

Prout Bridge Project

England & Wales · Charity number 1169903

Details

Other names	BEAMINSTER YOUTH CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-10-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8 TO 25 LIVING IN THE TOWN OF BEAMINSTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY:(A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES, PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE,DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE;(B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE ANDRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND;TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PREVENT SOCIAL EXCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES LIVING IN THE TOWN OF BEAMINSTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY OFFERING ACTIVITIES, SERVICES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE.

Activities: We operate in rural West Dorset:*Providing affordable activities for people of all ages including sports/fitness, art/crafts, clubs, skills development*Offering mental health & wellbeing support and information *Fighting to end loneliness & intergenerational divides by creating opportunities for people to come together socially & participate in their community*Running youth & holidayclubs

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£180,146	£134,865	-	-
2024-08-31	£135,570	£113,593	-	-
2023-08-31	£147,520	£134,450	-	-
2022-08-31	£111,558	£125,697	-	-
2021-08-31	£87,770	£67,298	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Joy Dupont MBE DL		2024-12-10
Joanna Frances Robins		2018-08-20
Lindsay Noble		2024-12-10
Rebekah Agnes Hillman		2023-11-07
Richard William Barker		2023-09-05
Victoria Park		2019-01-16

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1169903

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025



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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees	V Park	
	R W Barker	
	L Noble	(Appointed 10 December 2024)
	A J Dupont	(Appointed 10 December 2024)
	R A Hillman	
	J F Robins	

Charity number	1169903
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Principal address	6 Prout Bridge Beaminster Dorset DT8 3AY
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Independent examiner	TC Group 10 Bridge Street Christchurch Dorset BH23 1EF
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PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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).

Objectives and activities

The Prout Bridge Project offers youth, mental-health and community services. It was set up by the community in 2016 in response to cuts in youth and family provision. The scope of our work has evolved in response to our community's needs through the Covid pandemic and cost-of-living crisis.

We operate from the town of Beaminster in West Dorset, supporting a wider area of villages and towns covering parts of Dorset, Somerset and Devon.

Our aim is to support children, young people and adults to participate, thrive and connect as part of an inclusive and resilient community.

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the Charity is:

- to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people aged 8 to 25 living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their condition of life and by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals, and;
- to advance community development and prevent social exclusion for the public benefit of people of all ages living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by offering activities, services, recreational facilities and volunteering opportunities designed to improve their condition of life.

Our specific objectives are to:

- Offer an inclusive, affordable and varied programme of activities, so that people of all ages in Beaminster and the surrounding area feel they have access to fulfilling things to do including (but not limited to) arts, music, crafts, sport, dance, fitness, learning, culture and heritage.
- Fight loneliness, social isolation and intergenerational divides by providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and of all ages to come together socially, participate in their community, make friends and support each other.
- Support people to feel mentally well, achieve healthy lifestyles, be independent, and develop skills that will help them thrive.
- Develop a sustainable long- term project which supports the local Community, responding to evolving needs and delivering activities, services and facilities that people want by regularly consulting with the community and local organisations and service providers.
- Operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other charitable and community organisations which share the same objectives.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Significant and Charitable activities

We run a busy youth and community centre with youth clubs, mental health support and multiple essential services and activities housed under one roof, used by hundreds of people each week. We also operate an outreach van taking our services out into the surrounding area, and work in several local primary and secondary schools. We work in partnership with other services to connect people to support that is available.

We aim to be inclusive and accessible to everyone, reducing barriers that prevent participation in other services and activities in our local area, including affordability, awareness, isolation and confidence. Everyone will find a friendly and non-judgemental welcome at the Prout Bridge Project.

Our model is to offer open-access activities, clubs and groups as well as more targeted support for those who need it. This makes support more available, and allows signposting between services.

Most of our work (around 75%) is with young people aged 8-25. This youth focus recognises the lack of other provision for young people in our area. If the Prout Bridge Project did not exist there would be very few activities and services accessible to many children and young people in our area. We also support local families and the broader community, offering services for adults of all ages. Here again, our focus is on offering services that are not accessible or otherwise available.

We fulfil our objectives through the following activities:

Youth

Youth clubs

Junior youth club, ages 8-11 (primary school age)

Senior youth club, ages 11-18 (secondary school age)

Youth outreach

Evening youth worker outreach in the town and at the skatepark

Youth music

The Phoenix youth band - weekly sessions and opportunities to perform in public at local events

School holiday activity days

Activity days in school holidays and half terms

School transition

Summentor project for young people moving into year 7 and older mentor volunteers

Young volunteers programme

Training and supporting senior worker volunteers to develop skills and help with running youth clubs

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Mental Health

Mental health support for young people

One-to-one support for young people with open referral

Group support and open drop-in sessions in schools

Regular partner agency drop ins.

Adult counselling service

Provision of free adult counselling service

Supervision of trainee counsellors

Partnership working and referral

Joint working, protection and safeguarding of vulnerable young people, families adults.

Community

Community hub

Cafe Create weekly community coffee morning including craft/games

Hosting services including the Food Bank, Clothes Bank, Citizens Advice, ReadEasy adult literacy, Ripple young parent workshop, Health Visitors

Providing a space and support for small businesses running activities for the community including dance fit classes, Pilates, kickboxing and other organisations with a shared purpose

Community outreach and events

Outreach cafe, games and sports at the playing field on Saturday mornings

Community events and parties

Volunteering programme

Volunteering opportunities, training and volunteer network for adults

Community support

Ad hoc targeted support to alleviate poverty and address acute household issues, such as provision of essential furniture and equipment

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

We remain committed to this mission in what has been a busy year of ever-increasing demand across the different strands of our services.

The high cost of living, rural deprivation and isolation from the aftermath of Covid have all contributed to put greater demand on our services and on our team, with just our Director of Services, a term-time only Youth Work and Community Manager, two qualified, paid part-time youth workers, two part-time paid youth support workers, and 9 volunteers.

YOUTH – up to 90 young people aged 8-18 attend our youth clubs each week taking part in a wide variety of activities. This is an increase of 12% over the previous year. We also undertake outreach youth work in schools and community spaces during which we see around 100 young people throughout the year and provide holiday activity days seeing a different cohort of young people of approximately 75 over a year. Summer, our mentoring into secondary education programme, had 15 young people in total taking part this summer. All this work puts pressure on our capacity to ensure sufficiently skilled members of staff and trained volunteers are available. The Phoenix Youth Band has a steady membership and is gaining recognition within the local community to perform at public events, which is a great accolade to the two band leaders and all band members.

MENTAL HEALTH – we have worked with 62 children and young people aged 8-18 this year through our targeted, accessible 1:1 mental health support programme, plus 4 school groupwork sessions, each over 6 weeks, with 6/7 young people taking part in each. More funding to recruit further qualified support for this targeted youth work is a priority, as this service makes a marked difference to young people's lives, recognised by the continuous flow of referrals to us, and from very positive feedback from them and their families. Unfortunately, the counselling service managed independently, but based at the Prout Bridge closed this year due to a lack of trained counsellors after the retirement of the counselling manager. However, Access to Wellbeing is now using the building one day each week offering counselling advice services for adults, which ensures a continued adult mental health support at the Prout Bridge community hub.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

COMMUNITY – our community hub offers a range of activities and services in conjunction with other organisations, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness and support access to a wide range of support for different needs in our rural community. Café Create, a free weekly drop in for adults, is very well attended with around 25 people attending and a new initiative, 'Only 4 Blokes' has grown steadily over the last year to 12 regular attendees. A lunch for those alone on Christmas Day, generously funded by a local donor, has been planned and supported by our volunteers and staff. We have built and maintained good relationships with local businesses and donors and host other organisations within the community hub. Regular provision includes a Food Bank, Clothes Bank, Health Visitors, Dance Fitness, Kick Boxing, Pilates, NHS Health checks, Live Well Dorset, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Prescribers, the Probation Service and Royal British Legion.

The welcome news in early 2025 of our successful bid for a 5 year National Lottery grant for continued sustainability of our services, has made us more financially resilient and also enabled us to recruit an additional member of staff to support with fundraising. A requirement of this funding is the need to track and report impact, and improve monitoring and evaluation of our work. Future investment will be required in developing effective data systems, skills and new technology for our long-term strategy and growth.

Our current board of trustees consists of six members, two of whom are newly appointed. Two other members resigned during the year, and we extend our thanks for their contribution during their term. We plan to recruit further trustees with skills in finance, fundraising and marketing, and a young person to represent the views of young service users. During the year the board has focussed on ensuring the charity adheres to principles of good governance with the establishment of a governance committee, a review of policies, and a review of our constitution, values and mission and branding, the latter to raise greater awareness of what we do. A finance and risk committee now produces regular cash flow statements, a robust budget report, reviews the risk register and tracks grants and income. Ongoing grants and funding is still very much required to enable us to cover rising operational running costs.

We wish to thank all our supporters, patrons, corporate partners, grant funders and all the local businesses and individual donors and fundraisers without whose support we could not deliver our amazing range of services to our local community and neighbourhoods.

Finally, the trustees wish to thank and acknowledge the ongoing commitment, energy and skills by the Director of Services and her team of youth and community workers, administrator and volunteers.

For more information please refer to our website www.proutbridgeproject.com

Financial review

Financial position

Income, from all sources, for the year ending 31 August 2025 was £180,146.

We endeavor to keep costs to a minimum so that as much money as possible can be used to further our charitable purpose. The majority of our expenditure is on our staff wages. We are grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who generously give their time and resources to help us keep our running costs down.

In this financial year only £3,126 was spent on fundraising. We are able to achieve this through the generosity of our trustee team in giving their time and expertise and from volunteer support. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and commitment.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern. Our income for the year is dependent on grant funding applications and fundraising, usually awarded in year. We therefore continue to prioritise this work to sustain our activities. Time spent by trustees and staff on grant applications and fundraising continues to increase. We are considering the recruitment of further resource to place our fund-raising activity on an increasingly professional footing.

Reserves policy

Through careful financial management and consistent fundraising and grant proposal writing, the Charity has enough funds to support the projects it operates and those due to start shortly.

The Prout Bridge Project operates on a not-for-profit basis.

At the end of this financial year the charity held £65,350 in general funds, with a further £20,000 in designated funds for wind down costs.

The charity relies largely on grant funding and donations to operate, which can fluctuate from year to year.

At the end of the financial year, the charity also held restricted funds of £45,290 from grant funding received for activities that continue beyond our financial year. Our reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year and the reserves policy is reviewed annually.

At the end of the financial year, free reserves totaled £59,889. Free reserves are defined as the charity's unrestricted funds, less any fixed assets and designated funds.

Structure, governance and management

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

V Park

R W Barker

L Noble

(Appointed 10 December 2024)

A J Dupont

(Appointed 10 December 2024)

G Fearnough

(Appointed 10 December 2024 and resigned 30 September 2025)

R A Hillman

J F Robins

D M Berry

(Resigned 22 October 2025)

Rev J Neary

(Resigned 31 December 2024)

J Edwards

(Resigned 2 September 2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are sought to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the charity, and to provide strong links with other local organisations including the Town Council, local churches and local businesses, as well as representing service users. We seek to be inclusive in our trustee recruitment and to bring diverse perspectives to the Board. The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statements of accounts, copies of all our policies and the Charity Commission Guide 'The Essential Trustee.'

Organisational structure

There must be at least four charity trustees, but not more than twelve. The Chair and Secretary roles are appointed annually. The usual term of service is four years for a trustee and two years as Chair. The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year, or as often as is necessary.

We employ a full-time Director and Youth Work Manager who manage a small team of sessional staff and co-ordinate a team of youth and adult volunteers, including a volunteer counsellor team. We also employ a part-time administrator.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operational running of the charity's work is delegated by the Trustees to the Director, and, through her, to the staff and volunteers. Budgetary control rests with the Director and the Treasurer.

Other matters

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. The trustees support the Director to review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. Charity policies are reviewed annually. They are written and published with the aim of protecting the beneficiaries of the Charity, as well as the volunteers, paid staff and trustees. The policies set out the principles for interaction between paid staff, volunteers and beneficiaries, reducing risk to an acceptable level to protect the Charity.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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R W Barker

Trustee

Date: 13-3-26

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Prout Bridge Project (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

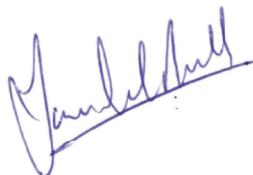
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.

I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA
TC Group



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Dated: 19 March 2026

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	51,924	105,262	157,186	71,362	41,996	113,358
Charitable activities	3	9,684	-	9,684	10,103	-	10,103
Other trading activities	4	8,296	-	8,296	10,295	-	10,295
Investments	5	1,002	-	1,002	325	-	325
Other income	6	3,978	-	3,978	1,489	-	1,489
Total income		<u>74,884</u>	<u>105,262</u>	<u>180,146</u>	<u>93,574</u>	<u>41,996</u>	<u>135,570</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	3,126	-	3,126	4,634	-	4,634
Charitable activities	8	53,988	77,751	131,739	64,741	44,218	108,959
Total expenditure		<u>57,114</u>	<u>77,751</u>	<u>134,865</u>	<u>69,375</u>	<u>44,218</u>	<u>113,593</u>
Net income		17,770	27,511	45,281	24,199	(2,222)	21,977
Transfers between funds							
		(12)	12	-	(8)	8	-
Net movement in funds		17,758	27,523	45,281	24,191	(2,214)	21,977
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		67,592	17,767	85,359	43,401	19,981	63,382
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		<u>85,350</u>	<u>45,290</u>	<u>130,640</u>	<u>67,592</u>	<u>17,767</u>	<u>85,359</u>

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

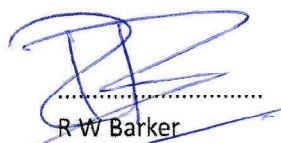
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	5,461	8,329
Current assets			
Stocks	14	770	408
Debtors	15	2,713	2,189
Cash at bank and in hand		123,460	76,363
		<u>126,943</u>	<u>78,960</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(1,764)</u>	<u>(1,930)</u>
Net current assets		<u>125,179</u>	<u>77,030</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>130,640</u>	<u>85,359</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	17	45,290	17,767
Unrestricted funds	18	85,350	67,592
		<u>130,640</u>	<u>85,359</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 13-3-26.....


 R W Barker
 Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution. The principal address can be found on the company information section of the report of the Trustees.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

1.4 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.

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate,

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 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.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years
Motor vehicles	Straight line over 5 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

1.8 Financial instruments

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	27,075	-	27,075	44,541	-	44,541
Grants	21,316	105,262	126,578	22,147	41,996	64,143
Membership fees	3,533	-	3,533	4,674	-	4,674
	<u>51,924</u>	<u>105,262</u>	<u>157,186</u>	<u>71,362</u>	<u>41,996</u>	<u>113,358</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Contracts		
One to One's	<u>9,684</u>	<u>10,103</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	160	1,077
Bar sales	3,276	3,430
Room hire	4,860	5,788
	<u>8,296</u>	<u>10,295</u>
Other trading activities	<u>8,296</u>	<u>10,295</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	1,002	325

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	3,978	1,489

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	301	-
Trading costs		
Other trading activities	3,187	4,634
Investment management	(362)	-
Total costs	3,126	4,634

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activity 2025 £	Charitable activity 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	83,282	77,970
Depreciation and impairment	4,909	5,336
Insurance	3,297	1,706
Telephone & Subscriptions	5,813	2,187
Postage and stationery	1,030	1,417
Advertising & website expense	1,762	60
Freelance staff	13,819	-
Repairs and maintenance & Cleaning	922	899
Activity Day expenses	1,596	1,206
Arts & Crafts	2,175	304
Travel & Milage	993	756
Staff training & Welfare	3,734	2,625
Vehicle expenses	384	751
Events	1,057	3,018
Band & Cafe Create	162	686
Other charitable expenditure	4,764	2,733
	<u>129,699</u>	<u>101,654</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Governance	2,040	7,305
	<u>131,739</u>	<u>108,959</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	53,988	64,741
Restricted funds	77,751	44,218
	<u>131,739</u>	<u>108,959</u>

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	Charitable activity 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,764	1,680
Governance	276	5,625
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

No trustees received reimbursement for expenses in the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Head count	6	6
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	82,407	76,384
Social security costs	875	1,586
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	83,282	77,970
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2024	9,211	5,822	19,380	34,413
Additions	2,041	-	-	2,041
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2025	11,252	5,822	19,380	36,454
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 September 2024	4,758	5,822	15,504	26,084
Depreciation charged in the year	1,033	-	3,876	4,909
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2025	5,791	5,822	19,380	30,993
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2025	5,461	-	-	5,461
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 August 2024	4,453	-	3,876	8,329
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

14 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	770	408
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	40	10
Other debtors	1,182	793
Prepayments and accrued income	1,491	1,386
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	2,713	2,189
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,764	1,930
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Mental Health	5,774	19,684	(14,600)	-	10,858
Youth Outreach services	343	-	(355)	12	-
Beaminster Food Bank	181	1,120	(1,185)	-	116
BTC - Lottery Skate Park	2,745	-	(2,745)	-	-
Police Fund	671	2,250	(1,011)	-	1,910
UK Youth	3,053	10,000	(10,002)	-	3,051
Dorset Council West LAG	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
Albert Hunt	-	3,000	(1,442)	-	1,558
National Lottery	-	67,458	(39,661)	-	27,797
The Leonard Laity Stoaite Charity	-	1,750	(1,750)	-	-
	<u>17,767</u>	<u>105,262</u>	<u>(77,751)</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>45,290</u>

Previous year:	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Mental Health	7,948	14,815	(23,372)	6,383	5,774
DCF iWill	1,295	-	-	(1,295)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	-	4,400	(4,408)	8	-
Youth Outreach Services	4,531	-	(4,188)	-	343
Beaminster Food Bank	448	736	(1,003)	-	181
BTC - Lottery Skate Park	-	2,745	-	-	2,745
MH cafe	5,088	-	-	(5,088)	-
Police Fund	671	-	-	-	671
UK Youth	-	10,000	(6,947)	-	3,053
Dorset Council - West LAG	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Laptops	-	300	(300)	-	-
Langridge Fund	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
	<u>19,981</u>	<u>41,996</u>	<u>44,218</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17,767</u>

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

17 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Purpose of restricted funds

Mental Health

Restricted funding to deliver mental health support sessions for younger people. This is funded by multiple funders.

Youth Outreach Services

For the provision of Youth club and outreach services. This is funded by multiple funders including Dorset Council and Beaminster town council.

Beaminster Food Bank

Restricted funding to provide a hot meal for all young people attending Senior Youth Club, held during term time

BTC- Lottery Skate Park

Restricted funding for youth work & outreach around Beaminster skatepark

Police Fund

Restricted Funding to offer take young people to access Bridport Leisure Centre and their facilities

UK Youth

Restricted funding to pay staff wages to support continued delivery of a range of activities for young people

Dorset Council West LAG

Restricted funding to cover costs of staff for Senior Youth club

Albert Hunt

Restricted funding to cover staffing and running costs of Men's group

National Lottery

Restricted funding to pay staff wages and cover running costs of youth work

The Leonard Laity Stoaite Charity

Restricted funding to pay staff wages to support youth clubs and youth band

DCF iWill

Restricted funding to deliver mentoring support for children going into secondary education.

Dorset Council Youth Fund

Restricted funding to offer Youth Clubs and other activities that support the council's family plan.

MH Café

Restricted funding for Young Persons & Families mental health drop in Café.

Laptops

Restricted funding to pay for a laptop for young person to support education needs

Langridge Fund

Restricted funding to support ongoing delivery of youth work services.

PROUT BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

18 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Wind-down	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
General funds	47,592	74,884	(57,114)	(12)	65,350
	<u>67,592</u>	<u>74,884</u>	<u>(57,114)</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>85,350</u>
	<u><u>67,592</u></u>	<u><u>74,884</u></u>	<u><u>(57,114)</u></u>	<u><u>(12)</u></u>	<u><u>85,350</u></u>
 Previous year:	 At 1 September 2023	 Incoming resources	 Resources expended	 Transfers	 At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Building	15,000	-	-	(15,000)	-
Service charge	4,000	-	-	(4,000)	-
Wind down	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
General funds	24,401	93,574	(69,375)	(1,008)	47,592
	<u>43,401</u>	<u>93,574</u>	<u>69,375</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>67,592</u>
	<u><u>43,401</u></u>	<u><u>93,574</u></u>	<u><u>69,375</u></u>	<u><u>(8)</u></u>	<u><u>67,592</u></u>

Purpose of designated funds

Wind-down

£20,000 has been designated to ensure that the charity has sufficient funds in the event of needing to wind down

Transfer between funds

A transfer of funds between the Youth Outreach Services Fund and the General Fund has occurred to cover the overspend in the year.

19 Related party transactions

During the period a grant of £2,994 (2024: £416) was received from Beaminster Foodbank, where two of the trustees also serve as trustees.

During the period, trustees donated a total of £1,506 (2024: Nil) without conditions.

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Prout Bridge Project

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169903

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024
for
Prout Bridge Project**

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Prout Bridge Project

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Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chair's Report

The Prout Bridge Project offers youth, mental-health and community services. It was set up by the community in 2016 in response to cuts in youth and family provision. The scope of our work has evolved in response to our community's needs through the Covid pandemic and cost-of-living crisis.

We operate from the town of Beaminster in West Dorset, supporting a wider area of villages and towns covering parts of Dorset, Somerset and Devon.

Our aim is to support children, young people and adults to participate, thrive and connect as part of an inclusive and resilient community.

The specific objectives of each of our services are:

YOUTH

Offer an inclusive, accessible and varied programme of clubs and activities for children and young people aged 8-18 run by skilled youth workers which:

Supports young people to make friends, develop skills, build independence and confidence, enabling them to reach their full potential and transition to adult life. Empowers young people to take control over their own lives and have a positive impact on their local communities.

MENTAL HEALTH

Provide targeted, accessible mental health support and counselling options, connecting people as needed to other specialist services which: Improves and helps maintain the mental wellbeing of people of all ages, supporting those who are struggling and helping people to build emotional resilience.

COMMUNITY

Run a community hub offering a range of activities and services and operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other organisations which share our aims in order to:

Reduce isolation and loneliness, strengthening community relationships and support networks.

Although we have separate objectives and activities for each service, the different strands of our provision work closely together with overlap and referral between areas. We believe that this joined up model is key to meeting the needs of a rural community.

This financial year we continue to see a high demand for our services. Loneliness and isolation continue to be a challenge locally and we have high demand for services that support mental health and well-being. The cost-of-living crisis is also affecting many in our communities. Many young people and households in our area are barely coping, and the need for support is huge.

Our financial challenge this year has been to continue to meet our fundraising targets to continue to support our activities and our staff levels following expansion last year to meet rising need. This became particularly pressing at the end of 2023 where we were concerned that we only had a few more months of funding. A crowdfunder in December 2023 secured an excellent outcome, and this was supported through further multiyear funding secured from Garfield Weston and UK Youth. This focus and hard work to enable us to become more financially resilient has paid off and we end the financial year in a better place. We remain cautious though, knowing that fundraising and grant seeking is a constant activity to underpin our services.

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Through fundraising and support from grants we have ensured all our services and activities remain accessible to all and are either free or offered at a highly-discounted rate. At a time when waiting lists for other mental health services are many months long, our targeted youth support service is there for young people and our counselling service is open to anyone and free to use. We currently have waiting lists for both these services, but waiting times are short relative to other services. Our youth clubs are very busy and at capacity, providing a safe warm place for young people to come and socialise, take part in activities and talk to youth workers. Through the relationships and trust we have built in the community, and by working closely with other local organisations and service providers, we are able to connect young people and families to support such as the food bank, clothing bank and Citizens Advice, making support more accessible to those who might otherwise struggle to come forward.

We have an excellent reputation for the positive impact we have, empowering young people, improving mental health for people of all ages and providing affordable activities and opportunities.

Recent testimonials from service users, visitors and volunteers tell us:

"Thank you. Knowing that you've supported me all this way really helps & is really motivating. Thank you for all you have done & do for me, it is so appreciated & I couldn't thank you enough."

- Youth club attendee, 1:1 support & youth club volunteer

"In my year of volunteering I have seen young people develop socially & emotionally with the support of staff there. Youngsters are so stressed by school & social media these days; it has been my privilege to give the young people the opportunity to talk about their lives & work through any worries they may have."

- Youth Club volunteer

"I've volunteered at the Prout Bridge youth club for a year now. It's a great, well run place for young people to have a safe space to play & be heard. The Prout Bridge Project provides a vital service & is a brilliant asset to Beaminster and the surrounding areas"

- Youth Club volunteer

"I could not believe how much you offer the community & how accessible it is. I have children & live in London & there is a 2 year waiting list for some childrens groups."

- Visitor

"I volunteer because it teaches me to work out money, & socialise & this helps with my anxiety"

- Junior Club Attendee

Our corporate partners include:

Cilla and Camilla, Pineapple Estate, Tangerine, Multiform, Bowes Brooks Accountants, Hillman Legal Partnerships, AG Down, Honeysuckle Garage.

Our grant funders are: Dorset Council Youth Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, UK Youth, Dorset Community Foundation, Sport England, SNG Sovereign Network UK, Alice Ellen Cooper Dean, Waites Foundation.

We would like to thank all our supporters, Prout Bridge Project Patrons, and all the local businesses and individual donors and fundraisers who make it possible for us to continue to do the work we do in our community. Without your support we would not be here.

To find out more please visit our website www.proutbridgeproject.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the Charity is:

1) to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people aged 8 to 25 living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their condition of life and by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals, and

2) to advance community development and prevent social exclusion for the public benefit of people of all ages living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by offering activities, services, recreational facilities and volunteering opportunities designed to improve their condition of life.

Our specific objectives are to:

1) Offer an inclusive, affordable and varied programme of activities, so that people of all ages in Beaminster and the surrounding area feel they have access to fulfilling things to do including (but not limited to) arts, music, crafts, sport, dance, fitness, learning, culture and heritage.

2) Fight loneliness, social isolation and intergenerational divides by providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and of all ages to come together socially, participate in their community, make friends and support each other.

3) Support people to feel mentally well, achieve healthy lifestyles, be independent, and develop skills that will help them thrive.

4) Develop a sustainable long- term project which supports the local Community, responding to evolving needs and delivering activities, services and facilities that people want by regularly consulting with the community and local organisations and service providers.

5) Operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other charitable and community organisations which share the same objectives.

These specific objectives are undergoing review with our Trustee body; however the purpose of the Charity remains unchanged.

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant and Charitable activities

We run a busy youth and community centre with youth clubs, mental health support and multiple essential services and activities housed under one roof, used by hundreds of people each week. We also operate an outreach van taking our services out into the surrounding area, and work in several local primary and secondary schools. We work in partnership with other services to connect people to support that is available.

We aim to be inclusive and accessible to everyone, reducing barriers that prevent participation in other services and activities in our local area, including affordability, awareness, isolation and confidence. Everyone will find a friendly and non-judgemental welcome at the Prout Bridge Project.

Our model is to offer open-access activities, clubs and groups as well as more targeted support for those who need it. This makes support more available, and allows signposting between services.

Most of our work (around 75%) is with young people aged 8-25. This youth focus recognises the lack of other provision for young people in our area. If the Prout Bridge Project did not exist there would be very few activities and services accessible to many children and young people in our area. We also support local families and the broader community, offering services for adults of all ages. Here again, our focus is on offering services that are not accessible or otherwise available.

We fulfil our objectives through the following activities:

Youth

Youth clubs

Junior youth club, ages 8-11 (primary school age)

Senior youth club, ages 11-18 (secondary school age)

Youth outreach

Evening youth worker outreach in the town and at the skatepark

Youth music

The Phoenix youth band - weekly sessions and opportunities to perform in public at local events

School holiday activity days

Activity days in school holidays and half terms

School transition

Summentor project for young people moving into year 7 and older mentor volunteers

Young volunteers programme

Training and supporting senior worker volunteers to develop skills and help with running youth clubs

Mental Health

Mental health support for young people

One-to-one support for young people with open referral

Group support and open drop-in sessions in schools

Regular partner agency drop ins.

Adult counselling service

Provision of free adult counselling service

Supervision of trainee counsellors

Partnership working and referral

Joint working, protection and safeguarding of vulnerable young people, families adults

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Community

Community hub

Cafe Create weekly community coffee morning including craft/games

Hosting services including the Food Bank, Clothes Bank, Citizens Advice, ReadEasy adult literacy, Ripple young parent workshop, Health Visitors

Providing a space and support for small businesses running activities for the community including dance fit classes, Pilates, kickboxing and other organisations with a shared purpose

Community outreach and events

Outreach cafe, games and sports at the playing field on Saturday mornings

Community events and parties

Volunteering programme

Volunteering opportunities, training and volunteer network for adults

Community support

Ad hoc targeted support to alleviate poverty and address acute household issues, such as provision of essential furniture and equipment

Public benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Prout Bridge Project has achieved this are provided in this report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake. They do not consider that any of the Charity's activities cause any significant detriment or harm and believe that any private benefit arising from the activities is accidental.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income, from all sources, for the year ending 31 August 2024 was £135,570.

We endeavour to keep costs to a minimum so that as much money as possible can be used to further our charitable purpose - the majority of our expenditure is on our staff wages. We are grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who generously give their time and resources to help us keep our running costs down.

In this financial year only £4,634 was spent on fundraising. We are able to achieve this through the generosity of our trustee team in giving their time and expertise and from volunteer support. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Through careful financial management and consistent fundraising and grant proposal writing, the Charity has enough funds to support the projects it operates and those due to start shortly.

The Prout Bridge Project operates on a not-for-profit basis.

At the end of this financial year the charity held £47,592 in unrestricted funds, with a further £20,000 in designated funds for wind down costs.

The charity relies largely on grant funding and donations to operate, which can fluctuate from year to year.

At the end of the financial year, the charity also held restricted funds of £17,767 from grant funding received for activities that continue beyond our financial year.

Our reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year and the reserves policy is reviewed annually.

At the end of the financial year, free reserves totalled £39,263. Free reserves are defined as the charity's unrestricted funds, less any fixed assets and designated funds.

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern. Our income for the year is dependent on grant funding applications and fundraising, usually awarded in year. We therefore continue to prioritise this work to sustain our activities. Time spent by trustees and staff on grant applications and fundraising continues to increase. We are considering the recruitment of further resource to place our fund-raising activity on an increasingly professional footing.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are sought to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the charity, and to provide strong links with other local organisations including the Town Council, local churches and local businesses, as well as representing service users. We seek to be inclusive in our trustee recruitment and to bring diverse perspectives to the Board. The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statements of accounts, copies of all our policies and the Charity Commission Guide 'The Essential Trustee.'

Organisational structure

There must be at least four charity trustees, but not more than twelve. The Chair and Secretary roles are appointed annually. The usual term of service is four years for a trustee and two years as Chair. The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year, or as often as is necessary.

We employ a full-time Director and Youth Work Manager who manage a small team of sessional staff and co-ordinate a team of youth and adult volunteers, including a volunteer counsellor team. We also employ a part-time administrator. Our assistant youth work manager left in April 2023 and was not replaced.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operational running of the charity's work is delegated by the Trustees to the Director, and, through her, to the staff and volunteers. Budgetary control rests with the Director and the Treasurer.

Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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. The trustees support the Director to review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. Charity policies are reviewed annually. They are written and published with the aim of protecting the beneficiaries of the Charity, as well as the volunteers, paid staff and trustees. The policies set out the principles for interaction between paid staff, volunteers and beneficiaries, reducing risk to an acceptable level to protect the Charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169903

Principal address

6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

Trustees

Victoria Park - Secretary
Joanna Robins
Donna Berry
Richard Barker - Treasurer (appointed 5 September 2023)
Rebekah Hillman (appointed 7 November 2023)
Gillian Fearnough (appointed 10 December 2024)
Lindsay Noble (appointed 10 December 2024)
Angela Dupont MBE DL (appointed 10 December 2024, appointed Chair 16 January 2025)
Chris Sims (Treasurer, resigned 5 September 2023)
Bronwyn Ellis (resigned 5 September 2023)
Joy Edwards (resigned 2 September 2024)
Rev. Jo Neary (Chair, resigned 31 December 2024)

Place of Business

Prout Bridge Youth and Community Centre
6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
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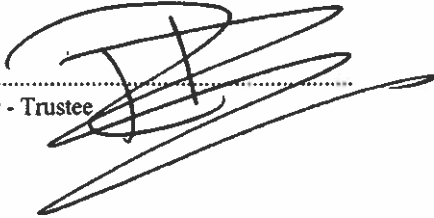
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Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25.02.25..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
R Barker - Trustee

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Prout Bridge Project**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Prout Bridge Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Prout Bridge Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA

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Date: 28 February 2025

Prout Bridge Project

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	71,362	41,996	113,358	115,059
Charitable activities					
Charitable		10,103	-	10,103	10,047
Other trading activities	4	10,295	-	10,295	19,879
Investment income	5	325	-	325	181
Other income		1,489	-	1,489	2,354
Total		<u>93,574</u>	<u>41,996</u>	<u>135,570</u>	<u>147,520</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,634	-	4,634	3,004
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>64,741</u>	<u>44,218</u>	<u>108,959</u>	<u>131,446</u>
Total		<u>69,375</u>	<u>44,218</u>	<u>113,593</u>	<u>134,450</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	<u>24,199</u> (8)	<u>(2,222)</u> 8	<u>21,977</u> -	<u>13,070</u> -
Net movement in funds		<u>24,191</u>	<u>(2,214)</u>	<u>21,977</u>	<u>13,070</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		43,401	19,981	63,382	50,312
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>67,592</u></u>	<u><u>17,767</u></u>	<u><u>85,359</u></u>	<u><u>63,382</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

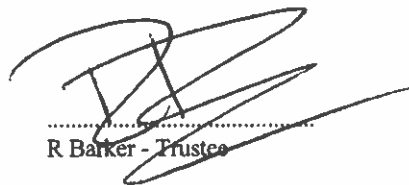
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**Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	8,329	-	8,329	13,665
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	408	-	408	779
Debtors	12	2,189	-	2,189	5,122
Cash at bank and in hand		58,596	17,767	76,363	46,927
		<u>61,193</u>	<u>17,767</u>	<u>78,960</u>	<u>52,828</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,930)	-	(1,930)	(3,111)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>59,263</u>	<u>17,767</u>	<u>77,030</u>	<u>49,717</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>67,592</u>	<u>17,767</u>	<u>85,359</u>	<u>63,382</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>67,592</u>	<u>17,767</u>	<u>85,359</u>	<u>63,382</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				67,592	43,401
Restricted funds				17,767	19,981
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>85,359</u>	<u>63,382</u>

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

25.02.25


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R Barker - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Prout Bridge Project
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1. LEGAL FORM

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution. The principal address can be found on the company information section of the report of the Trustees.

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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Government grants

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 5 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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 August 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

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

Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations & corporate sponsors	44,541	13,854
Grants	64,143	97,268
Subscriptions	4,674	3,937
	<u>113,358</u>	<u>115,059</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming Grants	<u>64,143</u>	<u>97,268</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,077	-
Bar sales	3,430	4,091
Room hire	5,788	15,788
	<u>10,295</u>	<u>19,879</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>325</u>	<u>181</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Charitable	<u>7,305</u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £1,680 for the year ended 31 August 2024 (2023 - £1,590).

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	76,384	104,704
Social security costs	1,586	2,179
	<u>77,970</u>	<u>106,883</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	6	9
Head Count	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	74,796	40,263	115,059
Charitable activities			
Charitable	-	10,047	10,047
Other trading activities	19,879	-	19,879
Investment income	181	-	181
Other income	2,354	-	2,354
Total	<u>97,210</u>	<u>50,310</u>	<u>147,520</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3,004	-	3,004
Charitable activities			
Charitable	91,556	39,890	131,446
Total	<u>94,560</u>	<u>39,890</u>	<u>134,450</u>
NET INCOME	2,650	10,420	13,070
Transfers between funds	(358)	358	-
Net movement in funds	2,292	10,778	13,070
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	41,109	9,203	50,312
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>43,401</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>63,382</u>

The above figures relate to the comparative year ended 31 August 2023.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	9,211	19,380	5,822	34,413
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	3,644	11,628	5,476	20,748
Charge for year	1,114	3,876	346	5,336
At 31 August 2024	4,758	15,504	5,822	26,084
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	4,453	3,876	-	8,329
At 31 August 2023	5,567	7,752	346	13,665

11. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	408	779

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	10	118
Other debtors	793	4,400
Prepayments	1,386	604
	2,189	5,122

Prout Bridge Project

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	210
Other creditors	-	1,311
Accruals and deferred income	1,930	1,590
	<u>1,930</u>	<u>3,111</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	24,401	24,199	(1,008)	47,592
Building	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Service Charge	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Wind-down	-	-	20,000	20,000
	<u>43,401</u>	<u>24,199</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>67,592</u>
Restricted funds				
Mental Health	7,948	(8,557)	6,383	5,774
DCF iwill	1,295	-	(1,295)	-
Dorest Council Youth Fund	-	(8)	8	-
Youth Outreach Services	4,531	(4,188)	-	343
Beaminster Food Bank	448	(267)	-	181
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	-	2,745	-	2,745
Mental Health - MH Cafe	5,088	-	(5,088)	-
Police Fund - Fix the Future	671	-	-	671
UK Youth	-	3,053	-	3,053
Dorset Council - West LAG	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>19,981</u>	<u>(2,222)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>17,767</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,382</u>	<u>21,977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,359</u>

Prout Bridge Project

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

14. 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	93,574	(69,375)	24,199
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	14,815	(23,372)	(8,557)
Dorset Council Youth Fund	4,400	(4,408)	(8)
Beaminster Charities Laptops	300	(300)	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	(4,188)	(4,188)
Beaminster Food Bank	736	(1,003)	(267)
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	2,745	-	2,745
Langridge Fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
UK Youth	10,000	(6,947)	3,053
Dorset Council - West LAG	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>41,996</u>	<u>(44,218)</u>	<u>(2,222)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>135,570</u>	<u>(113,593)</u>	<u>21,977</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,109	2,650	(358)	24,401
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
	<u>41,109</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>(358)</u>	<u>43,401</u>
Restricted funds				
Mental Health	2,006	5,942	-	7,948
DCF iwill	-	1,295	-	1,295
Youth Outreach Services	6,111	(1,580)	-	4,531
NLCF - A Place Called Home	1,086	(1,086)	-	-
Beaminster Food Bank	-	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	-	(358)	358	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	-	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	-	671	-	671
	<u>9,203</u>	<u>10,420</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>19,981</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>50,312</u>	<u>13,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,382</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

14. 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	89,210	(86,560)	2,650
Dorset Council - ORSF R2	8,000	(8,000)	-
	<u>97,210</u>	<u>(94,560)</u>	<u>2,650</u>
Restricted funds			
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Mental Health	16,772	(10,830)	5,942
DCF iwill	4,200	(2,905)	1,295
Wessex water	2,943	(2,943)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	(1,086)	(1,086)
Dorset Council - Beaminster School	5,219	(5,219)	-
Beaminster Food Bank	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	5,000	(5,358)	(358)
Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire	141	(141)	-
HAF Summer 2023	1,200	(1,200)	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	3,299	(2,628)	671
	<u>50,310</u>	<u>(39,890)</u>	<u>10,420</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>147,520</u>	<u>(134,450)</u>	<u>13,070</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,109	26,849	(1,366)	47,592
Building	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Service Charge	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Wind-down	-	-	20,000	20,000
	<u>41,109</u>	<u>26,849</u>	<u>(366)</u>	<u>67,592</u>
Restricted funds				
Mental Health	2,006	(2,615)	6,383	5,774
DCF iwill	-	1,295	(1,295)	-
Dorest Council Youth Fund	-	(8)	8	-
Youth Outreach Services	6,111	(5,768)	-	343
NLCF - A Place Called Home	1,086	(1,086)	-	-
Beaminster Food Bank	-	181	-	181
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	-	2,387	358	2,745
Mental Health - MH Cafe	-	5,088	(5,088)	-
Police Fund - Fix the Future	-	671	-	671
UK Youth	-	3,053	-	3,053
Dorset Council - West LAG	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>9,203</u>	<u>8,198</u>	<u>366</u>	<u>17,767</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>50,312</u>	<u>35,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,359</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	182,784	(155,935)	26,849
Dorset Council - ORSF R2	8,000	(8,000)	-
	<u>190,784</u>	<u>(163,935)</u>	<u>26,849</u>
Restricted funds			
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Mental Health	31,587	(34,202)	(2,615)
DCF iwill	4,200	(2,905)	1,295
Wessex water	2,943	(2,943)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	9,400	(9,408)	(8)
Beaminster Charities Laptops	300	(300)	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	(5,768)	(5,768)
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	(1,086)	(1,086)
Dorset Council - Beaminster School	5,219	(5,219)	-
Beaminster Food Bank	1,184	(1,003)	181
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	7,745	(5,358)	2,387
Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire	141	(141)	-
HAF Summer 2023	1,200	(1,200)	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	3,299	(2,628)	671
Langridge Fund	4,000	(4,000)	-
UK Youth	10,000	(6,947)	3,053
Dorset Council - West LAG	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>92,306</u>	<u>(84,108)</u>	<u>8,198</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>283,090</u>	<u>(248,043)</u>	<u>35,047</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mental Health

Restricted funding to deliver mental health support sessions for younger people. This is funded by multiple funders.

DCF iwill

Restricted funding to deliver mentoring support for children going into secondary education.

Dorset Council Youth Fund

Restricted funding to offer Youth Clubs and other activities that support the council's family plan.

Youth outreach services

For the provision of Youth club and outreach services. This is funded by multiple funders including Dorset Council and Beaminster town council.

Prout Bridge Project

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

NLCF - A place called home

Restricted funding for the purchase and installation of soft play equipment & coffee bar renovations.

The D'oyly Carte

Restricted Funding for equipment for the Phoenix Youthband.

Wessex Water

Restricted funding for Director & F,F & A Officer - 3.5 hours a week for each position to focus on future funding for Prout Bridge Project.

Dorset Council - Beaminster School

Funding to offer services 1 day a week at Beaminster Secondary School.

Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park

Restricted funding for youth work & outreach around Beaminster skatepark.

Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire

Restricted funding to cover the cost of town hall hire for PBP Extravaganza Evening.

HAF Summer 2023

Restricted funding to cover the cost of places for HAF children to attend activities in the summer holidays.

Mental Health - MH Café

Restricted funding for Young Persons & Families mental health drop in Café.

Police Fund - Fix the Future

Restricted funding to take young people to access Bridport Leisure Centre and there facilities.

Dorset Council Youth Fund

Restricted funding to fund staff for Saturday morning outreach sessions at Beaminster Skate Park and Senior Youth Club starting September 2023

UK Youth

Restricted funding to pay staff wages to support continued delivery of a range of activities for young people.

Beaminster Food Bank

Restricted funding to provide a hot meal for all young people attending Senior Youth Club, held during term time.

Langridge

Restricted funding to support ongoing delivery of youth work services.

Dorset Council West LAG

Restricted funding to cover costs of staff for Senior Youth club for two terms starting September 2024.

Beaminster Charities Laptops

Restricted funding to pay for a laptop for young person to support education needs

Purpose of Designated Funds

Wind-down Fund

£20,000 has been designated to ensure that the charity has sufficient funds in the event of needing to wind down.

Prout Bridge Project

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Dorset Council - ORSF R2

Designated funding to support the running of the charity.

Transfers between funds

A transfer of funds between the Dorset Council - Youth Fund and the General Fund has occurred to cover the overspend in the year.

A transfer of funds between the Wind-down Fund and the Building, Service and General Funds has occurred to cover the costs in the event of the charity needing to wind down.

The DCF - iWill, Mental Health - MH Cafe, Mental Health - Targeted Support and DCF Neighbourhood Fund were transferred in to the Mental Health fund as they were for similar restricted purposes.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period a grant of £416 (2023: £448) was received from Beaminster Foodbank, where two of the trustees also serve as trustees.

Prout Bridge Project

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations & corporate sponsors	44,541	13,854
Grants	64,143	97,268
Subscriptions	4,674	3,937
	113,358	115,059
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	1,077	-
Bar sales	3,430	4,091
Room hire	5,788	15,788
	10,295	19,879
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	325	181
Charitable activities		
One to One's	10,103	10,047
Other income		
Other Income	1,489	2,354
Total incoming resources	135,570	147,520
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Opening stock	779	-
Coffee Bar purchases	4,263	3,783
Closing stock	(408)	(779)
	4,634	3,004
Charitable activities		
Wages	76,384	104,704
Social security	1,586	2,179
Insurance	1,706	1,236
Telephone	1,597	2,356
Postage and stationery	1,417	1,141
Advertising & Website expense	60	527
Sundries	3,323	3,215
Carried forward	86,073	115,358

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	86,073	115,358
Repairs, maintenance & Small Equipment	887	3,567
Cleaning	13	-
Subscriptions and licenses	-	318
Activity Day expenses	1,206	176
Arts & Crafts	304	317
Travel & Mileage	756	891
Staff training & Welfare	1,012	1,081
Vehicle expenses	751	1,913
Events	1,972	-
Band	52	-
Cafe Create	634	-
Counselling	1,613	-
Group work	1,046	-
Fixtures and fittings	1,113	1,392
Motor vehicles	3,876	3,876
Computer equipment	346	742
	<u>101,654</u>	<u>129,631</u>
Support costs		
Human resources		
HR and recruitment	-	225
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	7,305	1,590
	<u>113,593</u>	<u>134,450</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>21,977</u>	<u>13,070</u>
Net income		

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Prout Bridge Project

England & Wales - Charity number 1169903

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169903

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023
for
Prout Bridge Project**

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Prout Bridge Project

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Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chair's Report

The Prout Bridge Project charity provides:

- Youth work and clubs for children and young people.
- Mental health and wellbeing support for young people.
- A counselling service for adults.
- Community development and activities for people of all ages.

We operate in rural West Dorset from the small town of Beaminster with beneficiaries also drawn from local villages and from South Somerset and East Devon. Our local area is beautiful and lots of people come here for their holidays. But it can be a tough place to live for many households with low wages, high housing costs, limited public transport and employment opportunities and rural isolation leading to relatively high levels of poverty and social deprivation and poor mental health.

The Prout Bridge Project is a local cornerstone charity, nurturing the physical, mental and emotional well-being of children, young people and adults.

Multiple essential services are housed under one roof in a welcoming community centre, used by hundreds of people every week, including:

- Safe and supportive youth clubs where our young people can thrive, in sports, music, art, outdoor and other activities. Physical activities on offer include football, hockey, basketball, rounders, badminton, tennis, table tennis, scooters, skateboarding, running and games. We also have a youth band - the Phoenix.
- Experienced youth worker mental health support in schools and one-to-one sessions for young people who are struggling + outreach in the town, skatepark and surrounding villages
- A free adult counselling service for anyone over 16 that people can turn to in crisis and time of need
- A community hub, bringing people together in local social, sports and craft groups + a baby and parent group, providing a safe warm space, and giving easy access to the Food Bank, Citizens Advice, Read Easy adult literacy and the Bridport Clothing Bank.

This financial year we continue to see a high demand for our services. Loneliness and isolation continue to be a challenge locally and we have high demand for services that support mental health and well-being. The cost-of-living crisis is also affecting many in our communities. Many young people and households in our area are barely coping, and the need for support is huge.

Our financial challenge this year has been to continue to meet our fundraising targets to continue to support our activities and our staff levels following expansion last year. This has been difficult.

Through fundraising and support from grants we have ensured all our services and activities remain accessible to all and are either free or offered at a highly-discounted rate. At a time when waiting lists for other mental health services are many months long, our targeted youth support service is there for young people and our counselling service is open to anyone and free to use. We currently have waiting lists for both these services. Our youth clubs are very busy and at capacity, providing a safe warm place for young people to come and socialise, take part in activities and talk to youth workers. Through the relationships and trust we have built in the community, and by working closely with other local organisations and service providers, we are able to connect young people and families to support such as the food bank and Citizens Advice, making support more accessible to those who might otherwise struggle to come forward.

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We have an excellent reputation for the positive impact we have, empowering young people, improving mental health for people of all ages and providing affordable activities and opportunities. 9 out of 10 users of the Prout Bridge Project rate the service as "good", "very good" or "excellent."

Recent testimonials from service users include:

. "I volunteer because it teaches me to work out money, and socialise and this helps with my anxiety"
- Junior Club Attendee.

"I enjoyed talking about things that I'm usually unable to tell others. Good advice on how to deal with problems"
- Young Person's comment on 1:1 Youth Mental Health Support Sessions.

"I would be sat at home doing nothing if I didn't come to youth club"
- Senior Club Attendee

"The Prout Bridge Project has been a life saver by supporting us through challenging mental health issues caused by trauma. I've been incredibly impressed by the variety of services they offer - and which has been impossible to get elsewhere. Thank you." - family of service user.

"To say I would not be here today without the help from the counselling I had would be an understatement." - adult counselling service user.

We would like to thank all our supporters, including Beaminster Town Council, Dorset Council and Dorset Community Foundation; the Garfield Weston Foundation; Beaminster Charities, the Co-op Local Community Fund; The National Lottery Community Fund; Arnold Clark Community Fund, Magdalen Hospital Trust and The Post Code Lottery Trust; our corporate partners the Ollerod, Mayfair, Multiform Technologies and Tangerine; our community business partners Bowes Brooks, J Branton Property Maintenance, Cilla & Camilla, Chris Park Landscape Services, SurveyorLink and Tim Carstairs Construction; our Prout Bridge Project Patrons, and all the local businesses and individual donors and fundraisers who make it possible for us to continue to do the work we do in our community. Without your support we would not be here.

To find out more please visit our website www.proutbridgeproject.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the Charity is:

1) to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people aged 8 to 25 living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their condition of life and by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals, and

2) to advance community development and prevent social exclusion for the public benefit of people of all ages living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by offering activities, services, recreational facilities and volunteering opportunities designed to improve their condition of life.

Our specific objectives are to:

1) Offer an inclusive, affordable and varied programme of activities, so that people of all ages in Beaminster and the surrounding area feel they have access to fulfilling things to do including (but not limited to) arts, music, crafts, sport, dance, fitness, learning, culture and heritage.

2) Fight loneliness, social isolation and intergenerational divides by providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and of all ages to come together socially, participate in their community, make friends and support each other.

3) Support people to feel mentally well, achieve healthy lifestyles, be independent, and develop skills that will help them thrive.

4) Develop a sustainable long- term project which supports the local Community, responding to evolving needs and delivering activities, services and facilities that people want by regularly consulting with the community and local organisations and service providers.

5) Operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other charitable and community organisations which share the same objectives.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant and Charitable activities

We fulfil our objectives through the following activities:

For children and young people

Youth clubs

We offer youth clubs for different ages across several nights of the week. Youth clubs provide a safe space to socialise, build confidence and try new things for all children and young people, and allow them to build trusted relationships with qualified youth workers who are there to provide support, information and a judgement-free environment for talking issues through whenever there is a need. They also provide a safe route into further support for young people and their families when needed. Our youth club sessions are attended by 40 -80 young people in each session, depending on the number of staff, number of young people, appropriate ratios and safety within the building.

Music

We run a youth band which rehearses weekly and performs locally. The focus is on building confidence and empowering young people to work in a team and strengthen confidence through performing and building new skills.

Targeted youth mental health support

We provide one-to-one and group-based targeted support to young people on a referral basis to address a range of issues including low self-esteem, bullying, relationships and sexuality, family breakdown and bereavement. Qualified and highly experienced youth workers offer support, giving children and young people the opportunity to be listened to, challenged and advocated for so that they can recognise and manage their emotions empowering them to make improvements in their lives. We also run mental health peer-support and resilience groups.

Sexual health and relationships support

We run lunch-time relationships drop-ins at the local secondary school, as well as hosting regular LGBT+ support sessions run by the Space Youth Project. Our youth workers are certified to provide sexual health information and safe condom issuing.

Youth work outreach

Working from our mobile outreach vehicle, our youth workers offer activities and drop-in support in the local skatepark and at local village playing fields and playgrounds throughout the term time and in the holidays. We have worked in partnership with our local church to provide activities alongside their summer pop up toddler group in the local park. We continue to aspire towards offering satellite youth clubs in the villages.

Youth volunteering

We offer several different volunteering opportunities for young people including working as youth activity leaders and being part of our eco volunteer group.

School holiday activity provision

We run well-attended, affordable activity days and trips in the school holidays. We know that some of the young people we work with and their families find the holidays difficult (particularly those who have access to free school meals in term time). We provide lunch for £1 and can link into the Food Bank and other support services when needed.

Short term projects

Depending on funding we can offer short term activities for our young people such as projects around physical health and sport, gardening and well being projects. These are funded by specific grant applications and led by our experienced staff.

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For People of All Ages

Counselling service

We operate a counselling service for adults and young people in Beaminster and the surrounding area. The service is provided by volunteer counsellors who are members of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP) or another professional organisation, and currently takes place by phone. Anyone can refer themselves to the service and there is no charge for counselling sessions. At a time when mental health services are under huge pressure, we are very fortunate to be able to provide this service and we are hugely grateful to the counselling professionals who generously give their time.

Accessible activities for people of all ages

We offer activities for people of all ages responding to local need from our Prout Bridge community hub building in Beaminster. Activities have included a family soft-play session, family events, yoga and adult fitness, toddler group for young parents and community coffee and craft mornings. The activities vary at different times of year and depending on what we can make available. They are open to everyone and are either free or affordably priced.

Building a community hub

We run the Prout Bridge community building under a lease from Dorset Council. Our vision is that the building is run by the community for the community and becomes a thriving hub accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. We provide rooms to hire at affordable rates for groups, clubs and families. We host other services including the Citizens Advice, the Police, midwives and health visitors and specialist services such as the Shores, supporting victims of rape and sexual assault. We are also working closely with the local GP practice social prescribing team to expand community health and wellbeing provision. We host Beaminster Foodbank and Bridport Clothing bank to provide support for food and clothing poverty. This year we hosted a community event to promote volunteering in the town. Our work with local partners is strong and is always increasing.

Public benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Prout Bridge Project has achieved this are provided in this report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake. They do not consider that any of the Charity's activities cause any significant detriment or harm and believe that any private benefit arising from the activities is accidental.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income, from all sources, for the year ending 31 August 2023 was £147,520.

We endeavour to keep costs to a minimum so that as much money as possible can be used to further our charitable purpose - the majority of our expenditure is on our staff wages. We are grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who generously give their time and resources to help us keep our running costs down.

In this financial year only £3,004 was spent on fundraising. We are able to achieve this through the generosity of our trustee team in giving their time and expertise and from volunteer support. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and commitment.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Through careful financial management and consistent fundraising and grant proposal writing, the Charity has enough funds to support the projects it operates and those due to start shortly.

The Prout Bridge Project operates on a not-for-profit basis.

At the end of this financial year the charity held £43,401 in unrestricted funds.

The charity relies largely on grant funding and donations to operate, which can fluctuate from year to year. The remainder of our reserves £24,401, held in a general fund, provide some scope for us to manage these fluctuations, and to pilot new approaches that are not covered by the restricted funds.

At the end of the financial year, the charity also held restricted funds of £19,981 from grant funding received for activities that continue beyond our financial year, in particular youth mental health support and youth outreach.

Our reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year and the reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern. Our income for the year is dependent on grant funding applications and fundraising, usually awarded in year. We therefore continue to prioritise this work to sustain our activities. Time spent by trustees and staff on grant applications and fundraising continues to increase. We are considering the recruitment of further resource to place our fund-raising activity on an increasingly professional footing.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are sought to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the charity, and to provide strong links with other local organisations including the Town Council, local churches and local businesses, as well as representing service users. We seek to be inclusive in our trustee recruitment and to bring diverse perspectives to the Board. The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statements of accounts, copies of all our policies and the Charity Commission Guide 'The Essential Trustee.'

Organisational structure

There must be at least four charity trustees, but not more than twelve. The Chair and Secretary roles are appointed annually. The usual term of service is four years for a trustee and two years as Chair. The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year, or as often as is necessary.

We employ a full-time Director and Youth Work Manager who manage a small team of sessional staff and co-ordinate a team of youth and adult volunteers, including a volunteer counsellor team. We also employ a part-time administrator. Our assistant youth work manager left in April 2023 and was not replaced.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operational running of the charity's work is delegated by the Trustees to the Director, and, through her, to the staff and volunteers. Budgetary control rests with the Director and the Treasurer.

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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. The trustees support the Director to review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis. Charity policies are reviewed annually. They are written and published with the aim of protecting the beneficiaries of the Charity, as well as the volunteers, paid staff and trustees. The policies set out the principles for interaction between paid staff, volunteers and beneficiaries, reducing risk to an acceptable level to protect the Charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169903

Principal address

6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

Trustees

Joanna Robins (Phillips) - Chair to 5 December 2022
Rev. Jo Neary - Chair from 5 December 2022
Victoria Park - Secretary
Chris Sims (resigned 5 September 2023)
Joy Edwards
Nicholas Hollery (resigned 20 April 2023)
Donna Berry (appointed 11 October 2022)
Bronwyn Ellis (appointed 28 February 2023) (resigned 5 September 2023)
Richard Barker - Treasurer (appointed 5 September 2023)
Rebecca Hillman (appointed 5 September 2023)

Place of Business

Prout Bridge Youth and Community Centre
6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

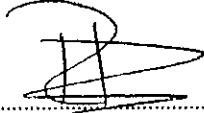
Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25/01/2024..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
B Barker - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Prout Bridge Project**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Prout Bridge Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Prout Bridge Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2023.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA

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Date: 26 January 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	74,796	40,263	115,059	85,570
Charitable activities					
Charitable		-	10,047	10,047	5,350
Other trading activities	4	19,879	-	19,879	20,345
Investment income	5	181	-	181	9
Other income		2,354	-	2,354	284
Total		<u>97,210</u>	<u>50,310</u>	<u>147,520</u>	<u>111,558</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		3,004	-	3,004	4,161
Charitable activities					
Charitable		91,556	39,890	131,446	121,536
Total		<u>94,560</u>	<u>39,890</u>	<u>134,450</u>	<u>125,697</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	2,650 (358)	10,420 358	13,070 -	(14,139) -
Net movement in funds		2,292	10,778	13,070	(14,139)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		41,109	9,203	50,312	64,451
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>43,401</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>63,382</u>	<u>50,312</u>

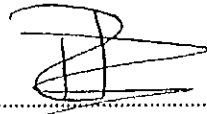
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Prout Bridge Project
Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	13,665	-	13,665	18,405
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	779	-	779	-
Debtors	12	5,122	-	5,122	708
Cash at bank and in hand		26,946	19,981	46,927	33,565
		<u>32,847</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>52,828</u>	<u>34,273</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,111)	-	(3,111)	(2,366)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>29,736</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>49,717</u>	<u>31,907</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>43,401</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>63,382</u>	<u>50,312</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>43,401</u>	<u>19,981</u>	<u>63,382</u>	<u>50,312</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				43,401	41,109
Restricted funds				19,981	9,203
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>63,382</u>	<u>50,312</u>

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

25/01/2024


.....
B. Barker - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. LEGAL FORM

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution. The principal address can be found on the company information section of the report of the Trustees.

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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Government grants

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 5 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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 August 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Debtors

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

Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations & corporate sponsors	13,854	16,331
Grants	97,268	64,768
Subscriptions	3,937	4,471
	<u>115,059</u>	<u>85,570</u>

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Incoming Grants	<u>97,268</u>	<u>64,768</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bar sales	4,091	4,305
Room hire	15,788	16,040
	<u>19,879</u>	<u>20,345</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	181	9
	<u>181</u>	<u>9</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Human resources	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable	225	1,590	1,815
	<u>225</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>1,815</u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £1,590 for the year ended 31 August 2023 (2022 - £1,500).

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	104,704	89,902
Social security costs	2,179	674
Other pension costs	-	73
	<u>106,883</u>	<u>90,649</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	Head Count	Head Count
Head Count	9	9
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	51,247	34,323	85,570
Charitable activities			
Charitable	5,350	-	5,350
Other trading activities	20,345	-	20,345
Investment income	9	-	9
Other income	284	-	284
Total	<u>77,235</u>	<u>34,323</u>	<u>111,558</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,161	-	4,161
Charitable activities			
Charitable	82,146	39,390	121,536
Total	<u>86,307</u>	<u>39,390</u>	<u>125,697</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,072)	(5,067)	(14,139)
Transfers between funds	4,602	(4,602)	-
Net movement in funds	(4,470)	(9,669)	(14,139)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	45,579	18,872	64,451
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>41,109</u></u>	<u><u>9,203</u></u>	<u><u>50,312</u></u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2022	7,943	19,380	5,822	33,145
Additions	1,268	-	-	1,268
At 31 August 2023	9,211	19,380	5,822	34,413
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2022	2,253	7,752	4,735	14,740
Charge for year	1,391	3,876	741	6,008
At 31 August 2023	3,644	11,628	5,476	20,748
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2023	5,567	7,752	346	13,665
At 31 August 2022	5,690	11,628	1,087	18,405

11. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	779	-

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	118	-
Other debtors	4,400	-
Prepayments	604	708
	5,122	708

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	210	-
Other creditors	1,311	866
Accruals and deferred income	1,590	1,500
	<u>3,111</u>	<u>2,366</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,109	2,650	(358)	24,401
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
	<u>41,109</u>	<u>2,650</u>	<u>(358)</u>	<u>43,401</u>
Restricted funds				
Mental Health	2,006	5,942	-	7,948
DCF iwill	-	1,295	-	1,295
Youth Outreach Services	6,111	(1,580)	-	4,531
NLCF - A Place Called Home	1,086	(1,086)	-	-
Beaminster Food Bank	-	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	-	(358)	358	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	-	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	-	671	-	671
	<u>9,203</u>	<u>10,420</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>19,981</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>50,312</u>	<u>13,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,382</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. 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	89,210	(86,560)	2,650
Dorset Council - ORSF R2	8,000	(8,000)	-
	<u>97,210</u>	<u>(94,560)</u>	<u>2,650</u>
Restricted funds			
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Mental Health	16,772	(10,830)	5,942
DCF iwill	4,200	(2,905)	1,295
Wessex water	2,943	(2,943)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	(1,086)	(1,086)
Dorset Council - Beaminster School	5,219	(5,219)	-
Beaminster Food Bank	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	5,000	(5,358)	(358)
Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire	141	(141)	-
HAF Summer 2023	1,200	(1,200)	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	3,299	(2,628)	671
	<u>50,310</u>	<u>(39,890)</u>	<u>10,420</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>147,520</u>	<u>(134,450)</u>	<u>13,070</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,073	(8,566)	4,602	22,109
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	506	(506)	-	-
	<u>45,579</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>4,602</u>	<u>41,109</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	(770)	-
Mental Health	16,930	(14,924)	-	2,006
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	(960)	-	-
Made by Sports (DCF)	212	(212)	-	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	6,111	-	6,111
Projector	-	419	(419)	-
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	4,499	(3,413)	1,086
	<u>18,872</u>	<u>(5,067)</u>	<u>(4,602)</u>	<u>9,203</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,451</u>	<u>(14,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,312</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,235	(85,801)	(8,566)
Outreach Vehicle	-	(506)	(506)
	<u>77,235</u>	<u>(86,307)</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	5,542	(20,466)	(14,924)
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	(960)	(960)
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	(212)	(212)
Youth Outreach Services	23,200	(17,089)	6,111
Projector	419	-	419
NLCF - A Place Called Home	5,000	(501)	4,499
Christmas Presents	162	(162)	-
	<u>34,323</u>	<u>(39,390)</u>	<u>(5,067)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>111,558</u>	<u>(125,697)</u>	<u>(14,139)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,073	(5,916)	4,244	24,401
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	506	(506)	-	-
	<u>45,579</u>	<u>(6,422)</u>	<u>4,244</u>	<u>43,401</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	(770)	-
Mental Health	16,930	(8,982)	-	7,948
DCF iwill	-	1,295	-	1,295
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	(960)	-	-
Made by Sports (DCF)	212	(212)	-	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	4,531	-	4,531
Projector	-	419	(419)	-
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	3,413	(3,413)	-
Beaminster Food Bank	-	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	-	(358)	358	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	-	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	-	671	-	671
	<u>18,872</u>	<u>5,353</u>	<u>(4,244)</u>	<u>19,981</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,451</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,382</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	166,445	(172,361)	(5,916)
Outreach Vehicle	-	(506)	(506)
Dorset Council - ORSF R2	8,000	(8,000)	-
	<u>174,445</u>	<u>(180,867)</u>	<u>(6,422)</u>
Restricted funds			
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Mental Health	22,314	(31,296)	(8,982)
DCF iwill	4,200	(2,905)	1,295
Wessex water	2,943	(2,943)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	(960)	(960)
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	(212)	(212)
Youth Outreach Services	23,200	(18,669)	4,531
Projector	419	-	419
NLCF - A Place Called Home	5,000	(1,587)	3,413
Christmas Presents	162	(162)	-
Dorset Council - Beaminster School	5,219	(5,219)	-
Beaminster Food Bank	448	-	448
Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park	5,000	(5,358)	(358)
Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire	141	(141)	-
HAF Summer 2023	1,200	(1,200)	-
Mental Health - MH Cafe	5,088	-	5,088
Police Fund - Fix the Future	3,299	(2,628)	671
	<u>84,633</u>	<u>(79,280)</u>	<u>5,353</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>259,078</u>	<u>(260,147)</u>	<u>(1,069)</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Mental Health

Restricted funding to deliver mental health support sessions for younger people. This is funded by multiple funders.

DCF iwill

Restricted funding to deliver mentoring support for children going into secondary education.

Dorset Council Youth Fund

Restricted funding to offer Youth Clubs and other activities that support the council's family plan.

Youth outreach services

For the provision of Youth club and outreach services. This is funded by multiple funders including Dorset Council and Beaminster town council.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

NLCF - A place called home

Restricted funding for the purchase and installation of soft play equipment & coffee bar renovations.

The D'oyly Carte

Restricted Funding for equipment for the Phoenix Youthband.

Wessex Water

Restricted funding for Director & F,F & A Officer - 3.5 hours a week for each position to focus on future funding for Prout Bridge Project.

Dorset Council - Beaminster School

Funding to offer services 1 day a week at Beaminster Secondary School.

Beaminster Food Bank

Restricted funding to offer a free hot meal at Senior Club during the Autumn 2023 term.

Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park

Restricted funding for youth work & outreach around Beaminster skatepark.

Beaminster Town Council - Room Hire

Restricted funding to cover the cost of town hall hire for PBP Extravaganza Evening.

HAF Summer 2023

Restricted funding to cover the cost of places for HAF children to attend activities in the summer holidays.

Mental Health - MH Café

Restricted funding for Young Persons & Families mental health drop in Café.

Police Fund - Fix the Future

Restricted Funding to offer take young people to access Bridport Leisure Centre and there facilities.

Comic Relief Small Capacity Building

Restricted funding to deliver Trustee Training and Social media and website development support and coaching.

Made by Sports (Dorset Community Fund)

Restricted funding for the purchase of Skateboards & Scooters.

Projector

Restricted funding to cover the cost of purchasing a projector for the charity.

Christmas Presents

Restricted funding to cover the cost of Christmas Presents for Christmas Grotto at Beaminster Christmas Lights.

Sport England

Restricted for the purchase of dance equipment.

Purpose of Designated Funds

Building - Has been designated towards the future funding into the Prout Bridge Community building when our occupancy is more secure.

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Service - Designated to fund a possible service charge for the building. The amount is unknown so trustee's have designated £4,000 as an estimate of what they might be expected to pay.

Outreach Vehicle - Designated funding for purchase of Outreach Vehicle, to equip it and to offer outreach work.

Dorset Council - ORSF R2

Designated funding to support the running of the charity.

Transfers between funds

A transfer of funds between the Beaminster Town Council - Lottery Skate Park Fund and the General Fund has occurred to cover the overspend in the year.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169903

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022
for
Prout Bridge Project**

Ward Goodman
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Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chair's Report

The Prout Bridge Project charity provides:

- youth work and clubs for children and young people
- mental health and wellbeing support for people of all ages
- community development and activities for people of all ages.

We operate in rural West Dorset from the small town of Beaminster with beneficiaries also drawn from South Somerset and East Devon. Our local area is beautiful and lots of people come here for their holidays. But it can be a tough place to live for many households with low wages, high housing costs, limited public transport and employment opportunities and rural isolation leading to relatively high levels of poverty and social deprivation and poor mental health.

This financial year we have seen the highest demand we have ever known for our services. As the country has been coming out of the pandemic, it has become clearer how much people's mental health has been adversely impacted by the anxiety and restrictions of the Covid period, and the extent to which people have been struggling with loneliness and isolation. We now add to these challenges a cost-of-living crisis. Many young people and households in our area are barely coping, and the need for support is huge.

We have raised additional funds and grown our staff team to increase our provision to attempt to meet these higher levels of need. Through fundraising and support from grants we have ensured all our services and activities remain accessible to all and are either free or offered at a highly-discounted rate. At a time when waiting lists for other mental health services are many months long, our targeted youth work support is there for young people and our counselling service is open to anyone and free to use. We currently have waiting lists for both these services. Our youth clubs are very busy and at capacity, providing a safe warm place for young people to come and socialise, take part in activities and talk to youth workers. Through the relationships and trust we have built in the community, and by working closely with other local organisations and service providers, we are able to connect young people and families to support such as the food bank and Citizens Advice, making support more accessible to those who might otherwise struggle to come forward.

We have an excellent reputation for the positive impact we have, empowering young people, improving mental health for people of all ages and providing affordable activities and opportunities. 9 out of 10 users of the Prout Bridge Project rate the service as "good", "very good" or "excellent."

Recent testimonials from service users include:

- I started coming to youth club when I was 8 - it was fun and gave me something to do - it got me away from people and it was the only thing I really did. Youth Club gave me a place where I could be who I am, be myself and not have to hide. In March 2021 I started having 1:1 support because I tried to top myself, I was self-harming a lot and life had just got too much. 1:1 sessions allowed me to get something off my chest to someone who cared about what was happening. I still come to Youth Club - it is a happy place where I can talk about randomness. People won't care and I can be free from anything. It is one big family not a club run by adults who just let people in. It's a family who care for each other.
- By coming to Youth Club I became more confident and found it easier to get along with people. I started as a senior worker when I was in year 8. It was fun, I loved it, I got experience in all different things, art, sport, the coffee bar. It taught me a lot of things about growing up - being round adults and working with them.
- Having youth workers to talk to, built my confidence and really helped me when I was struggling - like at school. Youth Club was a safe space where I got to know youth workers which meant I could trust them and talk about anything. When I moved schools, youth workers helped me to talk about my anxiety and built up my confidence, do more things and talk to more people.

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- When I was 16 I became a paid worker at the Youth Club working behind the coffee bar. I felt really proud that I had got to that point. Working behind the coffee bar taught me about stock taking and how to work under pressure which is really important for the future. I was also able to talk to the younger ones if they needed someone to talk to. Since working at youth club, I became more confident in myself, more responsible and more able to get a job. At youth club you learn a lot that you don't learn at school
- I am a survivor of sexual assault, physical abuse, attempted suicide, these are some of the hells I have lived through. When I was about thirteen my parents got a divorce. I didn't really have the emotional skills to cope with this, I didn't have anyone that understood what that was like, to talk to me or tell me I was safe, especially when my mother and brother physically assaulted me. I went to school with self-harm cuts only to get bullied for the horrible things that had happened to me. I didn't know how to overcome this and I would go between complete avoidance and self-punishment, I felt like I didn't deserve to breathe or eat. I was fortunate to find [youth worker name] at Youth Club or rather she found me crying with cuts on my arms, she taught me the importance of caring for myself. I finally had a space where I was safe. It took several years for me to believe that I was worth loving, during that time I had check ins, meetings, emergency calls, therapy and some people that cared about seeing me happy again. I wouldn't be alive today if it wasn't for the compassionate dedicated heroes that the Youth Club and the Prout Bridge Project has. I was able to talk to team members about the really difficult things, work on plans to combat my mental health struggles and connecting me to more people that can help me. From my issues at school, to growing now as a functional adult who has got himself back on track with their help, I owe so much to them.

We would like to thank all our supporters, including Beaminster Town Council, Dorset Council and Dorset Community Foundation; the Garfield Weston Foundation; Beaminster Charities, the Co-op Local Community Fund; The National Lottery Community Fund; Arnold Clark Community Fund, Magdalen Hospital Trust and The Post Code Lottery Trust; our corporate partners the Ollerod, Mayfair, Multiform Technologies and Tangerine; our community business partners Bowes Brooks, J Braunton Property Maintenance, Cilla & Camilla, Chris Park Landscape Services, SurveyorLink and Tim Carstairs Construction; our Prout Bridge Project Patrons, and all the local businesses and individual donors and fundraisers who make it possible for us to continue to do the work we do in our community. Without your support we would not be here.

To find out more please visit our website www.proutbridgeproject.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the Charity is:

1) to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people aged 8 to 25 living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their condition of life and by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals, and

2) to advance community development and prevent social exclusion for the public benefit of people of all ages living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by offering activities, services, recreational facilities and volunteering opportunities designed to improve their condition of life.

Our specific objectives are to:

1) Offer an inclusive, affordable and varied programme of activities, so that people of all ages in Beaminster and the surrounding area feel they have access to fulfilling things to do including (but not limited to) arts, music, crafts, sport, dance, fitness, learning, culture and heritage.

2) Fight loneliness, social isolation and intergenerational divides by providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and of all ages to come together socially, participate in their community, make friends and support each other.

3) Support people to feel mentally well, achieve healthy lifestyles, be independent, and develop skills that will help them thrive.

4) Develop a sustainable long- term project which supports the local Community, responding to evolving needs and delivering activities, services and facilities that people want by regularly consulting with the community and local organisations and service providers.

5) Operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other charitable and community organisations which share the same objectives.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant and Charitable activities

We fulfil our objectives through the following activities:

For children and young people

Youth clubs

We offer youth clubs for different ages across several nights of the week. Youth clubs provide a safe space to socialise, build confidence and try new things for all children and young people, and allow them to build trusted relationships with qualified youth workers who are there to provide support, information and a judgement-free environment for talking issues through whenever there is a need. They also provide a safe route into further support for young people and their families when needed. Each youth club is attended by 40-50 young people (the maximum we can accommodate in the building).

Music and dance

We run regular toddler, child and youth dance lessons and a youth band which rehearses weekly. Both the dance groups and band perform regularly at local public events. The focus is on building confidence and empowering young people to feel healthier and more fulfilled.

Targeted youth mental health support

We provide one-to-one and group-based targeted support to young people on a referral basis to address a range of issues including low self-esteem, bullying, relationships and sexuality, family breakdown and bereavement. Qualified and highly experienced youth workers offer support, giving children and young people the opportunity to be listened to, challenged and advocated for so that they can recognise and manage their emotions empowering them to make improvements in their lives. We also run mental health peer-support and resilience groups.

Sexual health and relationships support

We run lunch-time relationships drop-ins at the local secondary school, as well as hosting regular LGBT+ support sessions run by the Space Youth Project. Our youth workers are certified to provide sexual health information and safe condom issuing.

School behavioural and attendance support

We work closely with the local schools and have been supporting an increasing number of young people who have found it hard to return to school after the lockdowns. We have also been running behavioural support in one secondary school.

Youth work outreach

Working from our mobile outreach vehicle, our youth workers offer activities and drop-in support in the local skatepark and at local village playing fields and playgrounds throughout the term time and in the holidays. We are working towards offering satellite youth clubs in the villages.

Youth volunteering

We offer several different volunteering opportunities for young people including working as youth activity leaders and being part of our eco volunteer group.

School holiday activity provision

We run well-attended, affordable activity days and trips in the school holidays. We know that some of the young people we work with and their families find the holidays difficult (particularly those who have access to free school meals in term time). We provide lunch for £1 and can link into the Food Bank and other support services when needed.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

For people of all ages

Counselling service

We operate a counselling service for adults and young people in Beaminster and the surrounding area. The service is provided by volunteer counsellors who are members of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP) or another professional organisation, and currently takes place by phone. Anyone can refer themselves to the service and there is no charge for counselling sessions. At a time when mental health services are under huge pressure, we are very fortunate to be able to provide this service and we are hugely grateful to the counselling professionals who generously give their time.

Accessible activities for people of all ages

We offer activities for people of all ages responding to local need from our Prout Bridge community hub building in Beaminster. Activities have included a family soft-play session, family events, yoga and adult fitness and community coffee and craft mornings. The activities vary at different times of year and depending on what we can make available. They are open to everyone and are either free or affordably priced.

Building a community hub

We run the Prout Bridge community building under a lease from Dorset Council. Our vision is that the building is run by the community for the community and becomes a thriving hub accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. We provide rooms to hire at affordable rates for groups, clubs and families. We host other services including the Mountjoy School, Citizens Advice, the Police, midwives and health visitors and specialist services such as the Shores, supporting victims of rape and sexual assault. We are also working closely with the local GP practice social prescribing team to expand community health and wellbeing provision.

Public benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Prout Bridge Project has achieved this are provided in this report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake. They do not consider that any of the Charity's activities cause any significant detriment or harm and believe that any private benefit arising from the activities is accidental.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income for the year ending 31 August 2022 is £111,558 and expenditure is £125,697.

We endeavour to keep costs to a minimum so that as much money as possible can be used to further our charitable purpose - the majority of our expenditure is on our staff wages (£90,649). We are grateful to all the local businesses and individuals who generously give their time and resources to help us keep our running costs down and the generosity of our trustee team in giving their time and expertise.. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and commitment.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Through careful financial management and consistent fundraising and grant proposal writing, the Charity has enough funds to support the projects it operates and those due to start shortly.

The Prout Bridge Project operates on a not-for-profit basis.

At the end of this financial year, the charity held £41,109 in unrestricted funds. This includes £15,000 from a generous individual donation that has been designated by the trustees towards future investment in the community hub building, and £4,000 that is designation for building costs.

The charity relies largely on grant funding and donations to operate, that can fluctuate from year to year. The remainder of our reserves (£22,109 in a general fund) provide some scope for us to manage these fluctuations, and to pilot new approaches that are not covered by the restricted funds we have.

The charity also held £9,203 in restricted funds from grant funding received for grant funded activities that continue beyond our financial year, in particular youth mental health support and youth outreach.

Our reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year and the reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Going concern

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern. Our income for the year is dependent on grant funding applications and fundraising, usually awarded in year, and we therefore continue to prioritise these activities to sustain our activities going forwards. We are increasing the time that staff and trustees spend on grant applications and fundraising. Additionally, we have recruited a new trustee with fundraising expertise to support in the development of a fundraising strategy and donor outreach.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are sought to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the charity, and to provide strong links with other local organisations including the Town Council, local churches and local businesses. We seek to be inclusive in our trustee recruitment and to bring diverse perspectives to the Board.

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statements of accounts, copies of all our policies and the Charity Commission Guide 'The Essential Trustee.'

Organisational structure

There must be at least four charity trustees, but not more than twelve. The Chair and Secretary roles are appointed annually. The usual term of service is four years for a trustee and two years as Chair. The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year, or as often as is necessary.

We employ a full-time Director and Youth Work Manager who manage a small team of sessional staff and co-ordinate a team of youth and adult volunteers, including a volunteer counsellor team. We also employ a part-time administrator and Assistant Youth Work Manager.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operational running of the charity's work is delegated by the Trustees to the Director, and, through her, to the staff and volunteers. Budgetary control rests with the Director and the Treasurer.

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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.

The trustees encourage the Manager to review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis.

Charity policies are reviewed annually. They are written and published with the aim of protecting the beneficiaries of the Charity, as well as the volunteers, paid staff and trustees. The policies set out the principles for interaction between paid staff, volunteers and beneficiaries, reducing risk to an acceptable level to protect the Charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169903

Principal address

6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

Trustees

Joanna Robins (Phillips) - Chair to 5 December 2022
Rev. Jo Neary - Chair from 5 December 2022
Victoria Park - Secretary
Chris Sims - Treasurer
Joy Edwards
Nicholas Hollely
Donna Berry (appointed 11 Oct 2022)

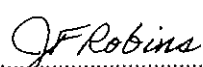
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Prout Bridge Youth and Community Centre
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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 03/02/23 and signed on its behalf by:


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Ms J Robins - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Prout Bridge Project**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Prout Bridge Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Prout Bridge Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date: 10th February 2023

Prout Bridge Project

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

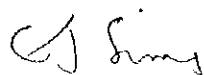
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	51,247	34,323	85,570	83,289
Charitable activities					
Charitable		5,350	-	5,350	3,131
Other trading activities	4	20,345	-	20,345	1,106
Investment income	5	9	-	9	-
Other income		284	-	284	244
Total		<u>77,235</u>	<u>34,323</u>	<u>111,558</u>	<u>87,770</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		4,161	-	4,161	485
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>82,146</u>	<u>39,390</u>	<u>121,536</u>	<u>67,298</u>
Total		<u>86,307</u>	<u>39,390</u>	<u>125,697</u>	<u>67,783</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,072)	(5,067)	(14,139)	19,987
 Transfers between funds	13	<u>4,602</u>	<u>(4,602)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(4,470)	(9,669)	(14,139)	19,987
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,579	18,872	64,451	44,464
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>41,109</u></u>	<u><u>9,203</u></u>	<u><u>50,312</u></u>	<u><u>64,451</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Prout Bridge Project
Statement of Financial Position
31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	18,405	-	18,405	18,639
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	708	-	708	2,515
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>24,362</u>	<u>9,203</u>	<u>33,565</u>	<u>46,218</u>
		25,070	9,203	34,273	48,733
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,366)	-	(2,366)	(2,921)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>22,704</u>	<u>9,203</u>	<u>31,907</u>	<u>45,812</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>41,109</u>	<u>9,203</u>	<u>50,312</u>	<u>64,451</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>41,109</u>	<u>9,203</u>	<u>50,312</u>	<u>64,451</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				41,109	45,579
Restricted funds				<u>9,203</u>	<u>18,872</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>50,312</u>	<u>64,451</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 03/02/2023.....
and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
C Sims - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Prout Bridge Project

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1. LEGAL FORM

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution. The principal address can be found on the company information section of the report of the Trustees.

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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Government grants

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 5 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Debtors

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

Prout Bridge Project

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations & corporate sponsors	16,331	43,168
Grants	64,768	40,121
Subscriptions	4,471	-
	<u>85,570</u>	<u>83,289</u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other incoming grants	61,322	29,592
Job retention scheme	-	10,529
Other grants	3,446	-
	<u>64,768</u>	<u>40,121</u>

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	932
Bar sales	4,305	174
Room hire	16,040	-
	<u>20,345</u>	<u>1,106</u>

Prout Bridge Project

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	9	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Human resources	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable	1,094	2,280	3,374
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £1,500 for the year ended 31 August 2022 (2021 - £1,320).

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

8. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	89,902	41,202
Social security costs	674	-
Other pension costs	73	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	90,649	41,202
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	9	4
Head Count	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	54,267	29,022	83,289
Charitable activities			
Charitable	3,131	-	3,131
Other trading activities	1,106	-	1,106
Other income	244	-	244
Total	<u>58,748</u>	<u>29,022</u>	<u>87,770</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	485	-	485
Charitable activities			
Charitable	45,245	22,053	67,298
Total	<u>45,730</u>	<u>22,053</u>	<u>67,783</u>
 NET INCOME	13,018	6,969	19,987
Transfers between funds	(212)	212	-
Net movement in funds	12,806	7,181	19,987
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	32,772	11,692	44,464
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>45,578</u></u>	<u><u>18,873</u></u>	<u><u>64,451</u></u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2021	3,494	19,380	4,784	27,658
Additions	4,449	-	1,038	5,487
At 31 August 2022	7,943	19,380	5,822	33,145
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2021	1,943	3,876	3,200	9,019
Charge for year	310	3,876	1,535	5,721
At 31 August 2022	2,253	7,752	4,735	14,740
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2022	5,690	11,628	1,087	18,405
At 31 August 2021	1,551	15,504	1,584	18,639

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	-	2,000
Prepayments	708	515
	708	2,515

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	866	1,601
Accruals and deferred income	1,500	1,320
	2,366	2,921

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	26,073	(8,566)	4,602	22,109
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	506	(506)	-	-
	<u>45,579</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>	<u>4,602</u>	<u>41,109</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	(770)	-
Mental Health	16,930	(14,924)	-	2,006
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	(960)	-	-
Made by Sports (DCF)	212	(212)	-	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	6,111	-	6,111
Projector	-	419	(419)	-
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	4,499	(3,413)	1,086
	<u>18,872</u>	<u>(5,067)</u>	<u>(4,602)</u>	<u>9,203</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>64,451</u>	<u>(14,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,312</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	77,235	(85,801)	(8,566)
Outreach Vehicle	-	(506)	(506)
	<u>77,235</u>	<u>(86,307)</u>	<u>(9,072)</u>
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	5,542	(20,466)	(14,924)
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	(960)	(960)
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	(212)	(212)
Youth Outreach Services	23,200	(17,089)	6,111
Projector	419	-	419
NLCF - A Place Called Home	5,000	(501)	4,499
Christmas Presents	162	(162)	-
	<u>34,323</u>	<u>(39,390)</u>	<u>(5,067)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>111,558</u>	<u>(125,697)</u>	<u>(14,139)</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	13,772	(6,867)	19,168	26,073
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	-	19,886	(19,380)	506
	<u>32,772</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>(212)</u>	<u>45,579</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	-	770
Mental Health	6,500	10,430	-	16,930
DCF iwill	4,422	(4,422)	-	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	212	-	212
Beaminster Charities Laptops	-	(212)	212	-
	<u>11,692</u>	<u>6,968</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>18,872</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,464</u>	<u>19,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,451</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,889	(41,756)	(6,867)
Outreach Vehicle	23,859	(3,973)	19,886
	<u>58,748</u>	<u>(45,729)</u>	<u>13,019</u>
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	14,931	(4,501)	10,430
DCF iwill	-	(4,422)	(4,422)
Dorest Council Youth Fund	6,100	(6,100)	-
Outreach Vehicle - Comic Relief	4,000	(4,000)	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	2,021	(1,809)	212
Beaminster Charities Laptops	1,010	(1,222)	(212)
	<u>29,022</u>	<u>(22,054)</u>	<u>6,968</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,770</u>	<u>(67,783)</u>	<u>19,987</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	13,772	(15,433)	23,770	22,109
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	-	19,380	(19,380)	-
	<u>32,772</u>	<u>3,947</u>	<u>4,390</u>	<u>41,109</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	(770)	-
Mental Health	6,500	(4,494)	-	2,006
DCF iwill	4,422	(4,422)	-	-
Beaminster Charities Laptops	-	(212)	212	-
Youth Outreach Services	-	6,111	-	6,111
Projector	-	419	(419)	-
NLCF - A Place Called Home	-	4,499	(3,413)	1,086
	<u>11,692</u>	<u>1,901</u>	<u>(4,390)</u>	<u>9,203</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,464</u>	<u>5,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,312</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,124	(127,557)	(15,433)
Outreach Vehicle	23,859	(4,479)	19,380
	<u>135,983</u>	<u>(132,036)</u>	<u>3,947</u>
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	20,473	(24,967)	(4,494)
DCF iwill	-	(4,422)	(4,422)
Dorset Council Youth Fund	6,100	(6,100)	-
Outreach Vehicle - Comic Relief	4,000	(4,000)	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	(960)	-
Made by Sports (DCF)	2,021	(2,021)	-
Beaminster Charities Laptops	1,010	(1,222)	(212)
Youth Outreach Services	23,200	(17,089)	6,111
Projector	419	-	419
NLCF - A Place Called Home	5,000	(501)	4,499
Christmas Presents	162	(162)	-
	<u>63,345</u>	<u>(61,444)</u>	<u>1,901</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>199,328</u>	<u>(193,480)</u>	<u>5,848</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Sport England

Restricted for the purchase of dance equipment.

Mental Health

Restricted funding to deliver mental health support sessions for younger people. This is funded by multiple funders.

DCF iwill

Restricted funding to deliver mentoring support for children going into secondary education.

Dorset Council Youth Fund

Restricted funding to offer Youth Clubs and other activities that support the council's family plan.

Outreach vehicle

Restricted Funding to cover associated costs of the new outreach vehicle.

Comic Relief Small Capacity Building

Restricted funding to deliver Trustee Training and Social media and website development support and coaching.

Made by Sports (Dorset Community Fund)

Restricted funding for the purchase of Skateboards & Scooters.

Beaminster Charities Laptops

Restricted funding to purchase laptops. One for the charity and another for a Young Person in the community.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Youth outreach services

For the provision of Youth club and outreach services. This is funded by multiple funders including Dorset Council and Beaminster town council.

Projector

Restricted funding to cover the cost of purchasing a projector for charity.

NLCF - A place called home

Restricted funding for the purchase and installation of soft play equipment & coffee bar renovations

Christmas presents

Restricted funding to cover the cost of Christmas Presents for Christmas Grotto at Beaminster Christmas Lights

Purpose of Designated Funds

Building - Has been designated towards the future funding into the Prout Bridge Community building when our occupancy is more secure.

Service - Designated to fund a possible service charge for the building. The amount is unknown so trustee's have designated £4,000 as an estimate of what they might be expected to pay.

Outreach Vehicle - Designated funding for purchase of Outreach Vehicle, to equip it and to offer outreach work.

Transfers between funds

Restricted funds have been transferred to unrestricted funds where the fund restriction has been fulfilled by the purchase of tangible fixed assets.

14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169903

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021
for
Prout Bridge Project**

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Prout Bridge Project
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

Chair's Report

The Prout Bridge Project charity provides:

- youth work and clubs for children and young people
- mental health and wellbeing support for people of all ages
- community development and activities for people of all ages.

We operate in rural West Dorset from the small town of Beaminster with beneficiaries also drawn from South Somerset and East Devon. Our local area is beautiful and lots of people come here for their holidays. But it can be a tough place to live for many households with low wages, high housing costs, limited public transport and employment opportunities and rural isolation leading to relatively high levels of poverty and social deprivation and poor mental health. Through fundraising and support from grants we endeavour to ensure all our services and activities remain accessible to all and are either free or offered at a discounted rate.

This has again been a very challenging year as we have continued to have to manage the ongoing challenges and uncertainties arising from the Covid pandemic. The need for our services from people of all ages has been greater than ever, but the constantly evolving restrictions and guidelines have meant that the Prout Bridge Project has needed to continuously adapt, fundraise, and find new and more agile ways to reach people and deliver much needed information and support. Despite these contextual difficulties, as well as personal challenges such as home-schooling and ill-health, our team of staff, trustees and volunteers has worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic period to ensure that high-quality service delivery could continue.

Our community building remained closed throughout this financial year and so we developed new remote and mobile operating models. We provided youth worker support out and about in the town on foot through the autumn and winter. Building on the success of this approach, and the demand for support delivered outside of our building, we successfully raised funds for a mobile outreach vehicle in the spring through a community and Crowdfunder campaign. Please see www.crowdfunder.co.uk/pbpreachingout for more information, including the huge support for the project from over 200 people and local businesses. We've packed a lot into our new outreach vehicle, affectionately named 'Gilbert' after our founder - there is seating for 7 people, a small kitchen, storage space for tables, chairs, games and activities, and a space to display information and leaflets. Having Gilbert has enabled us to take activities and support for young people and adults out to the town and local villages throughout the spring and summer. We have been able to offer sports and activity days, coffee mornings and support and advice sessions.

We reopened our community building immediately after the end of the financial year reported here (from September 2021) and clubs, activities and support sessions are busier than ever. We currently have a waiting list for our targeted youth support and adult counselling service. We have raised additional funds and grown our staff team to increase our provision to meet higher levels of need. Going forward, we will continue to run the outreach programme for young people and adults in the town square, playing fields and skate park, alongside operating from the building.

Impact and achievements

Our team of qualified and highly-experienced staff and volunteers are trusted in our community, having built strong relationships over many years. We work closely with other local organisations and service providers to facilitate access and provide safe and familiar routes into specialist support where needed. We have an excellent reputation for the positive impact we have, empowering young people, improving mental health for people of all ages and providing affordable activities and opportunities. 9 out of 10 users of the Prout Bridge Project rate the service as "good", "very good" or "excellent."

Key achievements in this financial year include:

Prout Bridge Project

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

- **Developing and building a mobile outreach programme taking our services out to the town and local villages:** Using our new outreach vehicle, 'Gilbert', we have offered activities and services for both young people and adults at the new skate park and in the square in Beaminster town and at playgrounds and playing fields in surrounding villages including Broadwindsor, Drimpton, Marshwood, Mosterton and Salway Ash. This includes offering activity days and coffee mornings, providing a free scooter, skateboard and helmet loan service at the skatepark, extending the reach of the Beaminster Food Bank and providing ongoing information, support and referral to other services.
- **Continuing to offer targeted mental health support to young people and a free counselling service for adults:** We continued to offer targeted one-to-one youth worker support for young people and our free counselling service for adult, offering sessions remotely where appropriate when needed. Through the summer holidays we ran a 5-week mental health support workshop for young people focussing on developing coping skills and resilience.
- **Working closely with local schools:** We continued to work closely with local schools during this difficult year, including offering support to students who were struggling and providing weekly behavioural support in the local secondary school. Over the summer we worked with the Mountjoy School, a special school based in Beaminster to adapt the building so that from September Mountjoy sixth former students have been using the Prout Bridge space on weekdays to extend their learning and skills development in a community setting.
- **Providing remote support to isolated young people and parents throughout the pandemic:** During full lockdown periods when schools were closed and very little activity was possible, we continued to provide support remotely, including by writing to all young members and texting all parents of young people with information about the support available. Through our social media pages and website, we provided relevant support, information and encouragement.
- **Building strong relationships with people of all ages and from all backgrounds in the community:** The Prout Bridge Project is fully part of our community. We work closely with other local organisations and have the widespread support of local residents and businesses. We were blown away by the support for our Crowdfunder campaign, including from many people who have been supported by the organisation in the past. We have continued to raise our profile and raise awareness of the support and activities that are on offer.

In a typical year we have work with over 500 young people and adults and provide support around issues including anxiety and depression, abuse, addiction, bullying, relationship, family breakdown and sexual health. We expect this number to grow considerably over the next year as we continue to grow our geographical footprint and expand our provision, with plans to offer satellite youth clubs in local villages and outreach work in more locations, as well as increasing the number of activity and support sessions on offer at the Prout bridge community hub building.

Here are some recent testimonials about our work, taken from session/programme feedback sheets and our March 2021 community consultation survey:

- "My eldest son goes to youth club and my youngest son is now old enough to go. They will both go as soon as it reopens. It's a fun safe space where kids can relax with their friends." - Parent
- "Prout Bridge Project is an essential asset in our Town, for young people especially" - Local resident
- "I find the Prout Bridge Project excellent. We have really missed it during lockdown. It will be good to see the wider community come together after Covid." - Local resident
- "The sessions were helpful as I felt more comfortable talking about how I felt and opening up about my problems and my anxiety. It helped with my understanding of my anxiety and how to deal with it." - Young person
- "The sessions were relieving and calm. Never too much, I found it comfortable asking and answering questions. They helped me improve in many ways. They have taught me to be more confident and open and not worry as much." - Young person
- "It provided a place to talk and share feelings [...] where I felt welcome and comfortable, which provided an escape. They were completely unjudgmental and I felt listened to. Allowing me to choose and understand my worries." - Young person
- "Thank you for raising awareness to parents and carers and offering support. I feel you do an amazing job keeping our children safe and I thank you for that." - Parent
- "Both my kids absolutely loved dancing. They loved socialising with other children who weren't necessarily from their school. I think the Project is awesome!" - Parent
- "You have to know that I couldn't have brought up my kids without you." - Parent
- "I felt happier after every session and all together improved both my physical and mental health. Happy days." - Young person
- "Helped me understand my anxiety more and ways to help with overthinking and negative thoughts." - Young person

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- "Let's Play is a lovely environment for my pre-schooler to play in and for me to meet regularly with mums. It's very important to have a local social network" - Parent
- "The baby / toddler group was brilliant for me as well as my child. I also attended midwife appointments there which was very convenient as I don't drive." - Parent
- "Holiday clubs and activity days are amazing for children of working parents!" - Parent
- "My children have enjoyed the holiday clubs and I think it is very good value" - Parent
- "All the people there are very nice and welcoming. It's also very enjoyable." - Young person
- "I am seeing more and more families needing support in different ways. A lot of parents can't drive, find it difficult to travel with young children on a limited public bus service. And people may not want to walk into unfamiliar settings. So the Prout Bridge Project outreach is an amazing idea." - Teaching assistant in a local school
- "So many people (all ages) are isolated and don't have anyone to talk to/friends/family. Finding services and support is a minefield of who to talk to. A mobile hub is a perfect way to engage all ages and bring a regular meet up with people who care. It's something to look forward to." - Local resident
- "We live in such a rural area, this is a brilliant idea... a cuppa and chat goes a long way to alleviate social isolation and loneliness." - Local resident
- "All the services we've used have been very good & useful... lovely helpful staff and volunteers." - Local resident
- "After the restrictions of Covid there is a great need to get active and integrated again for all ages. A safe community project that allows friendly and fun social activities is very welcome." - Local resident
- "There are many kids who can't get to the Square for any number of reasons. Being able to take services to them so they can access a safe place is invaluable." - Parent
- "Very friendly and welcoming staff. [The Prout Bridge Project] draws the community together and provides services which children need and for parents on how to cope with challenges brought on and surfacing from Covid lockdown and changes to social interactions." - Parent
- "For those who don't drive and suffer from isolation due to the poor transport network round here their things are fantastic." - Local resident
- "We greatly enjoyed our time with you and the children. The kids were so lively, responsive, active and articulate. It was a true delight to be with them." - Volunteer (retired local resident)

This year we have also continued to work on our governance structures and processes. We have recruited two new committed trustees who bring additional expertise to the board. We have increased our focus on budgeting and we are conducting more regular financial reviews. We are currently developing a 3-5 year strategy. We have continued to build our profile, including through developing our website and social media presence. Our local community and service users are represented on our trustee board, and we regularly seek feedback and suggestions for improvement, including in our consultation survey which had nearly 200 responses. Our next step in service-user involvement is to develop a youth advisory board - this was planned for this year but was put on hold because of the pandemic. We have also built stronger relationships with local and national grant makers, as well as taking on two school contracts. We continue to look to diversify our fundraising and income generation.

Looking ahead

We are confident that we have used this financial year to strengthen our foundations so that we can build back better as we start to come out of the pandemic and restrictions ease. Through careful management and innovation during the pandemic period we have broadened our reach and extended our operating model. We are committed to doing all we can to increase access to the services we offer at a time when there are very long waiting lists for youth and adult mental health support, when many services and activities have been cut back, and when the strain of the past two years on individuals, household and our community has left a huge backlog of issues, many of which are only just coming to light.

We would like to thank all our supporters, including Beaminster Town Council, Dorset Council and Dorset Community Foundation; the Garfield Weston Foundation; Beaminster Charities, Comic Relief, the Co-op Local Community Fund, Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership, the Edward Gostling Foundation, the Grocers' Charity, the KFC Foundation, Magic Little Grants, Power to Change and Sport England; our corporate partners the Ollerod, Mayfair, Multiform Technologies and Tangerine; our community business partners Bowes Brooks, J Branton Property Maintenance, Cilla & Camilla, Chris Park Landscape Services, SurveyorLink and Tim Carstairs Construction; our Prout Bridge Project Patrons, and all the local businesses and individual donors and fundraisers who make it possible for us to continue to do the work we do in our community. Without your support we would not be here.

To find out more please visit our website www.proutbridgeproject.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The purpose of the Charity is:

1) to advance in life and relieve the needs of young people aged 8 to 25 living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by the provision of recreational and leisure time activities, provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their condition of life and by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals, and

2) to advance community development and prevent social exclusion for the public benefit of people of all ages living in the town of Beaminster and the surrounding area by offering activities, services, recreational facilities and volunteering opportunities designed to improve their condition of life.

Our specific objectives are to:

1) Offer an inclusive, affordable and varied programme of activities, so that people of all ages in Beaminster and the surrounding area feel they have access to fulfilling things to do including (but not limited to) arts, music, crafts, sport, dance, fitness, learning, culture and heritage.

2) Fight loneliness, social isolation and intergenerational divides by providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds and of all ages to come together socially, participate in their community, make friends and support each other.

3) Support people to feel mentally well, achieve healthy lifestyles, be independent, and develop skills that will help them thrive.

4) Develop a sustainable long- term project which supports the local Community, responding to evolving needs and delivering activities, services and facilities that people want by regularly consulting with the community and local organisations and service providers.

5) Operate as an "umbrella" charity nurturing and supporting other charitable and community organisations which share the same objectives.

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Significant and Charitable activities

We fulfil our objectives through the following activities (some of which are not currently able to operate due to Covid restrictions):

For children and young people

Youth clubs

We offer youth clubs for different ages across several nights of the week. Youth clubs provide a safe space to socialise, build confidence and try new things for all children and young people, and allow them to build trusted relationships with qualified youth workers who are there to provide support, information and a judgement-free environment for talking issues through whenever there is a need. They also provide a safe route into further support for young people and their families when needed.

Music and dance

We run regular toddler, child and youth dance lessons and a youth band which rehearses weekly. Both the dance groups and band perform regularly at local public events. The focus is on building confidence and empowering young people to feel healthier and more fulfilled.

Targeted youth mental health support

We provide one-to-one and group based targeted support to young people on a referral basis to address a range of issues including low self-esteem, bullying, relationships and sexuality, family breakdown and bereavement. Qualified and highly experienced youth workers offer support, giving children and young people the opportunity to be listened to, challenged and advocated for so that they can recognise and manage their emotions empowering them to make improvements in their lives. We also run mental health peer-support and resilience groups.

Sexual health and relationships support

We run lunch-time relationships drop-ins at the local secondary school, as well as hosting regular LGBT+ support sessions run by the Space Youth Project. Our youth workers are certified to provide sexual health information and safe condom issuing.

School behavioural and attendance support

We work closely with the local schools and have been supporting an increasing number of young people who have found it hard to return to school after the lockdowns. We have also been running behavioural support in one secondary school.

Youth work outreach

Working from our mobile outreach vehicle, our youth workers offer activities and drop-in support in the local skatepark and at local village playing fields and playgrounds throughout the termtime and in the holidays. We are working towards offering satellite youth clubs in the villages.

Youth volunteering

We offer several different volunteering opportunities for young people including working as youth activity leaders and being part of our eco volunteer group.

School holiday activity provision

We run well-attended, affordable activity days and trips in the school holidays. We know that some of the young people we work with and their families find the holidays difficult (particularly those who have access to free school meals in term time). We provide lunch for £1 and can link into the Food Bank and other support services when needed.

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For people of all ages

Counselling service

We operate a counselling service for adults and young people in Beaminster and the surrounding area. The service is provided by volunteer counsellors who are members of the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (BACP) or another professional organisation, and currently takes place by phone. Anyone can refer themselves to the service and there is no charge for counselling sessions (although donations towards running costs are welcome). At a time when mental health services are under huge pressure, we are very fortunate to be able to provide this service and we are hugely grateful to the counselling professionals who generously give their time.

Accessible activities for people of all ages

We offer activities for people of all ages responding to local need from our Prout Bridge community hub building in Beaminster. Activities have included a baby and toddler group, yoga and adult fitness and community coffee and craft mornings. The activities are open to everyone and are either free or affordably priced. We also offer coffee mornings from our mobile outreach vehicle in the local villages, and through this can extend the reach of the local Food Bank by taking food packages out to a broader area.

Building a community hub

We run the Prout Bridge community building under a lease from Dorset Council. Our vision is that the building is run by the community for the community and becomes a thriving hub accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. We provide rooms to hire at affordable rates for groups, clubs and families. We host other services including Citizens Advice, the Police, midwives and health visitors and specialist services such as the Shores, supporting victims of rape and sexual assault. We are currently working towards opening a soft play café on Saturday mornings for families with young children, as well as working closely with the local GP practice social prescribing team to expand community health and wellbeing provision.

Public benefit

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes that are for the public benefit. Details of how the Prout Bridge Project has achieved this are provided in this report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the Charity should undertake. They do not consider that any of the Charity's activities cause any significant detriment or harm and believe that any private benefit arising from the activities is accidental.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income for the year ending 31 August 2021 is £87,770 and expenditure is £67,783.

Our income for the year includes extraordinary money received from the government Covid Job Retention Scheme which was used to pay our staff during periods of the pandemic when they were unable to work and placed on furlough.

It also includes the money raised from our community and Crowdfunder campaign for our outreach programme, including to fund the cost of purchasing and kitting out an outreach vehicle. The vehicle was bought and kitted out shortly after the end of the campaign and the value is therefore now reflected as an asset in our balance sheet.

We also applied throughout the year for grants to fund our charitable activities, including particularly for mental health and Covid recovery. Some grant-funded activity then had to be postponed because of the changing restrictions. Where necessary we have agreed extensions to the grant funded period with the funding organisation. We are grateful to them for their flexibility. This means both that some grant money was carried over from the previous financial year to this year, and also some will be carried over to the next financial year. Now that restrictions have eased and we are able to resume more normal levels of charitable activity, we are quickly using up the funds brought forward to meet the great need for mental health support. We are therefore continuing to apply for grant funding and to fundraise to sustain all our activities going forward.

We endeavour to keep fundraising costs to an absolute minimum so that as much money as possible can be used to further our charitable purpose. In this financial year only £485 was spent on fundraising and coffee bar purchases. We are able to achieve this through the generosity of our trustee team in giving their time and expertise and from volunteer support. We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Reserves policy

Through careful financial management and consistent fundraising and grant proposal writing, the Charity has enough funds to support the projects it operates and those due to start shortly.

The Prout Bridge Project operates on a not for profit basis. We aim to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to approximately three month's running costs to protect the continuity of our core work in case of funding gaps or unforeseen circumstances.

The charitable entity has total unrestricted funds of £45,578 and free reserves of £7,434 as at 31 August 2021 (2020: £9,840). This includes £15,000 from a generous individual donation made in the previous financial year that has been designated by the trustees towards future investment in the community hub building. As our lease on the building was suspended for this whole period as a result of Covid we have not been able to make progress against this goal. The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be sufficient to deliver charitable objectives for the next twelve months. Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted reserves held at the year-end. Within funds held at year end, trustees designated a total of £19,506 (2020: £19,000) for a particular purpose.

The charity relies largely on grant funding and donations to operate, that can fluctuate from year to year. We therefore aim to hold at least three month's running costs in reserve as a contingency for periods of short-term falls in income, unforeseen circumstances and emergencies. As a growing charity the remainder of our reserves provide scope for us to expand and develop our offer, piloting new approaches that are not covered by the restricted funds we have, and to work towards our vision of fully opening up the Prout Bridge community building to be a thriving hub run by the community.

The charity also held £18,872 in restricted funds from grant funding received.

Our reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year and the reserves policy is reviewed annually.

Going concern

The trustees have taken appropriate steps to reduce the impact of the Covid pandemic context on the charity and believe that they have sufficient reserves to cover expenditure following the temporary cessation of some of our charitable activities. The trustees therefore consider the charity to be a going concern.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Prout Bridge Project is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The charity registration number is 1169903. The charity was founded on 26 October 2016 and is controlled by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are sought to bring a variety of skills and knowledge to the charity, and to provide strong links with other local organisations including the Town Council, local churches and local businesses. We seek to be inclusive in our trustee recruitment and to bring diverse perspectives to the Board.

The charity trustees make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of the constitution, a copy of the latest Trustees' Annual Report and statements of accounts, copies of all our policies and the Charity Commission Guide 'The Essential Trustee.'

Organisational structure

There must be at least four charity trustees, but not more than twelve. The Chair and Secretary roles are appointed annually. The usual term of service is four years for a trustee and two years as Chair. The Board of Trustees meets at least four times a year, or as often as is necessary.

We employ a full-time manager and part-time assistant manager who manage a small team of sessional staff and co-ordinate a team of youth and adult volunteers, including a volunteer counsellor team.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operational running of the charity's work is delegated by the Trustees to the Manager, and, through her, to the staff and volunteers. Budgetary control rests with the Manager and the Treasurer.

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.

The trustees encourage the Manager to review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis.

Charity policies are reviewed annually. They are written and published with the aim of protecting the beneficiaries of the Charity, as well as the volunteers, paid staff and trustees. The policies set out the principles for interaction between paid staff, volunteers and beneficiaries, reducing risk to an acceptable level to protect the Charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1169903

Principal address

6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

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Trustees

Michael Jupp - Chair until November 2020
Joanna Robins (Phillips) - Chair from November 2020
Simon Hyett - Treasurer - resigned October 2020
Victoria Park - Secretary from November 2020
Joy Edwards
Rev. Jo Neary
Nicholas Hollely - appointed 26 February 2021
Christopher Sims - Treasurer - appointed 30 March 2021

Place of Business

Prout Bridge Youth and Community Centre
6 Prout Bridge
Beaminster
Dorset
DT8 3AY

Independent Examiner

Ward Goodman
4 Cedar Park
Cobham Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 05/04/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

J Robins
Ms J Robins - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Prout Bridge Project**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Prout Bridge Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Prout Bridge Project (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Miss Jen Richardson BA (Hons) ACA FCCA DChA
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Date: 12th April 2022

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	54,267	29,022	83,289	71,856
Charitable activities					
Charitable		3,131	-	3,131	3,824
Other trading activities	3	1,106	-	1,106	1,937
Investment income	4	-	-	-	13
Other income		244	-	244	248
Total		58,748	29,022	87,770	77,878
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		485	-	485	1,560
Charitable activities					
Charitable		45,245	22,053	67,298	43,451
Total		45,730	22,053	67,783	45,011
NET INCOME		13,018	6,969	19,987	32,867
Transfers between funds	12	(212)	212	-	-
Net movement in funds		12,806	7,181	19,987	32,867
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		32,772	11,692	44,464	11,597
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		45,578	18,873	64,451	44,464

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of Financial Position 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	18,639	-	18,639	3,932
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	515	2,000	2,515	2,369
Cash at bank and in hand		29,346	16,872	46,218	39,826
		<u>29,861</u>	<u>18,872</u>	<u>48,733</u>	<u>42,195</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,921)	-	(2,921)	(1,663)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,940</u>	<u>18,872</u>	<u>45,812</u>	<u>40,532</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>45,579</u>	<u>18,872</u>	<u>64,451</u>	<u>44,464</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,579</u>	<u>18,872</u>	<u>64,451</u>	<u>44,464</u>
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				45,579	32,772
Restricted funds				<u>18,872</u>	<u>11,692</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>64,451</u>	<u>44,464</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5/4/22 and were signed on its behalf by:


C Sims - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1. 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 Charities Act 2011. 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.

Government grants

Government grants shall be recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 5 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Taxation

The charity is exempt from 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.

Debtors

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

Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations & corporate sponsors	43,168	42,570
Grants	40,121	27,923
Subscriptions	-	1,363
	<u>83,289</u>	<u>71,856</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other incoming grants	29,592	16,172
Job retention scheme	10,529	11,751
	<u>40,121</u>	<u>27,923</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	932	116
Bar sales	174	1,431
Room hire	-	390
	<u>1,106</u>	<u>1,937</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	13
	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs
	£
Charitable	<u>1,320</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Included in support costs are Independent Examiner fees of £1,320 for the year ended 31 August 2021 (2020 - £1,020).

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

7. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	41,202	34,766
	<u>41,202</u>	<u>34,766</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Head Count	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	57,684	14,172	71,856
Charitable activities			
Charitable	3,824	-	3,824
Other trading activities	1,937	-	1,937
Investment income	13	-	13
Other income	248	-	248
Total	<u>63,706</u>	<u>14,172</u>	<u>77,878</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	1,560	-	1,560
Charitable activities			
Charitable	43,451	-	43,451
Total	<u>45,011</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,011</u>

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	18,695	14,172	32,867
Transfers between funds	2,480	(2,480)	-
Net movement in funds	21,175	11,692	32,867
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	11,597	-	11,597
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	32,772	11,692	44,464

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2020	3,494	-	3,598	7,092
Additions	-	19,380	1,186	20,566
At 31 August 2021	3,494	19,380	4,784	27,658
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2020	1,555	-	1,605	3,160
Charge for year	388	3,876	1,595	5,859
At 31 August 2021	1,943	3,876	3,200	9,019
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2021	1,551	15,504	1,584	18,639
At 31 August 2020	1,939	-	1,993	3,932

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other debtors	2,000	2,294
Prepayments	515	75
	<u>2,515</u>	<u>2,369</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	1,601	643
Accruals and deferred income	1,320	1,020
	<u>2,921</u>	<u>1,663</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.8.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	13,772	(6,867)	19,168	26,073
Building	15,000	-	-	15,000
Service Charge	4,000	-	-	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	-	19,886	(19,380)	506
	<u>32,772</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>(212)</u>	<u>45,579</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	770	-	-	770
Mental Health	6,500	10,430	-	16,930
DCF iwill	4,422	(4,422)	-	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	212	-	212
Beaminster Charities Laptops	-	(212)	212	-
	<u>11,692</u>	<u>6,968</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>18,872</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>44,464</u>	<u>19,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,451</u>

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12. 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	34,889	(41,756)	(6,867)
Outreach Vehicle	23,859	(3,973)	19,886
	<u>58,748</u>	<u>(45,729)</u>	<u>13,019</u>
Restricted funds			
Mental Health	14,931	(4,501)	10,430
DCF iwill	-	(4,422)	(4,422)
Dorest Council Youth Fund	6,100	(6,100)	-
Outreach Vehicle - Comic Relief	4,000	(4,000)	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	2,021	(1,809)	212
Beaminster Charities Laptops	1,010	(1,222)	(212)
	<u>29,022</u>	<u>(22,054)</u>	<u>6,968</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,770</u>	<u>(67,783)</u>	<u>19,987</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,597	18,695	(16,520)	13,772
Building	-	-	15,000	15,000
Service Charge	-	-	4,000	4,000
	<u>11,597</u>	<u>18,695</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>32,772</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	-	1,250	(480)	770
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Mental Health	-	6,500	-	6,500
DCF iwill	-	4,422	-	4,422
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,172</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>	<u>11,692</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,597</u>	<u>32,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,464</u>

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12. 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	63,706	(45,011)	18,695
Restricted funds			
Sport England	1,250	-	1,250
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Mental Health	6,500	-	6,500
DCF iwill	4,422	-	4,422
	<u>14,172</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,172</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,878</u>	<u>(45,011)</u>	<u>32,867</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,597	11,828	2,648	26,073
Building	-	-	15,000	15,000
Service Charge	-	-	4,000	4,000
Outreach Vehicle	-	19,886	(19,380)	506
	<u>11,597</u>	<u>31,714</u>	<u>2,268</u>	<u>45,579</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	-	1,250	(480)	770
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Mental Health	-	16,930	-	16,930
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	-	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	-	212	-	212
Beamminster Charities Laptops	-	(212)	212	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>21,140</u>	<u>(2,268)</u>	<u>18,872</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,597</u>	<u>52,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,451</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	98,595	(86,767)	11,828
Outreach Vehicle	23,859	(3,973)	19,886
	<u>122,454</u>	<u>(90,740)</u>	<u>31,714</u>
Restricted funds			
Sport England	1,250	-	1,250
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Mental Health	21,431	(4,501)	16,930
DCF iwill	4,422	(4,422)	-
Dorset Council Youth Fund	6,100	(6,100)	-
Outreach Vehicle - Comic Relief	4,000	(4,000)	-
Comic Relief Small Capacity Building	960	-	960
Made by Sports (DCF)	2,021	(1,809)	212
Beamminster Charities Laptops	1,010	(1,222)	(212)
	<u>43,194</u>	<u>(22,054)</u>	<u>21,140</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>165,648</u>	<u>(112,794)</u>	<u>52,854</u>

Purposes of Restricted Funds

Computer - Restricted for the purchase of two Laptop computers for use by the Centre and it's users.

Music Equipment - Restricted for the purchase of musical instruments for the user's of the centre.

Sport England - Restricted for the purchase of dance equipment.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust - Restricted for the purchase of musical instruments for the user's of the centre.

Mental Health - Restricted funding to deliver mental health support sessions for younger people.

DCF iwill - Restricted funding to deliver mentoring support for children going into secondary education.

Dorset Council Youth Fund - Restricted funding to offer Youth Clubs and other activities that support the council's family plan.

Outreach vehicle - Restricted Funding to cover associated costs of the new outreach vehicle.

Comic Relief Small Capacity Building - Restricted funding to deliver Trustee Training and Social media and website development support and coaching.

Made by Sports (Dorset Community Fund) - Restricted funding for the purchase of Skateboards & Scooters

Beamminster Charities Laptops - Restricted funding to purchase laptops. One for the charity and another for a Young Person in the community.

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Purpose of Designated Funds

Building - Has been designated towards the future funding into the Prout Bridge Community building when our occupancy is more secure.

Service - Designated to fund a possible service charge for the building. The amount is unknown so trustee's have designated £4,000 as an estimate of what they might be expected to pay.

Outreach Vehicle - Designated funding for purchase of Outreach Vehicle, to equip it and to offer outreach work.

Transfers between funds

Restricted funds have been transferred to unrestricted funds where the fund restriction has been fulfilled by the purchase of tangible fixed assets.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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