

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173543

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WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Weston Church Youth Project of Weston Vicarage, Weston Lane, Southampton, SO19 9HG for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Financial Statements comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Weston Church Youth Project			
Working Name:	WCYP			
Registered Charity Number:	1173543			
Charity Status:	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation and was granted charitable status on 23 June 2017.			
Correspondence Address:	Weston Vicarage Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HG			
Trustees:	Rev D Medway	Chair		
	Mrs T Burt	Secretary	App	18.05.22
	Mrs B Rass	Secretary	Res	17.05.22
	Mr D W Chaplin	Treasurer		
	Mr J B C Duncan	Safeguarding		
	Mr R Dunne	Health & Safety	Res	11.09.22
Our Advisors:				
Independent Examiners:	Abraham & Dobell 230 Shirley Road Southampton SO15 3HR			

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

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OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of Weston Church Youth Project are:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 18 living in Weston, Southampton and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational, and other activities as a means of:
 - (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
 - (b) advancing education; and
 - (c) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.
2. The advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting Christian messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity Weston Church Youth Project is governed by its constitution.

The charity was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 23 June 2017 with a charity number of 1173543.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The charity is administered by a board of trustees which, at the date of this report, numbered 4 (2021 - 5).

Trustees, whether elected, appointed or co-opted are required by law to act in the best interests of the charity and not the body that appointed them or from which they were co-opted.

Trustee Induction and Training

Trustees are familiar with the work of the charity, having new trustees meet with the Chair of the trustees, who provides a briefing on the charity to include:

- the obligations of board members;
- the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity, including the constitution;
- the financial position of the organisation, including the last set of financial statements and funding status; and
- future plans and objectives.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022****STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)****Risk Management**

The trustees have examined the major operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Organisational Charity Structure

The trustees, comprising 4 members, including a secretary and treasurer, who meet at least 4 times a year, are responsible for the management and administration of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES**Overview**

WCYP was registered as a CIO by the PCC of Holy Trinity Weston in 2017 (Charity No 1173543), but the project is actually in its 30th year and has 7 part-time staff, a number of paid sessional workers and other volunteers. It is the sole provider of youth work for children of primary and secondary school age and above in the community of Weston. It enjoys a very good reputation across the city of Southampton. It is highly regarded by the Diocese of Winchester as an example of effective parish ministry, providing faith-based and open-access activities and schools work.

Weston Church Youth Project (WCYP) aims to be a resource for young people living in Weston, Southampton, by providing a safe space to belong while offering activities which have a positive impact on their lives. Our vision is to enable the young people of Weston to live life to the full (cf. John 10:10), by providing fun and engaging youth clubs, faith-based groups, exciting and affordable life experiences, educational support, mental wellbeing groups, and supportive mentoring.

Our work primarily targets young people and their families living in the area of Weston, one of the most deprived wards in Southampton and in the top 4% most deprived in the whole country. As a Christian charity we do this through four distinct but related programmes of activity: *Fun, Faith, Engage and Achieve*.

All of our work is accessible and affordable and we work hard to include young people who might otherwise be disengaged, by being actively involved in local schools, working with local organisations such as the parish church, and through supporting young people through ages 7 to 18 and beyond, providing them with a safe and welcoming community to which they can belong. When we run trips, we significantly subsidise the cost for young people to enable those with the lowest incomes to be involved. We also provide healthy food, cooking sessions and after school drinks and toast - and sometimes full meals - to support those young people whose families live in poverty.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Overview (Continued)

Our *Fun* programme includes Rock Solid, our weekly open access youth clubs. These take place at the Venny - an adventure playground and community centre in the heart of the Weston estate - and reach up to 100 young people aged 7-18 each week. We also run subsidised trips, to enable young people to broaden their horizons and have new experiences.

Our *Faith* programme offers specific groups for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith. These groups reflect the Christian values of our organisation. The work includes leading school assemblies, after school provision and holiday clubs which help young people learn about the Christian faith and fun and interactive ways, enabling them to feel safe enough to explore belief. Most of these groups take place in Weston Church Centre, including weekly after school clubs and a monthly Messy Church. During Christian festivals such as Christmas and Easter we also invite local schools into the church building to enable them to feel more comfortable in that setting.

Our *Engage* programme extends the impact we have on young people and includes a young leaders scheme, where young people volunteer at younger youth activities, acting as peer mentors and role models, receiving support, incentives and training to improve their confidence, skills and future employability. We run an annual Resilient Kids programme: a weekly group to improve the long term mental health and wellbeing of primary aged young people. We also offer workshops and projects which foster commitment, learning, and personal development, such as healthy lifestyle workshops and indoor climbing qualifications.

Our *Achieve* programme aims to improve engagement with education. In the local primary school in Weston, just 46% of pupils are meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, (compared to 64% in Southampton), and 40.8% receive Special Educational Needs support (compared with the national average of 12.6%). The local secondary school, has the highest overall persistent absence rates in Southampton. Our Achieve programme includes mentoring, transition work, and courses that explore motivation, confidence and career options.

Examples of outcomes we recorded (via survey) for our work in 2022:

Fun: Drop-in clubs, trips, family fun days

- 82% said they had made new friends at Rock Solid
- 80% felt their self-esteem and aspirations had improved
- 94% said they had tried something new through our programmes

Faith: Faith clubs, messy church, holiday clubs, and camps

- 90% said their friendships had improved
- 70% felt they had learned something new about Christianity
- 67% had grown in confidence since attending our sessions

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCES (CONTINUED)

Overview (Continued)

Engage: Projects, courses and volunteering

- 90% felt they were more resilient
- 90% said our work had helped them feel more confident
- 100% felt they had learned new skills they could use in the future

Achieve: Schools based support and mentoring

- 80% felt more resilient
- 72% began to engage in more out of school activities
- 78% felt they were contributing more to the community

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity recorded a deficit in the year to 31 December 2022 of £(56,771) (2021 - (14,304).

Principal Funding Sources

The Project was granted an extension of the three year grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund, which was due to complete in June 2022 – through to December 2022. WCYP application for a tapered down Continuation Funding was unsuccessful.

A contract with Southampton City Council called 'Lot 4 – Youth and Play Opportunities' has supported our Fun to Engage Programmes. It was gratefully approved for four years to run from January 2020 to Dec 2023. Three years of funding was secured from Garfield Weston in May 2020, which is unrestricted and can support all programmes. Additional funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund, Local Giving and Amazon has been welcomed: as well as £17k from the Parish Church Council and personal donations for the Faith work.

Two application for funding were declined by national bodies this autumn. Work has commenced seeking a potential application for funds from the Church of England New Innovation Fund – for initiating a 'young church' plant in Weston, as well as supporting this Youth Project's Faith work.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year, most of the charity's funds are to be spent in the short-term operating the Project, so there are no funds for long-term investment.

The Marketing and Fundraising Assistant worked with the Project Manager in implementing a fundraising strategy, writing applications, and developing the social media platforms and website. She left the Project in June 2022.

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(CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Strategic Plan: A 'Strategic Planning Group' was formed last year, including 2 Trustees, the Project Manager and the Fundraising and Marketing Assistant. They utilised a series of tools to analyse the current environment in which the Project sits, identify gaps in practices and establish objectives for 2021 – 2024. This work was completed by that summer and resulted in 16 objectives and 6 bold steps which included improving our fundraising strategy and financial system, creating an accessible brand identity, increasing our pool of volunteers, improving relationships with local schools and organisations and investing in the employability of young people in Weston.

A major new initiative has been developed during 2022. As a Christian charity, our ultimate aspiration - by means of our holistic and inclusive approach - is to increase the likelihood that younger people (7-18s & 19-29s) in Weston will 1) become Christians, 2) identify as committed members of a local worshipping community, 3) confidently share their faith in Christ, and eventually 4) move into local Christian leadership.

We therefore monitor and evaluate all aspects of our work on a regular basis, conducting surveys on young person satisfaction, as well as tracking progress in a variety of areas over time. Through our smaller, more targeted provision we use the Resilience Framework to assess our impact on young people's resilience over time, and also use tools such as the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire, and mental health measures including the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ). Our primary aspiration, therefore, is for the aforementioned work to continue and, under God, to see it grow in terms of kingdom impact, reach and influence.

Additionally, a key finding of the Church of England *Youth and Children Growth Research* paper, published in July 2022, was that relational investment in families (as opposed to directly with children and young people) was a common theme amongst growing churches. On the strength of this finding, we would like to see our established work with 7-18s act as a bridgehead for a new faith-based initiative [which started in March 2023] among those aged 19 to 29.

The aim of this young church project will be to deliver a culturally appropriate programme of social action, evangelism, worship, discipleship and leadership training aimed specifically at younger people which results in the growth of a new and accessible expression of church. We therefore want to test the theory that the established work of WCYP, which is of vital importance in its own right, can also act as a bridge-head to reaching younger adults with the gospel of the Kingdom and the planting of a new congregation.

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
(CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing the Financial Statements the trustees are required to:

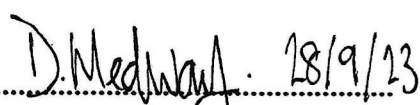
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

The introduction of new online software for 2023 establishes a natural opportunity to test for competitive prices for the annual audit of Accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 18 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


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REV D MEDWAY
CHAIR


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D W CHAPLIN
TREASURER

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**TO THE TRUSTEES OF****WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weston Church Youth Project for the year ended 31 December 2022.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; 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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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
SO15 3HR

18 September 2023

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and grants	2	52,446	53,758	106,204	115,931
Charitable activities	3	-	7,010	7,010	2,003
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TOTAL INCOME		52,446	60,768	113,214	117,934
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EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	4	97,962	72,023	169,985	132,238
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE		97,962	72,023	169,985	132,238
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NET INCOME/NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(45,516)	(11,255)	(56,771)	(14,304)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		45,516	92,770	138,286	152,590
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Total funds carried forward		£-	£81,515	£81,515	£138,286
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The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	9,801	1,271
Cash at bank and in hand		73,256	190,121
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		83,057	191,392
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
	8	1,542	53,106
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		81,515	138,286
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	10	£81,515	£138,286
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THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Unrestricted income funds	11	81,515	92,770
Restricted income funds		-	45,516
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TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		£81,515	£138,286
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Approved on 18 September 2023 by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

 28/9/23

 REV D MEDWAY
 CHAIR



 D W CHAPLIN
 TREASURER

WESTON CHURCH YOUTH PROJECT**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accountancy and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

(c) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income is received by way of grants and donations and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these Financial Statements.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when it is received.

(d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Expenditure (Continued)

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

2. DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The following grants were received during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Planned giving	-	4,183	4,183	3,535
Other giving	-	21,455	21,455	16,705
Grants	-	27,250	27,250	25,153
BIG TNLCF - Reaching Communities	52,446	-	52,446	67,332
Donations	-	870	870	668
Government grants (furlough)	-	-	-	2,538
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	£52,446	£53,758	£106,204	£115,931
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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The following income was generated during the year:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Tuck shop	-	2,964	2,964	778
Young people's contributions	-	4,046	4,046	1,225
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	£-	£7,010	£7,010	£2,003
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4. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Charitable Activities				
Salaries	61,302	46,381	107,683	89,551
Pension contributions	3,848	942	4,790	4,472
Sessional workers	9,591	4,314	13,905	8,440
Staff expenses, training and support	4,719	1,297	6,016	4,506
Activities and equipment	96	2,596	2,692	545
Residential expenses	5,168	459	5,627	100
Management and administration	1,684	1,766	3,450	7,581
Project work	3,807	10,947	14,754	9,810
Printing, postage and stationery	291	684	975	242
Publicity and website	1,975	559	2,534	2,031
Hire of premises	5,279	1,194	6,473	4,204
Fundraising	202	164	366	96
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	97,962	71,303	169,265	131,578
Governance Costs				
Examiner's costs	-	720	720	660
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£97,962	£72,023	£169,985	£132,238
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5. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Salaries, Social Security costs and employer's pension contributions	£74,741	£51,637	£126,378	£102,463
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The average weekly number of employees during the year was:			6	5
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Trustees received no remuneration in the year.

6. TAXATION

As a charity, Weston Church Youth Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	8,384	-
Prepayments	1,417	1,271
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	£9,801	£1,271
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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	822	-
Accruals	720	660
Deferred income	-	52,446
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	£1,542	£53,106
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9. MOVEMENTS IN DEFERRED INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income at 1 January 2022	52,446	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	52,446
Resources released in the year	(52,446)	-
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Deferred income at 31 December 2022	£-	£52,446
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10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances are represented by:

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Current assets	-	83,057	83,057	191,392
Current liabilities	-	(1,542)	(1,542)	(53,106)
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Net assets at 31 December 2022	£-	£81,515	£81,515	£138,286
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