

# UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1175689

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-11-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 17 OR 25 FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE BOROUGH OF MERTON BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;(D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** Uptown provides support and mentoring to young people - including those with disabilities - in the borough of Merton in a youth club setting. Uptown provides a safe environment to get young people off the streets, to partake in activities such as music, dance and drama, sports, and arts and craft and various programmes (eg anti-gang; first aid training, inspirational speakers; maths tutoring.)

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Merton
- Wandsworth

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,484	£77,060	-	-
2024-03-31	£88,464	£81,899	-	-
2023-03-31	£86,650	£76,023	-	-
2022-03-31	£94,326	£76,360	-	-
2021-03-31	£81,082	£46,608	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>LISA MARIE CONWAY-HUGHES</b>	Chair	2017-11-08
ANNA JAKOBSEN		2017-11-08
David McClean		2025-05-13
Leslie Akirabona		2025-05-18
MARIE EMILY RHYS-EVANS		2017-11-08
Victoria McClean		2021-05-24

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1175689**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025  
FOR  
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## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Uptown Youth Services was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to take over the assets and activities of Uptown UK a company limited by guarantee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are to act as a resource for young people in the borough of Merton by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of helping young people by

a) developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals

b) advancing education

c) relieving unemployment

d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people who have need by reason of their youth, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving their conditions of life.

##### **Significant activities**

Uptown Youth Services operates three days a week at The Leyton Road Community Resource Centre in Colliers Wood and one day a week at the South Mitcham Community Centre in a youth club type format for young people from the surrounding areas.

In August 2025 Uptown ceased delivering sessions at the South Mitcham Community Centre due to limited available space and venue use charges. Parents and young people were consulted and members were invited to access our Youth Club sessions at Leyton Road centre instead; attendances increased with new members.

One-on-one individual mentoring to young people who need a little extra help is offered at an additional session on Thursdays or by telephone.

Uptown has a strong focus on mentoring young people and providing support to them and their families. Uptown works in close conjunction with other parties, including the police and social services, to identify young people who may benefit from attending Uptown. In a safe environment, which gets them off the streets, they can socialise with friends and take part in a range of typical youth club activities whilst also having access to a quiet room to do homework. Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Uptown Youth Services is a registered charity supporting young people aged from 7 to 18, or up to 25 for those with disabilities, in a free open access fully inclusive youth club environment. Uptown has been operating in Merton for over 30 years. Uptown provides a safe venue for young people off the streets where they can develop their social skills, meet with friends, play pool and participate in positive activities such as music, dance, computer games, table tennis, basketball, drama, sports, arts and crafts.

An integral part of our provision is to encourage education and training. This includes providing homework support and the use of a quiet room with access to computers and printers.

Uptown also runs workshops on issues such as budgeting, health, cooking, substance misuse, alcohol, domestic violence, mental health, bullying and anger management.

From time to time, we offer first aid training programmes tailored to specific issues such as knife crime. Uptown also provides consultations with a variety of specialist partners e.g. Safer Neighbourhood teams, Regeneration Team Officers and developers.

The core philosophy of Uptown is to provide mentoring to young people; providing them with strong role models and helping them to make good life choices. The key outcomes we seek to achieve are for our young people to be: safe and happy; active members of their community; and moving onto positive destinations.

Uptown's core operations deliver three weekly three hour sessions (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon) during term time at the Leyton Road Centre plus a Tuesday two hour session for our younger cohort at the South Mitcham Community Centre. Uptown also runs some sessions during school holidays, including participation in the HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) programmes for children who are eligible for free school meals facilitated by grants from Merton Council.

We have actively engaged young people in menu planning and cooking as well as 'buying food in' from restaurants. Uptown has continued the free to all policy by extending HAF attendance to other young people who do not qualify for free school meals, but who we deem to be vulnerable or hungry or simply want to be with their friends in a safe place.

Uptown's CEO has been supported during the year by three trainee youth workers (one with a disability) and volunteers, including parents, former Uptown members and Trustees.

Uptown pays its staff in compliance with The London Living Wage guidelines.

Uptown continues to broaden and deepen its reach to increase the membership as there is demand from the police and Merton Council staff for Uptown to work with more young people. To accommodate more of this hard to reach and potentially more difficult cohort, Uptown seeks further funding to continue to offer the school holiday programmes that are so needed. A recent challenge has been that we have been unsuccessful in several bids for additional grants.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants. Uptown's CEO and Trustees regularly apply for grants to diversify funding sources and finance our operations.

Grants used to fund Uptown's core activities during the year ended March 2025 were awarded by The National Lottery, Garfield Weston Foundation, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Merton's Investing in Neighbourhoods Fund and the Merton Community Panel. Uptown also received funding from Merton Council to run the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. The National Lottery's five year grant continues to offer a reliable source of income.

We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion to manage the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and to minimise the risk of disruption to services. The reserves held at year end are as set out in the statement of financial activities. The level of funding received allowed Uptown to fund its operations for the year ended March 2025 without recourse to reserves and has continued to do so. Uptown has a pressing need to secure further sources of funding without which Uptown expects to have to partially fund operations from its unrestricted reserves in calendar year 2026 and may breach its reserves policy.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with company number CEO11689 and registered charity number 1175689.

It was first registered with the charity commission in November 2017

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees when considered appropriate. Under its constitution, there is a requirement to have a minimum of three trustees.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1175689

##### **Principal address**

42 Veals Mead  
Mitcham  
Surrey  
CR4 3SB

##### **Trustees**

L M Conway-Hughes Chair  
C R Bradley (resigned 13/5/25)  
J A Craddock (resigned 19/11/24)  
A Jakobsen  
V McClean  
M E Rhys-Evans  
T L Simpson (resigned 31/8/24)  
L Akirabona (appointed 18/5/25)  
D McClean (appointed 13/5/25)

##### **Independent Examiner**

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**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

D McClean - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Uptown Youth Services (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Jonathan Askew FCA

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**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		1,609	-	1,609	2,302
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		-	55,875	55,875	86,162
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,609</u>	<u>55,875</u>	<u>57,484</u>	<u>88,464</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	5,000
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Charitable activities		197	76,863	77,060	76,899
<b>Total</b>		<u>197</u>	<u>76,863</u>	<u>77,060</u>	<u>81,899</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		1,412	(20,988)	(19,576)	6,565
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		54,178	27,240	81,418	74,853
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	893	-	893	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank		63,377	6,252	69,629	88,507
		<u>63,377</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>69,629</u>	<u>88,507</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(8,680)	-	(8,680)	(7,089)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>54,697</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>60,949</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>55,590</u>	<u>6,252</u>	<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				55,590	54,178
Restricted funds				<u>6,252</u>	<u>27,240</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>61,842</u>	<u>81,418</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

D McClean - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities were taken over from Uptown UK at 1st April 2017 and restated at their fair value as estimated by the trustees at the date of the transfer. The fair value of the net assets taken over is shown as income in these accounts.

Other than as disclosed above there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure in these accounts.

The charity relies significantly on the services of volunteers in carrying out its activities. The value of voluntary help is not reflected as income in these accounts but their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by the trustees.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Charitable activities**

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

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Computers and equipment - 20% on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic.

Cash at bank is measured at transaction price.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	69,941	7,119	77,060

#### 3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Information technology £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	4,339	1,658	1,122	7,119

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

##### Finance

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees Excl VAT	950	905
Bookkeeping and accountancy	1,373	1,143
Other Professional Services	2,016	-
	<u>4,339</u>	<u>2,048</u>

##### Information technology

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Computer and website	1,658	351

##### Other

	2025 Charitable activities £	2024 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	479	174
Other office costs	401	194
Payroll administration	-	984
Insurance	242	351
	<u>1,122</u>	<u>1,703</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	2,302	-	2,302
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	86,162	86,162
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,302</u>	<u>86,162</u>	<u>88,464</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	-	5,000	5,000
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	76,899	76,899
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,899</u>	<u>81,899</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	2,302	4,263	6,565
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	51,876	22,977	74,853
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>

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**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Computers and equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2024	1,080
Additions	1,090
	<u>2,170</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,170</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2024	1,080
Charge for year	197
	<u>1,277</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,277</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>893</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	5,000
Provision for doubtful debts	-	(5,000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	8,680	7,089
	<u>8,680</u>	<u>7,089</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	54,178	1,412	55,590
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	27,240	(20,988)	6,252
	<u>81,418</u>	<u>(19,576)</u>	<u>61,842</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,418</u>	<u>(19,576)</u>	<u>61,842</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,609	(197)	1,412
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	55,875	(76,863)	(20,988)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>57,484</u>	<u>(77,060)</u>	<u>(19,576)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,876	2,302	54,178
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	22,977	4,263	27,240
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>6,565</u>	<u>81,418</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,302	-	2,302
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	86,162	(81,899)	4,263
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>88,464</u>	<u>(81,899)</u>	<u>6,565</u>

The vast majority of Uptown Youth Services' income is derived from grants. The majority of our grants are for core funding (although some are designated for specific items of expenditure) and are awarded to contribute to paying our operating costs over a specific time period. The restricted funds balance represents the unspent portion of grants which are to be allocated for time periods falling after the balance sheet date.

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**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

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The core philosophy of Uptown is to provide mentoring to the young people - providing them with strong role models and helping them to make good life choices. The key outcomes we seek to achieve are for our young people to be: safe and happy; active members of their community; and moving onto positive destinations.

Uptown's core operations deliver three weekly 3-hour sessions (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon) during term time at the Leyton Road Centre plus a Tuesday 2-hour session for our younger cohort at the South Mitcham Community Centre.

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Over the past few months, Uptown has invested considerable time and effort in updating its IT infrastructure. Uptown transitioned its membership database system from a paper-based system to an online version which allows for better recording and reporting of data than the old paper records. Uptown also acquired new PCs and set up a cloud-based file storage system to facilitate easier sharing of documents and collaboration and have now employed a virtual administrator to support the CEO and Trustees in the running of Uptown.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants. Uptown's CEO and Trustees are regularly applying for grants to diversify our funding sources and finance our operations.

Grants used to fund Uptown's core activities during the year ended March 2024 were awarded by The National Lottery, Garfield Weston Foundation, Masonic Charitable Foundation, Merton's Investing in Neighbourhoods Fund and the Merton Community Panel. Uptown was also in receipt of funding from Merton Council for the running of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. The National Lottery awarded Uptown a five-year grant, which has added some very welcome financial certainty. We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion when managing the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and minimise the risk of disruption to its services. The reserves held at year-end are as set out on the statement of financial activities.

The level of funding received allowed Uptown to fund its operations for the year ended March 2024 without recourse to reserves and has continued to do so. Uptown has a pressing need to secure further sources of funding without which Uptown expects to have to partially fund operations from its unrestricted reserves in calendar year 2026 and may breach its reserves policy.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with company number CEO11689 and registered charity number 1175689.

It was first registered with the charity commission in November 2017

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees when considered appropriate. Under its constitution, there is a requirement to have a minimum of three trustees.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1175689

##### **Principal address**

42 Veals Mead  
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Surrey  
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##### **Trustees**

L M Conway-Hughes Chair  
C R Bradley  
J A Craddock (resigned 19/11/24)  
A Jakobsen  
V McClean  
M E Rhys-Evans  
T L Simpson (resigned 31/8/24)

##### **Independent Examiner**

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**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

L M Conway-Hughes - Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Uptown Youth Services (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Jonathan Askew FCA

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23 December 2024

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		2,302	-	2,302	8,897
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		-	81,162	81,162	77,753
<b>Total</b>		<u>2,302</u>	<u>81,162</u>	<u>83,464</u>	<u>86,650</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Charitable activities		-	76,899	76,899	76,023
<b>NET INCOME</b>		2,302	4,263	6,565	10,627
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		51,876	22,977	74,853	64,226
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>	<u>74,853</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		61,267	27,240	88,507	87,689
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,089)	-	(7,089)	(12,836)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>	<u>74,853</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>	<u>74,853</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>54,178</u>	<u>27,240</u>	<u>81,418</u>	<u>74,853</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8				
Unrestricted funds				54,178	51,876
Restricted funds				<u>27,240</u>	<u>22,977</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>81,418</u>	<u>74,853</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

L M Conway-Hughes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities were taken over from Uptown UK at 1st April 2017 and restated at their fair value as estimated by the trustees at the date of the transfer. The fair value of the net assets taken over is shown as income in these accounts.

Other than as disclosed above there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure in these accounts.

The charity relies significantly on the services of volunteers in carrying out its activities. The value of voluntary help is not reflected as income in these accounts but their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by the trustees.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Charitable activities**

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

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Computers and equipment - at variable rates on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic.

Cash at bank is measured at transaction price.

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>72,797</u>	<u>4,102</u>	<u>76,899</u>

#### 3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Information technology £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>2,048</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>1,703</u>	<u>4,102</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

##### Finance

	2024 Charitable activities £	2023 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees Excl VAT	1,500	1,440
Bookkeeping and accountancy	548	461
	<u>2,048</u>	<u>1,901</u>

##### Information technology

	2024 Charitable activities £	2023 Total activities £
Computer and website	<u>351</u>	<u>-</u>

##### Other

	2024 Charitable activities £	2023 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	174	70
Other office costs	194	135
Payroll administration	984	651
Insurance	351	287
	<u>1,703</u>	<u>1,143</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

#### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	8,897	-	8,897
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	77,753	77,753
<b>Total</b>	<u>8,897</u>	<u>77,753</u>	<u>86,650</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	76,023	76,023
<b>NET INCOME</b>	8,897	1,730	10,627
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	42,979	21,247	64,226
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computers and equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>1,080</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>1,080</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2024	-
At 31 March 2023	-

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	<u>7,089</u>	<u>12,836</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	51,876	2,302	54,178
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	22,977	4,263	27,240
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>6,565</u>	<u>81,418</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,302	-	2,302
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	81,162	(76,899)	4,263
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>83,464</u>	<u>(76,899)</u>	<u>6,565</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

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Restricted fund	21,247	1,730	22,977
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>64,226</u>	<u>10,627</u>	<u>74,853</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,897	-	8,897
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	77,753	(76,023)	1,730
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>86,650</u>	<u>(76,023)</u>	<u>10,627</u>

The vast majority of Uptown Youth Services' income is derived from grants. The majority of our grants are for core funding (although some are designated for specific items of expenditure) and are awarded to contribute to paying our operating costs over a specific time period. The restricted funds balance represents the unspent portion of grants which are to be allocated for time periods falling after the balance sheet date.

#### 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175689

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
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## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Uptown Youth Services was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to take over the assets and activities of Uptown UK a company limited by guarantee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are to act as a resource for young people in the borough of Merton by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of helping young people by

- a) developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals
- b) advancing education
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Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

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During the Covid pandemic there were periods when Uptown had to operate an online delivery model supplemented by outreach sessions in local parks, before moving to person delivery of sessions with Covid secure procedures in place in early 2021. Uptown finally restarted its full operations on an uninterrupted basis in late February 2022 and has been operating normally throughout this financial year. For health and safety reasons we have maintained good hygiene practice, for example ensuring that all attendees sanitise their hands on arrival for youth group sessions.

Uptown's core operations deliver three weekly 3-hour sessions (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon) during term time at the Leyton Road Centre plus a Tuesday 2-hour session for our younger cohort at the South Mitcham Community Centre.

In response to the need we saw for one-to-one mentoring, plus feedback from parents and individual young people post Covid, Uptown decided it would like to offer extra sessions providing one-to-one mentoring. Uptown started these additional sessions in partnership with the Merton MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) team in March 2022 and have been operating continuously since then. These sessions are either hosted at the Leyton Road Centre or virtually or in an outdoor setting. Feedback and results to date are showing this programme is successful, and we plan to retain this as a core service.

Uptown has also operated a series of HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) programmes for children who are eligible for free school meals facilitated by grants from Merton Council during each of the school holidays since the programme commenced in Easter 2021. We have actively engaged young people in menu planning and cooking as well as 'buying food in' from restaurants alongside the other activities. Uptown have supplemented the programme by extending attendance to other young people who we deem to be vulnerable or hungry or simply want to be with their friends in a safe place - but who do not qualify for free school meals - within our holiday provision.

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants.

During the year ended March 2023, Uptown was awarded grants to fund its core activities and received donations from individuals. Grants used to fund Uptown's core activities during the year were awarded by The National Lottery, London Borough of Merton Neighbourhood Fund, Children in Need, The Wimbledon Community Fund and the Merton Community Panel. Uptown was also in receipt of funding from Merton Council for the running of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. Further grants have been awarded since the end of the financial year from Garfield Weston Foundation, Masonic Charitable Foundation and Merton's Investing in Neighbourhoods Fund to strengthen our financial position. We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion when managing the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and minimise the risk of disruption to its services. The reserves held at year-end are as set out on the statement of financial activities.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

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## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

J A Craddock - Trustee

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Uptown Youth Services (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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31 October 2023

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		8,897	-	8,897	12,336
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		-	77,753	77,753	81,990
<b>Total</b>		<u>8,897</u>	<u>77,753</u>	<u>86,650</u>	<u>94,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Charitable activities		-	76,023	76,023	76,360
<b>NET INCOME</b>		8,897	1,730	10,627	17,966
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		42,979	21,247	64,226	46,260
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	2,392
Cash at bank		64,712	22,977	87,689	73,494
		<u>64,712</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>87,689</u>	<u>75,886</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(12,836)	-	(12,836)	(11,660)
		<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>51,876</u>	<u>22,977</u>	<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				51,876	42,979
Restricted funds				22,977	21,247
				<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>74,853</u>	<u>64,226</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J A Craddock - Trustee

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities were taken over from Uptown UK at 1st April 2017 and restated at their fair value as estimated by the trustees at the date of the transfer. The fair value of the net assets taken over is shown as income in these accounts.

Other than as disclosed above there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure in these accounts.

The charity relies significantly on the services of volunteers in carrying out its activities. The value of voluntary help is not reflected as income in these accounts but their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by the trustees.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Charitable activities**

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

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Computers and equipment - at variable rates on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic.

Cash at bank is measured at transaction price.

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>72,979</u>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>76,023</u>

#### 3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>1,901</u>	<u>1,143</u>	<u>3,044</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

##### Finance

	2023 Charitable activities £	2022 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees	1,501	1,350
Bookkeeping and accountancy	400	400
	<u>1,901</u>	<u>1,750</u>

##### Other

	2023 Charitable activities £	2022 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	70	629
Other office costs	135	552
Payroll administration	651	684
Insurance	287	205
	<u>1,143</u>	<u>2,070</u>

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	12,336	-	12,336
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	81,990	81,990
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,336</u>	<u>81,990</u>	<u>94,326</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	270	76,090	76,360
<b>NET INCOME</b>	12,066	5,900	17,966
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	5,420	(5,420)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	17,486	480	17,966
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	25,493	20,767	46,260
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>42,979</u>	<u>21,247</u>	<u>64,226</u>

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computers and equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>1,080</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>1,080</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2023	-
At 31 March 2022	-

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees receivable	-	2,105
Prepayments and accrued income	-	287
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,392</u>

#### 8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>12,836</u>	<u>11,660</u>

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	42,979	8,897	51,876
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	21,247	1,730	22,977
	<u>64,226</u>	<u>10,627</u>	<u>74,853</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,897	-	8,897
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	77,753	(76,023)	1,730
	<u>86,650</u>	<u>(76,023)</u>	<u>10,627</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

##### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	25,493	12,066	5,420	42,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	20,767	5,900	(5,420)	21,247
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>46,260</u>	<u>17,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,226</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	12,336	(270)	12,066
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	81,990	(76,090)	5,900
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>94,326</u>	<u>(76,360)</u>	<u>17,966</u>

The vast majority of Uptown Youth Services' income is derived from grants. The majority of our grants are for core funding (although some are designated for specific items of expenditure) and are awarded to contribute to paying our operating costs over a specific time period. The restricted funds balance represents the unspent portion of grants which are to be allocated for time periods falling after the balance sheet date.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175689

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1175689**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022  
FOR  
UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Uptown Youth was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to take over the assets and activities of Uptown UK a company limited by guarantee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity are to act as a resource for young people in the borough of Merton by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of helping young people by

- a) developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals
- b) advancing education
- c) relieving unemployment
- d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people who have need by reason of their youth, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving their conditions of life.

##### **Significant activities**

Uptown Youth Services operates three days a week at The Leyton Road Community Resource Centre in Colliers Wood and one day a week at the South Mitcham Community Centre in a youth club type format for young people from the surrounding areas and an additional Thursday session offering one-on-one individual mentoring to young people who need a little extra help. Uptown has a strong focus on mentoring the young people and providing support to them and their families. Uptown works in close conjunction with other parties, including the police and social services, in identifying young people who may benefit from attending Uptown. In a safe environment, which gets the young people off the streets, they can socialise with friends and take part in a range of typical youth club activities whilst also having access to a quiet room to do homework.

Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Uptown Youth Services is a registered charity supporting young people aged from 7 to 18, or up to 25 for those with disabilities, in a free to access fully inclusive youth club environment. Uptown has been operating within Merton for over 25 years.

Uptown provides a safe venue to get young people off the streets and develop their social skills, meet with friends, play pool and partake in positive activities such as music, dance and drama, sports, and arts and craft. An integral part of our provision is to encourage education and training. This includes providing homework support and the use of a quiet room with access to computers and printers. Uptown also runs workshops on issues such as budgeting, health, cooking, substance misuse, alcohol, domestic violence, mental health, bullying and anger management. From time to time, we offer first aid training programmes tailored to specific issues such as knife crime.

The core philosophy of Uptown is to provide mentoring to the young people - providing them with strong role models and helping them to make good life choices. The key outcomes we seek to achieve are for our young people to be: safe and happy; active members of their community; and moving onto positive destinations.

For most of the financial year ended March 2021, due to the Covid pandemic, Uptown moved to an online delivery model - with online Chill 'n Chat rooms as well as outreach sessions in local parks - although there were a few months when we were able to operate within bubbles in the Leyton Road Centre. From mid April 2021, Uptown was able to revert to in person delivery of sessions at the Leyton Road Centre with Covid secure procedures in place. Our sessions at the South Mitcham Community Centre remained severely disrupted by Covid, with some sessions run in June and July 2021 and between September and December 2021; we finally restarted on an uninterrupted basis in late February 2022.

At all times Uptown was operating in compliance with The National Youth Agency Guidelines and was allowed to operate in person during some periods of lockdown due to its classification as an essential education service.

Uptown's core operations deliver three weekly 3-hour sessions (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon) during term time at the Leyton Road Centre plus a Tuesday 2-hour session for our younger cohort at the South Mitcham Community Centre.

In response to the need we saw for one-to-one mentoring, plus feedback from parents and individual young people post Covid, Uptown decided it would like to offer extra sessions providing one-to-one mentoring. In December 2021, we were awarded a grant which allocated funding to allow us to provide this expanded offering. Uptown started these additional sessions in partnership with the Merton MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) team in March 2022 and are currently targeting twenty young people for this service. These sessions are hosted at the Leyton Road Centre on a Thursday. Early indications are that this programme is successful, and we plan to retain this as a core service.

Uptown has also operated a series of HAF (Holiday, Activities and Food) programmes for children who are eligible for free school meals facilitated by grants from Merton Council during each of the school holidays since the programme commenced in Easter 2021. HAF has operated four days a week with each session running for 4 hours during selected weeks over the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays with an occasional half term provision. We have actively engaged young people in menu planning and cooking as well as 'buying food in' from restaurants alongside the other activities. Uptown have accommodated a few young people who we deem to be vulnerable or hungry - but who do not qualify for free school meals - within our holiday provision.

Uptown's CEO is supported by four trainee youth workers (one with a disability) and volunteers - including parents and former Uptown members as well as Trustees. Our Trainee Youth Workers have enjoyed working, taking responsibility and earning income and this experience has enabled them to take on leadership roles to help build their CVs and self-confidence.

Uptown would like to broaden and deepen its reach to increase the membership as there is demand from the police and Merton Council staff for Uptown to work with more young people. To accommodate more of this hard to reach and potentially more difficult cohort, Uptown require additional youth workers to spread the day-to-day workload of running sessions and free up some of our CEO's time to focus on strategic issues and multi-agency partnership work. Uptown's CEO and Trustees continue to apply for grants to fund our operations and have been awarded a five-year grant from The National Lottery commencing in January 2023. This grant provides Uptown with some financial certainty thus allowing Uptown to start hiring and implementing our longer-term strategy.

## **UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

##### **Principal funding sources**

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants.

During the year ended March 2022, Uptown was awarded grants to fund its core activities and received donations from individuals. Grants used to fund Uptown's core activities during the year were awarded by the London Borough of Merton Neighbourhood Fund, Children in Need, Merton Giving, the UK Youth Fund, The Wimbledon Community Fund and the Merton Community Panel. Uptown was also in receipt of funding from Merton Council for the running of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. Further grants have been awarded since the end of the financial year to strengthen our financial position. We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion when managing the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and minimise the risk of disruption to its services. The reserves held at year-end are as set out on the statement of financial activities.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with company number CEO11689 and registered charity number 1175689.

It was first registered with the charity commission in November 2017

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees when considered appropriate. Under its constitution, there is a requirement to have a minimum of three trustees.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1175689

##### **Principal address**

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##### **Trustees**

C R Bradley  
L M Conway-Hughes Chair  
J A Craddock  
A Jakobsen  
M E Rhys-Evans  
T L Simpson  
V McClean (appointed 25/4/21)

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

L M Conway-Hughes - Trustee

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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### Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services

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### Responsibilities and basis of report

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### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

  
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Date: ..... 15/12/22 .....

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		12,336	-	12,336	16,588
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		-	81,990	81,990	64,494
<b>Total</b>		<u>12,336</u>	<u>81,990</u>	<u>94,326</u>	<u>81,082</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Charitable activities		270	76,090	76,360	46,608
<b>NET INCOME</b>		12,066	5,900	17,966	34,474
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	9	5,420	(5,420)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>17,486</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>17,966</u>	<u>34,474</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		25,493	20,767	46,260	11,786
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>42,979</u>	<u>21,247</u>	<u>64,226</u>	<u>46,260</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES****BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	270
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	2,392	-	2,392	205
Cash at bank and in hand		52,247	21,247	73,494	56,694
		<u>54,639</u>	<u>21,247</u>	<u>75,886</u>	<u>56,899</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(11,660)	-	(11,660)	(10,909)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>64,226</u>	<u>46,260</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

L M Conway-Hughes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities were taken over from Uptown UK at 1st April 2017 and restated at their fair value as estimated by the trustees at the date of the transfer. The fair value of the net assets taken over is shown as income in these accounts.

Other than as disclosed above there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenditure in these accounts.

The charity relies significantly on the services of volunteers in carrying out its activities. The value of voluntary help is not reflected as income in these accounts but their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated by the trustees.

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Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Charitable activities**

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

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

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

Computers and equipment - at variable rates on cost

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial instruments of a kind that qualify as basic.

Cash at bank is measured at transaction price.

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 3) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>72,540</u>	<u>3,820</u>	<u>76,360</u>

#### 3. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>1,750</u>	<u>2,070</u>	<u>3,820</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

##### Finance

	2022 Charitable activities £	2021 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees	1,350	1,250
Bookkeeping and accountancy	<u>400</u>	<u>556</u>
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,806</u>

##### Other

	2022 Charitable activities £	2021 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	629	259
Other office costs	552	8
Payroll administration	684	549
Insurance	<u>205</u>	<u>194</u>
	<u>2,070</u>	<u>1,010</u>

#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

##### Trustees' expenses

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

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations	16,588	-	16,588
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	64,494	64,494
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,588</u>	<u>64,494</u>	<u>81,082</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	-	46,608	46,608
<b>NET INCOME</b>	16,588	17,886	34,474
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	381	(381)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	16,969	17,505	34,474
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	8,524	3,262	11,786
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>25,493</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>46,260</u>

**6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Computers and equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>1,080</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 April 2021	810
Charge for year	<u>270</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,080</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2022	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>270</u>

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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<b>7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees receivable	2,105	-
Prepayments and accrued income	287	205
	<u>2,392</u>	<u>205</u>

<b>8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>11,660</u>	<u>10,909</u>

<b>9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>				
	At 1/4/21	Net movement	Transfers	At
	£	in funds	between	31/3/22
		£	funds	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	25,493	12,066	5,420	42,979
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	20,767	5,900	(5,420)	21,247
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>46,260</u>	<u>17,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,226</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	12,336	(270)	12,066
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	81,990	(76,090)	5,900
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>94,326</u>	<u>(76,360)</u>	<u>17,966</u>

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### 9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

##### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	8,524	16,588	381	25,493
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	3,262	17,886	(381)	20,767
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>11,786</u>	<u>34,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,260</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	16,588	-	16,588
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	64,494	(46,608)	17,886
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>81,082</u>	<u>(46,608)</u>	<u>34,474</u>

The vast majority of Uptown Youth Services' income is derived from grants. The majority of our grants are for core funding (although some are designated for specific items of expenditure) and are awarded to contribute to paying our operating costs over a specific time period. The restricted funds balance represents the unspent portion of grants which are to be allocated for time periods falling after the balance sheet date.

##### Transfers between funds

Following a review of funds held at the year end it was determined that the restricted fund balance at 31 March 2020 had been overstated due to a misallocation of costs and a transfer has been made in the current year to correct this.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

**UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175689

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# Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021  
FOR  
UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Uptown Youth was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to take over the assets and activities of Uptown UK a company limited by guarantee.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The objects of the charity are to act as a resource for young people in the borough of Merton by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of helping young people by

- a) developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals
- b) advancing education
- c) relieving unemployment
- d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people who have need by reason of their youth, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving their conditions of life.

##### Significant activities

Uptown Youth Services operates three days a week at The Leyton Road Community Resource Centre in Colliers Wood and one day a week at the South Mitcham Community Centre in a youth club type format for young people from the surrounding areas. Uptown has a strong focus on mentoring the young people and providing support to them and their families. Uptown works in close conjunction with other parties, including the police and social services, in identifying young people who may benefit from attending Uptown. In a safe environment, which gets the young people off the streets, they can socialise with friends and take part in a range of typical youth club type activities as well whilst having access to a quiet room to do homework.

Young people with learning difficulties are encouraged to attend, participate and develop their social skills while making new friends.

##### Public benefit

In planning the activities of the charity the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in relation to public benefit.

## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Charitable activities

Uptown normally runs a range of activities during school term time at The Leyton Road Community Resource Centre in Colliers Wood on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, as well as a Tuesday afternoon dance and drama focussed programme at the South Mitcham Community Centre. At Leyton Road, members can take part in music, dance, drama and sports, cooking and arts and crafts as well as participate in various programmes that Uptown is running. The young people also have access to the use of a quiet room, with computers and printers, for homework as well as having access to our experienced youth workers who provide them with mentoring and support. Uptown provides a safe environment for young people to meet with their friends and to interact with our youth workers who are monitoring the young people and assisting them in seeking support for issues they are facing

Uptown has run many specific programmes during our regular sessions including an anti-knife and gang programme, evenings featuring guest speakers from different walks of life, programmes focussed on exercise and healthy living and eating and offered first-aid training courses to our young people.

After operating virtually from March 2020 and running an outreach programme in local parks during summer 2020 plus a one week 'in club holiday' programme, Uptown finally returned to delivering its core youth club activities in Leyton Road Centre in September 2020 with Covid secure provisions in place including extra cleaning by staff, and number limited 'bubble group' sizes operating in different areas of the Leyton Road Centre. From November 2020 until Easter 2021 Uptown operated virtually using Zoom Chill 'n Chat rooms held three times a week at the same time as normal youth group in different groups and then after Easter were able to go back into club.

Uptown was always operating in compliance with The National Youth Agency Guidelines. Uptown was allowed to operate in person during some periods of lockdown due to its classification as an essential education service.

Whilst operating in club, young people have been largely able to pursue their normal dance, sport, music, watching films and computer-based activities - although sharing resources in cooking and craft work have generally not been permitted.

Mentoring focussed on supporting young people transitioning to secondary school or starting college as well as mentoring sessions focussed on revision and mock exams skills and other educational subjects. During the year Uptown was able to secure donations of laptops and internet dongles with data packages which were provided to young people who had no internet or equipment for their school learning; and to allow them to participate in Uptown's online offering.

Targeted 1:1 mentoring sessions were also held with several young people who were deemed to be at risk of falling prey to gang culture and there were regular discussions on the importance of keeping safe and social distancing rules during the pandemic.

Generally, Uptown has supported groups of young people with regards to their emotional wellbeing and accessing support to deal with difficult issues as well as offering targeted support to young people and their families dealing with Covid bereavement etc and other problems.

In the run up to Christmas the Uptown Youth Work team and young volunteers from Uptown, worked in partnership with AFC Wimbledon Dons to distribute donations of food and presents to young people and families in the community.

Throughout the last year, crime levels and youth gang activity on various estates around the borough have been a concern. Many young people have had concerns about their safety due to reports of stabbings/murders and robberies/muggings within their local community. Uptown offered advice to the young people- and provided personal alarms for those wanting them for added security.

At the start of the pandemic, Uptown employed 6 young Trainee Youth Workers who have enjoyed working, taking responsibility and earning income and allowed them to take on leadership roles to help them build their CVs.

After the end of the financial year, Uptown Youth Services was commissioned by Merton Council to run two HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programmes targeted at free school meals young people. The first ran for two weeks over the Easter school holidays; and following its successful conclusion a second five-week programme operated during the summer holidays.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

A summary of the financial position of the charity is provided in the balance sheet which forms a part of these accounts.

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## UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Principal funding sources

The principal sources of income for the charity are from donations and grants.

During the year ended March 2021, Uptown was awarded grants to fund specific streams of work and core funding and received donations from individuals and local businesses. Grants used to fund Uptown's activities during the year were awarded by Children in Need, The Merton Community Panel, Clarion Futures, The London Community Fund Covid 19 Emergency Response Fund and the London Borough of Merton Neighbourhood Fund. Further grants have been awarded since the end of the financial year to strengthen our financial position. We are very appreciative of the support offered by our donors and supporters.

##### Reserves policy

The trustees aim to hold a sufficient level of reserves to allow the charity to meet its commitments as they fall due and to ensure it can continue to deliver services for the foreseeable future. Uptown Youth Services' Trustees have accordingly adopted a policy to hold unrestricted reserves covering at least six months core operating costs to try and provide a cushion when managing the lumpy and unpredictable nature of grant and donation income and minimise the risk of disruption to its services. The reserves held at the year end are as set out on the statement of financial activities.

##### Going concern

The trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to meet its operational commitments for the foreseeable future and that it is a going concern.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with company number CE011689 and registered charity number 1175689.

It was first registered with the charity commission in November 2017

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees when considered appropriate. Under its constitution, there is a requirement to have a minimum of three trustees.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1175689

##### Principal address

42 Veals Mead

Mitcham

Surrey

CR4 3SB

##### Trustees

C R Bradley

L M Conway-Hughes Chair

J A Craddock

A Jakobsen

M E Rhys-Evans

T L Simpson

V McClean (appointed 25/4/21)

UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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ICAEW  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

L M Conway-Hughes - Trustee

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Uptown Youth Services

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Uptown Youth Services (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

## Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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16 December 2021

UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations		16,588	-	16,588	8,853
Charitable activities		-	64,494	64,494	22,568
Charitable activities		-	-	-	1,501
Other fundraising activities	2	-	-	-	1,501
Total		16,588	64,494	81,082	32,922
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	834
Charitable activities	3	-	46,608	46,608	42,071
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-
Total		-	46,608	46,608	42,905
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>					
		16,588	17,886	34,474	(9,983)
Transfers between funds	10	381	(381)	-	-
Net movement in funds		16,969	17,505	34,474	(9,983)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		8,524	3,262	11,786	21,769
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>25,493</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>46,260</u>	<u>11,786</u>

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UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	270	-	270	540
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	205	-	205	5,490
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>35,927</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>56,694</u>	<u>10,967</u>
		36,132	20,767	56,899	16,457
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(10,909)	-	(10,909)	(5,211)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>25,223</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>45,990</u>	<u>11,246</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		25,493	20,767	46,260	11,786
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>25,493</u>	<u>20,767</u>	<u>46,260</u>	<u>11,786</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	10				
Unrestricted funds				25,493	8,524
Restricted funds				<u>20,767</u>	<u>3,262</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
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Financial instruments

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UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivables or payables within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. OTHER FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Vending machine income	-	1,501
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	43,522	3,086	46,608
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	1,806	1,280	3,086
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Finance

	2021 Charitable activities £	2020 Total activities £
Independent examiners fees	1,250	1,250
Bookkeeping and accountancy	556	479
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	1,806	1,729
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Information technology

	2021 Total activities £	2020 Total activities £
Computer and website	-	396
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Other

	2021 Charitable activities £	2020 Total activities £
Postage and stationery	259	208
Other office costs	8	67
Payroll administration	549	538
Travel	-	12
Insurance	194	190
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	270	270
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	1,280	1,285
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UPTOWN YOUTH SERVICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

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

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations	8,853	-	8,853
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	22,568	22,568
Other fundraising activities	1,501	-	1,501
Total	10,354	22,568	32,922
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	834	-	834
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	10,360	31,711	42,071
Total	11,194	31,711	42,905
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(840)	(9,143)	(9,983)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	9,364	12,405	21,769
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>8,524</u>	<u>3,262</u>	<u>11,786</u>

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computers and equipment £
COST	
At 1 April 2020	2,994
Disposals	(1,914)
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,080</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020	2,454
Charge for year	270
Eliminated on disposal	(1,914)
At 31 March 2021	<u>810</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>270</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>540</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees receivable	-	5,490
Prepayments and accrued income	205	-
	<u>205</u>	<u>5,490</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	10,909	5,211
	<u>10,909</u>	<u>5,211</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	8,524	16,588	381	25,493
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	3,262	17,886	(381)	20,767
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,786</u>	<u>34,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,260</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,588	-	16,588
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	64,494	(46,608)	17,886
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,082</u>	<u>(46,608)</u>	<u>34,474</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,364	(840)	8,524
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	12,405	(9,143)	3,262
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>21,769</u>	<u>(9,983)</u>	<u>11,786</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,354	(11,194)	(840)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,568	(31,711)	(9,143)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>32,922</u>	<u>(42,905)</u>	<u>(9,983)</u>

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11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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