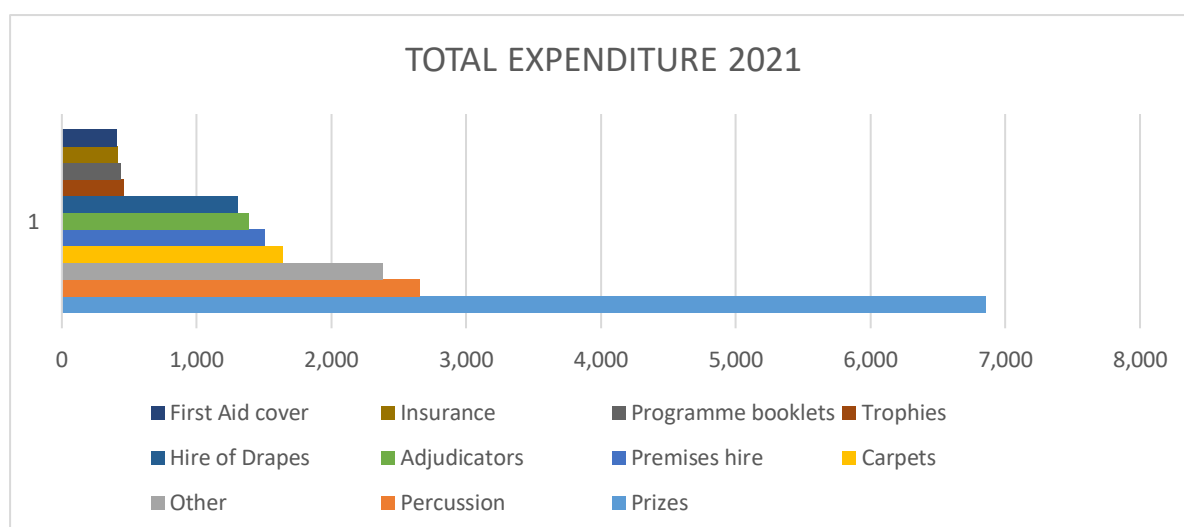
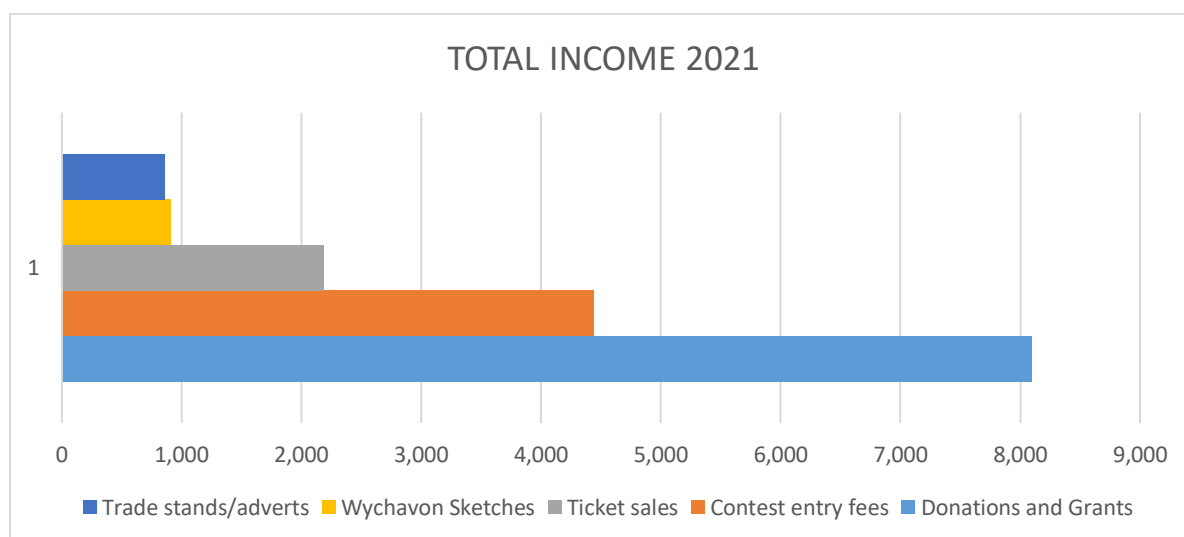
## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

CHARITY NUMBER 1167590

### OVERVIEW

The Charity started the year with total funds of £12,105 - £8,087 in the Contest account and £4,018 in the Youth Projects account. Transactions throughout the year have resulted in the closing balances of £5,039 in the Contest account and £4,018 in the Youth Projects account, the funds available to WFB at the end of the year totalling £9,057. Overall income for the year was £16,845 compared with £4,890 for 2020. Total expenditure was £19,424 in 2021; £2,297 in 2020. The large discrepancies are accounted for by the 2020 Contest being cancelled due to Covid-19.

A more satisfactory comparison is shown in the separate Statement of Financial Affairs and Notes that contrast the years 2020/2021 combined with 2019.



More detail of the financial activities of WFB for the year can be found in the following Statement of Financial Affairs and Notes for 2021.



## WYCHAVON FESTIVAL OF BRASS

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Registered Charity 1167590

			2021		2020	
			£	£	£	£
<b><u>Contest Account</u></b>						
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January</b>				8,087.53		5,495.03
<b>Income</b>	Donations and Grants	Notes 1	8,100.00		5.00	
	Ticket sales/Contest entry fees		2,184.00		4,885.00	
	Exhibitors and Advertisers		860.00		---	
	<i>Wychavon Sketches</i> Concert		907.40	12,051.40	---	4,890.00
				20,138.93		10,385.03
<b>Expenditure</b>	Contest (net)	2	14,686.38			
	Other expenditure	3	413.18	15,099.56	2,297.50	2,297.50
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December</b>				<b>5,039.37</b>		<b>8,087.53</b>
<b><u>Youth Projects Account</u></b>						
<b>Bank Balance as at 1 January</b>				4,018.20		3,768.20
<b>Income</b>	Rotary Club donation			0.00		250.00
				4,018.20		4,018.20
<b>Expenditure</b>				0.00		0.00
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December</b>				<b>4,018.20</b>		<b>4,018.20</b>
<b>Total bank balances</b>			£	<b>9,057.57</b>	£	<b>12,105.73</b>

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Note 1	Donations and Grants	Elmley Foundation	3,000.00	
		Evesham Town Council	2,000.00	
		Rowlands Trust	2,000.00	
		Fleece Inn	1,000.00	
		New Moon Insurance	<u>100.00</u>	8,100.00
Note 2	Contest	Prizes	6,850.00	
		Percussion	2,652.00	
		Carpets	1,641.00	
		Premises Hire	1,500.00	
		Adjudicators	1,385.23	
		Hire of drapes	1,304.34	
		Trophies	454.50	
		Programme booklets	440.00	
		St John Ambulance	403.20	
		Advertisements	348.00	
		Trailer haulage and upgrades	229.93	
		Trailer repairs	220.00	
		Covid protection	165.42	
		Student assistance	160.00	
		AV system hire	140.40	
		BBE Safeguarding	120.00	
		Part cost new printer	120.00	
		Wrist bands	109.20	
		14 items under £100 each	<u>768.16</u>	
			19,011.38	
	less	Entry fees	<u>4,325.00</u>	14,686.38
Note 3	Other expenditure			
		Insurance premium		413.18



Charity Name <b>WYCHAVON FESTIVAL OF BRASS</b>		No (if any) <b>1167590</b>	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date <b>01/01/21</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/12/21</b>

## 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>					
Contest entry fees	4,325	-	-	4,325	4,885
Donations and grants	8,100	-	-	8,100	255
Ticket sales	2,184	-	-	2,184	-
Exhibitors and advertisements	860	-	-	860	-
Wychavon Sketches concert	1,257	-	-	1,257	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,726</b>	<b>5,140</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>16,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,726</b>	<b>5,140</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Contest prizes	6,850	-	-	6,850	-
Percussion hire	2,652	-	-	2,652	1,045
Carpets	1,641	-	-	1,641	-
Premises hire	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Adjudicators	1,385	-	-	1,385	-
Hire of drapes	1,304	-	-	1,304	-
Trophies	454	-	-	454	-
Programme booklets	440	-	-	440	-
Insurance	413	-	-	413	-
First aid	403	-	-	403	-
Items under £400	2,733	-	-	2,733	1,252
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,775</b>	<b>2,297</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>19,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,775</b>	<b>2,297</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,049</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,049</b>	<b>2,843</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>12,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,106</b>	<b>9,263</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,057</b>	<b>12,106</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>	Bank balance – Contest	5,039	-	-
	Bank balance – Youth Project	4,018	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>9,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M. Pawson	M. PAWSON	2/2/22
V. C. Trim	V C TRIM	2/2/22

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