

THE BUS SHELTER MK

England & Wales · Charity number 1173705

Details

Other names	The Shelter MK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-07-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Management Office George House Crosslands Stantonbury Milton Keynes MK14 6DB
Phone	01908429889
Email	info@thebussheltermk.org
Website	www.thebussheltermk.org

Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS, OR THOSE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES, BY THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION, SHELTER, WARMTH, FOOD, ADVICE, SIGNPOSTING AND SUPPORT.

Activities: We will provide shelter and support to homeless rough sleepers within the Borough of Milton Keynes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Milton Keynes

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£383,009	£373,099	-	-
2024-03-31	£357,017	£275,860	-	-
2023-03-31	£221,796	£165,436	-	-
2022-03-31	£210,979	£107,140	-	-
2021-03-31	£268,399	£300,093	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pamela Williams	Chair	2017-07-06
Claire Elizabeth Chaudhuri		2026-02-10
Clare Elizabeth White		2026-04-01
Dave Pickering		2017-08-21
Ellis William Rust		2018-12-10
Helen Elizabeth Armstrong Christie		2024-09-26
Michael Stephen Thompson		2021-03-23
Pete Smith		2018-02-06
Philip Martin Tait		2024-12-16

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
From 1	April	2024	To 31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Bus Shelter MK

Other names charity is known by The Shelter MK

Registered charity number (if any) 1173705

Charity's principal address George House

Crosslands, Stantonbury

Milton Keynes

Postcode

MK14 6DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Williams	Chair		
2	David Pickering	Vice Chair		
3	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	Treasurer		
4	Peter Smith			
5	Michael Stephen Thompson	Secretary		
6	Ellis Rust			
7	Helen Armstrong-Christie		from 26.09.24	
8	Philip Tait		from 16.12.24	
9	Shirley Lyn Davies		Resigned 25.5.24	
10	Cameron James Wood		Resigned 25.3.25	
11	Frances Eluned Parry		Resigned 21.8.24	
12				

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected or appointed as appropriate

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of homeless persons, or those at risk of homelessness, within the borough of Milton Keynes, by the provision of temporary accommodation, shelter, warmth, food, advice, signposting and support.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Bus Shelter MK (TBSMK) provides a temporary home, food and detailed person-centric support to people who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes.

Service users (who we call guests) are helped to regain their physical and mental health, financial stability through work and/or entitled benefits, dealing with debt and obtain official documents and a bank account if needed. They are then be assisted to find safe, affordable accommodation where, with on-going support, they can maintain tenancies and their wellbeing.

We are also one of the few services for people experiencing street homelessness which will accept dogs, recognising their importance to individuals in need and despair.

The charity has also developed the advice, referral and support offered via telephone and online channels which is very much geared to preventing homelessness wherever possible and ensuring people in desperate need are aware of their rights and sources of help.

We are proud to be a trauma informed service and have ensured all our front line staff are trained to interact with guests in a trauma informed way. Stage 2 of this process for 25/26 will be to ensure our processes and our physical buildings are as trauma informed as possible.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and consider that these are being met through the charity's objectives and activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

During this report period we were more successful in finding affordable, independent accommodation for guests ready for independent renting following the increase in the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) in April 2024 following a multi-year freeze.

This enabled some of our longer term guests to secure independent housing in the private rented sector and move out of our accommodation. This turnover of guests, which had become very difficult in previous years due to the level of LHA, effectively increased our availability of beds for people newly experiencing street homelessness in the city.

The trustees remain keen to expand TBSMK's capacity in a cost effective and innovative way as we were sadly unable to meet all the requests for help and support during 24/25. In view of this, in late 2024 we explored an opportunity for a lease-to buy-property. This lease to buy approach would have removed a key risk of direct purchase in a competitive market without planning permission being in place for our specific requirements. Unfortunately it was realised during due diligence that the site had significant flooding risks which would be a barrier to delivering our plans so we decided not to continue with the potential deal. We therefore continue to operate effectively with long-term leased properties and short term office accommodation for the time being, while remaining open to future suitable opportunities.

The Bus Shelter MK is extremely grateful to the incredible volunteers who support our guests and the organisation. Key volunteer activities include guest support, cooking, social media management, gardening, administration, counselling, graphic design, fundraising and many other ad hoc tasks.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

From 1 April 24 to 31 March 25, The Bus Shelter MK provided a temporary home and significant person-centric support to 45 individuals who would otherwise have no option but to sleep on the streets of Milton Keynes. This is a small increase over the number of individuals accommodated during 23/24.

In addition we provided “floating support” to 12 former guests to ensure they were able to maintain their tenancies and well-being. This ongoing support, which is not time limited but determined by need, has ensured a large proportion of our guests have successfully maintained tenancies for 12 months or longer, rather than slip back into street or insecure homelessness, addressing the well reported “revolving door of homelessness” for The Shelter MK’s former guests.

Additionally we provided advice, referrals and signposting to 239 people calling our help line. Our time and expertise has helped callers to avoid or deal with homelessness. During the report period the number of calls increased from the previous year and cases were often more complex and time-consuming to deal with. Relationship breakdowns and loss of employment remain the most usual causes of homelessness we are being contacted about.

During the financial year 24/25, the charity maintained its total bedroom capacity at 21 across four locations across Milton Keynes. The average length of stay for guests reduced during this report period due to our success in finding safe affordable private rented accommodation within the city during the period, the most usual solution to their homelessness for our guests. This success was a combination of our allocation of resources to finding suitable accommodation and the increase in the Local Housing Allowance to an amount more in line with market rates for the private rented sector in Milton Keynes,

Guests moving into their own accommodation were assisted to set up their new homes with items such as furniture, bedding, flooring, kitchen equipment etc. and offered floating support to help them settle into their new home and maintain their tenancy. We believe this direct, practical help combined with emotional support is a key to our success in seeing a high proportion of former guests maintain their tenancies. Our greatest successes were for guests over 55 years of age as there is some availability of social housing in that category within Milton Keynes.

Former guests are always encouraged to contact our support team if they encounter challenges, irrespective of the time elapsed since they moved on or were last in touch with the charity.

The Bus Shelter MK is committed to continue to deliver real, long-lasting change for some of the most vulnerable members of our local community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy is to ensure that unrestricted funds not presently committed should be maintained at the level not less than equivalent to 6 months' expenditure to enable the charity to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduced income. As at 31st March 2025, unrestricted reserves carried forward is sufficient to meet operating expenditure for the next 7.5 months. This excludes reserves designated for planned but not yet delivered strategic projects which can be redesignated by the Board of Trustees for operational expenditure should the need arise in extremis.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to all those who have supported The Bus Shelter MK financially during the reporting period, whether trusts, foundations, corporates or individuals. Without their support we could be unable to deliver our crucial services – services which help people turn their lives around, and undoubtedly in some cases, save lives.

It is impossible to name all our generous supporters here, and we exclude individuals for confidentiality, but some donors of note during FY 2024/2025 include:

Lloyds Bank Foundation
 CEO Sleepout
 Warehouse REIT plc
 The Albert Hunt Trust
 Enterprise Mobility
 Irwin Mitchell
 Places For People Foundation
 Roger & Jean Jefcoate Trust
 The 29th May 1961 Charity
 The Grocers Charity
 Charities Trust
 The Mackintosh Foundation
 WSH Foundation
 Give Local/United Costco
 Media 10 Ltd

The charity receives exempt housing benefit which covers the basic cost of the accommodation provided. This housing benefit does not however cover any of the vital support provided (support which is conditional for the exempt housing benefit to be received). All this assistance, including food, advice, practical help, advocacy with official bodies, finding and setting up long term housing etc. are paid for by money raised through a wide range of fundraising activity or provided by volunteers.

In line with the charity's strategic goal of increasing its capacity of temporary accommodation, The Bus Shelter MK is building a property fund which has been ring-fenced for this purpose.

Section F

Other optional information

Our Treasurer James Albert Yoofi Clarke resigned as a Trustee and Treasurer with effect from 30 June 2025 due to business commitments. The Board wish to put on record our thanks and acknowledgement of his invaluable work for the charity since 2018, first as a volunteer and then trustee and treasurer. Our then Secretary Mike Thompson was appointed to the role of Treasurer at a Trustee meeting on 30 June 2025. Philip Tait took on the role of Secretary at the same meeting on 30 June 2025.

Not in this reporting period but for information, in October 2025 the charity adopted the trading name of The Shelter MK. This recognises the fact that although it was an important part of our history, we have not used a converted bus to provide our services for some years. The name change was also made to reduce confusion locally with unconnected homeless services that run out of Milton Keynes' former bus station.

Our legal entity name remains "The Bus Shelter MK" at the current time but this may be changed in future.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

P. Williams

M.S. Thompson

Full name(s)

Pamela Williams

Michael Stephen
Thompson

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Treasurer

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Bus Shelter MK

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1173705

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

22/01/2026

Name:

Ruth Dorans FCCA

Relevant professional

Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant

**qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

Sherwoods Ltd, First Floor, 27 Shirwell Crescent

Furztown Lake Milton Keynes

MK4 1GA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Charity Name	THE BUS SHELTER MK	Charity No	1173705
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01-Apr-24	To	date 31-Mar-25

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by	Unrestricted £ F01	Restricted £ F02	Endowment £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations, legacies and grants	S01 99,155	29,953	-	129,108	145,949
Charitable activities	S02 21,659	-	-	21,659	28,782
Other trading activities	S03 -	-	-	-	-
Interest and dividends	S04 12,228	-	-	12,228	6,016
Separate material item of income	S05 220,015	-	-	220,015	176,270
Other	S06 -	-	-	-	-
Total	S07 353,056	29,953	-	383,009	357,017
Resources expended (Note 6)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	S08 21,309	-	-	21,309	11,406
Charitable activities	S09 346,154	4,856	-	351,010	263,674
Separate material item of expense	S10 -	-	-	-	-
Other	S11 780	-	-	780	780
Total	S12 368,243	4,856	-	373,099	275,860
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13 -	15,187	25,097	9,910	81,156
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14 -	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15 -	15,187	25,097	9,910	81,156
Extraordinary items	S16 -	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17 -	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18 -	-	-	-	1 35,2 6
Other gains/(losses)	S19 -	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20 -	15,187	25,097	9,910	214,682
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	S21 558,537	11,602	-	570,139	355,457
Total funds carried forward	S22 543,351	36,699	-	580,049	570,139

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	98,138	-	-	98,138	115,392
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	98,138	-	-	98,138	115,392
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	12,041	-	-	12,041	4,610
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	451,136	36,699	-	487,835	455,175
Total current assets		B10	463,177	36,699	-	499,876	459,785
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	17,965	-	-	17,965	5,038
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	445,212	36,699	-	481,911	454,747
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	543,350	36,699	-	580,049	570,139
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	543,350	36,699	-	580,049	570,139
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	36,699	-	36,699	11,602
Unrestricted funds		B19	543,350	-	-	543,350	558,537
Revaluation reserve		B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		B21	543,350	36,699	-	580,049	570,139
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all			Signature		Print Name		Date of
			P. Williams		PANGELA WILLIAMS		21.1.26
			MR		MICHAEL THOMPSON		21/01/26

Note 2 Accounting policies**2.2 INCOME**

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
Yes	No	N/a						
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Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
Yes	No	N/a						
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Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
Yes	No	N/a						
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	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
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Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td>ü</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			ü
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	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
Yes	No	N/a						
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Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	<table> <tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>N/a</td></tr> <tr><td>ü</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	ü		
Yes	No	N/a						
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Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

2.4 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least

They are valued at cost.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.

Intangible fixed assets

The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5

Yes	No	N/a
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They are valued at cost.

Yes	No	N/a
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Heritage assets

The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

They are valued at cost.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

Yes	No	N/a
		ü

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Yes	No	N/a
ü		

Current asset investments	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	Yes	No	N/a
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	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes	No	N/a
		ü		

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE	None
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Note 3

Analysis of income

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
	Analysis					
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	72,290	14,953	-	87,243	88,299
	Gift Aid	2,364	-	-	2,364	4,148
	Legacies	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	General grants provided by government/other	19,500	15,000	-	34,500	53,413
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	90
	Total	99,155	29,953	-	129,108	145,949
Charitable activities:	Rental income	21,659	-	-	21,659	28,782
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	21,659	-	-	21,659	28,782
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	12,228	-	-	12,228	6,016
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	12,228	-	-	12,228	6,016
Separate material item of income:	Social Housing benefits	220,015	-	-	220,015	176,270
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	220,015	-	-	220,015	176,270
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		353,056	29,953	-	383,009	357,017

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

Restricted donations of £1,674

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

N/A

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

N/A

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

N/A

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 9 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

This year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds £	Homeless £	Activity 2 £	Activity 3 £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation (Describe method)
Governance	21,309	780	-	-	22,089	Actual costs
Administrative costs		54,057	-	-	54,057	Actual costs
Bank charges and interest		621	-	-	621	Actual costs
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	21,309	55,458	-	-	76,766	

Last year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds £	Homeless £	Activity 2 £	Activity 3 £	Grand total £	Basis of allocation (Describe method)
Governance	11,406	780	-	-	12,186	Actual costs
Administrative costs	-	25,372	-	-	25,372	Actual costs
Bank charges and interest	-	673	-	-	673	Actual costs
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	11,406	26,825	-	-	38,231	

Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 10** Details of certain items of expenditure**10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts**

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's fees

Assurance services other than audit or independent examination

Tax advisory fees

Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner

This year £	Last year £
780	780
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 11**Paid employees**

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

Salaries and wages

Social security costs

Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)

Other employee benefits

Total staff costs

This year	Last year
£	£
156,601	97,301
8,106	3,999
6,015	4,394
-	-
170,722	105,694

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

This year	Last year
£	£
64,621	64,038

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
	-	-
	4	4
	1	-
	-	-
Total	5	4

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

11.4 Redundancy payments

Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.

Total amount of payment

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)

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The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

Note 12 **Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.**

12.1 *Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	6,015	4,394

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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12.2 *Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.*

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

12.3 *Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.*

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details

Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details

Note 14**Tangible fixed assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Leasehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	116,987	43,517	8,074	2,416	170,994
Additions	-	-	558	960	1,518
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	116,987	43,517	8,632	3,377	172,512

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL
** Rate	9.4 years	9.4 years	9.4 years	3 years	

At beginning of the year	37,361	13,898	2,579	1,764	55,602
Disposals					-
Depreciation	12,441	4,628	983	720	18,772
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	49,803	18,526	3,562	2,484	74,374

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	79,626	29,619	5,495	652	115,392
Net book value at the end of the year	67,184	24,991	5,070	893	98,138

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Note 19 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
5,567	-
3,804	1,440
2,670	3,170
12,041	4,610

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
Total	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 20****Creditors and accruals***Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.***20.1 Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	3,324	1,442	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	7,200	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	4,771	-	-	-
Other creditors	2,670	3,596	-	-
Total	17,965	5,038	-	-

20.2 Deferred income*Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.**Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.*

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period

Amounts added in current period

Amounts released to income from previous periods

Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
245,192	154,902
242,343	300,273
300	-
487,835	455,175

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Note 27 **Charity funds****27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period**

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendable endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted Funds	R	Guest Support & Welfare funds	11,602	29,953	- 4,856	-	-	36,699
Designated Funds	UR	Property acquisitions and refurbishments	210,000	-	-	5,040	-	215,040
General Funds	UR	General operations	348,537	353,056	- 368,243	- 5,040	-	328,310
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			570,139	383,009	- 373,099	-	-	580,049

Note 27

Charity funds (cont)

27.3 Transfers between funds

This year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

Last year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

27.4 Designated funds

This year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
	Property acquisitions and refurbishments	210,000.00

Last year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
	Property acquisitions and refurbishments	210,000.00

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits**This year**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

		-	-	-	-	-
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Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Bus Shelter MK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1173705

Charity's principal address

George House

Crosslands, Stantonbury

Milton Keynes

Postcode

MK14 6DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Williams	Chair		
2	David Pickering	Vice Chair		
3	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	Treasurer		
4	Peter Smith			
5	Michael Stephen Thompson	Secretary		
6	Ellis Rust			
7	Cameron James Wood			
8	Frances Eluned Parry			
9	Shirley Lyn Davies			
10				
11				
12				
13				
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15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected or appointed as appropriate

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The governing document provides that apart from the first charity Trustees, every appointed Trustee must be appointed by invitation and agreement at a Trustee meeting. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills and knowledge needed for the effective administration of the CIO. The charity Trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: links to the CIO's policies and procedures, including financial management protocols. An introductory conversation is available with the Chair, and Trustees are invited to visit George House to view and better understand the mechanics and significance of service delivery to guests. Trustees consider and manage risks at each and every Trustee meeting, and between meetings under the guidance of nominated Trustees. A comprehensive suite of policies and procedures exists to guide and mitigate any perceived risks.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of homeless persons, or those at risk of homelessness, within the borough of Milton Keynes, by the provision of temporary accommodation, shelter, warmth, food, advice, signposting and support

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Bus Shelter MK (TBSMK) provides a temporary home, food and detailed person-centric support to people who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes.

Service users (guests) are supported and enabled through one to one support, to regain their physical and mental health, financial stability through work and/or entitled benefits, dealing with debt and obtain official documents and a bank account if needed. They are then be assisted to find safe, affordable accommodation where, with on-going support, they can maintain tenancies and their wellbeing.

We are also one of the few services for people experiencing street homelessness which will accept dogs. The relationship between a guest and their dog can be sacrosanct and often enables their sense of self to remain intact. By accepting a guest's dog, we remain respectful of their important relationships and feelings helping us to build trust for the work ahead.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and consider that these are being met through the charity's objectives and activities.

The Bus Shelter MK raises awareness of the issues around homelessness facing people in Milton Keynes through its work directly with people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. We advocate equity and equality, through respecting and enabling the power of choice for our guests, giving the opportunity to get lives back on track. The Bus Shelter MK's public benefit is enabling real life changes, changing the perceptions of those with whom we engage, either guests, services, organisations, or members of the public promoting dignity, respect and understanding, and inclusion for everyone in local communities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

During this report period we continued to experience difficulties in assisting our guests to find affordable, independent accommodation due to the rented housing crisis. This was made especially difficult by the four year freeze in the Local Housing Allowance (LHA), which resulted in us being unable to find any legal properties for private rent in Milton Keynes available at the level of the LHA. This created a bottleneck in our capacity due to reduced turnover, impacting the number of beds we could make available for people newly experiencing street homelessness in the city. We were very relieved to learn that the LHA freeze was to be lifted in April 2024, at the start of our next reporting period.

We welcomed politicians from both Conservative and Labour to come and talk to us and see what we were doing. Felicity Buchan, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing and Homelessness visited our George House shelter accompanied by our then local MP Ben Everitt on 20 July 2023. We specifically discussed the challenges of the LHA rate and the challenges of homeless fathers to maintain relationships with their children.

On 9 January we were visited by Emily Darlington, currently the Labour MP for Central Milton Keynes but at the time the Cabinet Member for Milton Keynes City Council with responsibility for homelessness. As well as explaining some of our challenges, we also raised with Ms Darlington our disappointment that MKCC were no longer operating the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol in as effective, open, and user-friendly way as it had done in past years.

Considerable work was carried out by Trustees to look at the future direction of the Charity, refreshing our objectives and ensuring we remain focussed on supporting people in the very best way. This has led to a renewed focus on the increasing demands on our service and how best we might meet that need.

The scale of homelessness is growing nationally and in Milton Keynes. Working people are finding themselves at risk as well as those who were already struggling in today's economic climate. The trustees were keen to expand TBSMK's capacity in the knowledge that we were sadly unable to meet many of the requests for help received. In order to achieve this, the operational foundations of the organisation needed to be more robust for further expansion to be considered. During this report period there were a number of changes and developments within the staff team which further professionalised the service and increased its robustness and sustainability.

The Board also recognised that given the charity's growth and the ambition to develop services, paid senior leadership and back office resources would be required to deliver the strategic direction and enable board members to step back from day to day operations. This work started during the report period and is continuing, enabling some exciting developments for 2025/26.

The Bus Shelter MK is extremely grateful to the incredible volunteers who support our guests and the organisation. Key volunteer activities include guest support, cooking, social media management, gardening, administration, counselling, graphic design, fundraising and many other ad hoc tasks.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the financial year 23/24, the charity maintained its total bedroom capacity at 21 in four locations across Milton Keynes. The average length of stay for guests increased due to the challenges of finding safe affordable private rented accommodation within the city due to lack of available housing and the level of local housing allowance being out of line with rents in the private rented sector.

We provided a temporary home and accompanying person centric support to 35 individuals who would otherwise have had no option but to sleep on the streets of Milton Keynes. This represents a decrease over 22/23, due to guests finding it very difficult to move into longer term accommodation.

We also provided “floating support” to former guests to ensure they are able to maintain their tenancies. This ongoing support, which is not time limited but determined by need, has ensured a large proportion of our former guests successfully maintain tenancies for 12 months or longer, rather than slip back into street or insecure homelessness, the well reported “revolving door of homelessness”.

Additionally, we provided advice, referrals and signposting to over 300 people calling our enquiry line. 210 were self-referrals and 85 professionals from other agencies. We aimed to assist callers to avoid or deal with homelessness where we were unable to offer accommodation. We are finding the number of calls increasing and cases becoming more complex. Relationship breakdowns and loss of employment were the most usual causes of homelessness during this period.

Guests who were able to move into their own accommodation were assisted to set up their new homes with items such as furniture, bedding, flooring, kitchen equipment etc. and offered floating support to help them settle into their new home and maintain their tenancy. Our greatest successes were for guests over 55 years of age as there is some availability of social housing in that category within Milton Keynes.

Former guests are always encouraged to contact our support team if they encounter challenges, irrespective of the time elapsed since they moved on or were last in touch with the charity.

The Bus Shelter MK is committed to continue to deliver real, long-lasting change for some of the most vulnerable members of our local community.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy is to ensure that unrestricted funds not presently committed or invested should be maintained at the level equivalent to 9 months' expenditure to enable the charity to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduced income.

For the period under review, unrestricted reserves carried forward is sufficient to meet operating expenditure for the next 10 months (2023: 7 months).

This excludes reserves designated for internal projects which can be redesignated by the Board of Trustees for operational expenditure (service delivery) should the need arise.

'Designated reserves' are retained for building plans, on site development at George House and other necessary work to benefit and enhance service delivery objectives including a building fund for plans to increase our capacity to host guests

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to all those who have supported The Bus Shelter MK financially during the reporting period, whether trusts, foundations, corporates, or individuals. Without their support we could be unable to deliver our crucial services – services which help people turn their lives around, and undoubtedly in some cases, save lives.

It is impossible to name all our generous supporters here, but some donors of note during FY 2023/2024 include:

Lloyds Bank Foundation
The David Family Foundation
Sava Limited
Dentons Charitable Trust
The Betty Phillips Charitable Trust
Blum UK
CEO Sleepout
Aviva/Solus via Crowdfunder
Evelyn May Trust
Fairhive
Lush Retail
Mazars Charitable Trust
Roger Jefcoate
Quaker MK
Thames Valley Police Community Fund
Christopher & Kirsty Johnston Charitable Trust
The Oliver Borthwick Memorial Trust

The Trustees would also like to extend its thanks to the small staff team who are at the frontline of service, working with and supporting guests on a day to day basis. Without their enthusiasm, expertise, empathy, and commitment, we could not deliver all that we do.

An acknowledgement too, for each Trustee that has and continues to serve on our Board. Their willingness to roll up their sleeves and get things done has enabled The Bus Shelter MK to become what it has, serving the most vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals in Milton Keynes.

The charity receives exempt housing benefit which covers the basic cost of the accommodation provided. This housing benefit does not however cover any of the vital support provided (support which is conditional for the exempt housing benefit to be received). All this assistance, including food, advice, practical help, advocacy with official bodies, finding and setting up long term housing etc. are paid for by money raised through a wide range of fundraising activity or provided by volunteers.

In line with the charity's strategic goal of increasing its capacity of temporary accommodation, The Bus Shelter MK is building a property fund which has been ring-fenced for this purpose.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Pamela Williams	James Albert Yoofi Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer
Date	28 January 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Bus Shelter MK

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1173705

Set out on pages

1 to 17

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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.

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.

Signed:

Date:

20 January 2025

Name:

Ruth Dorans FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Sherwoods Ltd, 1st Floor, 27 Shirwell Crescent

Furztön Lake Milton Keynes MK4 1GA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

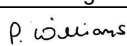
Charity Name THE BUS SHELTER MK		Charity No (if	1173705
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guida	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations, legacies and grants	S01	139,664	6,285	-	145,949	82,802
Charitable activities	S02	28,782	-	-	28,782	23,967
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and dividends	S04	6,016	-	-	6,016	1,042
Separate material item of income	S05	176,270	-	-	176,270	113,985
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	350,731	6,285	-	357,017	221,796
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	10,864	-	-	10,864	3,500
Charitable activities	S09	256,510	7,707	-	264,217	160,448
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	780	-	-	780	1,488
Total	S12	268,153	7,707	-	275,860	165,436
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
	S13	82,578	- 1,422	-	81,156	56,360
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	S15	82,578	- 1,422	-	81,156	56,360
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	133,526	-	-	133,526	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	216,104	- 1,422	-	214,682	56,360
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	342,433	13,024	-	355,457	299,097
Total funds carried forward	S22	558,537	11,602	-	570,139	355,457

Section B

Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	115,392	-	-	115,392	-
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	115,392	-	-	115,392	-
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	4,610	-	-	4,610	3,820
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	443,573	11,602	-	455,175	355,457
Total current assets		B10	448,183	11,602	-	459,785	359,277
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	5,038	-	-	5,038	3,820
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	443,145	11,602	-	454,747	355,457
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	558,537	11,602	-	570,139	355,457
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	558,537	11,602	-	570,139	355,457
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	11,602	-	11,602	13,024
Unrestricted funds		B19	558,537	-	-	558,537	342,433
Revaluation reserve		B20	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		B21	558,537	11,602	-	570,139	355,457
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all							
			Signature	Print Name		Date of	
				Pamela Williams		28/01/2025	
				James A Y Clarke		28/01/2025	

Section C **Notes to the accounts**

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

X

 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 on 16 July 2014
- and with*

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

X

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	Not Applicable
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	Not Applicable
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	Not Applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { 2 }.

Yes*	☐	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	☒	

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	☐	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	☒	

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*	☐	* -Tick as appropriate
No*	☒	

Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	

Note 2 Accounting policies**2.2 INCOME**

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: - the charity becomes entitled to the resources; - it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and - the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	X														
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Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	X														
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Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	X														
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Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			X	Yes	No	N/a			X						
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Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			X												
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	X														
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Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			X												
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Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so. The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution. Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			X	Yes	No	N/a			X	Yes	No	N/a			X
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Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			X	Yes	No	N/a			X						
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Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	<table> <tr> <th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>N/a</th></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	X														
Yes	No	N/a																		
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Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES	
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.
2.4 ASSETS	
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least They are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5 They are valued at cost.
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.

Yes	No	N/a
X		

Yes	No	N/a
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		X

Yes	No	N/a
		X

Yes	No	N/a

	They are valued at cost.			X
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes	No	N/a
				X
		Yes	No	N/a
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value. Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock. Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes	No	N/a
				X
		Yes	No	N/a
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes	No	N/a
		X		
Current asset investments	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due. They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes	No	N/a
		X		
		Yes	No	N/a
		X		

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE ABOVE**

Where N/A has been ticked, this means the charity has none of those transactions in the financial year under review

Note 3 Analysis of income

Analysis		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	85,426	-	2,873	88,299	54,877
	Gift Aid	4,148	-	-	4,148	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other	50,000	-	3,413	53,413	27,250
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	90	-	-	90	675
Total		139,664	-	6,285	145,949	82,802
Charitable activities:	Rental income	28,782	-	-	28,782	23,967
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		28,782	-	-	28,782	23,967
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	6,016	-	-	6,016	1,042
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		6,016	-	-	6,016	1,042
Separate material item of income:	Social Housing benefits	176,270	-	-	176,270	113,985
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total		176,270	-	-	176,270	113,985
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		350,731	-	6,285	357,017	221,796

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

Restricted donations of £1,674

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

N/A

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

N/A

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

N/A

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 6

Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
				£				£
Expenditure on raising funds:								
Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	10,864	-	-	10,864	3,500	-	-	3,500
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	10,864	-	-	10,864	3,500	-	-	3,500
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Service Delivery and programmes	112,009	7,707	-	119,716	80,292	5,312	-	85,604
Wages & Salaries	105,694	-	-	105,694	66,814	-	-	66,814
Other Staff Costs	12,679	-	-	12,679	3,299	-	-	3,299
Administrative costs	25,455	-	-	25,455	4,329	-	-	4,329
Bank charges and interest	673	-	-	673	402	-	-	402
Total expenditure on charitable activities	256,510	7,707	-	264,217	155,136	5,312	-	160,448
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
Governance Costs	780	-	-	780	1,488	-	-	1,488
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	780	-	-	780	1,488	-	-	1,488
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	268,153	7,707	-	275,860	160,124	5,312	-	165,436

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities	Grant funding	Support	Total this	Activities	Grant	Support	Total last
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Homeless services	238,089	-	26,128	264,217	155,717	-	4,731	160,448
Activity 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	238,089	-	26,128	264,217	155,717	-	4,731	160,448

Note 9 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

This year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Homeless Services	Activity 2	Activity 3	Grand total	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	£	(Describe method)
Governance	10,864	780	-	-	11,644	Actual costs
Administrative costs		25,455	-	-	25,455	Actual costs
Bank charges and interest		673	-	-	673	Actual costs
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	10,864	26,908	-	-	37,771	

Last year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Homeless	Activity 2	Activity 3	Grand total	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	£	(Describe method)
Governance	3,500	-	-	-	3,500	
Administrative costs	-	4,329	-	-	4,329	
Bank charges and interest	-	402	-	-	402	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	3,500	4,731	-	-	8,231	

Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.

Note 10 Details of certain items of expenditure**10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts**

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's fees	780	780
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	-	-

Note 11

Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	97,301	63,005
Social security costs	3,999	743
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	4,394	3,066
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	105,694	66,814

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

This year £	Last year £
64,038	37,693

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	4	3
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	4	3

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)*Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.***Please explain the nature of the payment**

This year	
Last year	

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

11.4 Redundancy payments*Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.***Total amount of payment**

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)

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The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

Please state the accounting policy for any redundancy or termination payments

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Note 12 Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

12.1 Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	4,394	3,066

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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12.2 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

12.3 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details

Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details

Note 14

Tangible fixed assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Leasehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	116,986	43,517	8,074	1,858	170,435
Additions	-	-	-	559	559
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	116,986	43,517	8,074	2,417	170,994

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL
** Rate	9.4 years	9.4 years	9.4 years	3 years	

At beginning of the year	24,920	9,270	1,720	999	36,909
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	12,441	4,628	859	765	18,693
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	37,361	13,898	2,579	1,764	55,602

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	92,066	34,247	6,354	859	133,526
Net book value at the end of the year	79,625	29,619	5,495	653	115,392

14.4 Impairment

This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

the effective date of the revaluation

the name of independent valuer, if applicable

the methods applied and significant assumptions

the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.

This year	Last year
-	-

14.6 Other disclosures

(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.

(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 19 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
4,610.0	3,820.0
4,610.0	3,820.0

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

Trade debtors

Prepayments and accrued income

Other debtors

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
Total	-

Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	1,442	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	3,596	3,820	-	-
Total	5,038	3,820	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

Balance at the start of the reporting period
 Amounts added in current period
 Amounts released to income from previous periods
 Balance at the end of the reporting period

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Note 24

Cash at bank and in hand

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)

Short term deposits

Cash at bank and on hand

Other

Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
154,902	84,935
300,273	270,523
-	-
455,175	355,457

Section C **Notes to the accounts** (cont)

Note 27 **Charity funds**

27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period
Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.
** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds*

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted Funds	R	Guest Support & Welfare funds	13,024	6,285	-	-	-	11,602
Designated Funds	UR	Property acquisitions and refurbishments	75,000	-	-	135,000	-	210,000
General Funds	UR	General operations	267,433	350,731	-	135,000	133,526	348,537
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			355,457	357,017	-	275,860	133,526	570,139

Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee	Relationship	Description of the	Amount	Balance at	Provision for bad	Amounts written
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

THE BUS SHELTER MK

England & Wales - Charity number 1173705

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Bus Shelter MK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1173705

Charity's principal address

George House

Crosslands, Stantonbury

Milton Keynes

Postcode

MK14 6DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Williams	Chair		
2	David Pickering	Vice Chair/Secretary		
3	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	Treasurer		
4	Peter Smith			
5	Michael Stephen Thompson			
6	Ellis Rust			
7	Joanne Dunsford		Resigned 9 May 2022	
8	Matthew Penning		Resigned 17 July 2022	
9	Shirley Lyn Davies		Appointed 19 Feb 2023	
10	Cameron James Wood		Appointed 08 Sep 2022	
11	Frances Eluned Parry		Appointed 18 Aug 2022	
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected or appointed as appropriate

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of homeless persons, or those at risk of homelessness, within the borough of Milton Keynes, by the provision of temporary accommodation, shelter, warmth, food, advice, signposting and support

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Bus Shelter MK provides a temporary home, food and detailed person-centric support to people who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes.

Service users (guests) are helped to regain their physical and mental health, financial stability through work and/or entitled benefits, dealing with debt and obtain official documents and a bank account if needed. They are then be assisted to find safe, affordable accommodation where, with on-going support, they can maintain tenancies and their wellbeing.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and consider that these are being met through the charity's objectives and activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In line with the experiences of many other charities working in the homeless sector, we are finding it much more difficult to assist our guests into their own independent accommodation due to the rented housing crisis. This is particularly serious in Milton Keynes and as a result our service users are staying with us for many more months than we have previously experienced. We do not ask people to leave our service if they are engaging with us and doing all they can to resolve their situation, but this is creating something of a bottleneck as we have insufficient turnover in our existing bedroom capacity to take in everyone asking the charity for help.

The trustees are continuing to investigate a range of options to open up housing options which are currently closed to our guests. We also intend to increase the charity's own supply of bedrooms through lease, purchase or development. Finally we are evaluating a development of our service with the intention of helping to prevent at least some street homelessness through more detailed advice and support than we can currently deliver.

The Bus Shelter MK is extremely grateful to the incredible volunteers who support our guests and the organisation. Key volunteer activities include guest support, cooking, managing our social media, gardening, administration, counselling, graphic design, fundraising and many other ad hoc tasks.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

From 1 April 22 to 31 March 23, The Bus Shelter MK provided a temporary home and person centric support to 46 individuals who would otherwise have no option but to sleep on the streets of Milton Keynes. This is a small increase over 21/22.

During this financial year, the charity expanded our total bedroom capacity to 21 across four locations (from 13 at the end of the last financial year). In order to achieve this, two more properties were leased from private landlords and TBSMK obtained approval from the local authority for their use as houses of multiple occupation. This additional capacity has coincided with an increase in the average length of stay per guest due to the very difficult rental market in Milton Keynes, so although we have been able to provide temporary accommodation for more people at any one time, the average stay per guest has increased.

Guests who have moved into their own accommodation (usually private rentals) are assisted to set up their new homes with items such as furniture, bedding, flooring, kitchen equipment etc. They are then offered floating support to help them settle into their new home and maintain their tenancy. This ongoing support, which is not time limited but determined by need has ensured a large proportion of our guests have successfully maintained tenancies for 12 months or longer, rather than slip back into street or insecure homelessness, the well reported “revolving door of homelessness”.

Former guests are always encouraged to contact our support team if they encounter challenges, irrespective of the time elapsed since they moved on or were last in touch with the charity.

We also provided telephone or online advice to well over 150 additional people we were unable to accommodate. We provided signposting to other services or gave advice with the intention of helping callers to avoid or deal with homelessness. We are finding the number of calls increasing and cases becoming more complex, so this is an area where we are considering whether our services could/should be expanded.

The charity is committed to continue to deliver real, long-lasting change for some of the most vulnerable members of our local community.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy is to ensure that unrestricted funds not presently committed or invested should be maintained at the level equivalent to 9 months' expenditure to enable the charity to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduced income. As at 31 March 2023, unrestricted reserves carried forward is sufficient to meet operating expenditure for the next 7 months (2022: 19 months). The Trustees deem this as sufficient as it excludes designated funds for internal projects which can be redesignated for operational expenditure should the need arise. Unrestricted reserves carried forward including designated funds is sufficient to cover 15 months of operational expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to all those who have supported The Bus Shelter MK financially during the reporting period, whether trusts, foundations, corporates or individuals. Without their support we could be unable to deliver our crucial services – services which help people turn their lives around, and undoubtedly in some cases, save lives.

It is impossible to name all our generous supporters here, but those of note during FY 2022/2023 include:

Lloyds Bank Foundation
The David Family Foundation
G & E Pollitzer Charitable Settlement
Sava Limited
Dentons Charitable Trust

The charity receives exempt housing benefit which covers the basic cost of the accommodation provided. The housing benefit received does not however cover any of the vital support provided (support which is required in order for the exempt housing benefit to be received). All this assistance, including food, advice, practical help, advocacy with official bodies, finding and setting up long term housing etc. are paid for by money raised through a wide range of fundraising activity or provided by volunteers.

In line with the charity's strategic goal of increasing its capacity of temporary accommodation and the provision of housing for independent, long term rent, The Bus Shelter MK is building a property fund which has been ring-fenced for this purpose.

Section F

Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	p. Williams	
Full name(s)	Pamela Williams	James Albert Yoofoi Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer
Date	07 December 2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Bus Shelter MK

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1173705

Set out on pages

1-3

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R. Dorans

Date:

15/01/2024

Name:

Ruth Dorans FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant

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Sherwoods Ltd, 1st Floor, 27 Shirwell Crescent

Furzton Lake, Milton Keynes, MK4 1GA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters of concern.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Company/Group Donations	29,174		-	29,174	83,862
Grants	27,250		-	27,250	38,000
Guests Food contributions	820		-	820	1,373
Housing Benefit	113,985		-	113,985	64,892
Individual Donations	23,209	1,674	-	24,883	21,008
Interest	1,042		-	1,042	154
Other	675		-	675	100
Rent	23,967		-	23,967	1,590
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	220,122	1,674	-	221,796	210,979
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Asset Sales		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	220,122	1,674	-	221,796	210,979
A3 Payments					
Admin Expenses	1,034		-	1,034	2,392
Bank Charges	402		-	402	242
Cleaning/Waste	5,951		-	5,951	5,363
Food	1,328		-	1,328	917
Fundraising Expenses	3,500		-	3,500	5,674
Guest Support/Welfare	- 1,561	5,312	-	3,751	2,301
Insurance	2,083		-	2,083	2,173
Legal/Professional	1,488		-	1,488	780
Light/Heat	11,190		-	11,190	6,574
Phone/Internet	1,811		-	1,811	829
Rent	36,225		-	36,225	2,500
Salaries	66,814		-	66,814	61,186
Site Set-up/Repairs	9,632		-	9,632	14,127
Staff Expenses	585		-	585	488
Volunteer Expenses	546		-	546	1,950
Training	827		-	827	566
Recruitment	1,887		-	1,887	495
Dues/Subscriptions	1,849		-	1,849	1,155
Furnishings	2,595		-	2,595	2,471
Tenant Deposit Scheme	3,820		-	3,820	560
Water/Sewage	522		-	522	-
Council Tax	7,597		-	7,597	-
Donation			-	-	250
Guest Resettlement			-	-	161
			-	-	-
Sub total	160,124	5,312	-	165,436	113,152
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Fixed Assets			-	-	- 6,013
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	- 6,013
Total payments	160,124	5,312	-	165,436	107,140
Net of receipts/(payments)	59,998	- 3,638	-	56,360	103,839
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	282,435	16,661	-	299,097	195,257
Cash funds this year end	342,433	13,024	-	355,457	299,097

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - UTB	51,267	13,024	-
	Deposit Account - UTB	32,886		-
	Deposit Account - VM	85,000		-
	Deposit Account - NW	85,504		-
	Deposit Account - CAF Flagstone Sainsbury Bank	84,935		-
	Purchasing Card	2,247		-
	Petty Cash	142		-
	PayPal Balance	452		-
	Total cash funds	342,433	13,024	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Leasehold improvements	Unrestricted	92,615	
	Leasehold improvements	Restricted	24,372	
	Building Units (Containers and Office)	Unrestricted	3,081	
	Building Units (Containers and Office)	Restricted	42,435	
	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	7,091	
	Fixtures and Fittings	Restricted	983	
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,858	
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	NEST Pension	Unrestricted	83	01 April 2023

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	James Albert Yoofti Clarke	28/11/2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	April	2021		31	March	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Bus Shelter MK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1173705

Charity's principal address George House

Crosslands, Stantonbury

Milton Keynes

Postcode MK14 6DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Williams	Chair		
2	David Pickering	Vice Chair/Secretary		
3	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	Treasurer		
4	Peter Smith			
5	Michael Thompson			
6	Ellis Rust			
7	Joanne Dunsford			
8	Matthew Penning			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected or appointed as appropriate

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of homeless persons, or those at risk of homelessness, within the borough of Milton Keynes, by the provision of temporary accommodation, shelter, warmth, food, advice, signposting and support

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Bus Shelter MK provides a temporary home, food and person-centric support to people who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes.

Service users (guests) are helped to regain their physical and mental health, financial stability through work and/or benefits and dealing with debt, and obtain official documents and a bank account if needed. They are then be assisted to find safe, affordable accommodation where, with on-going support, they can maintain tenancies and their wellbeing.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and consider that these are being met through the charity's objectives and activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Bus Shelter MK is extremely grateful to the incredible volunteers who support our guests and the organisation.

Key volunteer activities include guest support, cooking, managing our social media, gardening, administration, counselling, graphic design, fundraising and many other ad hoc tasks.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the start of April 2021, the charity had been at their new base, George House, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes for just two months. The iconic converted double decker bus had been retired due to the Covid risks of its communal sleeping facilities and replaced with a bespoke conversion of a shipping container providing individual bedrooms. Additional facilities on the George House site include a fully renovated brick building providing kitchen, dining, bathroom and laundry facilities and two additional bedrooms. Ancillary buildings of a lounge, an office plus a small garden area complete the site.

The move to this new site has enabled the charity to provide a higher and more comfortable standard of accommodation.

From 1 April 21 to 31 March 22, The Bus Shelter MK provided a temporary home and person centric support to 44 people who would otherwise have no option but to sleep on the streets of Milton Keynes. This is an increase of 22% over 20/21.

A further 23 former guests who, with our assistance, had moved into their own accommodation (usually private rentals) received a significant level of on-going support. This support ensured a high proportion of tenancies being maintained for 12 months or more and enabled former guests to avoid the well-reported "revolving door of homelessness". The charity is delivering real, long-lasting change for some of the most vulnerable members of our local community.

There is no time limit to support. Former guests are always encouraged to contact our support team if they encounter challenges, irrespective of the time elapsed since they moved on.

We also provided telephone or online advice to well over 100 people we were unable to accommodate. We provided signposting to other services or gave advice to help them avoid or deal with homelessness.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the charity's strategic direction for the short, medium and long term. It was agreed that expanding the amount of longer term housing available for our guests (rather than the temporary accommodation provided at George House) was the direction we wanted to explore. As a pilot scheme, during March 2022, the charity leased a four bedroomed house and following some minor works registered it with the local housing authority as a House of Multiple Occupation. The tenants of this "move-on" property will be former guests of George House who are not yet able to secure private tenancies in Milton Keynes due to the very competitive private rented sector in the City. Although outside this reporting period, it is worth noting that the pilot was very successful and as a result two further properties have been leased during the 2022 calendar year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy is to ensure that unrestricted funds not presently committed or invested should be maintained at the level equivalent to 9 months' expenditure to enable the charity to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduced income. As at 31 March 2022, unrestricted reserves carried forward is sufficient to meet operating expenditure for the next 19 months (2021: 26 months)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Board of Trustees is extremely grateful to all those who have supported The Bus Shelter MK financially during the reporting period, whether trusts, foundations, corporates or individuals. Without their support we could be unable to deliver our crucial services – services which help people turn their lives around, and undoubtedly in some cases, save lives.

It is impossible to name all our generous supporters here, but those of particular note during FY 2021/2022 include:

Lloyds Bank Foundation
The David Family Trust
H&M Hennes & Mauritz Services Ltd
Truemark Trust
The Rank Foundation (Pebble Grant)
The Astor Foundation
The Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund
MK Rotary (Swimathon)

The charity receives housing benefit which covers the basic cost of the accommodation provided. The housing benefit received does not however cover any of the vital support provided. All this assistance, including food, advice, practical help, advocacy with official bodies, finding and setting up long term housing etc. are paid for by money raised through a wide range of fundraising activity or provided by volunteers.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Pamela Williams	James Albert Yoofi Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Treasurer

Date 28 November 2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

01-Apr-21

To

Period end date

31-Mar-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash Donations			-	-	5
Company/Group Donations	78,299	5,563	-	83,862	63,334
Gift Aid			-	-	2,065
Grants	31,000	7,000	-	38,000	109,590
Guests Food contributions	1,373		-	1,373	150
Housing Benefit	64,892		-	64,892	45,140
Individual Donations	18,408	2,600	-	21,008	27,162
Interest	154		-	154	698
Other	100	-	-	100	
Rent	1,590	-	-	1,590	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	195,816	15,163	-	210,979	248,144
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Asset Sales		-	-	-	20,255
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	20,255
Total receipts	195,816	15,163	-	210,979	268,399
A3 Payments					
Admin Expenses	2,392		-	2,392	1,835
Bank Charges	242		-	242	201
Cleaning/Waste	5,363		-	5,363	1,857
Food	917		-	917	2,230
Fundraising Expenses	5,674		-	5,674	13,855
Guest Resettlement	161		-	161	1,600
Guest Support/Welfare	1,371	930	-	2,301	2,060
Insurance	2,173		-	2,173	2,233
Legal/Professional	780		-	780	1,164
Light/Heat	6,574		-	6,574	994
Phone/Internet	829		-	829	603
Rent	2,500		-	2,500	16,933
Salaries	59,479	1,707	-	61,186	60,982
Site Set-up/Repairs	13,806	321	-	14,127	14,859
Staff Expenses	488	-	-	488	882
Volunteer Expenses	1,950	-	-	1,950	187
Training	566	-	-	566	498
Donation	250	-	-	250	-
Recruitment	495	-	-	495	-
Dues/Subscriptions	1,155		-	1,155	
Furnishings		2,471	-	2,471	
Tenant Deposit Scheme	560	-	-	560	-
Water/Sewage		-	-	-	153
Bus Fit-out/Repairs		-	-	-	411
Security		-	-	-	108
Sub total	107,723	5,430	-	113,152	123,646
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Fixed Assets	(6,013)		-	6,013	176,448
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 6,013	-	-	6,013	176,448
Total payments	101,710	5,430	-	107,140	300,093
Net of receipts/(payments)	94,106	9,733	-	103,839	- 31,695
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	188,329	6,928	-	195,257	226,952
Cash funds this year end	282,435	16,661	-	299,097	195,257

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - UTB	78,485	16,661	-
	Deposit Account - UTB	32,549		-
	Deposit Account - VM	85,000	-	-
	Deposit Account - NW	85,022	-	-
	Purchasing Card	884	-	-
	Petty Cash	86	-	-
	PayPal Balance	409	-	-
		Total cash funds	282,435	16,661
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Leasehold improvements	Unrestricted	92,615	
	Leasehold improvements	Restricted	24,372	
	Building Units (Containers and Office)	Unrestricted	3,081	
	Building Units (Containers and Office)	Restricted	42,435	
	Fixtures and Fittings	Unrestricted	7,091	
	Fixtures and Fittings	Restricted	983	
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted	1,858	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NEST Pension	Unrestricted	636	01 April 2022
	HMRC - PAYE	Unrestricted	2	01 April 2022
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		James Albert Yoofi Clarke	17/01/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Bus Shelter MK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173705

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

23/01/2023

Name:

Ruth Dorans FCCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Fellow Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Sherwoods Ltd, 1st Floor 27 Shirwell Crescent

Furzton Lake, Milton Keynes, MK4 1GA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters of concern.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
		1	April	2020			31	March	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Bus Shelter MK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1173705

Charity's principal address George House

Crosslands, Stantonbury

Milton Keynes

Postcode MK14 6DB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Williams	Chair		
2	David Pickering	Vice Chair/Secretary		
3	Carole Jinks	Treasurer	Resigned 31 Dec 2020	
4	Peter Smith			
5	Matthew Penning			
6	Ellis Rust			
7	Joanne Dunsford		Appointed 10 Nov 2020	
8	Allan Plath		Resigned 11 Mar 2021	
9	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	Treasurer	Appointed 20 Mar 2021	
10	Michael Thompson		Appointed 16 Mar 2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected or appointed as appropriate

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve the needs of homeless persons, or those at risk of homelessness, within the borough of Milton Keynes, by the provision of temporary accommodation, shelter, warmth, food, advice, signposting and support

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Bus Shelter MK has continued its work to relieve or prevent street homelessness in Milton Keynes. Between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 the charity provided accommodation, food and person-centric support to 36 people who would otherwise have been sleeping on the streets of Milton Keynes.

In addition the charity provided on-going support to over 20 former guests after we had helped them to find suitable move-on accommodation in order to ensure their new tenancies were sustained. In addition we provided telephone/text/email advice to a wider cohort of people experiencing homelessness.

The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit and consider that these are being met through the Charity's objectives and activities

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

March 2020 saw the outbreak of Covid. We immediately realised that our model of communal sleeping in a converted bus was no longer safe.

We quickly negotiated the Youth Hostel Association to lease their Milton Keynes Hostel which they had been forced to close to visitors due to Covid restrictions. Initially this was for three months, but in fact we did not leave until 25th January 2021. Leasing the hostel meant we were able to give each guest (or couple) their own bedroom.

In addition we recognised that our previous model of reliance on a wide range of volunteers attending the site on a daily basis was not a safe practice during lockdown and we moved to a greater reliance on paid staff. We have continued largely with this model, although we still are very grateful for ongoing support from volunteer cooks, gardeners, specialist welfare officers, administrators, debt counsellors and a social media manager.

The trustees are extremely proud of the fact that we continued to offer accommodation and support to our guests throughout lockdowns.

During 2020 we were also asked to vacate our site in central Milton Keynes. Milton Keynes Council offered us a redundant landscaping depot with small storage building as an alternative. The site was too small, but The Parks Trust who owned adjacent land agreed to lease us a small area to make the site viable. We recognised that the building and surrounding site would require considerable clearance and renovation but determined that as the leases were offered for a minimum of 10 years the costs involved were an appropriate use of the charity's resources.

The initial plan was to relocate the bus onto this new site, but the ongoing Covid restrictions meant the bus was not going to be viable for providing sleeping accommodation in the foreseeable future. We therefore commissioned the bespoke conversion of a brand new shipping container into a sleeping pod to provide individual bedrooms. We can now offer nine places and continue to allow guests to keep their dogs with them. The new sleeping arrangements also make our facility safer and more suitable for any female guests.

The new site, George House, opened on 22nd January 2021. Through trustee and staff determination, the adversity of Covid and losing our original site has resulted in a much improved facility from which to deliver our much needed service.

The most important achievement of all, however, is the temporary home, friendship, kindness and support we were able to offer throughout the year to guests and the ongoing connections we maintain to ensure minor challenges don't turn into a major crises.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's reserves policy is to ensure that unrestricted funds not presently committed or invested should be maintained at the level equivalent to 9 months' expenditure to enable the charity to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduced income. As at 31 March 2021, unrestricted reserves carried forward is sufficient to meet operating expenditure for the next 26 months (2020: 12 months)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds that are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

The financial burden of additional costs/reduced income due to Covid, and the significant cost of renovating the George House site and providing Covid safe sleeping arrangements, was thankfully relieved to quite an extent through various grants we were extremely thankful to receive.

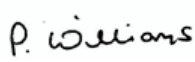
We are grateful to every individual person and business who assisted us during this reporting period and make particular mention of grants from DCLG and DCMS, Lloyds Bank Trust, Masonic Charitable Trust, John Apthorp Charity, Newby Trust, Albert Hunt Trust, Newport Pagnell Rotary Club, GiffGaff, Sava and Barratt Developments.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Pamela Williams	James Albert Yoofi Clarke
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	31/01/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE BUS SHELTER MK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1173705

Set out on pages

1

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

31/01/2022

Name:

Elizabeth Newell BA (Hons) FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Fellow Chartered Accountant

Address:

MOORGATE HOUSE, 201 SILBURY BOULEVARD,
MILTON KEYNES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, MK9 1LZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters of concern.

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-20

To

Period end date
31-Mar-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cash Donations	5	-	-	5	1,654
Company/Group Donations	17,544	45,790	-	63,334	113,949
Gift Aid	2,065	-	-	2,065	6,466
Grants	55,416	54,174	-	109,590	3,753
Guests Food contributions	150	-	-	150	1,080
Housing Benefit	45,140	-	-	45,140	41,836
Individual Donations	25,652	1,510	-	27,162	22,436
Interest	698	-	-	698	493
Other	-	-	-	-	75
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	146,670	101,474	-	248,144	191,741
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Asset Sales	20,255	-	-	20,255	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,255	-	-	20,255	-
Total receipts	166,925	101,474	-	268,399	191,741
A3 Payments					
Admin Expenses	1,007	828	-	1,835	1,497
Bank Charges	201	-	-	201	65
Bus Fit-out/Repairs	411	-	-	411	5,759
Cleaning/Waste	1,857	-	-	1,857	110
Food	2,230	-	-	2,230	622
Fundraising Expenses	13,855	-	-	13,855	41
Guest Resettlement	1,317	283	-	1,600	1,090
Guest Support/Welfare	1,513	548	-	2,060	2,594
Insurance	2,233	-	-	2,233	1,766
Legal/Professional	1,164	-	-	1,164	756
Light/Heat	994	-	-	994	4,243
Phone/Internet	603	-	-	603	1,394
Rent	6,933	10,000	-	16,933	2,000
Salaries	40,475	20,506	-	60,982	35,517
Security	108	-	-	108	97
Site Set-up/Repairs	13,625	1,233	-	14,859	3,058
Staff Expenses	882	-	-	882	213
Volunteer Expenses	187	-	-	187	292
Water/Sewage	153	-	-	153	587
Training	498	-	-	498	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	90,247	33,398	-	123,646	61,702
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	108,658	67,790	-	176,448	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	108,658	67,790	-	176,448	-
Total payments	198,905	101,188	-	300,093	61,702
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 31,981	286	-	- 31,695	130,039
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	220,310	6,642	-	226,952	96,913
Cash funds this year end	188,329	6,928	-	195,257	226,952

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account - UTB	51,050	-	-
	Deposit Account - UTB	50,602	6,928	-
	Deposit Account - VM	85,000	-	-
	Purchasing Card	1,237	-	-
	Petty Cash	33	-	-
	PayPal Balance	408	-	-
	Total cash funds	188,329	6,928	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

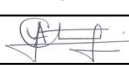
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Leasehold improvements	Unrestricted		92,615
	Leasehold improvements	Restricted		24,372
	Building units (Office)	Unrestricted		2,000
	Building units (containers)	Unrestricted		8,154
	Building units (containers)	Restricted		42,435
	Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted		7,091
	Fixtures & Fittings	Restricted		983
	Computer Equipment	Unrestricted		798
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	NEST Pension	Unrestricted	253	01 April 2021
	HMRC - PAYE	Unrestricted	1,394	
	Net wages underpaid	Unrestricted	210	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	James Albert Yoofi Clarke	31/01/2022