

Charity No. 1172967

End of Year Financial Statements

30 June 2023



NEW BEGINNINGS READING

Registered Charity:	Charity Number 1172967
Registered Office:	Queens Arms Great Knollys Street Reading RG1 7HL
Website:	www.newbeginningsreading.org
Bankers:	Metro Bank plc
Trustees:	Gordon Ross (Treasurer) Sarah Beisly (Joint Chair) Sarah Thake (Joint Chair)
CEO:	Richard Silcock (Interim CEO)

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

During the 2022/23 financial year the charity saw the demand for its services continue to increase as the impact of inflation and fuel costs has led to more people needing help.

The charity does not receive any council grant or regular funding and relies on donations from members of the public and funds raised by ad hoc grant applications. During this financial year donations increased by £13K. However, grants received reduced by £17K resulting in a year on year decrease of £4K overall.

The main fixed costs of the charity are the rent and the related costs of repairs and utilities. The leases for both floors ended during the year and the landlord initially looked to increase the combined rental from £36K to £45K plus costs. The trustees are involved in lengthy discussions to reduce the overall cost to enable the charity to continue with a level of financial stability.

The staff costs increased year on year by just under £10K due to the recruitment of a part time volunteers co-ordinator and the employment of a centre manager for a proportion of the year.

Following discussion relating to the reduction of grant income the trustees agreed to employ a professional fund raiser to identify possible funding sources and write researched bids. Due to the timings related to funding applications and decisions the impact of this role will be seen in the next financial year.

Despite the challenges faced by many small charities New Beginnings Reading continues to offer a unique service to those in need in the Reading area. Unlike many other providers we offer support without referral and have no links to prescriptive networks or faith organisations.

The work of the charity is only possible due to the generosity of the trustees and volunteers who offer their time for free and the numerous donors and food outlets/supermarkets who provide the food which we redistribute to those in need.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Gordon Ross, Treasurer

21/11/2023

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Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of New Beginnings Reading (Charity Number 1172967) on the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

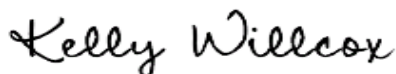
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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



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Kelly Willcox (Msc, CGMA, ACMA), Claritas Accountancy Ltd

31/10/2023

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Date

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	61,687	6,455	—	68,142	54,513
Grants	10,500	1,200	—	11,700	29,599
Other trading activities	13	—	—	13	—
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Admin	502	—	—	502	2,308
Transfers	1,888	—	—	1,888	—
Total income and endowments from:	74,590	7,655	—	82,245	86,420
Expenditure on:					
Maintenance / Utilities	31,766	—	—	31,766	25,476
Rent & Rates	36,529	—	—	36,529	36,198
General Services	4,079	—	—	4,079	7,718
Management and Administration	4,174	—	—	4,174	3,633
Staff	43,195	—	—	43,195	33,411
Marketing and Advertising	4,906	—	—	4,906	1,482
Transfer	—	1,888	—	1,888	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure:	124,649	1,888	—	126,537	107,918
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(50,059)	5,767	—	(44,292)	(21,498)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(50,059)	5,767	—	(44,292)	(21,498)
Total funds brought forward	97,164	1,888	—	99,052	120,550
Total funds carried forward	47,105	7,655	—	54,760	99,052
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	47,105	—	—	47,105	97,164
Restricted					
Restricted fund	—	7,655	—	7,655	1,888

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	—	—
	—	—
Current assets		
Debtors	—	—
Cash at bank and in hand	51,231	90,078
Prepayments	4,511	9,000
Credit Card	—	906
	55,742	99,984
Current liabilities		
Creditors	—	7
Payroll Payable	982	925
Accruals	3,422	—
Net current assets less current liabilities	51,338	99,052
Total assets less current liabilities	51,338	99,052
Total net assets less liabilities	51,338	99,052
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
General fund	47,105	97,164
Prior Year Adjustment	(3,422)	—
Restricted		
Restricted fund	7,655	1,888
Funds	51,338	99,052

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Fixed assets - Tangible assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
Bank Account - Current	51,231	—	—	—	51,231	90,078
Totals	51,231	—	—	—	51,231	90,078
Current assets - Debtors						
Prepayments	4,511	—	—	—	4,511	9,000
Other	—	—	—	—	—	906
Totals	4,511	—	—	—	4,511	9,906
Current Liabilities						
Creditors	—	—	—	—	—	7
Payroll Payable	982	—	—	—	982	925
Accruals	3,422	—	—	—	3,422	—
Grand total	51,338	—	—	—	51,338	99,052

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Restricted - Restricted fund						
Restricted	1,888	7,655	—	1,888	—	7,655
Sub-total for Restricted	1,888	7,655	—	1,888	—	7,655
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	97,164	74,590	126,537	1,888	—	47,105
Sub-total for General	97,164	72,702	126,537	1,888	—	47,105
Grand total	99,052	82,245	126,537	—	—	54,760

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at fair value.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

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

The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company 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.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charitable company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

Donations and grants are recognised once the charitable company has been notified of the donation or grant, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company 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.

Costs of generating funds are those costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with the governance of the charity and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity costs categories consistent with the use of the resource.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the conditions as set by the donors. 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which includes debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of its operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using effective interest rate.

2. Other Trading Activities

	This year	Last year
Bank Interest	13	—
	13	—

3. Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the period ended 30 June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the period ended 30 June 2022.

4. Staff Costs

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

	This year	Last year
	2	2
	2	2

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

5. Comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities

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Grants	10,500	1,200	—	11,700	29,599
Other trading activities	13	—	—	13	—
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Admin	502	—	—	502	2,308
Transfers	1,888	—	—	1,888	—
Total income and endowments from:	74,590	7,655	—	82,245	86,420
Expenditure on:					
Maintenance / Utilities	31,766	—	—	35,715	25,476
Rent & Rates	36,529	—	—	36,529	36,198
General Services	4,079	—	—	4,079	7,718
Management and Administration	4,174	—	—	4,174	3,633
Staff	43,195	—	—	43,195	33,411
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6. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

This year	Last year
—	—
—	—

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
Payables	—	7
HMRC	982	925
Accruals	3,422	—
	4,404	932

8. Leasing Agreements

There were no leasing agreements in the period.

9. Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2023.

10. Prior Year Adjustments

The accounts have been adjusted to incorporate the impact of a council tax review which resulted in a liability of £3,422.

11. Analysis of restricted fund movements

	Balance 1 July 2022	Resources	Expended	Transfers	Balance June 2023
After school café / activities	1,888	—	—	1,888	—
Community fridge	0	3,955	—	—	3,955
All day cafe	0	3,700	—	—	3,700
Total	1,888	7,655	—	1,888	7,655

All restricted funds are to assist the charitable company in respect of the provision of services.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Analysis of income

Donations and legacies

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
Reading Borough Council	—	—	—	—	—	—
Community Groups	1,013	—	—	—	1,013	1,695
Corporate Donations	7,292	—	—	—	7,292	9,478
Donations & Events	53,383	—	6,455	—	59,838	21,138
PAYPAL	—	—	—	—	—	22,202
Smile	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	61,688	—	6,455	—	68,143	54,513

Grants

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Total Last year</u>
Reading Borough Council	10,500	—	—	—	10,500	25,000
Trusts / Foundation Grants	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	—
Misc for general activities	—	—	—	—	—	4,599
Total	10,500	—	1,200	—	11,700	29,599

Admin

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
HMRC	502	—	—	—	502	2,308
Total	502	—	—	—	502	2,308

Analysis of expenditure

Expenditure on Maintenance / Utilities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Utilities	18,547	—	—	—	18,547	8,066
Repairs and Maintenance	1,701	—	—	—	1,701	6,029
Rent & Rates	36,529	—	—	—	36,529	36,198
Materials & Equipment	—	—	—	—	—	9,927
Insurance	608	—	—	—	608	607
H&S	1,864	—	—	—	1,864	847
Cleaning & Waste	9,046	—	—	—	9,046	—
Total	68,295	—	—	—	68,295	61,674

Expenditure on General Services

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
After school cafe	—	—	—	—	—	1,367
Food & Beverage	2,650	—	—	—	2,650	1,740
Other	—	—	—	—	—	3,633
Computer Expenses	1,429	—	—	—	1,429	978
Total	4,079	—	—	—	4,079	7,718

Expenditure on Management & Administration

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Professional Fees	2,369	—	—	—	2,369	2,268
Bank Fees	345	—	—	—	345	—
Other	1,460	—	—	—	1,460	1,365
Total	4,174	—	—	—	4,174	3,633

Other expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Staff Costs UK	43,195	—	—	—	43,195	33,411
Marketing & Advertising	4,906	—	—	—	4,906	1,482
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	48,101	—	—	—	48,101	34,893