

**CARING FOR LIFE**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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**Trustees**

Mr W E Bygroves, Chair  
Dr J W Birnie  
Mr M W Bygroves (appointed 1 March 2022)  
Ms C L Haddow (appointed 17 January 2022)  
Mrs F Hendriksz  
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**Charity registered number**

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**Bankers**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charitable group for the period 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable group comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

***Objectives and activities***

**a. What is CFL established to do?**

The objectives of Caring For Life, as laid down in the Trust Deed and on the Charity Commission's register of charities are:

"To promote the Evangelical Christian faith by bringing the love and compassion of Christ Jesus to mankind through the relief in need of those who are poor, have a disability, are infirm or otherwise in need, by:

- a) Provision of accommodation and ancillary facilities calculated to alleviate their needs;
- b) Provision of training, including opportunities to engage in paid employment for limited periods;
- c) Preservation and conservation of the Charity's land, buildings, (including historic listed buildings) and environment, in furtherance of its purpose in caring for life in all its forms."

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**b. What does CFL actually do?**

Caring For Life fulfils its charitable objectives through three main areas of ministry:

Providing supported living homes for particularly at-risk men and women; homes which provide a genuine home for as long as the person wishes to stay, for life if necessary.

Providing housing support through the CFL 'Being There' (Housing Support) team, sourcing housing for homeless people and/or undertaking support work to enable people to sustain their tenancies, plus to achieve a more safe, settled and happy way of life.

Providing therapeutic daytime activity projects at the Trust's base, Crag House Farm, to help beneficiaries to adopt a more structured and safer lifestyle, enabling them to find real fulfilment and a sense of purpose in life.

**c. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit**

The Trustees can confirm that the Charity's undertaking is for public benefit. We fulfill this through making every project accessible to and available for at-risk members of our society, supported living homes for at-risk adults, crucial support for those living alone in the community, including sourcing homes for the homeless and tenancy sustainment work, food parcels given out to people in need, therapeutic daytime activities for socially excluded people and activities for people with a wide range of disabilities, free meals (breakfast and lunch) for up to 100 different people each week, adult education for those who have missed out in childhood, and Bible studies and spiritual nurture to help nurture moral welfare and social cohesion.

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

**d. Volunteers**

The continuing support of volunteers has provided a crucially needed resource in many areas of the Charity. We recruit volunteers as and when the need arises, and we have seen a number of new volunteers join our team in the last year, and also seen others retire.

***Strategic report***

***Achievements and performance***

**a. Have we achieved our aims?**

The first part of this financial year was still dominated with pandemic logistics and considerations on all areas of the organisation. This meant that we were still having to work with altered practical care methods to achieve our support goals in caring for people who needed care and support with life challenges.

As the year progressed, and changes to Covid restrictions were eased, we were able to open more of our daytime support and do much more face-to-face support in the community. We also saw those in the residential supported homes being able to take up more of a regular time on the daytime support that is offered at Crag House Farm.

By the end of the financial year, the care work offered, before the pandemic hit in 2020, was pretty much all back to normal and we were enjoying the ability to provide in full the much-needed care to the people we work with.

Some of the activities and solutions adopted during Covid have remained in place. These included the use of digital technology, and in particular, bible studies were considered beneficial by video conferencing, whilst also now being able to offer an in person option also.

The Trustees were kept abreast of all care matters and financial considerations throughout the year as we continued to improve the quality of our financial and other reporting. The Trustees saw one of its long standing trustees step down from their active role, of which the Trustees were grateful for the many years service, however it was a thrill to be able to welcome two new Trustees to the board, enhancing the skill set available to the Trustees in the oversight of the Charity.

We are confident that the objectives of the trust were more than adequately met, and the resilience, and flexibility of the care provided exceeded our expectations with those in our care showing real benefit from the care provided.

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**Strategic report (continued)**

**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**b. Provision of care**

Supported living accommodation

Our two HMO's (Houses of Multiple Occupancy) continued to support people in the home whilst the restrictions eased.

Throughout the year, to help the residents, a plan was put together to gently ease the residents back to daytime activities at Crag House Farm.

The homes continue to function well for the residents, but for some the homes are becoming harder as mobility can be a challenge in certain areas such as climbing stairs.

Careful consideration and active options are reviewed constantly to pursue ways of developing this care facility which is hugely beneficial for the current residents.

Being There – (Housing Support)

This team was able to fully pick up on its community-based support in the year.

This crucial part of our work continued to be provided in a whole host of ways that have significantly benefited the recipients of our care. For example food parcels continued to be handed out, advice on housing issues has been provided, taking people to various medical appointments, and general befriending has taken place.

Support with beneficiaries through this community-based work has continued to be a very positive help in the community, allowing many of our clients to cope in the community, whereas without the regular support contact, they would find the challenges of life too hard.

Daytime Provision

The daytime work began opening its door gradually, and it was fantastic to see how eager people were to get back and involve themselves in the various activities following periods of it closing.

The daytime therapeutic base at Crag House Farm is invaluable to the assistance of helping people by providing constructive and supported activities for our staff to work alongside beneficiaries.

All activities are now fully operational, and we have seen a growing need to provide more opportunities, and more places at the farms headquarters.

During the year, plans were drawn up to replace our long-standing refectory, in the hopes of allowing more people to be able to receive meals each day in a warm safe environment, as well as providing a better place to meet people who need support with our benefits support work team.

At 31 January 2023 the charity was awaiting response for the planning application submitted to Leeds City Council.

**Strategic report (continued)**

**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**b. Provision of care (continued)**

Benefits Work

During the year the Team has experienced growing demand for the support it is able to give to people to get support in trying to receive the correct benefits and funding available.

With the increased costs of living, the need to help people budget and tap into the correct benefits, is ever more crucial and this team of dedicated staff have been extremely busy helping as many people as possible.

The team keep up to date with any relevant case law to ensure that advice they offer to other staff working with people in the community is accurate and relevant when assisting people to manage the complicated and confusing process to access benefits. Forums are also a great source of knowledge for us to receive, and also share, up to date information to help ensure support and advice given to those in our care is the best for a good outcome.

**c. What differences have we made?**

- Caring For Life was able to re-open all of its daytime services, and successfully were able to re-introduce 96 people back onto the farm projects each week.
- The supported living homes continued to provide safe supported housing to those people who need it, enabling people to live independently, but with support available when required.
- The Being There team have played a crucial role in helping 74 people to remain adequately housed. A further 47 people were safely housed and avoided a return to being homeless, 2 people were rehoused, and 32 of those supported by this team were re-integrated into attending the daytime support projects following the pandemic.
- The Benefits team has been on the front line of support providing invaluable advice and support to help people receive required funds to pay bills, afford food, and get support that people we support crucially need.
- The charity has managed to maintain fantastic relationships with its 4500+ people support base, enabling it to continue moving towards a more sustainable financial future.
- Presentations and support networks have been increased enabling us to engage with more potential donors, and increasing awareness of the needs the charity is seeking to support.



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**Strategic report (continued)**

**Achievements and performance (continued)**

**d. Fundraising activities and income generation**

The charity has always, and continues to, place significant focus on its relationship with supporters. Throughout the year we have been able to re-establish the objective to visit churches in person, and also some churches have requested video conferencing meetings in order to accommodate those who still were not meeting in person.

We were able to see this approach grow new support, and a number of people joined the support base with direct debits, and other also increased their giving. As you would expect, some support also ceased, but overall support on a regular basis increased, which is a great encouragement.

We were able to host our Supporters Day, which, due to Covid lockdown, we were unable to run in the previous year. This was a tremendous day where relationships and engagement with our supporters continued to build. Over 600 people visited the farm on the day, and opportunity was given for supporters to meet some of those in our care, as well as having constructive discussions with the staff team. It was a much-appreciated day, when many supporters showed their appreciation of Peter Parkinson, founder of Caring For Life, who had passed away during this financial year.

The PR team continued to approach grant making bodies and trusts for funding. The efforts by the staff team produced a good result, and it is still within our strategy to continue to seek support from grant making organisations who are sympathetic to our work.

A number of constructive discussions took place with a few donors who were keen to follow the previous year's match fund. Careful consideration to what this match funding would be for has been discussed with the Executive, and it is envisaged that when the time is right, new housing would be the preferred focus of this type of fundraising.

As much as fundraising and income generation has been the focus, time and efforts have also been spent seeking ways to save money to help the charity's cashflow. Careful consideration of fuel and energy has been discussed in the last year, and significant savings were made, particularly in the area of electricity, with the installation of solar.

**e. Trading subsidiary performance**

The charity operates its trading activities through a subsidiary company, Caring For Life (Trading) Limited. The trading subsidiary produced a fantastic result in the face of very difficult trading circumstances. In addition, the charity has a property investment company which generates a small amount of investment income for the charity.

The farm shop and garden nurseries, particularly, exceeded expectations, and provided excellent profits. The Granary, and Grab and Go struggled especially the Granary, with the after-effects of the Pandemic as well as the increased costs of food which had been increasing for some time.

The overall result of the trading companies is positive, and encouraging, and the areas of challenge are constantly being reviewed and improved.

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**Strategic report (continued)**

***Financial review***

**a. Overview**

The charity continued to show great resilience in the changes and demands that were placed on it through the pandemic.

Whilst the beginning of the year started off slow, still experiencing restrictions of movement to churches and places that presentations would normally take place, by the end of the year, it was in full swing and fully engaging with our existing and new potential new supporters.

The challenges faced by those we support continue to cause great concerns, as the support that should be on offer struggles to meet the demands of those who need it. We as an organisation constantly looking at ways in which we can develop new lines of support and sustain that support, to meet the growing needs of those vulnerable people in society.

We are pleased with how the cashflow reports have been a good source of information to help make decisions financially, and use the information at hand to actively make changes to purchases, and financial procedures to enhance what we can do both administratively and pastorally.

The increase of living costs, energy costs, staffing costs and food costs are a source of concern for both those we support, and for our own consideration.

We are actively looking at opportunities to develop exciting sustainable ways of working, but also ways in which we can enhance care that we provide.

**b. Reserves policy & designated funds**

The trustees recognise that the charity continues to rely heavily on the goodwill of its many supporters for donations and grants to enable it to continue doing the charitable activities set out in this report. The trustees and management recognize that there remains increased uncertainty over future levels of grant and donation funding due to the continuing uncertainties experienced including global economic uncertainties and concerns arising from the war in Ukraine.

To secure the future activities of the charity the trustees agree a minimum level of reserves, which it strives to achieve, in order to cover overhead costs the charity is committed to meeting at any time. This is in line with good practice set out by the Charity Commission.

As at 31 January 2023 the consolidated balance sheet for the charity shows total reserves of £6.0m. However, a significant proportion of those reserves are either invested in long term fixed assets, required to be able to carry out the charitable activities, or are funds that have been specifically designated for projects the charity trustees are seeking to undertake.

At 31 January 2023 the charity recorded investments in fixed assets of £4.4million (2022: £4.2 million), some of which is financed through long term borrowing. The charity also held £323k (2022: £346k) in restricted funds. Further details on the fixed assets and restricted funds are included within the notes to the financial statements.

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**Strategic report (continued)**

**Financial review (continued)**

**b. Reserves policy & designated funds (continued)**

At the year end the charity held designated funds of £962k (2022: £710k) (see note 24 on page 49) allocated to specific projects including the capital cost of a new resource centre and the purchase of minority shares in Caring for Life Properties. The Trustees expect that these funds will be utilised over the next two to three years.

In the year to 31 January 2023 the charity incurred total expenditure of £4.3m. The charity has a number of key income streams and is not reliant on one principal source, although each is individually important to the charity. Considering a number of potential scenarios it is considered extremely unlikely that multiple income streams would cease with little or no notice and also the fact that a material fall in income from trading would immediately reduce the cost base of trading activities. Accordingly, a purely cost based reserves policy is not considered appropriate and would drive a reserves target which would necessitate more reserves than the Trustees would wish to hold rather than spend on charitable purpose. As such the policy is to hold a reserve of £350k which, this equates to around 1.5 months costs and is considered an adequate sum to manage the charity through the likely scenarios considered.

At the year end, the charity had free reserves of £249k which is below the trustee's required range, the Trustees are comfortable with this in the short term as it has been driven by additional allocations to the designated fund for the capital project and reserves are expected to be within the target range in the short to medium term. Free reserves are made up on general unrestricted reserves not invested in long term assets and not designated for specific purposes. The Trustees note that while fixed assets are deducted from free reserve assets there are bank loans attached to those assets totaling £684k, in reality these borrowings are directly attached to those fixed assets which is not reflected in the statutory free reserves calculation.

**c. Principal funding**

The charity's main source of funding continues to be donations received from the general public.

**d. Going Concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the cash position of the charity and cash forecasts at the date of signing the Financial Statements and also approved the financial plans of the subsidiary company to make a positive contribution to the parent charity. The Trustees are satisfied that the group will be able to meet all its financial commitments. They are also satisfied that the Executive Committee are seeking to diversify the Charity's income streams further to mitigate risk, whilst focusing on building up its support base.

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**e. Conclusion**

The year had many challenges both operationally and financially, but the trustees are happy that the charity is in a good position to grow and develop in areas that meet the needs of those we support, whilst remaining financially viable and meeting our financial obligations as they fall due.

The Executive review management and cashflow information on a monthly basis. Regular updates are sent to designated members of the Trustees who are responsible for oversight of financial matters. A financial update is provided to the full board of Trustees at each of the Trustee meetings that are held 3 times a year.

Trustees with designated responsibilities are also contacted throughout the year if any matter is deemed to require Trustee involvement.

***Structure, governance and management***

**a. Constitution**

Caring for Life is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 17 August 2017.

The management of the Group and the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Group and the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

The Board of Trustees at Caring For Life ("CFL") continues to embody a range of expertise in the differing experiences and gifts brought by its members. The Trustees of Caring For Life continue to be committed to exploring new Trustees who are able to bring skills to the board which are not existent amongst the present members.

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**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The governance and structure of the charitable company continues to work efficiently and appropriately despite having to manage many issues caused by the current crisis. The day to day running of the charity is delegated to the Executive Committee who meet under the chair of the Chief Executive Officer of the charity.

Bill Bygroves continues to serve as Chair of the Trustees. He provides wise leadership and insightful pastoral influence to the Trustees and Executive Committee of the charity. Our Chair had a short time away from his position due to a heart bypass, but we are glad to say is now back to take up his role as chair.

Our Trustees provide a wealth of experience and knowledge in pastoral, financial and practical matters. The support from the board has helped the Charity maintain its objectives and has also challenged the practices and policies of the charity, in order to seek best practice and improve care.

Regular communication and challenge, from the board of Trustees, continues to have a positive influence on the charity and has been invaluable during the last few months.

The Charity regularly reviews its board of Trustees, and in accordance with best practice, the Trustees stand down every five years, and can stand for re-election, if willing.

The Trustees were excited to approach two people with specific skillsets who joined the Board of Trustees during the year. This has further improved the skills and knowledge base particularly in the areas of counselling, and pastoral support.

**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Trustees are recruited with transparency on the basis of their experience for the role in line with the memorandum and articles of association. Job descriptions are provided, and DBS checks and references taken before appointments are ratified.

All new Trustees are expected to go through a full induction and are offered any additional training as deemed necessary, including being invited to the charity's in-house safeguarding training days and refresher days, as the safeguarding of at-risk adults and children is deemed to be a priority issue.

**e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

The salary for the CEO is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Trustees. The Executive board, the Senior Management team, and the remaining employees' salaries are set by a representative of the Board of Trustees.

**Structure, governance and management (continued)**

**f. Financial risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Group and the Charity are exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Group and the Charity and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees review each year all policies and are an active part of the charity and its crucial work.

The Executive Director, in consultation with the two trustees who are designated to review financial matters on a monthly basis, along with the Management Accountant, reviewed and overhauled the management account information, providing real-time information to assist the Executive in making crucial decisions.

The Executive Committee continue to meet regularly to review the pastoral, financial and practical affairs of the charity. On alternate weeks the Senior Management Team meet with the Executive and are provided with updates, along with being given opportunity to discuss any matters of the charity. The whole staff team are invited to a meeting on the first Wednesday afternoon of every month where developments and issues are presented for discussion. Due to the current situation this has been put on hold, but regular meetings are still held to discuss matters arising within the charity and its work.

Managers are expected to meet regularly with staff and provide support and guidance in pastoral and practical matters, along with ensuring policies are adhered to and rolled out. The staff team continue to show great commitment to the work and all show keen interest in helping the organisation meet its objectives.

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**Plans for future periods**

- Income generation

The impact of the pandemic was still a cause for challenge during the year with restrictions on the organisations ongoing strategy of face to face discussion and presentations in churches. With restrictions no longer a concern, and travel being undertaken, this has helped massively in our development of further retaining the support base and finding new supporters of Caring For Life.

The main emphasis on the fundraising efforts will be focused mainly in the following areas.

- Picking up on church presentations helping with retention, and new support. Providing insights into the day to day pastoral work and expressing needs of those supported and of the organization.
- Find new ways of opening communications with supporters, both potential and existing, using social media, and other digital means.
- Review literature, and any other media based promotional work, adapting where necessary to help present the work in a clearer and more engaging way.
- Reviewing income streams and expenditure and looking for opportunities to maximise charity funds
- Develop new support groups around the country, enabling small groups of people to develop their own fundraising ventures, and keeping the groups up to date with needs.
- To approach grant making bodies to seek funding for capital and revenue purposes for the furtherance of projects that would appeal to the cause the trusts and bodies are set up to help.

Expansion of care provision

- Centre Expansion: We aim to set complete all plans, and prepare for the new centre for works to being in early 2023. This will radically change the daytime meeting and meal provision areas for pastoral care that we do at Crag House Farm.
- Housing: Further independent housing will be looked at to see if more safe accommodation can be provided by the charity to people who desperately need it.
- We continue to look at opportunities that will provide pastoral opportunities offsite to provide daytime and potentially evening support, in both social and advisory settings.
- The charity has been looking to further enhance and expand its care work, based on the needs that are appearing and feels it is in a better position to start drawing up plans now, with the hopes that the worst of the Covid restrictions are now behind us, helping us think more of the future plans that current problems.

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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

The auditor, BHP LLP, have indicated a willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
BillBygroves (Jul 6, 2023 12:11 GMT+1)

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**Mr W E Bygroves**  
(Trustee)

Date: Jul 6, 2023



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARING FOR LIFE**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Caring for Life (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 January 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, the consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2023 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARING FOR LIFE (CONTINUED)**

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**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report including the strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the trustees' report and the strategic report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable group and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report including the strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARING FOR LIFE (CONTINUED)**

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In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the group through discussions with management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the operations of the group, including the Charities Act 2011;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CARING FOR LIFE (CONTINUED)

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Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*BHP LLP*

BHP LLP (Jul 11, 2023 11:45 GMT+1)

**Laura Masheder (Senior statutory auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**BHP LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

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LS16 6QY

Date: Jul 11, 2023

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	169,515	2,811,635	2,981,150	2,293,264
Charitable activities - service income	5	-	351,189	351,189	346,996
Other trading activities	6	-	1,461,472	1,461,472	1,310,467
Investments	7	-	6,686	6,686	499
Other income	8	-	64,538	64,538	60,500
<b>Total income</b>		<b>169,515</b>	<b>4,695,520</b>	<b>4,865,035</b>	<b>4,011,726</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds:					
Trading activities	6	-	1,451,844	1,451,844	1,163,608
Cost of generating voluntary income	9	5,246	235,136	240,382	239,654
Charitable activities:					
Supported Living		10,491	430,491	440,982	404,712
Housing Support (Being There)		26,318	390,091	416,409	399,413
Therapeutic projects		154,164	1,594,987	1,749,151	1,711,545
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>196,219</b>	<b>4,102,549</b>	<b>4,298,768</b>	<b>3,918,932</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(26,704)</b>	<b>592,971</b>	<b>566,267</b>	<b>92,794</b>
Transfers between funds	24	3,207	(3,207)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds before other recognised gains</b>		<b>(23,497)</b>	<b>589,764</b>	<b>566,267</b>	<b>92,794</b>
<b>Other recognised gains:</b>					
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	17,24	-	313,723	313,723	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(23,497)</b>	<b>903,487</b>	<b>879,990</b>	<b>92,794</b>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

		<b>Restricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
	<b>Note</b>				
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>346,249</b>	<b>4,732,820</b>	<b>5,079,069</b>	4,986,275
Net (expenditure)/income		<b>(26,704)</b>	<b>594,617</b>	<b>567,913</b>	92,392
Net gains attributable to the parent charity		-	<b>313,723</b>	<b>313,723</b>	-
		<b>322,752</b>	<b>5,637,953</b>	<b>5,960,705</b>	5,078,667
Net expenditure attributable to non-controlling interests	23	-	<b>(1,646)</b>	<b>(1,646)</b>	402
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>322,752</b>	<b>5,636,307</b>	<b>5,959,059</b>	5,079,069

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 26 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET***AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023*

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	17	<b>4,379,801</b>	4,177,640
Investments	18	<b>918</b>	918
		<b>4,380,719</b>	4,178,558
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	19	<b>221,610</b>	182,154
Debtors	20	<b>601,513</b>	264,018
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>2,013,783</b>	1,773,463
		<b>2,836,906</b>	2,219,635
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<b>(592,819)</b>	(606,037)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>2,244,087</b>	1,613,598
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>6,624,806</b>	5,792,156
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	22	<b>(665,747)</b>	(713,087)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>5,959,059</b>	5,079,069
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	24	<b>322,752</b>	346,249
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	24	<b>962,160</b>	709,682
General funds	24	<b>4,462,284</b>	3,652,444
Revaluation reserve		<b>166,339</b>	323,524
Total unrestricted funds	24	<b>5,590,783</b>	4,685,650
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>5,913,535</b>	5,031,899
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	23	<b>45,524</b>	47,170
		<b>5,959,059</b>	5,079,069

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

**AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023**

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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

*Bill Bygroves*

BillBygroves (Jul 6, 2023 12:11 GMT+1)

**Mr W E Bygroves**

(Trustee)

Date: Jul 6, 2023

The notes on pages 26 to 53 form part of these financial statements.



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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET***AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023*

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	17	<b>4,126,911</b>	3,916,637
Investments	18	<b>154,071</b>	154,071
		<b>4,280,982</b>	4,070,708
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	19	<b>101,601</b>	84,637
Debtors	20	<b>685,468</b>	352,022
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>1,952,978</b>	1,720,187
		<b>2,740,047</b>	2,156,846
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	<b>(463,489)</b>	(484,816)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>2,276,558</b>	1,672,030
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>6,557,540</b>	5,742,738
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	22	<b>(663,682)</b>	(706,894)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>5,893,858</b>	5,035,844
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	24	<b>322,752</b>	346,249
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	24	<b>962,160</b>	709,682
General funds		<b>4,442,607</b>	3,656,389
Revaluation reserve		<b>166,339</b>	323,524
Total unrestricted funds		<b>5,571,106</b>	4,689,595
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>5,893,858</b>	5,035,844

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**CHARITY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
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The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £883,037 (2022 - £(12,395)).

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*Bill Bygroves*  
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**Mr W E Bygroves**  
(Trustee)  
Date: Jul 6, 2023

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash generated from operating activities	27	<b>547,730</b>	726,312
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividends, interests and rents from investments		<b>6,686</b>	79
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets		<b>35,377</b>	40,700
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<b>(284,208)</b>	(277,173)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(242,145)</b>	<b>(236,394)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of bank loans		<b>(24,000)</b>	(18,237)
New finance leases		-	5,633
Repayments of finance leases		<b>(41,265)</b>	(50,389)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(65,265)</b>	<b>(62,993)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>240,320</b>	<b>426,925</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>1,773,463</b>	1,346,538
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	28	<b>2,013,783</b>	1,773,463

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. General information**

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England & Wales. The registered office is Crag House Farm, Otley Old Road, Cookridge, Leeds, LS16 7NH. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Caring for Life meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Consolidated Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Group and its subsidiary undertakings. The results of the subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The parent charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own statement of financial activities in these financial statements. No statement of cashflows has been presented for the parent charity as it has taken advantage of the exemption given in FRS 102.

**2.2 Going concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the group's financial position, taking into account the level of free reserves, available cash, the forecasts produced for the charity and subsidiary company's, as well as the Charity's systems of financial and risk management. As a result of their review, the Trustees believe that the charitable group is well placed to manage operational and financial risks successfully despite the ongoing uncertain economic outlook. Accordingly, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Trustees, therefore, continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the group has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the group has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the group, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the group's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the group which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.5 Government grants**

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

**2.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Group; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**2.7 Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land.

At each reporting date the group assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold buildings and improvements	- 2-20% Straight line
Farm land	- Not depreciated
Motor vehicles	- 20-50% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 10-25% Straight line
Supported living freehold land and buildings	- at valuation

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities.

**2.9 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the consolidated statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

**2.10 Stocks**

Stocks of goods held for sale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Stocks of livestock which have been bred by the charity and are held for both breeding and sale are valued at their net realisable value.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.11 Debtors**

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

**2.12 Cash at bank and in hand**

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

**2.13 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the group anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

**2.14 Financial instruments**

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.15 Finance leases and hire purchase**

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Group. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

**2.16 Pensions**

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Group to the fund in respect of the year.



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2. Accounting policies (continued)

**2.17 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Three properties within tangible fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at market value. This market value is subject to judgements made by an expert and trustees including, but not limited to, the state of repair of the properties, market inflation rates and local area knowledge.

4. Income from donations, legacies and grants receivable

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations and grants	169,515	1,714,263	<b>1,883,778</b>	1,864,895
Legacies	-	1,097,372	<b>1,097,372</b>	345,324
Government grants	-	-	-	83,045
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>169,515</b>	<b>2,811,635</b>	<b>2,981,150</b>	<b>2,293,264</b>
Total 2022	143,450	2,149,814	2,293,264	

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Housing and state benefits	351,189	<b>351,189</b>	346,996
Total 2022	346,996	346,996	

6. Trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Charity trading income</b>			
Trading income in subsidiary	1,421,470	<b>1,421,470</b>	1,292,911
Trading income in charity	40,002	<b>40,002</b>	17,556
	1,461,472	<b>1,461,472</b>	1,310,467
<b>Trading expenses</b>			
Trading expenses in subsidiary	(1,402,912)	<b>(1,402,912)</b>	(1,140,010)
Rental expenses in trading subsidiary	(15,873)	<b>(15,873)</b>	(10,567)
Trading expenses in charity	(32,827)	<b>(32,827)</b>	(13,031)
Tax liability in trading subsidiary	(232)	<b>(232)</b>	-
	(1,451,844)	<b>(1,451,844)</b>	(1,163,608)
Net income from trading activities	9,628	<b>9,628</b>	146,859
Total 2022	146,859	146,859	

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**7. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Investment income	6,686	<b>6,686</b>	499
Total 2022	499	499	

**8. Other income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Other operating income	6,300	<b>6,300</b>	-
RHI income	35,200	<b>35,200</b>	42,338
Livestock quota subsidies	-	-	7,894
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	(14,893)	<b>(14,893)</b>	34,987
Other income	37,931	<b>37,931</b>	(24,719)
<b>Total 2023</b>	64,538	<b>64,538</b>	60,500
Total 2022	60,500	60,500	

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**9. Expenditure on raising funds**

	<b>Restricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
<i><b>Costs of raising voluntary income</b></i>				
Activities undertaken directly	-	166,469	<b>166,469</b>	159,035
Support costs	5,245	68,668	<b>73,913</b>	80,619
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>5,245</b>	<b>235,137</b>	<b>240,382</b>	<b>239,654</b>
Total 2022	4,672	234,982	239,654	

In the prior year support costs of £4,672 were allocated to restricted funds and £75,947 were allocated to unrestricted.

**10. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2022 £</b>
Supported living	293,156	147,826	<b>440,982</b>	404,712
Housing support	342,496	73,913	<b>416,409</b>	399,413
Therapeutic projects	936,111	813,040	<b>1,749,151</b>	1,711,545
	<b>1,571,763</b>	<b>1,034,779</b>	<b>2,606,542</b>	<b>2,515,670</b>
Total 2022	1,387,009	1,128,661	2,515,670	

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**11. Allocation of support costs**

	Costs of raising voluntary income 2023 £	Supported living 2023 £	Housing support 2023 £	Therapeutic projects 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	31,511	63,022	31,511	346,623	<b>472,667</b>	299,529
Overhead expenditure	35,808	71,617	35,808	393,892	<b>537,125</b>	545,582
Governance costs	1,771	3,541	1,771	19,478	<b>26,561</b>	23,370
Interest and finance charges	2,735	5,470	2,735	30,082	<b>41,022</b>	43,603
Depreciation	2,088	4,176	2,088	22,965	<b>31,317</b>	297,197
<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>73,913</b>	<b>147,826</b>	<b>73,913</b>	<b>813,040</b>	<b>1,108,692</b>	1,209,281
Total 2022	80,619	161,237	80,619	886,806	1,209,281	

Support costs have been allocated based upon the number of active projects within each activity. The total active projects for both 2022 and 2023 was 15, these are allocated as follows:

Costs of raising voluntary income	1
Supported living	2
Housing support	1
Therapeutic projects	11

In the previous year depreciation was allocated wholly to support costs. In the current year, depreciation has been allocated to both charitable activities and support costs more in line with the use of the assets being depreciated.

**12. Net income/(expenditure)**

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>345,500</b>	307,759
Operating lease payments	<b>21,655</b>	21,693
	<b>367,155</b>	329,452

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**13. Auditor's remuneration**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees payable to the group's auditor for the audit of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>12,720</b>	11,250
Fees payable to the group's auditor in respect of:		
The audit of subsidiaries annual accounts	<b>7,350</b>	6,200
All non-audit services not included above	<b>6,490</b>	5,920

**14. Staff costs**

	<b>Group</b>	Group	<b>Company</b>	Company
	<b>2023</b>	2022	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>1,854,338</b>	1,752,693	<b>1,298,540</b>	1,300,774
Social security costs	<b>152,476</b>	138,283	<b>152,476</b>	138,283
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>75,588</b>	78,439	<b>75,588</b>	78,439
	<b>2,082,402</b>	1,969,415	<b>1,526,604</b>	1,517,496

Included within wages and salaries for the group are £53,659 (2022: £17,856) of temporary staff costs in Caring for Life Trading Limited.

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**14. Staff costs (continued)**

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>Group 2023 No.</b>	<b>Group 2022 No.</b>
Residential	<b>6</b>	8
Resettlement	<b>7</b>	7
Agricultural	<b>2</b>	2
Horticultural	<b>1</b>	2
Workshop	-	1
Computer media	<b>2</b>	2
Estate and transport	-	1
Catering academy	<b>1</b>	1
Equestrian	<b>3</b>	3
Fundraising	<b>7</b>	7
Finance and administration	<b>17</b>	19
Restaurant, shop and nursery	<b>31</b>	34
Expressive arts	-	1
Mechanics	<b>1</b>	-
	<hr/> <b>78</b> <hr/>	<hr/> 88 <hr/>

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**14. Staff costs (continued)**

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel amounted to £233,761 (2022: £194,759).

**Pension commitments**

The charity contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme, which is available to all eligible employees.

The charge to the statement of financial activities of £75,588 (2022: £78,439) represents contributions to the fund during the year. Contributions payable to the scheme at the year end date totaling £13,947 (2022: £12,853) are included in creditors.

**Volunteer workers**

Caring for Life receive significant assistance from volunteers. Our volunteers come from all over, some are ongoing supporters of the trust, others are from corporate volunteers days.

The practical help provided varies depending on the amount of time volunteer individuals or groups give, but their assistance reaches across the whole trust, and helps in pastoral care, and in hands on support. The time provided by volunteers ranges from a few times each week, to annually.

Caring for Life values this means of support crucial to the day to day functioning of the work.

**15. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022: £nil).

During the year ended 31 January 2023, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2022: £nil).

**16. Taxation**

Caring for Life is a registered Charity and has no liability to corporation tax on its charitable activities. Taxation relating to the activities of the trading subsidiaries included with expenditure is £2,336 (2022: £nil). There are amounts due to HMRC in relation to corporation tax at the year end of £nil (2022: £1,211).



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**17. Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	Farm land and buildings £	Supported living freehold £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b><i>Cost or valuation</i></b>					
At 1 February 2022	3,945,508	1,336,185	367,442	1,691,597	7,340,732
Additions	115,976	-	116,454	51,778	284,208
Disposals	(265,961)	-	(112,120)	(349,456)	(727,537)
Revaluations	-	(157,185)	-	-	(157,185)
At 31 January 2023	3,795,523	1,179,000	371,776	1,393,919	6,740,218
<b><i>Depreciation</i></b>					
At 1 February 2022	1,115,144	431,301	249,325	1,367,322	3,163,092
Charge for the year	146,876	39,607	57,947	101,070	345,500
On disposals	(242,196)	-	(87,411)	(347,660)	(677,267)
On revalued assets	-	(470,908)	-	-	(470,908)
At 31 January 2023	1,019,824	-	219,861	1,120,732	2,360,417
<b><i>Net book value</i></b>					
At 31 January 2023	2,775,699	1,179,000	151,915	273,187	4,379,801
At 31 January 2022	2,830,364	904,884	118,117	324,275	4,177,640

The net book value of assets held under hire purchase agreements amounted to £8,336 (2022: £12,504).

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**17. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

**Company**

	Farm land and buildings £	Supported living freehold £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 February 2022	3,658,008	1,336,185	367,442	1,592,307	6,953,942
Additions	115,976	-	116,454	36,403	268,833
Disposals	(265,961)	-	(112,120)	(349,456)	(727,537)
Revaluations	-	(157,185)	-	-	(157,185)
At 31 January 2023	3,508,023	1,179,000	371,776	1,279,254	6,338,053
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 February 2022	1,035,454	431,301	249,325	1,321,225	3,037,305
Charge for the year	139,276	39,607	57,947	85,182	322,012
On disposals	(242,196)	-	(87,411)	(347,660)	(677,267)
On revalued assets	-	(470,908)	-	-	(470,908)
At 31 January 2023	932,534	-	219,861	1,058,747	2,211,142
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 January 2023	2,575,489	1,179,000	151,915	220,507	4,126,911
At 31 January 2022	2,622,554	904,884	118,117	271,082	3,916,637

The Group has adopted a policy of revaluation for certain classes of tangible fixed assets. Had these assets been measured at historic cost, the carrying values would have been as follows:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Freehold property - supported living	1,012,661	1,012,661	1,012,661	1,012,661

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**17. Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

Included in freehold property is freehold land at valuation of £925,899 (2022: £925,899), which is not depreciated.

Three supported living freehold buildings were professionally valued based on their market value on 31 January 2019 by Bruce T Collinson (FRICS) of Adair Paxton Limited. The Executive and Trustees of Caring for Life have reviewed the carrying value and based on published market price indices in the local market have revalued the properties based on the 2019 valuation indexed up to 31 January 2023.

Other freehold land and buildings and improvements are held at cost or deemed cost upon transition to FRS102.

**18. Fixed asset investments**

<i>Group</i>	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 February 2022	918
At 31 January 2023	918
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 January 2023	918
At 31 January 2022	918

<i>Charity</i>	Investments in subsidiary companies £	Listed investments £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 February 2022	153,153	918	154,071
At 31 January 2023	153,153	918	154,071
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 January 2023	153,153	918	154,071
At 31 January 2022	153,153	918	154,071

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**18. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The stock exchange value of listed investments was £935 at the 2023 year-end (2022: £718).

**Principal subsidiaries**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Charity:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Company number</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>Holding</b>
Caring for Life Trading Limited	02774359	Sale of food and related produce and cafe operations	Ordinary	100%
Caring for Life Properties Limited	02300590	Holding and letting of property	A Shares	100%
			B Shares	78%

The financial results of the subsidiaries for the year were:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Profit/(Loss) for the year £</b>	<b>Net assets £</b>
Caring for Life Trading Limited	<b>1,427,933</b>	<b>(1,402,601)</b>	<b>25,332</b>	<b>7,863</b>
Caring for Life Properties Limited	<b>12,400</b>	<b>(15,598)</b>	<b>(3,198)</b>	<b>210,606</b>

**19. Stocks**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Biological stock	<b>64,215</b>	59,060	<b>64,215</b>	59,060
Finished goods and goods for resale	<b>157,395</b>	123,094	<b>37,386</b>	25,577
	<b>221,610</b>	182,154	<b>101,601</b>	84,637

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**20. Debtors**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
<b><i>Due after more than one year</i></b>				
Loan to subsidiary undertaking	-	-	<b>119,131</b>	119,131
	-	-	<b>119,131</b>	119,131
<b><i>Due within one year</i></b>				
Trade debtors	<b>29,593</b>	15,751	<b>7,627</b>	1,134
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	<b>7,422</b>	4,199
Other debtors	<b>12,388</b>	15,067	<b>10,616</b>	14,883
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>546,122</b>	204,017	<b>527,262</b>	183,492
Tax recoverable	<b>13,410</b>	29,183	<b>13,410</b>	29,183
	<b>601,513</b>	264,018	<b>685,468</b>	352,022

Amounts due after more than one year represents a loan due from Caring for Life Trading Limited, subsidiary of Caring for Life. Under the terms of the loan agreement Caring for Life is able to extend the repayment period. It was agreed to extend the repayment period to 30 September 2027, no other terms have been amended. Interest is charged at a rate of 3% per annum on outstanding balances.

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**21. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Bank loans	<b>28,300</b>	26,217	<b>28,300</b>	26,217
Other loans	<b>60,000</b>	60,000	<b>60,000</b>	60,000
Trade creditors	<b>216,718</b>	238,787	<b>133,389</b>	170,152
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	<b>19,967</b>	-
Corporation tax	-	1,211	-	-
Other taxation and social security	<b>54,763</b>	30,537	<b>49,228</b>	40,349
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	<b>12,818</b>	32,826	<b>8,689</b>	28,697
Other creditors	<b>175,030</b>	168,401	<b>140,049</b>	137,451
Accruals and deferred income	<b>45,190</b>	48,058	<b>23,867</b>	21,950
	<b>592,819</b>	606,037	<b>463,489</b>	484,816

Other loans include supporters' loans falling due within one year of £60,000 (2022: £60,000). These are made up of a loan of £50,000 advanced specifically to enable the Charity to secure freehold property purchased as part of the establishment of the Charity's second residential home for young women and an additional loan advanced in the year ended 31 January 2009 for the general purposes of the charity. Both loans are interest free, unsecured, loans of £50,000 have been specifically advanced for the term of the supporter's lifetime and the loan of £10,000 is repayable with 6 months notice.

Deferred income relates to amounts paid to refit the Granary by one of Caring for Life's suppliers. Deferred income represents the release of this to the SOFA in place of rebates which would have normally been received from the supplier over the five years following the refit.

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Deferred income at 1 February 2022	<b>6,300</b>	14,700	-	-
Amounts released from previous periods	<b>(6,300)</b>	(8,400)	-	-
<b>Deferred income at 31 January 2023</b>	<b>-</b>	6,300	<b>-</b>	-

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**22. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Bank loans	<b>655,484</b>	681,567	<b>655,484</b>	681,567
Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	<b>10,263</b>	31,520	<b>8,198</b>	25,327
	<b>665,747</b>	713,087	<b>663,682</b>	706,894

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
<b><i>Between one and two years</i></b>				
Bank loans	<b>28,300</b>	28,300	<b>28,300</b>	28,300
<b><i>Between two and five years</i></b>				
Bank loans	<b>125,268</b>	92,042	<b>125,268</b>	92,042
<b><i>Over five years</i></b>				
Bank loans	<b>501,916</b>	561,225	<b>501,916</b>	561,225

**Term**

The Charity currently has two long term loans, both loans are repayable by installments by January 2040.

**Security**

The bank loans and overdraft facility are secured by a fixed charge over the land and freehold buildings of the Charity. In addition, Caring for Life Properties Limited has given an unlimited guarantee to Triodos Bank NV in respect of the debts of Caring for Life. The net obligations under hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets held on finance.

**Interest**

Bank loans for the year ended 31 January 2023 is made up of two loans with Triodos Bank plc, one has a balance of £341,345 carries in interest at a fixed rate of 4.038% which is fixed until February 2030 and the other has a balance of £342,439 and interest is charged at a variable rate of 3.25% over the banks margin and is subject to a minimum interest rate of 4%.

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**23. Non-controlling interest**

	£
<b><i>Equity</i></b>	
At 1 February 2022	40,531
At 31 January 2023	40,531
<b><i>Non equity</i></b>	
At 1 February 2022	6,639
Proportion of profit after taxation for the year	(1,646)
At 31 January 2023	4,993
<b><i>Total</i></b>	45,524

Non-controlling interests represent 22% of the ordinary B shares in Caring for Life Properties Limited which are held outside of the charity.



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**24. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
<b><i>Unrestricted funds</i></b>						
<b><i>Designated funds</i></b>						
Project funds	709,682	454,014	(201,536)	-	-	962,160
<b><i>General funds</i></b>						
General Funds - all funds	3,652,444	4,241,506	(3,899,367)	467,701	-	4,462,284
Non-controlling interest	47,170	-	(1,646)	-	-	45,524
Revaluation reserve	323,524	-	-	(470,908)	313,723	166,339
	4,023,138	4,241,506	(3,901,013)	(3,207)	313,723	4,674,147
<b><i>Total Unrestricted funds</i></b>	<b>4,732,820</b>	<b>4,695,520</b>	<b>(4,102,549)</b>	<b>(3,207)</b>	<b>313,723</b>	<b>5,636,307</b>
<b><i>Restricted funds</i></b>						
Therapeutic Projects	118,074	73,337	(96,465)	2,390	-	97,336
Housing Related Support	22,238	30,971	(21,073)	1,046	-	33,182
Organisational and Admin	205,937	65,207	(78,681)	(229)	-	192,234
	346,249	169,515	(196,219)	3,207	-	322,752
<b><i>Total of funds</i></b>	<b>5,079,069</b>	<b>4,865,035</b>	<b>(4,298,768)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>313,723</b>	<b>5,959,059</b>

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**24. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Project funds	415,987	588,087	(189,352)	(105,040)	-	709,682
<b>General funds</b>						
General Funds - all funds	3,862,655	3,280,189	(3,595,038)	104,638	-	3,652,444
Non-controlling interest	46,768	-	-	402	-	47,170
Revaluation reserve	323,524	-	-	-	-	323,524
	4,232,947	3,280,189	(3,595,038)	105,040	-	4,023,138
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	4,648,934	3,868,276	(3,784,390)	-	-	4,732,820

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
Therapeutic Projects	86,548	69,553	(38,027)	-	-	118,074
Housing Related Support	26,202	22,479	(26,443)	-	-	22,238
Organisational and Admin	224,591	51,418	(70,072)	-	-	205,937
	337,341	143,450	(134,542)	-	-	346,249

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**24. Statement of funds (continued)**

<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>4,986,275</b>	<b>4,011,726</b>	<b>(3,918,932)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,079,069</b>
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**Details of restricted funds are as follows:**

**Therapeutic Projects:**

Activities based at Crag House Farm for therapeutic purposes. Consisting of small project needs, large capital costs and revenue funding for projects such as Agriculture, Catering Academy.

**Housing Related Support:**

These funds are for the purposes of helping people in our residential, and community housing sustainment teams. It will include things for small project costs, large capital needs and revenue costs.

**Organisational and Admin:**

These funds provide revenue and small project costs that do not fall into the umbrella of daytime support or housing related support. It will also include funding for large building projects.

Caring for Life takes very seriously the commitment to make sure any gift provided to a specified project is used for in accordance with the donors request. Systems are in place to ensure transparency and clarity on all restricted giving.

**Designated funds:**

An amount of £962,160 of designated project funds is being carried forward as at the 31 January 2023 for future projects. The planned projects and the amounts being carried forward are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Housing	£57,500	£35,000
Centre Replacement	£837,751	£627,786
Vehicle projects	£100	£20,396
Pastoral support	£-	£20,500
Holidays	£1,758	£6,000
Energy	£10,000	£-
Share buy back	£50,000	£-
Sundry renovation	£5,051	£-
	<hr/> £962,160	<hr/> £709,682

The trustees have reviewed the designated project fund in detail and outlined a plan for when the charity will complete these projects and spend the designated funds.

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**25. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 February 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 January 2023 £
Designated funds	709,682	454,014	(201,536)	-	-	962,160
General funds	4,023,138	4,241,506	(3,901,013)	(3,207)	313,723	4,674,147
Restricted funds	346,249	169,515	(196,219)	3,207	-	322,752
	<u>5,079,069</u>	<u>4,865,035</u>	<u>(4,298,768)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,723</u>	<u>5,959,059</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 February 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 January 2022 £
Designated funds	415,987	588,087	(189,352)	(105,040)	709,682
General funds	4,232,947	3,280,189	(3,595,038)	105,040	4,023,138
Restricted funds	337,341	143,450	(134,542)	-	346,249
	<u>4,986,275</u>	<u>4,011,726</u>	<u>(3,918,932)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,079,069</u>

**26. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,379,801	4,379,801
Fixed asset investments	-	918	918
Current assets	322,752	2,514,154	2,836,906
Creditors due within one year	-	(592,819)	(592,819)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(665,747)	(665,747)
<b>Total</b>	<u>322,752</u>	<u>5,636,307</u>	<u>5,959,059</u>

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**26. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,177,640	4,177,640
Fixed asset investments	-	918	918
Current assets	346,249	1,873,386	2,219,635
Creditors due within one year	-	(606,037)	(606,037)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(713,087)	(713,087)
<b>Total</b>	<b>346,249</b>	<b>4,732,820</b>	<b>5,079,069</b>

**27. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>566,267</b>	92,794
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>345,500</b>	256,838
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	<b>(6,686)</b>	(79)
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	<b>14,893</b>	20,932
Increase in stocks	<b>(39,456)</b>	(44,873)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>(337,495)</b>	318,565
Increase in creditors	<b>4,707</b>	82,135
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>547,730</b>	726,312

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**28. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Cash in hand	2,013,783	1,773,463
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,013,783</b>	<b>1,773,463</b>

**29. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 February 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 January 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,773,463	240,320	2,013,783
Debt due within 1 year	(86,217)	(2,083)	(88,300)
Debt due after 1 year	(681,567)	26,083	(655,484)
Finance leases	(64,346)	41,265	(23,081)
	<b>941,333</b>	<b>305,585</b>	<b>1,246,918</b>

**30. Contingent assets**

At the year end the charity had been notified of 1 residual legacy (2022: 3) which could not be measured reliably, as such these have not been included in the financial statements.

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**31. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 January 2023 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Not later than 1 year	<b>7,042</b>	9,293	<b>7,042</b>	9,293
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>2,952</b>	3,103	<b>2,952</b>	3,103
	<b>9,994</b>	12,396	<b>9,994</b>	12,396

The following lease payments have been recognised as an expense in the Statement of financial activities:

	<b>Group 2023 £</b>	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Company 2023 £</b>	<b>Company 2022 £</b>
Operating lease rentals	<b>21,655</b>	21,693	<b>21,655</b>	21,693

**32. Related party transactions**

The charity leases properties from Caring for Life Properties Limited on a formal lease at a rent of £12,400 (2022: £12,400) per annum. The current rental agreement expired 31 January 2021.

Caring for Life Trading Limited has given an unlimited guarantee to Triodos Bank NV to cover bank borrowings of the Charity. On a net debt basis no amounts are due from the charity to Triodos Bank NV.

During the year, the charity recharged goods and services of £576,898 (2022: £406,508) to Caring for Life Trading, this includes recharged salary costs of £502,138 (2022: £327,388). The charity also purchased produce amounting to £8,096 (2022: £27,730) from the subsidiary company.

**33. Controlling party**

There is no ultimate controlling party.

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Dear Laura

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware. The trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

#### **General**

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
2. All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
3. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
4. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
5. The effects of uncorrected misstatements (as set out in the signed audit findings report) are immaterial both individually and in total.



**Internal control and fraud**

6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error, and we believe that we have appropriately fulfilled these responsibilities. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
7. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
8. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

**Assets and liabilities**

9. The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
10. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
11. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and, where relevant, the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

**Accounting estimates**

12. The methods, data and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement and disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

**Loans and arrangements**

13. The charitable company has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

**Legal claims**

14. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

**Laws and regulations**

15. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

**Related parties**

16. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

**Subsequent events**

17. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

**Going concern**

18. We believe that the charitable company's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company's needs. We also confirm our plans for future action(s) required to enable the charitable company to continue as a going concern are feasible. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

**Grants and donations**

19. All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.
20. All income received with known restrictions in application has been recognised appropriately as restricted income in the financial statements.

**Revalued freehold property**

21. We confirm that the three revalued properties within tangible fixed assets, which represent residential property used for the purposes of supported living, are included in the accounts at 31 January 2023 in accordance with the accounting policy and that the valuation of £1,179,000 is a materially fair estimate of their value.

Tindall House	£492,000
Wendy Margaret House	£527,000
46 Holtdale Lawn	£160,000

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We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

Each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Yours faithfully

*Bill Bygroves*

BillBygroves (Jul 6, 2023 12:11 GMT+1)

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Date: Jul 6, 2023








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