

THE BRIDGE RECOVERY COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1167634

Details

Other names	THE BRIDGE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-06-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND SOCIETY AS A WHOLE, SOCIAL INCLUSION AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN NEED WHO ARE DEPENDENT UPON, ADDICTED TO, RECOVERING FROM OR AFFECTED BY DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, IN PARTICULAR (WITHOUT LIMITATION) AROUND THE RICHMOND ON THAMES AREA, PRIMARILY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) THROUGH THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE LOW COST MEETING SPACE FOR SUCH PEOPLE ATTENDING 12 STEP FELLOWSHIP RECOVERY GROUPS, A SAFE SPACE FOR SOCIAL, VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE PERSONS FOR WHOM THEY ARE INTENDED.

Activities: To facilitate recovery from addiction in all its forms for the public good, by providing low cost meeting space for people attending 12 step fellowship groups; and the provision of a safe and recreational space for social, volunteering and community fellowship activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Richmond Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£33,295	£40,195	-	-
2024-06-01	£38,697	£40,751	-	-
2023-06-01	£49,731	£37,456	-	-
2022-06-01	£41,777	£33,651	-	-
2021-06-01	£25,593	£32,144	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel Dove		2023-05-02
Julia Bell		2020-07-09
Kenneth Edward Crosland		2019-06-13
Oliver James Wake Jennings		2023-02-07
Robert Bell		2025-11-17
Steve Milton		2023-02-07
Timothy Chichester Williams		2021-07-08

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Charity Information

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Trustees Report

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Operations

Room Rentals:

The Bridge Recovery Community’s (“The Bridge”) main activity is to provide low cost meeting space for 12-step fellowship recovery groups. Six different 12 Step fellowships currently hold 18 weekly meetings between them at The Bridge. This meant that in the course of a year around 936 meetings take place.

When the Bridge isn’t being used for 12 Step meetings, it is generally available for recovery related workshops events and activities, for example the meditation group on a Saturday morning and The London Polish Intergroup who meet on a Sunday once every two months.

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Friends - regular contributors to the Charity, mainly (but not exclusively) from members of the groups using the facilities

Events – events such as quiz nights and film nights are organised by an Events Committee consisting of certain trustees and additional members from the groups using the facilities

Anonymous Donor – the Charity has received a number of donations from a Charities Aid Foundation Donor who has asked to remain anonymous. These donations make good

any shortfall in the financial resources of the charity and are expected to be available in the future.

We are very grateful to all those who contribute to The Bridge, either financially or as volunteers, as they help to keep The Bridge running for the benefit of the local recovery community. The Trustees are currently working to make The Bridge self-supporting in order that it does not have to rely in the future on the generosity of the Anonymous Donor.

We are also very grateful to our many volunteers, who undertake a number of tasks to support The Bridge. These include running social and fundraising events, taking part in maintenance project working groups, a variety of administrative tasks and assisting the Manager/Caretaker with regular maintenance of The Bridge.

The part-time Manager/Caretaker runs and maintains The Bridge day to day. His costs are charged to the Charity on a monthly basis.

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The Trustees meet regularly and hold an annual Strategy Meeting where the longer term development of the Charity is discussed and agreed. In making decisions about current activities and future direction, the Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Trustees

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

- Kenneth Crosland (Chair)
- Oliver Jennings (Treasurer)
- Julia Bell
- Michael Bielanski
- Daniel Dove
- Chris Fegan (resigned 1st July 2024)
- Lindsey Miller
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Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO number 1167634) on accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025 set out on pages 6 to 8.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st May 2025.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed:

Signed by:

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Date: 30 March 2026 | 21:54 CEST

Name:

Kim Suter

Relevant Professional Qualifications or Body (if any):

FCCA

Address:

3 First Avenue, London, SW14 8SP

Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31 May 2025

		Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2025	Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2025
Receipts				
Friends		12,450	9,829	9,829
Other donations		4,100	1,784	1,784
Group Rents		16,958	15,483	15,483
Commercial Rents		4,209	5,202	5,202
Gift Aid	Note 2	981	997	997
Total Receipts		38,698	33,295	33,295
Payments				
Manager		21,817	22,660	22,660
Rents out		6,154	7,600	7,600
Electricity		5,074	3,325	3,325
Repairs and Renewals		4,153	2,920	2,920
Insurance		249	276	276
Other costs		4,254	3,414	3,414
Waste		-	-	-
Total Payments		39,832	40,195	40,195
Receipts net of Payments		(3,003)	(6,900)	(6,900)
Cash Funds		37,218	30,318	30,318

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted for non-corporate small charities.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2025	Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2025
Cash Funds	37,218	30,318	30,318

The Charity has no other monetary assets, investments or liabilities.


Assets retained for the Charity’s own use consist of fixtures and fittings used within the premises, the principal items being:

- Flooring and under-floor heating
- Exterior decking
- Seating
- Laptop computer
- Kitchen equipment
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These items have all been expensed in the year of purchase within “repairs and renewals”.

Signed by on behalf of all the trustees

Signed by:
Ken Crosland
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 _____ Kenneth Crosland (Chair of Trustees)
 31 March 2026 | 12:02 CEST

Signed by:

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 _____ Oliver Jennings (Treasurer)
 30 March 2026 | 21:49 CEST

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Reserves Policy

The following outlines the reserves policy of The Bridge.

The Charity currently has no restrictions on its funds, and the trustees have therefore formulated a reserves policy which is appropriate to sustaining the Charity's activities without retaining excessive funds.

The income of the Charity consists mainly of regular rental payments and donations which are fairly predictable in the short to medium term. However the longer term viability of the Charity is currently dependent on the continued willingness of a donor (the "Anonymous Donor" who wishes to remain anonymous) to provide support, or on the ability of the Trustees to secure an alternative should such support be withdrawn. Although such an event is considered unlikely, in the opinion of the Trustees it would take approximately 3-4 months to wind up the Charity's activities in an orderly manner, and adequate reserves should be retained to cover this eventuality. Our reserves policy is therefore to allow unrestricted cash reserves to reduce to approximately 4 months expenditure (currently around £12,000) before seeking additional funding from the Anonymous Donor.

2. Gift Aid

Gift Aid monies of £997 (2024: £981) were received from HMRC during the year. These related to current year donations paid through online donation platforms.

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- Daniel Dove
- Chris Fegan
- Lindsey Miller
- Steve Milton
- Michael Pilling (resigned 1st September 2023)
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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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed: 
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Date: 31 March 2025 | 04:16 PDT

Name: Kim Suter

Relevant Professional Qualifications or Body (if any): FCCA

Address: 3 First Avenue, London, SW14 8SP

Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31 May 2024

		Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2023	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024	Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024
Receipts				
Friends		14,763	12,450	12,450
Other donations		1,103	4,100	4,100
Group Rents		13,841	16,958	16,958
Commercial Rents		4,730	4,209	4,209
Gift Aid	Note 2	6,410	-	-
Events income		(115)	981	981
Additional Contribution	Note 3	9,000	-	-
Total Receipts		49,732	38,697	38,697
Payments				
Manager		21,712	21,817	21,817
Rents out		7,600	6,154	6,154
Electricity		4,292	5,074	5,074
Repairs and Renewals		1,286	4,153	4,153
Insurance		240	249	249
Other costs		1,835	3,305	3,305
Waste		491	-	-
Total Payments		37,456	40,751	40,751
Receipts net of Payments		12,276	(2,054)	(2,054)
Cash Funds		40,222	37,218	37,218

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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2023	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024
Cash Funds	40,222	37,218	37,218


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These items have all been expensed in the year of purchase within “repairs and renewals”.

Signed by on behalf of all the trustees

Signed by:

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 31 March 2025 | 16:41 CEST

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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2. Gift Aid

Gift Aid monies of £981 (2023: £6,410) were received from HMRC during the year. These related to current year donations paid through online donation platforms.

3. Donations from Charities Aid Foundation donor

In the year to 31st May 2024 no donation was received from the anonymous Charities Aid Foundation donor compared to a donation of £9,000 for the year to 31st May 2023.

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We are also very grateful to our many volunteers, who undertake a number of tasks to support The Bridge. These include running social and fundraising events, taking part in maintenance project working groups, a variety of administrative tasks and assisting the Caretaker/Manager with regular maintenance of The Bridge.

The part-time Manager/Caretaker runs and maintains The Bridge day to day. His costs are charged to the Charity on a monthly basis.

In addition, operational oversight and support is provided as required by Robert Bell, who is contracted by the Double 'O' Charity Limited for this and other charitable purposes.

The Charity undertakes occasional improvement projects for the benefit of users of the facilities. The projects to be undertaken in the year are approved by the Trustees at the time of setting the annual budget.

The Trustees meet regularly and hold an annual Strategy Meeting where the longer term development of the charity is discussed and agreed. In making decisions about current activities and future direction, the trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

COVID 19 Impact:

For much of the prior year, The Bridge was unable to operate normally due to COVID restrictions. During these periods, The Bridge provided virtual meeting facilities and many groups used this resource to continue to meet online. Many continued to make contributions to The Bridge, although the Trustees did not make any formal requests.

The Treasurer sought and was granted some temporary support from Richmond Council (our landlord) in the form of a deferral of one quarter's rent for one year. As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, this means that the rental expenses in the previous year are approximately 75% of what would be expected in a normal year, and the current year, approximately 25% higher, as a result of catching up on the deferred rent.

The trustees are keeping the financial situation under constant review.

Trustees

The trustees during the year were as follows:

- Ken Crosland (Chair)
- Robert Bell
- Michael Pilling (Treasurer)
- Michael Bielanski (appointed 14 February 2022)
- Timothy Chichester Williams (appointed 8 July 2021)
- Chris Fegan
- Julia Bell
- Lindsey Miller

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees/ members of The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO number 1167634) on accounts for the year ended 31st May 2022 set out on pages 7 to 9

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:

Kendra Clemo

Date:

15 March 2023.

Name: Kendra Clemo

Relevant Professional Qualifications or Body (if any):

Address: 12 Emerald Square, London SW15 5FP

Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31 May 2022

	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	(to nearest £)	(to nearest £)	(to nearest £)
	2021	2022	2022
<i>Receipts</i>			
Rental income	5,668	14,799	14,799
Donations	18,205	17,980	17,980
Gift Aid *Note 2	1,720	946	946
Income from Events	-	552	552
Additional contributions *Note 3	-	7,500	7,500
	25,593	41,777	41,777
Asset and Investment Sales	-	-	-
Total Receipts	25,593	41,777	41,777
<i>Payments</i>			
Rental expense	5,614	9,635	9,635
Events expenses	-	-	-
Management and caretaking costs	19,000	19,800	19,800
Electricity	3,924	1,958	1,958
Repairs and Renewals	1,180	514	514
Insurance	327	327	327

Other operating expenses	2,099	1,417	1,417
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	32,144	33,651	33,651
Asset and Investment Purchases	-	-	-
	_____	_____	_____
Total Expenses	32,144	33,651	33,651
	_____	_____	_____
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	(6,551)	8,126	8,126
Cash Funds last year end	26,372	19,821	19,821
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Cash Funds this year end	19,821	27,947	27,947
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Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Total Funds Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	(to nearest £)	(to nearest £)
	31 May 2021	31 May 2022
Cash funds *Note 1	19,821	27,947

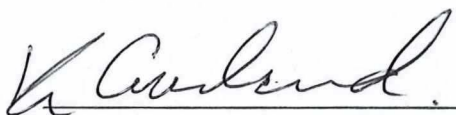
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2. Gift Aid

Gift Aid monies of £946 were received from HMRC during the year. These related to current year donations paid through online donation platforms.

3. Donations from Charities Aid Foundation donor

A donation of £7,500 was received from the anonymous Charities Aid Foundation donor during the year.

THE BRIDGE RECOVERY COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1167634

Accounts

*The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO)
Annual Trustees Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2021*

Charity Number: 1167634

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Charity Information

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Trustees Report

Charity Purpose and Registration

The purpose of the charity is stated in its foundation document as:

“To facilitate recovery from addiction in all its forms for the public good, by providing low cost meeting space for people attending 12 step fellowship groups; and the provision of a safe and recreational space for social, volunteering and community fellowship activities”.

The Charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the following charitable objects:

“The object of the CIO is to promote, for the benefit of the public and society as a whole, social inclusion and relieve the needs of those in need who are dependent upon, addicted to, recovering from or affected by drugs, alcohol or other similar substances, in particular (without limitation) around the Richmond on Thames area, primarily (but not exclusively) through the provision of appropriate low cost meeting space for such people attending 12 step fellowship recovery groups, a safe space for social, volunteering and community fellowship activities and facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom they are intended.”

Operations

Room Rentals:

The Bridge Recovery Community's (The Bridge) main activity is to provide low cost meeting space for 12-step fellowship recovery groups. Before COVID 19 lockdowns, eight 12 Step fellowships held 19 weekly meetings at The Bridge between them. This meant that in the course of a year around 988 meetings take place.

When the Bridge isn't being used for 12 Step meetings, it is often available for recovery-related workshops events and activities, for example the meditation group on a Saturday morning and The London Polish Intergroup. When COVID restrictions allow, the latter group meet on a Sunday once every two months.

The Charity raises funds from three other principle sources:

Friends - regular contributors to the charity, mainly (but not exclusively) from the groups using the facilities

Events – events such as quiz nights and film nights are organised by an Events Committee consisting of certain trustees and additional members from the groups using the facilities

Anonymous donor – the charity has received a number of donations from a Charities Aid Foundation Donor, who has asked to remain anonymous. These donations make good any shortfall in resources of the charity, and are expected to be available in the future.

We are very grateful to all our contributors, who help to keep The Bridge running for the benefit of the local recovery community.

We are also very grateful to our many volunteers, who undertake a number of tasks to support The Bridge. These include running social and fundraising events, taking part in maintenance project working groups, a variety of administrative tasks and assisting the Caretaker/Manager with regular maintenance of The Bridge.

The part-time Manager/Caretaker runs and maintains The Bridge day to day. His costs are charged to the Charity on a monthly basis.

In addition, operational oversight and support is provided as required by Robert Bell, who is contracted by the Double 'O' Charity Limited for this and other charitable purposes.

The Charity undertakes occasional improvement projects for the benefit of users of the facilities. The projects to be undertaken in the year are approved by the Trustees at the time of setting the annual budget.

The Trustees meet regularly and hold an annual Strategy Meeting where the longer term development of the charity is discussed and agreed. In making decisions about current activities and future direction, the trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

COVID 19 Impact:

For much of the year under review, The Bridge was unable to operate normally due to COVID restrictions. During these periods, The Bridge provided virtual meeting facilities and many groups used this resource to continue to meet online. Many continued to make contributions to The Bridge, although the Trustees did not make any formal requests.

The Treasurer sought and was granted some temporary support from Richmond Council (our landlord) in the form of a deferral of one quarter's rent for one year. As the accounts are prepared on a cash basis, this means that the rental expenses are approximately 75% of what would be expected in a normal year, and this will be made up in the following year.

The trustees are keeping the financial situation under constant review.

Trustees

The trustees during the year were as follows:

- Maria Pemberton (Chair from September 2020, resigned May 2021)
- Lisa Chittenden (Chair - resigned September 2020)
- Robert Bell
- Michael Pilling (Treasurer)
- Sarah Lavelle (Resigned May 2021)

- Ken Crosland (Chair from June 2021)
- Julia Bell
- Lindsey Pilling

The Chair

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Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees/ members of The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO number 1167634) on accounts for the year ended 31st May 2021 set out on pages 7 to 9

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

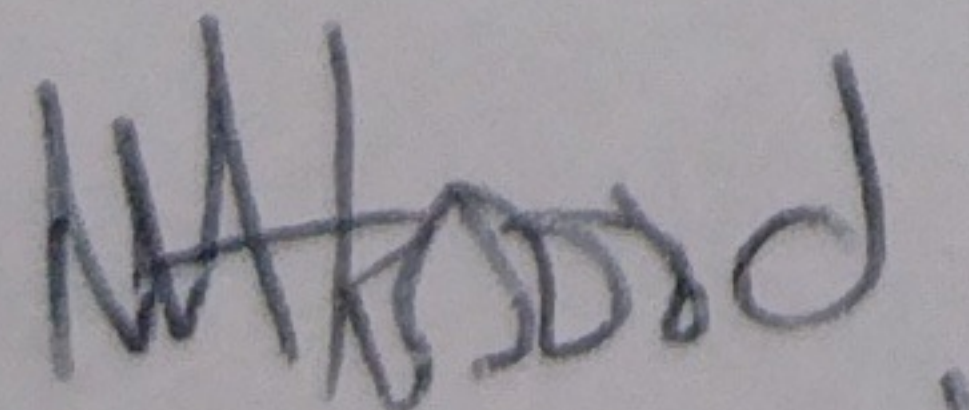
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:



Date: 9.2.22

Name: Neil Harwood

Relevant Professional Qualifications or Body (if any):

Address: Holly Tree House, Croasdale Drive, Parbold, Lancashire, WN8 7HR

Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31 May 2021

	Unrestricted Funds Note (to nearest £) 2021	Total Funds (to nearest £) 2021	Total Funds (to nearest £) 2020
<i>Receipts</i>			
Rental income	5,668	5,668	16,667
Donations	18,205	18,205	6,044
Gift Aid	2 1,720	1,720	1,477
Income from Events	-	-	649
Additional contributions	3 -	-	15,000
	25,593	25,593	39,837
Asset and Investment Sales	-	-	-
	25,593	25,593	39,837
<i>Payments</i>			
Rental expense	5,614	5,614	7,000
Events expenses	-	-	204
Management and caretaking costs	19,000	19,000	20,193
Electricity	3,924	3,924	28
Repairs and Renewals	1,180	1,180	3,299
Insurance	327	327	326
Other operating expenses	2,099	2,099	2,738
	32,144	32,144	33,788
Asset and Investment Purchases	-	-	-
	32,144	32,144	33,788
Net of Receipts / (Payments)	(6,551)	(6,551)	6,049
Cash Funds last year end	26,372	26,372	20,323
	19,821	19,821	26,372

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted for non-corporate small charities.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Note	Unrestricted Funds (to nearest £) 31 May 2021	Total Funds (to nearest £) 31 May 2021	Total Funds (to nearest £) 31 May 2020
Cash funds	1	19,821	19,821	26,372

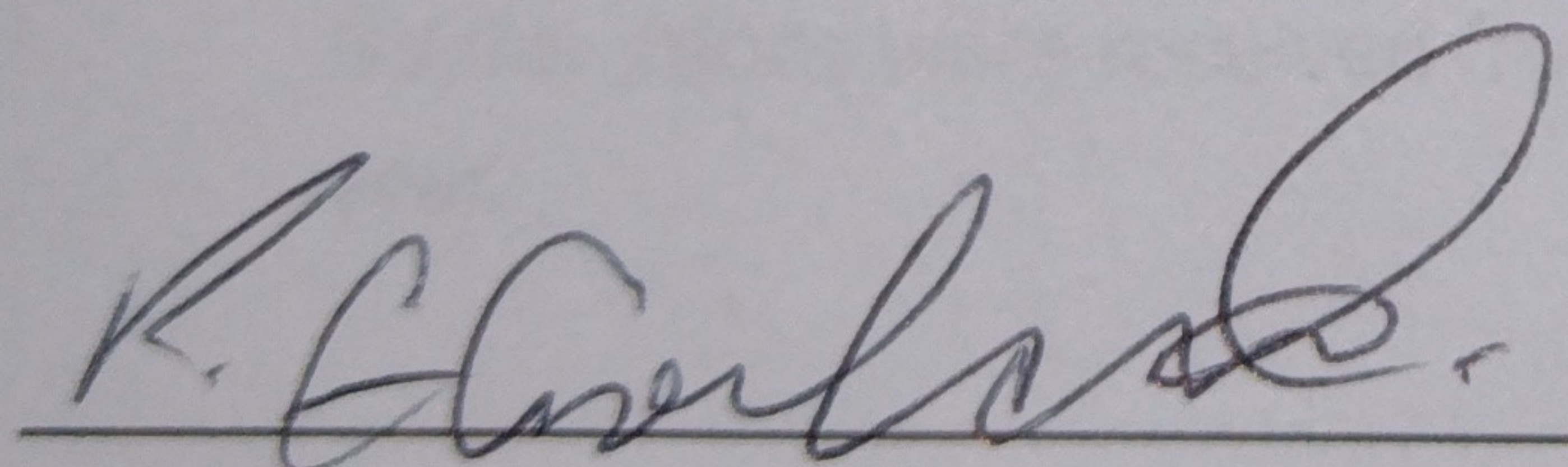
The Charity has no other monetary assets, investments or liabilities.

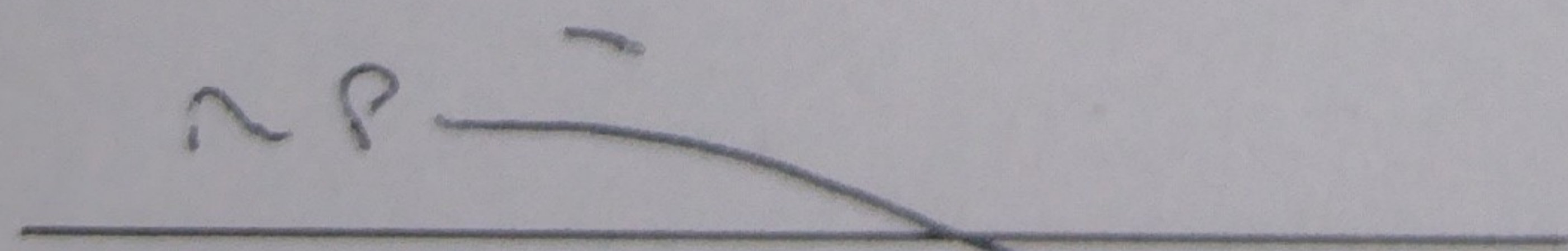
Assets retained for the Charity's own use consist of fixtures and fittings used within the premises, the principal items being:

- Flooring and under-floor heating
- Exterior decking
- Seating
- Laptop computer
- Kitchen equipment
- Leaf blower
- Sound and lighting equipment (used for events)

These items have all been expensed in the year of purchase within "repairs and renewals".

Signed by on behalf of all the trustees


Ken Crosland (Chair of Trustees)


Michael Pilling (Treasurer)

Notes to the Financial Statements

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2. *Gift Aid*

Gift Aid monies of £1,720 were received from HMRC during the year. These consisted of £1,324 in respect of the 2019/20 financial year with the remainder being in relation to current year donations paid through online donation platforms.

3. *Donations from Charities Aid Foundation donor*

No donations were received from the anonymous Charities Aid Foundation donor during the year.