

BENTILEE VOLUNTEERS CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1175754

Details

Other names	BENTILEE VOLUNTEERS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-11-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF BENTILEE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: FOR OVER 39 YEARS OUR OBJECTIVES HAVE REMAINED THE SAME - TO SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF BENTILEE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY BEING IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE PROUD TO RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF MANY COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THE IMPORTANT WORK OF OUR DEDICATED STAFF IN HELPING US RUN OUR PROJECTS EFFECTIVELY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND TO RAISE ESSENTIAL FUNDS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Staffordshire
- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£191,054	£182,634	-	-
2024-08-31	£97,296	£154,990	-	-
2023-08-31	£175,739	£166,563	-	-
2022-08-31	£157,300	£156,851	-	-
2021-08-31	£66,763	£130,518	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Beverley Lawton		2023-09-01
Cheryl Owen		2020-09-01
IRENE CARDALL		2017-11-16
John Steele		2018-04-01
Susan Millson		2023-10-01

Accounts

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

K R Chartered Accountants

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

John Steel
Irene Cardall (Acting Chair)
Cheryl Owen
Beverley Lawton
Susan Milson

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Charity Registration Number

1175754

Independent Examiner

Kate Round
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Trustees report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025

Trustees

John Steel
Irene Cardall (Acting Chair)
Cheryl Owen
Beverley Lawton
Susan Milson

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Bentilee and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity was formed on 16 November 2017 and commenced to operate on 1 September 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity Bentilee Volunteers Community Association were transferred to the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our Mission is to be at the heart of our local community by providing invaluable and essential services to the people of Bentilee and surrounding areas, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life and develop community pride through the services we provide and the opportunities for them to volunteer and help others. We wish to enable and empower local people and our local community, and to continue to raise funds to enable us to do this.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee. We do this by offering practical services and by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We also aim to support the disadvantaged, lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents. We also aim to offer meaningful and worthwhile volunteering opportunities.

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Trustees report (continued)

We aim to achieve our mission and core values by delivering the following services:

- Providing volunteering opportunities for local people to help increase their self-esteem and aspirations, as well as giving them the opportunity to help others.
- Delivering youth services to those aged between 8-19 years by providing a fun, safe and friendly environment by means of our Youthlink Project. Thus helping to alleviate exclusion, prevent anti-social behaviour through early intervention and help improve and increase the aspirations of young people.
- Provide social, creative and interactive activities to adults with learning disabilities who are often socially excluded. By means of our Rainbow Club we provide an inclusive and safe haven, fun interaction, excursions to interesting and stimulating places and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and abilities, as well as make new friends.
- Providing social activities to adults over the age of 50 years by means of our Neighbourlink/ Seniors Project, thus offering the chance for older and often housebound residents the opportunity to get out of their home, partake in enjoyable and sociable activities with their friends and neighbours, as well as a hot home cooked meal at an affordable price. We also provide transport to and from the club at a nominal fee.
- Providing free access to computers and the internet, whereby individuals can receive support with online services, including benefit claims, social media and employment opportunities.
- Selling affordable household furniture items and goods, as well as clothing to those in need by means of recycling unwanted goods in our Charity Shop and furniture recycling shop, The Shed. Linking in with local housing associations to collect and re-use furniture from vacated properties and to provide those in need with free furniture & household items if possible.
- To be able to offer appropriate services and support as and when the local community needs it and to respond to these in a timely and effective way.
- To continue to increase the number and diversity of people we support via our services wherever possible.

Achievements and Performance

Our work in this community began in 1985 and we employed our first part time worker in 1987; and became a charity in 1990, with our core aim of being at the heart of the local community by providing essential services that enable local people achieve a better quality of life, develop community pride and help support positive changes in people's lives. We registered as a CIO in November 2017.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values, which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee by enabling and empowering local people. We do this by offering practical services and support, by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We support the disadvantaged and work hard to lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents

All of our staff are employed on a part-time basis and the cost of salaries is met by constant fundraising. See section 17 (Funds) for details of our funders this year and Section 4 (Income from other Trading Activities) for our locally raised funds (via our community enterprises and donations). This year we have employed a total of 15 staff who have recruited and supported around 20 volunteers, mainly from the local community.

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Trustees report (continued)

Our projects and services include the following:

Neighbourlink/Seniors

This project was set up in 1985 to address the needs of many elderly isolated members of this community and pre-COVID-19 provided 3 lunch clubs for up to 110 people each week, with transport provided for disabled members on our minibus. With the benefits of trips, as well as advice and support for those who need it. It was a lifeline to many of our members and continued until COVID-19 restrictions forced closure in March 2020 and subsequently the redundancy of 7 staff. However, we were pleased to re-open this service in October 2022, thus re-introducing projects for older members of the community, whilst continuing to encourage and support older people as volunteers. Seniors operates twice a week and employs 5 part-time staff.

Youthlink

We were able to continue providing youth services, following our success in securing 3 years funding from The Henry Smith Charity. Our Youth project continues to employ 3 youth workers, providing 4 sessions each week. Based in The Pavilion in Bentilee park, we provide an essential service of support and advice as well as recreational activities. We play an important role in reducing anti-social behaviour, especially as some of our members are excluded from school and have little parental support. We encourage our members to take joint trips out with our Rainbow group (for adults with learning disabilities) and we are very pleased to have changed perceptions and behaviour for the better. The club remains popular and successful with around 160 young members over the last 12 months, aged 8 to 19.

Rainbows

With funding from The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund this project has continued, remained a popular club, supporting up to 20 adults, with a range of learning disabilities, during each session. Some members are accompanied by carers and we have further developed our partnerships with several local agencies and care homes. We continue to provide a range of social activities and trips, aiming to help members become more confident and with some volunteering within the organisation. Rainbows employed 2 part-time staff to support members, volunteers and carers, running twice weekly.

Online Services Support

This services continues with the valued help of our volunteers. We provide free access to online services, with 1:1 support if needed, including benefit claims, social media and searching and applying for job vacancies, having a C.V. reviewed and updated. It also offers the opportunity to learn some valuable basic IT skills, all with the aim of increasing well-being, aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people. From August 2023 we also started working with 'We Are Digital', who refer clients to us for digital support with filling in forms online, benefit appeals, disability allowance and much more.

Upcycling

Run by volunteers with supervision from staff. The focus of the project is improving mental health and well-being, building confidence and skills. The project's aim is to purchase a Shed to provide a dedicated space for working and storage.

Our local enterprises (Charity Shop; Furniture Shop; On Line Sales) continue to provide important services to our local community as well as important funds for The Organisation.

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Trustees report (continued)

Development of Volunteers

Building strength and capacity within the community. Our volunteers are for the most part, residents who have lived on the estate for many years. We aim to continue reaching out to as many people as possible, including economic migrants and asylum seekers, to help to integrate them into this community. Sometimes volunteering is a short term arrangement but the experience is valuable for both them and us, helping with social cohesiveness. We are a valuable resource within the City and we constantly try to link with other statutory and voluntary organisations within the City. Our volunteer attendance and recruitment has been less than previously due to the effects of COVID-19 and continuing fluctuation in infection rates but we continue working to reach as many as possible.

Financial Review

See pages 7 - 17

Policy on Reserves

Our general reserves equate to -£5,384 (2024: £24,912) which equates to just under 0 months running costs. Our reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months running costs so there is a deficit again this year. We continue to work hard to re-build reserves but we these have reduced this year due to factors such as minimum wage increases, inflation and cost of living, all increasing expenditure and effecting income due to reduced footfall. It has also become increasingly challenging to secure grant funding since COVID-19.

Important non-adjusting events after the financial period

We continue to have the support of Stoke City Council and are still working with them in relation to the Asset Transfer of 19 Brackenfield Avenue.

Following COVID-19, and other challenges such as the cost of living, footfall and membership remains less than previous years, meaning continued impact on income from sales and services and our plans to rebuild our reserves are delayed again, but enthusiasm remains high and we will continue to work towards this, to ensure the longevity of our projects and services.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 9th November 2017.

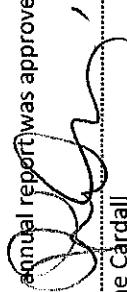
Recruitment and appointment of Trustee's

The number of trustees should not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum. The trustees are re-elected at each General Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee continues to work alongside and support the staff in achieving a well-balanced and forward thinking organisation. Meetings are held at least every 6 weeks.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on / / and signed on its behalf by:


Irene Cardall

Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bentilee Volunteers CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentilee Volunteers CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiners 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 Bentilee Volunteers CIO 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any other 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Date 26/1/26

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments									
From:									
Donations and Legacies	2	0	132,150	132,150			1,000	41,826	42,826
Charitable Activities	3	23,661	0	23,661			8,757	13,537	22,294
Other Trading Activities	4	33,705	0	33,705			30,475	0	30,475
Investment Income	5	1,538	0	1,538			1,701	0	1,701
Total Income		58,904	132,150	191,054			41,933	55,363	97,296
Expenditure on:									
Raising Funds	6	(11,597)	0	(11,597)			(7,852)	0	(7,852)
Charitable Activities	7	(56,351)	(114,686)	(171,037)			(77,798)	(69,340)	(147,138)
Total Expenditure		(67,948)	(114,686)	(182,634)			(85,650)	(69,340)	(154,990)
Net (Expenditure) / Income		(9,044)	17,464	8,420			(43,717)	(13,977)	(57,694)
Net Movement in Funds		(9,044)	17,464	8,420			(43,717)	(13,977)	(57,694)
Reconciliation of Funds									
Total Funds Brought Forward		39,463	31,840	71,303			83,180	45,817	128,997
Total Funds Carried Forward	17	30,419	49,304	79,723		17	39,463	31,840	71,303

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 17

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Registration Number: 1175754

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	13	35,803	14,551
Current Assets			
Debtors	14	1,215	3,085
Cash at bank and in hand	15	51,817	73,679
		53,032	76,764
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	16	(9,112)	(20,012)
Net Current Assets		43,920	56,752
Net Assets		79,723	71,303
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted Income Funds			
Restricted Funds		49,304	31,840
Unrestricted Income Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		30,419	39,463
Total Funds	17	79,723	71,303

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on / / and signed on their behalf by:


Irene Cardall
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in

Basis of preparation

Bentilee Volunteers CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset Class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method - 20%
Motor Vehicles	Reducing balance method - 20%

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations from individuals	0	1,000	2,000
Grants, including capital grants	0	500	500
Government grants	0	0	40,326
Grants from other charities	0	0	40,326
	0	41,826	42,826

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Hubb Income	1,125	0	1,125
Membership Fees	17,663	0	17,663
Minibus Income	4,873	0	4,873
Trip Income	0	0	0
	23,661	0	23,661
	8,757	13,537	22,294

4 Income from other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Trading Income;			
Shop Income from sale of donated goods and services	30,897	0	30,897
Other Trading Income	0	0	0
Local Fundraising and street collection income	2,808	0	2,808
Services	0	0	0
	33,705	0	33,705

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,538	0	1,538
	1,538	0	1,538

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

6 Expenditure on Raising Funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Fundraising Trading Costs; Fundraising	11,597	0	11,597	7,852	0	7,852
	11,597	0	11,597	7,852	0	7,852

7 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Activities undertaken directly	56,351	114,686	171,037	77,798	69,340	147,138
	56,351	114,686	171,037	77,798	69,340	147,138

	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2025 £	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2024 £
Activities & trips	6,792	6,792	9,244	9,244
Depreciation	4,844	4,844	4,208	4,208
Cleaning	805	805	767	767
Independent Examination Fee	500	500	1,200	1,200
Insurance	2,735	2,735	1,776	1,776
Rent & Rates	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Repairs & Maintenance	1,676	1,676	660	660
Staff Costs	121,759	121,759	112,352	112,352
Stationery & Printing	2,547	2,547	1,304	1,304
Sundry Expenses	12,029	12,029	1,554	1,554
Utilities	5,798	5,798	6,228	6,228
Bank Charges	234	234	315	315
Refurbishment	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Costs	7,756	7,756	3,979	3,979
Service Charges	2,562	2,562	2,051	2,051
	171,037	171,037	147,138	147,138

Independent Examiners Fees Examination of the financial statements	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
	500	500
	500	500

Independent Examiners Fees Examination of the financial statements	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
	500	500
	500	500

	2025	2024	
	£	£	
Stoke on Trent City Council Councillors Ward Budget	150	500	To fund crafts and activities

There are no unfilled conditions

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

11 Staff costs

Wages and Salaries	120,736	111,346
Employers Pension	578	526
Self Employed Fees	100	200
Staff Training	345	280
	121,759	112,352

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Average number of employees	14	14

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture & Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2024	15,984	40,759	56,743
Additions		27,014	27,014
Disposals		(17,980)	(17,980)
As at 31 August 2025	15,984	49,793	65,777
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2024	10,452	31,740	42,192
Disposals	0	(17,062)	(17,062)
Charge for the year	1,452	3,392	4,844
As at 31 August 2025	11,904	18,070	29,974
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2025	4,080	31,723	35,803
As at 31 August 2024	5,532	9,019	14,551

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

14 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	1,215	370
Prepayments	0	2,715
Accrued Income	0	0
	<u>1,215</u>	<u>3,085</u>

15 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash on hand	762	2,045
Cash at bank	<u>51,055</u>	<u>71,634</u>
	<u>51,817</u>	<u>73,679</u>

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Creditors	2,371	1,292
Other taxation and social security	0	780
Other creditors	0	0
Accruals	<u>6,741</u>	<u>17,940</u>
	<u>9,112</u>	<u>20,012</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance as 31 August 2024	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance as 31 August 2023
Unrestricted Funds								
General								
General Fund	39,463	58,904	(67,948)	30,419	83,180	41,933	(85,650)	39,463
Restricted Funds								
Epic Housing	500	0	0	500	408	0	(408)	0
Henry Smith	9,797	64,750	(49,522)	25,025	500	0	0	500
Woodroofe Benton	167	0	(167)	0	26,492	21,450	(38,145)	9,797
Co-Op Community Fund	706	0	(706)	0	833	0	(833)	0
Baron Davenport	333	0	(333)	0	4167	0	(4,167)	0
Epic Housing	1,150	0	(1,150)	0	10,000	0	(10,000)	0
Forbes	1,500	0	(1,500)	0	2,917	0	(2,917)	0
McCarthy & Stone	3,750	0	(3,750)	0	500	0	(500)	0
Peter Grocott	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	500	(500)	0
Stoke Council (Ward)	0	150	(150)	0	0	2000	(1,833)	167
Baily Thomas	0	10,000	(10,000)	0	0	2826	(2,120)	706
Garfield Weston	0	25,000	(20,833)	4,167	0	1000	(667)	333
Baron Davenport	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	0	1150	0	1,150
Archer Trust	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	0	3000	(1,500)	1,500
Hedley Foundation	0	2,000	(2,000)	0	0	500	(500)	0
N Smith Fund	0	750	(75)	675	0	7500	(3,750)	3,750
Leek United	0	2,500	(2,500)	0	0	500	(500)	0
Clothworkers	0	15,000	(15,000)	0	0	1000	(1,000)	0
Edward Cadbury	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0	1000	0	1,000
Hobson	0	5,000	(5,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Restricted Funds	18,903	132,150	(119,686)	31,367	45,817	42,426	(69,340)	18,903
Total Funds	58,366	191,054	(187,634)	61,786	128,997	84,359	(154,990)	58,366

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are:

Tudor Trust Wellbeing	Funding received for staff wellbeing following COVID-19
Epic Housing	Funding towards the production of the calendar
Henry Smith	Funding received to support the Youthlink project
Stoke Council (Ward)	Funding received for Rainbows panto
Baily Thomas	Funding received for Rainbows project
Garfield Weston	Funding received for general costs
Baron Davenport	Funding received for Seniors project
Archer Trust	Funding received for Seniors project
Hedley Foundation	Funding received for Seniors food
N Smith Fund	Funding received for Seniors project
Leek United	Funding for shed van
Clothworkers	Funding for shed van
Edward Cadbury	Funding for shed van
Hobson	Funding for shed van

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2025 £		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2024 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	35,803	0	35,803	Tangible Fixed Assets	14,551	0	14,551
Current Assets	3,728	49,304	53,032	Current Assets	44,924	31,840	76,764
Current Liabilities	(9,112)	0	(9,112)	Current Liabilities	(20,012)	0	(20,012)
	30,419	49,304	79,723		39,463	31,840	71,303

19 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year

Accounts

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

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Bentilee Volunteers CIO
Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	John Steel Irene Cardall Janet Mason (Resigned May-24) Cheryl Owen Beverley Lawton (Joined September 2023) Susan Milson (Joined October 2023)
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Principal Office	19 Brackenhfield Avenue Bentilee Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST2 0DH
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Charity Registration Number	1175754
Independent Examiner	Kate Round K R Chartered Accountants Yarnfield Staffordshire ST15 0RP

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees

John Steele
Irene Cardall
Janet Mason (resigned May-24)
Cheryl Owen
Beverley Lawton (joined September 2023)
Susan Milson (joined October 2023)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Bentilee and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity was formed on 16 November 2017 and commenced to operate on 1 September 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity Bentilee Volunteers Community Association were transferred to the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our Mission is to be at the heart of our local community by providing invaluable and essential services to the people of Bentilee and surrounding areas, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life and develop community pride through the services we provide and the opportunities for them to volunteer and help others. We wish to enable and empower local people and our local community, and to continue to raise funds to enable us to do this.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee. We do this by offering practical services and by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We also aim to support the disadvantaged, lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents. We also aim to offer meaningful and worthwhile volunteering opportunities.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report (continued)

We aim to achieve our mission and core values by delivering the following services:

- Providing volunteering opportunities for local people to help increase their self-esteem and aspirations, as well as giving them the opportunity to help others.
- Delivering youth services to those aged between 8-19 years by providing a fun, safe and friendly environment by means of our Youthlink Project. Thus helping to alleviate exclusion, prevent anti-social behaviour through early intervention and help improve and increase the aspirations of young people.
- Provide social, creative and interactive activities to adults with learning disabilities who are often socially excluded. By means of our Rainbow Club we provide an inclusive and safe haven, fun interaction, excursions to interesting and stimulating places and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and abilities, as well as make new friends.
- Providing social activities to adults over the age of 50 years by means of our Neighbourlink/ Seniors Project, thus offering the chance for older and often housebound residents the opportunity to get out of their home, partake in enjoyable and sociable activities with their friends and neighbours, as well as a hot home cooked meal at an affordable price. We also provide transport to and from the club at a nominal fee.
- Providing free access to computers and the internet, whereby individuals can receive support with online services, including benefit claims, social media and employment opportunities.
- Selling affordable household furniture items and goods, as well as clothing to those in need by means of recycling unwanted goods in our Charity Shop and furniture recycling shop, The Shed. Linking in with local housing associations to collect and re-use furniture from vacated properties and to provide those in need with free furniture & household items if possible.
- To be able to offer appropriate services and support as and when the local community needs it and to respond to these in a timely and effective way.
- To continue to increase the number and diversity of people we support via our services wherever possible.

Achievements and Performance

Our work in this community began in 1985 and we employed our first part time worker in 1987, and became a charity in 1990, with our core aim of being at the heart of the local community by providing essential services that enable local people achieve a better quality of life, develop community pride and help support positive changes in people's lives. We registered as a CIO in November 2017.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values, which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee by enabling and empowering local people. We do this by offering practical services and support, by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We support the disadvantaged and work hard to lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents

All of our staff are employed on a part-time basis and the cost of salaries is met by constant fundraising. See section 17 (Funds) for details of our funders this year and Section 4 (Income from other Trading Activities) for our locally raised funds (via our community enterprises and donations). This year we have employed a total of 15 staff who have recruited and supported around 20 volunteers, mainly from the local community.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report (continued)

Our projects and services include the following:

Neighbourlink/Seniors

This project was set up in 1985 to address the needs of many elderly isolated members of this community and pre-COVID-19 provided 3 lunch clubs for up to 110 people each week, with transport provided for disabled members on our minibus. With the benefits of trips, as well as advice and support for those who need it. It was a lifeline to many of our members and continued until COVID-19 restrictions forced closure in March 2020 and subsequently the redundancy of 7 staff. However, we were pleased to re-open this service in October 2022, thus re-introducing projects for older members of the community, whilst continuing to encourage and support older people as volunteers. Seniors operates twice a week and employs 5 part-time staff.

Youthlink

We were able to continue providing youth services, following our success in securing 3 years funding from The Henry Smith Charity. Our Youth project continues to employ 3 youth workers, providing 4 sessions each week. Based in The Pavilion in Bentilee park, we provide an essential service of support and advice as well as recreational activities. We play an important role in reducing anti-social behaviour, especially as some of our members are excluded from school and have little parental support. We encourage our members to take joint trips out with our Rainbow group (for adults with learning disabilities) and we are very pleased to have changed perceptions and behaviour for the better. The club remains popular and successful with around 160 young members over the last 12 months, aged 8 to 19.

Rainbows

With funding from The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund this project has continued, remained a popular club, supporting up to 20 adults, with a range of learning disabilities, during each session. Some members are accompanied by carers and we have further developed our partnerships with several local agencies and care homes. We continue to provide a range of social activities and trips, aiming to help members become more confident and with some volunteering within the organisation. Rainbows employed 2 part-time staff to support members, volunteers and carers, running twice weekly.

Online Services Support

This services continues with the valued help of our volunteers. We provide free access to online services, with 1:1 support if needed, including benefit claims, social media and searching and applying for job vacancies, having a C.V. reviewed and updated. It also offers the opportunity to learn some valuable basic IT skills, all with the aim of increasing well-being, aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people. From August 2023 we also started working with 'We Are Digital', who refer clients to us for digital support with filling in forms online, benefit appeals, disability allowance and much more.

Chatty Cafe

This was a new interim service introduced in July 2021 to help increase social interaction and reduce isolation, following COVID-19 closures. This ceased when our Neighbourlink/Seniors project re-opened.

Upcycling

Run by volunteers with supervision from staff. The focus of the project is improving mental health and well-being, building confidence and skills. The project's aim is to purchase a Shed to provide a dedicated space for working and storage.

Our local enterprises (Charity Shop; Furniture Shop; On Line Sales) continue to provide important services to our local community as well as important funds for The Organisation.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report (continued)

Development of Volunteers

Building strength and capacity within the community. Our volunteers are for the most part, residents who have lived on the estate for many years. We aim to continue reaching out to as many people as possible, including economic migrants and asylum seekers, to help to integrate them into this community. Sometimes volunteering is a short term arrangement but the experience is valuable for both them and us, helping with social cohesiveness. We are a valuable resource within the City and we constantly try to link with other statutory and voluntary organisations within the City. Our volunteer attendance and recruitment has been less than previously due to the effects of COVID-19 and continuing fluctuation in infection rates but we continue working to reach as many as possible.

Financial Review

See pages 7 - 17

Policy on Reserves

Our general reserves equate to £25,412 (2023: £64,421) which equates to just under 2 months running costs. Our reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months running costs so there is a deficit again this year. We continue to work hard to re-build reserves but we these have reduced this year due to factors such as minimum wage increases, inflation and cost of living, all increasing expenditure and effecting income due to reduced footfall. It has also become increasingly challenging to secure grant funding since COVID-19.

Important non-adjusting events after the financial period

We continue to have the support of Stoke City Council and are still working with them in relation to the Asset Transfer of 19 Brackenfield Avenue. Following COVID-19, and other challenges such as the cost of living, footfall and membership remains less than previous years, meaning continued impact on income from sales and services and our plans to rebuild our reserves are delayed again, but enthusiasm remains high and we will continue to work towards this, to ensure the longevity of our projects and services.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 9th November 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The number of trustees should not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum. The trustees are re-elected at each General Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee continues to work alongside and support the staff in achieving a well-balanced and forward thinking organisation. Meetings are held at least every 6 weeks.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 7/11/23 and signed on its behalf by:

Irene Cardall
Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bentilee Volunteers CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentilee Volunteers CIO for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of Bentilee Volunteers CIO 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any other 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Kate Round

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Yarnfield

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ST15 0RP

Date

10/4/25

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	
Income and Endowments				Note				Note
From:								
Donations and Legacies	1,000			2	41,826			
Charitable Activities	8,757			3	13,537			
Other Trading Activities	30,475			4	0			
Investment Income	1,701			5	0			
Total Income	41,933	55,363	97,296					
Expenditure on:								
Raising Funds	(7,852)	0		6	(7,852)	0		
Charitable Activities	(77,798)	(69,340)		7	(147,138)			
Total Expenditure	(85,650)	(69,340)	(154,990)					
Net (Expenditure) / Income	(43,717)	(13,977)	(57,694)					
Net Movement in Funds	(43,717)	(13,977)	(57,694)					
Reconciliation of Funds								
Total Funds Brought Forward	83,180	45,817	128,997		Total Funds Brought Forward	83,180	45,817	128,997
Total Funds Carried Forward	39,463	31,840	71,303		Total Funds Carried Forward	83,180	45,817	128,997

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 17

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Registration Number: 1175754

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	14,551	18,759
Current Assets		
Debtors	3,085	27,237
Cash at bank and in hand	73,679	112,107
	76,764	139,344
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	(20,012)	(29,106)
Net Current Assets	56,752	110,238
Net Assets	71,303	128,997
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Income Funds	31,840	45,817
Restricted Funds		
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	39,463	83,180
Total Funds	71,303	128,997

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 7/14/25 and signed on their behalf by:

Irene Cardall
Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in Basis of preparation Bentilee Volunteers CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102, The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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 Governance costs

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Tangible fixed assets Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortization Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Depreciation method and rate</i>
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method - 20%
Motor Vehicles	Reducing balance method - 20%

Trade debtors Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. A provision

Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an

Trade creditors Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies			
Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
1,000	1,000	2,000	Donations and legacies
0	500	500	Donations from individuals
0	500	500	Grants, including capital grants
0	40,326	40,326	Government grants
1,000	41,826	42,826	Grants from other charities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
2,000	0	2,000	Donations and legacies
0	22,760	22,760	Donations from individuals
0	22,760	22,760	Grants, including capital grants
0	103,400	103,400	Government grants
2,000	126,160	128,160	Grants from other charities

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

3 Income from Charitable Activities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
0	13,537	13,537
6,887	0	6,887
1,870	0	1,870
0	0	0
8,757	13,537	22,294

Hubb Income
Membership Fees
Minibus Income
Trip Income

4 Income from other Trading Activities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
27,851	0	27,851
1,435	0	1,435
1,189	0	1,189
0	0	0
30,475	0	30,475

Trading Income;
Shop Income from sale of donated
goods and services
Other Trading Income
Local Fundraising and street
collection Income
Services

5 Investment Income

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
1,701	0	1,701
1,701	0	1,701

Interest receivable and similar income;
Interest receivable on bank deposits

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
0	3,102	3,102
7,882	0	7,882
1,392	0	1,392
319	0	319
9,593	3,102	12,695

Hubb Income
Membership Fees
Minibus Income
Trip Income

Trading Income;
Shop Income from sale of donated
goods and services
Other Trading Income
Local Fundraising and street
collection Income
Services

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
32,458	0	32,458
743	0	743
948	0	948
185	0	185
34,334	0	34,334

Interest receivable and similar income;
Interest receivable on bank deposits

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£	£	£
550	0	550
550	0	550

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

6 Expenditure on Raising Funds
a) Costs of trading activities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
7,852	0	7,852
7,852	0	7,852
£	£	£
2024	2024	2024

Fundraising Trading Costs;
Fundraising

7 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
77,798	69,340	147,138
77,798	69,340	147,138
£	£	£
2024	2024	2024

Activities undertaken directly

Activities & trips
Depreciation
Cleaning
Independent Examination Fee
Insurance
Rent & Rates
Repairs & Maintenance
Staff Costs
Stationery & Printing
Sundry Expenses
Utilities
Bank Charges
Refurbishment
Vehicle Costs
Service Charges

Fundraising Trading Costs;
Fundraising

Activities undertaken directly

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
6,594	0	6,594
6,594	0	6,594
£	£	£
2023	2023	2023

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
34,956	125,013	159,969
34,956	125,013	159,969
£	£	£
2023	2023	2023

Activities & trips
Depreciation
Cleaning
Independent Examination Fee
Insurance
Rent & Rates
Repairs & Maintenance
Staff Costs
Stationery & Printing
Sundry Expenses
Utilities
Bank Charges
Refurbishment
Vehicle Costs
Service Charges

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Independent Examiners Fees	500	500
Examination of the financial statements	500	500
	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£
	2024	2024

500	500
500	500

2024	£	500	22,110	22,760
2023	£	650	22,110	22,760
To fund crafts and activities				
A contribution towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion				

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

2024	2023	
F	F	
112,352	111,316	Staff costs during the year were:
114	114	Wages and Salaries
280	200	Employers Pension
2,218	442	Self Employed Fees
114	114	Staff Training

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average number of employees	14	14

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost			
As at 1 September 2022	15,984	40,759	56,743
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
As at 31 August 2023	15,984	40,759	56,743
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2022	8,500	29,484	37,984
Disposals	0	0	0
Charge for the year	1,952	2,256	4,208
As at 31 August 2023	10,452	31,740	42,192
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2024	5,532	9,019	14,551
As at 31 August 2023	7,484	11,275	18,759

14 Debtors

Trade Debtors
Prepayments
Accrued Income

	2024	2023
	£	£
	370	683
	2,715	5,104
	0	21,450
	3,085	27,237

15 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand
Cash at bank

	2024	2023
	£	£
	2,045	1,897
	71,634	110,210
	73,679	112,107

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors
Other taxation and social security
Other creditors
Accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
	1,292	2,253
	780	563
	0	12,677
	17,940	13,613
	20,012	29,106

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

17 Funds	Balance at 1 September 2023	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Balance as 31 August 2023
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Unrestricted Funds	2023				2022			
	Balance at 1 September	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Balance as 31 August	Balance at 1 September	Incoming Resources	Expended Resources	Balance as 31 August
General Fund	83,180	41,933	(85,650)	39,463	78,253	46,477	(41,550)	83,180
Unrestricted Funds								
Restricted Funds								
Tudor Trust Wellbeing	408	0	(408)	0	408	0	0	408
Epic Housing	500	0	0	500	500	0	0	500
Henry Smith	26,492	21,450	(38,145)	9,797	6,887	0	(6,887)	0
National Lottery	833	0	(833)	0	15,080	0	(15,080)	0
Trusthouse	4,167	0	(4,167)	0	1070	0	(1,070)	0
Garfield Weston	0	0	(10,000)	0	405	0	(405)	0
Garfield Weston	10,000	0	(2,917)	0	63,900	(44,626)	(9,167)	26,492
Grocers	2,917	0	(500)	0	10000	0	(1,000)	833
SOT Council Ward	500	500	(500)	0	0	1000	(1,000)	0
Eg Foundation	0	500	(500)	0	0	10000	(5,833)	4,167
Woodroffe Benton	0	2,000	(1,833)	167	0	10000	(2,000)	0
Co-Op Community Fund	0	2,826	(2,120)	706	0	2000	(2,000)	0
Baron Davenport	0	1,000	(667)	333	0	20000	(10,000)	10,000
Epic Housing	0	1,150	0	1,150	0	5000	(2,083)	2,917
Forbes	0	3,000	(1,500)	1,500	0	500	(500)	0
Dunn	0	500	(500)	0	0	1000	(1,000)	0
McCarthy & Stone	0	7,500	(3,750)	3,750	0	22110	(22,110)	0
SOT Council	0	500	(500)	0	0	650	(150)	500
Peter Grocott	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Grocott	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0
Restricted Funds								
Total Restricted Funds	45,817	42,426	(69,340)	18,903	41,568	126,160	(121,911)	45,817
Total Funds	128,997	84,359	(154,990)	58,366	119,821	172,637	(163,461)	128,997

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are:

Tudor Trust Wellbeing	Funding received for staff wellbeing following COVID-19
Epic Housing	Funding towards the production of the calendar
Henry Smith	Funding received to support the Youthink project
National Lottery	Funding received for seniors staff salaries
Trusthouse	Funding received to support seniors project general costs
Garfield Weston	Funding received for staff salaries
Grocers	Funding received for seniors minibus salaries
SOT Council Ward	Funding received for crafts and activities
EG Foundation	Funding received for seniors food costs
Woodroffe Benton	Funding received for Rainbows overheads
Co-Op Community Fund	Funding received for salaries
Baron Davenport	Funding received for Seniors running costs
Epic Housing	Funding towards purchase of new shed van
Forbes	Funding received for Rainbows salaries
W E Dunn	Funding received towards volunteer support worker salary
McCarthy & Stone	Funding received for Seniors minibus driver and cook salaries
SOT Council	Funding received for crafts and activities
Peter Grocott	Funding received for Rainbows overheads
Peter Grocott	Funding towards purchase of new shed van

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Tangible Fixed Assets	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2024
14,551	£	£	£
44,924	0	31,840	76,764
(20,012)	0	0	(20,012)
39,463	31,840		71,303
Current Assets	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2024
93,527	£	£	£
18,759	0	45,817	64,576
(29,106)	0	0	(29,106)
83,180	45,817		128,997
Current Liabilities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2024
18,759	£	£	£
139,344	0	45,817	185,161
(29,106)	0	0	(29,106)
106,043	45,817		151,860

19 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year

Accounts

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	John Steel Irene Cardall Janet Mason Cheryl Owen
Principal Office	19 Brackenfield Avenue Bentilee Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST2 0DH
Charity Registration Number	1175754
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson VAST The Dudson Centre Hope Street Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5DD

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Trustees report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees

John Steele
Irene Cardall
Janet Mason
Cheryl Owen

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Bentilee and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity was formed on 16 November 2017 and commenced to operate on 1 September 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity Bentilee Volunteers Community Association were transferred to the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our Mission is to be at the heart of our local community by providing invaluable and essential services to the people of Bentilee and surrounding areas, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life and develop community pride through the services we provide and the opportunities for them to volunteer and help others. We wish to enable and empower local people and our local community, and to continue to raise funds to enable us to do this.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee. We do this by offering practical services and by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We also aim to support the disadvantaged, lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents. We also aim to offer meaningful and worthwhile volunteering opportunities.

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Trustees report (continued)

We aim to achieve our mission and core values by delivering the following services:

- Providing volunteering opportunities for local people to help increase their self-esteem and aspirations, as well as giving them the opportunity to help others.
- Delivering youth services to those aged between 8-19 years by providing a fun, safe and friendly environment by means of our Youthlink Project. Thus helping to alleviate exclusion, prevent anti-social behaviour through early intervention and help improve and increase the aspirations of young people.
- Provide social, creative and interactive activities to adults with learning disabilities who are often socially excluded. By means of our Rainbow Club we provide an inclusive and safe haven, fun interaction, excursions to interesting and stimulating places and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and abilities, as well as make new friends.
- Providing social activities to adults over the age of 50 years by means of our Neighbourlink/ Seniors Project, thus offering the chance for older and often housebound residents the opportunity to get out of their home, partake in enjoyable and sociable activities with their friends and neighbours, as well as a hot home cooked meal at an affordable price. We also provide transport to and from the club at a nominal fee.
- Providing free access to computers and the internet, whereby individuals can receive support with online services, including benefit claims, social media and employment opportunities.
- Selling affordable household furniture items and goods, as well as clothing to those in need by means of recycling unwanted goods in our Charity Shop and furniture recycling shop, The Shed. Linking in with local housing associations to collect and re-use furniture from vacated properties and to provide those in need with free furniture & household items if possible.
- To be able to offer appropriate services and support as and when the local community needs it and to respond to these in a timely and effective way.
- To continue to increase the number and diversity of people we support via our services wherever possible.

Achievements and Performance

Our work in this community began in 1985 and we employed our first part time worker in 1987; and became a charity in 1990, with our core aim of being at the heart of the local community by providing essential services that enable local people achieve a better quality of life, develop community pride and help support positive changes in people's lives. We registered as a CIO in November 2017.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values, which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee by enabling and empowering local people. We do this by offering practical services and support, by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We support the disadvantaged and work hard to lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents

All of our staff are employed on a part-time basis and the cost of salaries is met by constant fundraising. See section 17 (Funds) for details of our funders this year and Section 4 (Income from other Trading Activities) for our locally raised funds (via our community enterprises and donations). This year we have employed a total of 15 staff who have recruited and supported around 20 volunteers, mainly from the local community.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report (continued)

Our projects and services include the following:

Neighbourlink/Seniors

This project was set up in 1985 to address the needs of many elderly isolated members of this community and pre-COVID-19 provided 3 lunch clubs for up to 110 people each week, with transport provided for disabled members on our minibus. With the benefits of trips, as well as advice and support for those who need it. It was a lifeline to many of our members and continued until COVID-19 restrictions forced closure in March 2020 and subsequently the redundancy of 7 staff. However, we were pleased to re-open this service in October 2022, thus re-introducing projects for older members of the community, whilst continuing to encourage and support older people as volunteers. Seniors operates twice a week and employs 5 part-time staff.

Youthlink

We were able to continue providing youth services, following our success in securing 3 years funding from The Henry Smith Charity. Our Youth project continues to employ 3 youth workers, providing 4 sessions each week. Based in The Pavilion in Bentilee park, we provide an essential service of support and advice as well as recreational activities. We play an important role in reducing anti-social behaviour, especially as some of our members are excluded from school and have little parental support. We encourage our members to take joint trips out with our Rainbow group (for adults with learning disabilities) and we are very pleased to have changed perceptions and behaviour for the better. The club remains popular and successful with around 160 young members over the last 12 months, aged 8 to 19.

Rainbows

With funding from The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund this project has continued, remained a popular club, supporting up to 20 adults, with a range of learning disabilities, during each session. Some members are accompanied by carers and we have further developed our partnerships with several local agencies and care homes. We continue to provide a range of social activities and trips, aiming to help members become more confident and with some volunteering within the organisation. Rainbows employed 2 part-time staff to support members, volunteers and carers, running twice weekly.

Online Services Support

This services continues with the valued help of our volunteers. We provide free access to online services, with 1:1 support if needed, including benefit claims, social media and searching and applying for job vacancies, having a C.V. reviewed and updated. It also offers the opportunity to learn some valuable basic IT skills, all with the aim of increasing well-being, aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people. From August 2023 we also started working with 'We Are Digital', who refer clients to us for digital support with filling in forms online, benefit appeals, disability allowance and much more.

Chatty Café

This was a new interim service introduced in July 2021 to help increase social interaction and reduce isolation, following COVID-19 closures. This ceased when our Neighbourlink/Seniors project re-opened.

Upcycling

Run by volunteers with supervision from staff. The focus of the project is improving mental health and well-being, building confidence and skills. The project's aim is to purchase a Shed to provide a dedicated space for working and storage.

Our local enterprises (Charity Shop; Furniture Shop; On Line Sales) continue to provide important services to our local community as well as important funds for The Organisation.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees report (continued)

Development of Volunteers

Building strength and capacity within the community. Our volunteers are for the most part, residents who have lived on the estate for many years. We aim to continue reaching out to as many people as possible, including economic migrants and asylum seekers, to help to integrate them into this community. Sometimes volunteering is a short term arrangement but the experience is valuable for both them and us, helping with social cohesiveness. We are a valuable resource within the City and we constantly try to link with other statutory and voluntary organisations within the City. Our volunteer attendance and recruitment has been less than previously due to the effects of COVID-19 and continuing fluctuation in infection rates but we continue working to reach as many as possible.

Financial Review

See pages 7 - 17

Due to an internal review the categories under which income and expenditure is reported has been altered this year to provide clearer information to our stakeholders.

Policy on Reserves

Our general reserves equate to £64,421 (2022: £55,785) which equates to just over 5 months running costs. Our reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months running costs so there is a deficit again this year and we continue to work hard and fundraise to re-build reserves which were reduced during Covid-19 and now from the cost of living increases.

Important non-adjusting events after the financial period

We continue to have the support of Stoke City Council and are still working with them in relation to the Asset Transfer of 19 Brackenfield Avenue.

All our projects remained open during 2022/23 following COVID-19 closures with our Neighbourlink/Seniors Project finally re-opening in October 2022.

Following COVID-19, footfall and membership remains less than previous years, meaning continued impact on income from sales and services and our plans to rebuild our reserves are delayed again, but enthusiasm remains high and we will continue to work towards this, to ensure the longevity of our projects and services.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 9th November 2017.

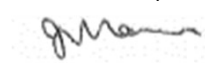
Recruitment and appointment of Trustee's

The number of trustees should not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum. The trustees are re-elected at each General Annual Meeting.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee continues to work alongside and support the staff in achieving a well-balanced and forward thinking organisation. Meetings are held at least every 6 weeks.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on **14/06/24** and signed on its behalf by:



Janet Mason

Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bentilee Volunteers CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentilee Volunteers CIO for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent Examiners 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 Bentilee Volunteers CIO 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 accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any other 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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Daryl Denson
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Date 18/06/2024
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Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments					Income and Endowments				
From:					From:				
Donations and Legacies	2	2,000	126,160	128,160	Donations and Legacies	2	2,770	115,097	117,867
Charitable Activities	3	9,593	3,102	12,695	Charitable Activities	3	279	0	279
Other Trading Activities	4	34,334	0	34,334	Other Trading Activities	4	39,121	0	39,121
Investment Income	5	550	0	550	Investment Income	5	33	0	33
Total Income		46,477	129,262	175,739	Total Income		42,203	115,097	157,300
Expenditure on:					Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	6	(6,594)	0	(6,594)	Raising Funds	6	(6,494)	0	(6,494)
Charitable Activities	7	(34,956)	(125,013)	(159,969)	Charitable Activities	7	(33,740)	(114,918)	(148,658)
					Other Expenditure		(1,699)	0	(1,699)
Total Expenditure		(41,550)	(125,013)	(166,563)	Total Expenditure		(41,933)	(114,918)	(156,851)
Net (Expenditure) / Income		4,927	4,249	9,176	Net (Expenditure) / Income		270	179	449
Net Movement in Funds		4,927	4,249	9,176	Net Movement in Funds		270	179	449
Reconciliation of Funds					Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds Brought Forward		78,253	41,568	119,821	Total Funds Brought Forward		77,983	41,389	119,372
Total Funds Carried Forward	17	83,180	45,817	128,997	Total Funds Carried Forward	17	78,253	41,568	119,821

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 17

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

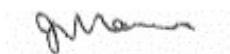
Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Registration Number: 1175754

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	13	18,759	22,468
Current Assets			
Debtors	14	27,237	2,456
Cash at bank and in hand	15	112,107	112,112
		<u>139,344</u>	<u>114,568</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	16	<u>(29,106)</u>	<u>(17,215)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>110,238</u>	<u>97,353</u>
Net Assets		<u>128,997</u>	<u>119,821</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted Income Funds			
Restricted Funds		45,817	41,568
Unrestricted Income Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		<u>83,180</u>	<u>78,253</u>
Total Funds	17	<u>128,997</u>	<u>119,821</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on **14/06/24** and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Janet Mason
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in

Basis of preparation

Bentilee Volunteers CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102, The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees' meetings and reimbursed

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<i>Asset Class</i>	<i>Depreciation method and rate</i>
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method - 20%
Motor Vehicles	Reducing balance method - 20%

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations from individuals	2,000	0	2,000
Grants, including capital grants			
Government grants	0	22,760	22,760
Grants from other charities	0	103,400	103,400
	2,000	126,160	128,160

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations from individuals	500	0	500
Grants, including capital grants			
Government grants	2,270	29,390	31,660
Grants from other charities		85,707	85,707
	2,770	115,097	117,867

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

3 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Hubb Income	0	3,102	3,102
Membership Fees	7,882	0	7,882
Minibus Income	1,392	0	1,392
Trip Income	319	0	319
	<u>9,593</u>	<u>3,102</u>	<u>12,695</u>

Trip Income

Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
279	0	279
<u>279</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>279</u>

4 Income from other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Trading Income; Shop Income from sale of donated goods and services	32,458	0	32,458
Other Trading Income	743	0	743
Local Fundraising and street collection income	948	0	948
Services	185	0	185
	<u>34,334</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,334</u>

Trading Income;

Shop Income from sale of donated
goods and services
Other Trading Income
Local Fundraising and street
collection income
Services

Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
28,627	0	28,627
5,030	0	5,030
774	0	774
4,690	0	4,690
<u>39,121</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,121</u>

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	550	0	550
	<u>550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>

Interest receivable and similar income;
Interest receivable on bank deposits

Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
33		33
<u>33</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

6 Expenditure on Raising Funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising Trading Costs; Fundraising	6,594	0	6,594
	6,594	0	6,594

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising Trading Costs; Fundraising	6,494	0	6,494
	6,494	0	6,494

7 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Activities undertaken directly	34,956	125,013	159,969
	34,956	125,013	159,969

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Activities undertaken directly	33,740	114,918	148,658
	33,740	114,918	148,658

	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2023 £
Activities & trips	6,231	6,231
Depreciation	4,784	4,784
Cleaning	805	805
Independent Examination Fee	1,200	1,200
Insurance	2,037	2,037
Rent & Rates	4,100	4,100
Repairs & Maintenance	246	246
Staff Costs	111,316	111,316
Stationery & Printing	2,098	2,098
Sundry Expenses	970	970
Utilities	2,387	2,387
Bank Charges	234	234
Refurbishment	16,631	16,631
Vehicle Costs	4,879	4,879
Service Charges	2,051	2,051
	159,969	159,969

	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2022 £
Activities, Trips & Minibus Costs	11,375	11,375
Depreciation	5,383	5,383
Cleaning and Waste Collection	954	954
Independent Examination Fee	1,200	1,200
Insurance	3,141	3,141
Rent & Rates	4,100	4,100
Repairs & Maintenance	389	389
Salaries	85,057	85,057
Stationery	38	38
Sundry Expenses	4,409	4,409
Utilities	1,907	1,907
Bank Charges	162	162
Refurbishment	30,543	30,543
	148,658	148,658

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Independent Examiners Fees Examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,200
	1,200	1,200

Independent Examiners Fees
Examination of the financial statements

Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
1,200	1,200
1,200	1,200

9 Government Grants

	2023 £	2022 £	
Stoke on Trent City Council Councillors Ward Budget	650	2,270	<i>To fund crafts and activities</i>
Stoke on Trent City Council CIF Funding	22,110	19,390	<i>A contribution towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion</i>
National Lottery	0	10,000	<i>To fund salaries</i>
The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was:	22,760	31,660	
There are no unfilled conditions			
No other forms of Government Grants have been received			

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and Salaries	108,542	85,057
Employers Pension	442	0
Self Employed Fees	2,218	0
Staff Training	114	0
	111,316	85,057

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Average number of employees	14	11

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture & Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2022	14,909	40,759	55,668
Additions	1,075	0	1,075
Disposals			0
As at 31 August 2023	15,984	40,759	56,743
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2022	6,536	26,664	33,200
Disposals	1,964	2,820	4,784
Charge for the year			0
As at 31 August 2023	8,500	26,664	37,984
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2023	7,484	14,095	18,759
As at 31 August 2022	8,373	14,095	22,468

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

14 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Debtors	683	550
Prepayments	5,104	1,906
Accrued Income	21,450	0
	<u>27,237</u>	<u>2,456</u>

15 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash on hand	1,897	810
Cash at bank	110,210	111,302
	<u>112,107</u>	<u>112,112</u>

16 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade Creditors	2,253	1,553
Other taxation and social security	563	164
Other creditors	12,677	6,775
Accruals	13,613	8,723
	<u>29,106</u>	<u>17,215</u>

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance as 31 August 2023		Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance as 31 August 2022
Unrestricted Funds					Unrestricted Funds				
General					General				
General Fund	78,253	46,477	(41,550)	83,180	General Fund	77,983	42,203	(41,933)	78,253
Restricted Funds					Restricted Funds				
Tudor Trust Wellbeing	408	0	0	408	SOT City Council	408	0	0	408
Epic Housing	500	0	0	500	Epic Housing	500	0	0	500
Tudor Trust	6,887	0	(6,887)	0	Greggs Foundation	414	0	(414)	0
Baily Thomas	15,080	0	(15,080)	0	Tudor Trust	32,369	0	(25,482)	6,887
Garfield Weston	1,070	0	(1,070)	0	Archer Trust	0	2000	(2,000)	0
Barchester	405	0	(405)	0	Baily Thomas	7,698	0	7,382	15,080
Henry Smith	7,218	63,900	(44,626)	26,492	Garfield Weston	0	20,000	(18,930)	1,070
National Lottery	10,000	0	(9,167)	833	Albert Hunt	0	2000	(2,000)	0
Baron Davenport	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	Leathersellers	0	3000	(3,000)	0
Trusthouse	0	10,000	(5,833)	4,167	Forbes	0	3000	(3,000)	0
Albert Hunt	0	2,000	(2,000)	0	Barchester	0	405	0	405
Garfield Weston	0	20,000	(10,000)	10,000	John Flock	0	500	(500)	0
Grocers	0	5,000	(2,083)	2,917	William Cadbury	0	500	(500)	0
Lillie Johnson	0	500	(500)	0	Arnold Clarke	0	1000	(1,000)	0
Archer Trust	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	Henry Smith	0	21000	(13,782)	7,218
SOT Council CIF Fund	0	22,110	(22,110)	0	Baily Thomas	0	22302	(22,302)	0
SOT Council Ward	0	650	(150)	500	National Lottery	0	10000	0	10,000
					Bernard Sunley	0	5000	(5,000)	0
					Edward Gosling	0	5000	(5,000)	0
					Stoke on Trent CIF	0	19390	(19,390)	0
Total Restricted Funds	41,568	127,160	(121,911)	45,817		41,389	115,097	(114,918)	41,568
Total Funds	119,821	173,637	(163,461)	128,997		119,372	157,300	(156,851)	119,821

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are:

Tudor Trust Wellbeing	Funding received for staff wellbeing following COVID-19
Epic Housing	Funding towards the production of the calendar
Tudor Trust	Funding received to support salaries
Baily Thomas	Funding received to support the rainbows project
Garfield Weston	Funding received for rainbows staff salaries
Barchester	Funding received for rainbows theatre trips
Henry Smith	Funding received to support the Youthlink project
National Lottery	Funding received for seniors staff salaries
Baron Davenport	Funding received to support seniors project general costs
Trusthouse	Funding received for seniors staff salaries
Albert Hunt	Funding received for insurance costs
Garfield Weston	Funding received for administrative staff salaries
Grocers	Funding received for seniors minibus driver
Lillie Johnson	Funding received for managers salary
Archer Trust	Funding received for seniors general use
SOT Council CIF Fund	Funding for CIF Contribution
SOT Council Ward	Funding for crafts and activities

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2023 £		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds as 31 Aug 2022 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,759	0	18,759	Tangible Fixed Assets	22,468	0	22,468
Current Assets	93,527	45,817	139,344	Current Assets	73,000	41,568	114,568
Current Liabilities	(29,106)	0	(29,106)	Current Liabilities	(17,215)	0	(17,215)
	<u>83,180</u>	<u>45,817</u>	<u>128,997</u>		<u>78,253</u>	<u>41,568</u>	<u>119,821</u>

19 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1175754

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

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	Tony Evans (resigned October 2021)
	Janet Mason
	Cheryl Owen
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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Bentilee and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity was formed on 16 November 2017 and commenced to operate on 1 September 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity Bentilee Volunteers Community Association were transferred to the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our Mission is to be at the heart of our local community by providing invaluable and essential services to the people of Bentilee and surrounding areas, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life and develop community pride through the services we provide and the opportunities for them to volunteer and help others. We wish to enable and empower local people and our local community, and to continue to raise funds to enable us to do this.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee. We do this by offering practical services and by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We also aim to support the disadvantaged, lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents. We also aim to offer meaningful and worthwhile volunteering opportunities.

We aim to achieve our mission and core values by delivering the following services:

- Providing volunteering opportunities for local people to help increase their self-esteem and aspirations, as well as giving them the opportunity to help others.
- Delivering youth services to those aged between 8-19 years by providing a fun, safe and friendly environment by means of our Youthlink Project. Thus helping to alleviate exclusion, prevent anti-social behaviour through early intervention and help improve and increase the aspirations of young people.
- Provide social, creative and interactive activities to adults with learning disabilities who are often socially excluded. By means of our Rainbow Club we provide an inclusive and safe haven, fun interaction, excursions to interesting and stimulating places and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and abilities, as well as make new friends.
- Providing social activities to adults over the age of 50 years by means of our Neighbourlink Project, thus offering the chance for the elderly and often housebound residents the opportunity to get out of their home, partake in enjoyable and sociable activities with their friends and neighbours, as well as a hot home cooked meal at an affordable price. We also provide transport to and from the club at a nominal fee.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

- Providing support and guidance for jobseekers into employment by means of our fully equipped IT suite. Offering a free of charge service whereby individuals can access a computer and the internet, as well as receiving support to search and apply for job vacancies, have their C.V. reviewed and updated and learn some valuable basic IT skills. All with the aim of increasing aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people.
- Selling affordable household furniture items and goods, as well as clothing to those in need by means of recycling unwanted goods in our Charity Shop and furniture recycling shop, The Shed. Linking in with local housing associations to collect and re-use furniture from vacated properties and to provide those in need with free furniture & household items if possible.
- To be able to offer appropriate services and support as and when the local community needs it and to respond to these in a timely and effective way.
- To continue to increase the number and diversity of people we support via our services wherever possible.

Achievements and performance

Our work in this community began in 1985 and we employed our first part time worker in 1987; and became a charity in 1990, with our core aim of being at the heart of the local community by providing essential services that enable local people achieve a better quality of life, develop community pride and help support positive changes in people's lives. We registered as a CIO in November 2017.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values, which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee by enabling and empowering local people. We do this by offering practical services and support, by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We support the disadvantaged and work hard to lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents.

All of our staff are employed on a part-time basis and the cost of salaries is met by constant fundraising. See section 13 (Funds) for details of our funders this year and Section 3 (Income from other Trading Activities) for our locally raised funds (via our community enterprises and membership subscriptions and donations). This year we have employed a total of 10 staff who have recruited and supported around 25 volunteers, mainly from the local community. Our volunteer attendance has been reduced again slightly this year due to the fluctuation in COVID-19 infection rates. We continue to work to improve this.

This summer we were able to refurbish The Pavilion building, where the Youthlink Project takes place, having secured grants from our Local Authority's Community Investment Fund and The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation. Refurbishments included the replacement of windows, security grills, roof, fascias, security cameras, heating, lighting, flooring, decorating and the installation of cycle racks, all ensuring the building remains fit for purpose and a secure, warm and comfortable environment. We are hopeful that the improved venue will also attract external services (ie. room hire for sessional/working/advice groups).

Our projects and services include the following:

Neighbourlink/Seniors

This project was set up in 1985 to address the needs of many elderly isolated members of this community and pre-COVID-19 provided 3 lunch clubs for up to 110 people each week, with transport provided for disabled members on our minibus. With the benefits of trips, as well as advice and support for those who need it. It was a lifeline to many of our members and continued until COVID-19 restrictions forced closure in March 2020 and subsequently the redundancy of 7 staff. However, we are pleased that we have now secured some funding and plan to re-open this service in October 2022, thus re-introducing projects for older members of the community, whilst continuing to encourage and support older people as volunteers.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Youthlink

Unfortunately Children In Need funding expired in December 2020 but we were able to maintain the service through our own Youthlink project reserves, a grant from The Garfield Weston Foundation and a number of smaller grants until we were successful in securing 3 years funding from The Henry Smith Charity in May 2022. We employ 3 youth workers to provide 4 sessions each week. Based in The Pavilion in Bentilee park, we provide an essential service of support and advice as well as recreational activities. We play an important role in reducing anti-social behaviour, especially as some of our members are excluded from school and have little parental support. We encourage our members to take joint trips out with our Rainbow group (for adults with learning disabilities) and we are very pleased to have changed perceptions and behaviour for the better. COVID-19 restrictions meant some adaptations during the initial re-opening but the club remains popular and successful with around 100 young members aged 8 to 19.

Rainbow

With funding from The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund this project has continued, with adaptations to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions during its initial re-opening, and has remained a popular club, supporting up to 20 adults, with a range of learning disabilities, during each session. Some members are accompanied by carers and we have further developed our partnerships with several local agencies and care homes. We continue to provide a range of social activities and trips, aiming to help members become more confident and with some volunteering within the organisation. Rainbows employs 2 part-time staff to support members, volunteers and carers, running twice weekly.

Online Services Support

This services continues with the valued help of our volunteers. We provide free access to online services, with 1:1 support if needed, including benefit claims, social media and searching and applying for job vacancies, having a C.V. reviewed and updated. It also offers the opportunity to learn some valuable basic IT skills, all with the aim of increasing well-being, aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people.

Chatty Café

A new service introduced in July 2021. A drop in café to help increase social interaction and reduce isolation, including advice talks from external agencies and regular visits from Social Services and our local Councillors. This was an interim project and will cease once our Neighbourlink/Seniors project is re-established.

Upcycling

A new project introduced in October 2021, run by volunteers with supervision from staff. The focus of the project is improving mental health and well-being, building confidence and skills. The project has now secured funding to purchase a Shed which will provide a dedicated space for working and storage.

Our local enterprises (Charity Shop; Furniture Shop; On Line Sales) continue to provide important services to our local community as well as important funds for The Organisation.

Development of Volunteers

Building strength and capacity within the community. Our volunteers are for the most part, residents who have lived on the estate for many years. We aim to continue reaching out to economic migrants and asylum seekers to help to integrate them into this community. Often these have been short term volunteers but the experience has been very valuable for both them and us, helping with social cohesiveness. We are a valuable resource within the City and we constantly try to link with other statutory and voluntary organisations within the City. Our volunteer attendance and recruitment has been greatly reduced again this year due to COVID-19 closures and restrictions but under normal circumstances we support around 80 volunteers, mainly from the local community.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

See pages 7-22

Policy on reserves

Our general reserves equate to £55,785 (2021:£57,483) (unrestricted funds less fixed assets) which equates to around just under 5 months running costs at current levels.

The reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months running costs to ensure projects can continue to run whilst seeking continuation funding.

Important non-adjusting events after the financial period

We continue to have the support of Stoke City Council and are still working with them in relation to the Asset Transfer of 19 Brackenfield Avenue.

All our projects remained open during 2021/22 following COVID-19 closures. Some were re-opened with adaptations to accommodate the fluctuation in infection rates and with the exception of our Neighbourlink/Seniors Project, which unfortunately, remained closed whilst funding was sought to reduce the impact on finances.

Following COVID-19, footfall and membership remained less than previous years, which meant continued impact on income from sales and services and our plans to rebuild our reserves are further delayed, but enthusiasm remains high and we will continue to work towards this, to ensure the longevity of our projects and services.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 9th November 2017.

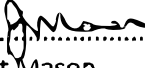
Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The number of trustees should not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum. The trustees are re-elected at each General Annual Meeting.

Organisational structure

The executive committee continues to work alongside and support the staff in achieving a well-balanced and forward thinking organisation.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 05/06/2023..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....

Janet Mason
Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bentilee Volunteers CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentilee Volunteers CIO for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Bentilee Volunteers CIO 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 accounting 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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Daryl Denson ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Date: 13/06/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	2,770	115,097	117,867
Charitable activities		279	-	279
Other trading activities	4	39,121	-	39,121
Investment income	5	33	-	33
		<u>42,203</u>	<u>115,097</u>	<u>157,300</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(6,494)	-	(6,494)
Charitable activities	7	(33,740)	(114,918)	(148,658)
Other expenditure		(1,699)	-	(1,699)
		<u>(41,933)</u>	<u>(114,918)</u>	<u>(156,851)</u>
Total income		<u>42,203</u>	<u>115,097</u>	<u>157,300</u>
Net income		<u>270</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>449</u>
Net movement in funds		270	179	449
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>77,983</u>	<u>41,389</u>	<u>119,372</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>78,253</u></u>	<u><u>41,568</u></u>	<u><u>119,821</u></u>

The notes on pages 10 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		27,465	17,315	44,780
Charitable activities		295	-	295
Other trading activities		21,598	-	21,598
Investment income	5	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>
Total income		<u>49,448</u>	<u>17,315</u>	<u>66,763</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(895)	-	(895)
Charitable activities		<u>(60,651)</u>	<u>(68,972)</u>	<u>(129,623)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(61,546)</u>	<u>(68,972)</u>	<u>(130,518)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(12,098)</u>	<u>(51,657)</u>	<u>(63,755)</u>
Net movement in funds		(12,098)	(51,657)	(63,755)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>90,081</u>	<u>93,046</u>	<u>183,127</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>77,983</u></u>	<u><u>41,389</u></u>	<u><u>119,372</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 17.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO
(Registration number: 1175754)
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	22,468	20,551
Current assets			
Debtors	14	2,456	28,016
Cash at bank and in hand	15	<u>112,112</u>	<u>84,761</u>
		114,568	112,777
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(17,215)</u>	<u>(13,956)</u>
Net current assets		<u>97,353</u>	<u>98,821</u>
Net assets		<u><u>119,821</u></u>	<u><u>119,372</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		41,568	41,389
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>78,253</u>	<u>77,983</u>
Total funds	17	<u><u>119,821</u></u>	<u><u>119,372</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Janet Mason
Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Bentilee Volunteers CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

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.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method - 20%
Motor Vehicles	Reducing balance method - 20%

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	500	-	500
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	2,270	29,390	31,660
Grants from other charities	-	85,707	85,707
	<u>2,770</u>	<u>115,097</u>	<u>117,867</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	26,965	-	26,965
Grants from other charities	-	17,315	17,315
Grants from companies	500	-	500
	<u>27,465</u>	<u>17,315</u>	<u>44,780</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Trips Income	279	279
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Trips Income	295	295

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Trading income;		
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	28,627	28,627
Other trading income	5,030	5,030
Local fundraising and street collection income	774	774
Membership subscriptions	4,690	4,690
	39,121	39,121
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Trading income;		
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	17,840	17,840
Other trading income	1,533	1,533
Local fundraising and street collection income	130	130
Membership subscriptions	2,095	2,095
	21,598	21,598

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	33	33
	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	90	90
	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising trading costs; Fundraising		6,494	6,494
		<u>6,494</u>	<u>6,494</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising trading costs; Fundraising		895	895
		<u>895</u>	<u>895</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Activities undertaken directly	33,740	114,918	148,658
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Activities undertaken directly	60,651	68,972	129,623

	Activity undertaken directly £	2022 £
Activities, trips and minibus costs	11,375	11,375
Depreciation	5,383	5,383
Cleaning and waste collection	954	954
Independent Examination Fee	1,200	1,200
Insurance	3,141	3,141
Rent & Rates	4,100	4,100
Repairs & Maintenance	389	389
Salaries	85,057	85,057
Stationery	38	38
Sundry Expenses	4,409	4,409
Utilities	1,907	1,907
Bank charges	162	162
Refurbishment	30,543	30,543
	<u>148,658</u>	<u>148,658</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	Activity undertaken directly £	2021 £
Activities, trips and minibus costs	5,887	5,887
Depreciation	7,478	7,478
Cleaning and waste collection	410	410
Independent Examination Fee	1,200	1,200
Insurance	1,718	1,718
Rent & Rates	4,200	4,200
Repairs & Maintenance	2,881	2,881
Salaries	103,321	103,321
Stationery	1	1
Sundry Expenses	1,784	1,784
Utilities	743	743
	<u>129,623</u>	<u>129,623</u>

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,200
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>

9 Government grants

Stoke-on-Trent City Council -Ward budget - £2,270- (2021: £nil)

To fund trips and activities

Stoke-on-Trent City Council £19,390 - (2021: £nil)

CIF funding

National Lottery £10,000 (2021:£nil)

To fund salaries

Stoke-on-Trent City Council -Small Grant - £nil- (2021: £200)

To provide funds for the seniors project and funding towards calendars

HMRC Job Retention Scheme - £nil - (2021: £29,965)

Funding as for wages as part of the Job Retention Scheme

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £31,660 (2021 - £30,165).

There are no unfulfilled conditions

No other forms of government assistance have been received

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	<u>85,057</u>	<u>103,321</u>
Self employed sub contractor fees £971 (2020: £2,567)		

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Average number of Employees	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2021	5,422	41,303	46,725
Revaluations	14,909	-	14,909
Disposals	<u>(5,422)</u>	<u>(544)</u>	<u>(5,966)</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>14,909</u>	<u>40,759</u>	<u>55,668</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2021	3,033	23,141	26,174
Revaluations	1,643	-	1,643
Charge for the year	<u>1,860</u>	<u>3,523</u>	<u>5,383</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>6,536</u>	<u>26,664</u>	<u>33,200</u>
Net book value			
At 31 August 2022	<u>8,373</u>	<u>14,095</u>	<u>22,468</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>2,389</u>	<u>18,162</u>	<u>20,551</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

14 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	550	1,470
Prepayments	1,906	1,546
Accrued income	-	25,000
	<u>2,456</u>	<u>28,016</u>

15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash on hand	810	267
Cash at bank	<u>111,302</u>	<u>84,494</u>
	<u>112,112</u>	<u>84,761</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	1,553	1,344
Other taxation and social security	164	301
Other creditors	6,775	6,911
Accruals	<u>8,723</u>	<u>5,400</u>
	<u>17,215</u>	<u>13,956</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Fund	77,983	42,203	(41,933)	78,253
Restricted funds				
Stoke-on-Trent City Council				
Small Grants	408	-	-	408
Epic Housing	500	-	-	500
Greggs Foundation	414	-	(414)	-
Tudor Trust	32,369	-	(25,482)	6,887
Archer Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund	7,698	-	7,382	15,080
Garfield Weston	-	20,000	(18,930)	1,070
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Leathersellers	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Forbes	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Barchester	-	405	-	405
John Flock	-	500	(500)	-
William Cadbury	-	500	(500)	-
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Henry Smith	-	21,000	(13,782)	7,218
Baily Thomas	-	22,302	(22,302)	-
National Lottery	-	10,000	-	10,000
Bernard Sunley	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Edward Gosling	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Stoke-on-Trent City Council CIF	-	19,390	(19,390)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>41,389</u>	<u>115,097</u>	<u>(114,918)</u>	<u>41,568</u>
Total funds	<u>119,372</u>	<u>157,300</u>	<u>(156,851)</u>	<u>119,821</u>
	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General Fund	90,081	49,448	(61,546)	77,983

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted				
Garfield Weston Foundation	16,517	-	(16,517)	-
Stoke-on-Trent City Council				
Small Grants	250	200	(42)	408
Epic Housing	500	-	-	500
Greggs Foundation	992	-	(578)	414
Tudor Trust	53,175	2,000	(22,806)	32,369
Children In Need	21,612	-	(21,612)	-
Bailey Thomas Charitable Fund	-	15,115	(7,417)	7,698
Total restricted funds	<u>93,046</u>	<u>17,315</u>	<u>(68,972)</u>	<u>41,389</u>
Total funds	<u><u>183,127</u></u>	<u><u>66,763</u></u>	<u><u>(130,518)</u></u>	<u><u>119,372</u></u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Garfield Weston Foundation - Funding received to purchase a new Minibus and towards refurbishment work
 Stoke-on-Trent City Council Small Grants - Funding received to support the Neighbourlink project
 Epic Housing – Funding towards the production of the calendar
 Greggs Foundation - Funding received to support the Rainbows project
 Tudor Trust- Funding received to support salaries
 Children In Need- Funding received to support the Youthlink project for local young people over the age of 11
 Bailey Thomas - Funding received to support the rainbows project
 Archer Trust - Funding received to support the Youthlink project
 Garfield Weston - Funding received for Rainbows salaries
 Albert Hunt - Funding received towards Utilities
 Leathersellers - Funding received for Youthlink salaries
 Forbes - Funding received for Rainbows salaries
 Barchester - Funding received for Rainbows Theatre Trips
 John Flock - Funding received for Youthlink- Overhead Contribution
 William Cadbury Charitable - Funding received to support the Seniors project
 Arnold Clarke - Funding received for Shed Purchase- Upcycling
 Henry Smith - Funding received to support the Youthlink project
 Baily Thomas - Funding received to support the rainbows project
 National Lottery - Funding received for Seniors Salaries
 Bernard Sunley - Funding received for Pavilion Refurb
 Edward Gosling - Funding received for Admin Salaries
 Stoke on Trent City Council - CIF Contribution

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022 (continued)

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	22,468	-	22,468
Current assets	73,000	41,568	114,568
Current liabilities	(17,215)	-	(17,215)
Total net assets	<u>78,253</u>	<u>41,568</u>	<u>119,821</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 August 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	20,551	-	20,551
Current assets	71,388	41,389	112,777
Current liabilities	(13,956)	-	(13,956)
Total net assets	<u>77,983</u>	<u>41,389</u>	<u>119,372</u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

Daryl Denson ACMA
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	John Steele Ken Downs (resigned September 2020) Irene Cardall Tony Evans (resigned October 2021) Janet Mason
Principal Office	19 Brackenfield Avenue Bentilee Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST2 0DH
Charity Registration Number	1175754
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Hope Street Stoke-on-Trent ST1 5DD

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees

John Steele

Irene Cardall

Janet Mason

Ken Downs (resigned September 2020)

Tony Evans (resigned October 2021)

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To further or benefit the residents of Bentilee and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: to establish or secure the establishment of a centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity was formed on 16 November 2017 and commenced to operate on 1 September 2018 when the assets, liabilities and operations of an unincorporated charity Bentilee Volunteers Community Association were transferred to the CIO.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Our Mission is to be at the heart of our local community by providing invaluable and essential services to the people of Bentilee and surrounding areas, enabling them to achieve a better quality of life and develop community pride through the services we provide and the opportunities for them to volunteer and help others. We wish to enable and empower local people and our local community, and to continue to raise funds to enable us to do this.

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Trustees' Report

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee. We do this by offering practical services and by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We also aim to support the disadvantaged, lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents. We also aim to offer meaningful and worthwhile volunteering opportunities.

We aim to achieve our mission and core values by delivering the following services:

- Providing volunteering opportunities for local people to help increase their self-esteem and aspirations, as well as giving them the opportunity to help others.
- Delivering youth services to those aged between 8-19 years by providing a fun, safe and friendly environment by means of our Youthlink Project. Thus helping to alleviate exclusion, prevent anti-social behaviour through early intervention and help improve and increase the aspirations of young people.
- Provide social, creative and interactive activities to adults with learning disabilities who are often socially excluded. By means of our Rainbow Club we provide an inclusive and safe haven, fun interaction, excursions to interesting and stimulating places and the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and abilities, as well as make new friends.
- Providing social activities to adults over the age of 50 years by means of our Neighbourlink Project, thus offering the chance for the elderly and often housebound residents the opportunity to get out of their home, partake in enjoyable and sociable activities with their friends and neighbours, as well as a hot home cooked meal at an affordable price. We also provide transport to and from the club at a nominal fee.
- Providing support and guidance for jobseekers into employment by means of our fully equipped IT suite. Offering a free of charge service whereby individuals can access a computer and the internet, as well as receiving support to search and apply for job vacancies, have their C.V. reviewed and updated and learn some valuable basic IT skills. All with the aim of increasing aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people.
- Selling affordable household furniture items and goods, as well as clothing to those in need by means of recycling unwanted goods in our Charity Shop and furniture recycling shop, The Shed. Linking in with local housing associations to collect and re-use furniture from vacated properties and to provide those in need with free furniture & household items if possible.
- To be able to offer appropriate services and support as and when the local community needs it and to respond to these in a timely and effective way.
- To continue to increase the number and diversity of people we support via our services wherever possible.

Development of Volunteers

Building strength and capacity within the community. Our volunteers are for the most part, residents who have lived on the estate for many years. We aim to continue reaching out to economic migrants and asylum seekers to help to integrate them into this community. Often these have been short term volunteers but the experience has been very valuable for both them and us, helping with social cohesiveness. We are a valuable resource within the City and we constantly try to link with other statutory and voluntary organisations within the City. Our volunteer attendance and recruitment has been greatly reduced again this year due to COVID-19 closures and restrictions but under normal circumstances we support around 80 volunteers, mainly from the local community.

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Achievements and performance

Our work in this community began in 1985 and we employed our first part time worker in 1987; and became a charity in 1990, with our core aim of being at the heart of the local community by providing essential services that enable local people achieve a better quality of life, develop community pride and help support positive changes in people's lives. We registered as a CIO in November 2017.

We are an organisation that is proud to be driven by its core values, which is to support and strengthen the community of Bentilee by enabling and empowering local people. We do this by offering practical services and support, by working alongside residents and local people to help improve their quality of life, enhance their opportunities and increase their aspirations. We support the disadvantaged and work hard to lessen marginalisation and decrease the stigma attached to the area of Bentilee and its residents.

All of our staff are employed on a part-time basis and the cost of salaries is met by constant fundraising. See note 17 (Funds) for details of our funders this year and note 4 (Income from other Trading Activities) for our locally raised funds (via our community enterprises and membership subscriptions and donations). This year we have employed a total of 10 staff who have recruited and supported around 25 volunteers, mainly from the local community. Our volunteer attendance has been greatly reduced this year due to COVID-19 restrictions as have the work placements that we offer for unemployed people from our local job centres. We are working to improve this now that restrictions are being relaxed/removed.

We are optimistic that our newly refurbished building will continue to help us to maintain our current customer base and develop new partnerships, whilst maintaining those built so far, such as Winchester Halls, Share Lives, The Hubb, Eleven, thus bringing many more benefits (increased useable floor space and working areas, catering kitchen, improved vehicular and pedestrian level access). Helping to improve sustainability, with the aim of increasing fundraising income and further improving community involvement and cohesion, whilst helping to raise our profile locally and citywide.

Our projects and services include the following:

Neighbourlink

This project was set up in 1985 to address the needs of many elderly isolated members of this community and pre-COVID-19 provided 3 lunch clubs for up to 110 people each week, with transport provided for disabled members on our minibus. With the benefits of trips, as well as advice and support for those who need it. It was a lifeline to many of our members. We continued to provide this essential service via our own funds with the help of smaller grants and donations until COVID-19 restrictions forced closure in March 2020 and subsequently the redundancy of 7 staff. We are determined to re-introduce projects for elderly members of the community, whilst continuing to encourage and support older people as volunteers and we will continue seek funding to enable us to do so, whilst continuing to pursue new partnerships and including further development our Chatty Café project. Neighbourlink alone supported around 20 volunteers.

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Youthlink

With the continued funding of Children In Need, we employ 3 youth workers to provide 4 sessions each week. Based in The Pavilion in Bentilee park, we provide an essential service of support and advice as well as recreational activities. We play an important role in reducing anti-social behaviour, especially as many of our members are excluded from school and have little parental support. We encourage our members to take joint trips out with our Rainbow group (for adults with learning disabilities) and we are very pleased to have changed perceptions and behaviour for the better. COVID-19 restrictions forced temporary intermittent closures and some adaptations on re-opening but the club continues to be popular and successful with around 150 young members aged 8 to 19.

Rainbows

With funding secured from The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund this project has continued, with intermittent closures due to COVID-19. Although we have had to adapt to 4 smaller, shorter sessions, to accommodate social distancing, it remains a popular club, supporting up to 20 adults with a range of learning disabilities each week. We are hoping that normal service will soon return, attracting even more members and volunteers. Some members are accompanied by carers and we have further developed our partnerships with several local agencies and care homes. We continue to provide a range of social activities including equine well-being and seaside trips. We are really pleased that we have helped our members to become more confident with some becoming volunteers in our other projects. Rainbows employs 2 part-time staff to support members, volunteers and carers.

Online Services Support

This services continues with the valued help of our volunteers. We provide free access to online services, with 1:1 support if needed, including benefit claims, social media and searching and applying for job vacancies, having a C.V. reviewed and updated. It also offers the opportunity to learn some valuable basic IT skills, all with the aim of increasing well-being, aspirations, opportunities and employability of local people.

Chatty Café

A new service for July 2021. A drop in café to help increase social interaction and reduce isolation, including advice talks from external agencies and regular visits from Social Services and our local Councillors.

Upcycling

Having received funding for materials and tools, sessions commencing autumn 2021 will be run by volunteers with supervision from staff. The focus of the project is improving mental health and well-being, building confidence and skills.

Calendar

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions and closure of services, we have decided not to produce a 2022 calendar and will review whether this is still a useful resource for 2023.

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Trustees' Report

Charity Shop

Our local enterprises (Charity Shop; Furniture Shop; On Line Sales) continue to provide important services to our local community as well as important funds for The Organisation.

Financial review

The financial results can be seen in the Statement of Financial Activities on Page XX

Policy on reserves

Our general reserves equate to £57,483 (unrestricted funds less fixed assets) which equates to around 5 months running costs at current levels. The reserves policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months running costs to ensure projects can continue to run whilst seeking continuation funding.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 9th November 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The number of trustees should not be less than three but shall not be subject to any maximum. The trustees are re-elected at each General Annual Meeting.

Organisational structure

The executive committee continues to work alongside and support the staff in achieving a well-balanced and forward thinking organisation.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 05.05.22..... and signed on its behalf by:

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Janet Mason

Trustee

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Bentilee Volunteers CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bentilee Volunteers CIO for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Bentilee Volunteers CIO 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 accounting 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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Daryl Denson ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Date: ...17/05/2022.....

Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments				
From:				
Donations and Legacies	2	27,465	17,315	44,780
Charitable Activities	3	295	-	295
Other Trading Activities	4	21,598	-	21,598
Investment Income	5	90	-	90
Total Income		49,448	17,315	66,763
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	6	(895)	-	(895)
Charitable Activities	7	(60,651)	(68,972)	(129,623)
Total Expenditure		(61,546)	(68,972)	(130,518)
Net (Expenditure) / income		(12,098)	(51,657)	(63,755)
Net movement in funds		(12,098)	(51,657)	(63,755)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds Brought forward		90,801	93,046	183,127
Total Funds carried forward	17	77,983	41,389	119,372

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments				
From:				
Donations and Legacies	2	32,257	65,379	97,636
Charitable Activities	3	3,633	-	3,633
Other Trading Activities	4	38,003	-	38,003
Investment Income	5	482	-	482
Total Income		74,375	65,379	139,754
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	6	(5,830)	-	(5,830)
Charitable Activities	7	(118,486)	(59,116)	(177,602)
Total Expenditure		(124,316)	(59,116)	(183,432)
Net (Expenditure) / income		(49,491)	6,263	(43,768)
Net movement in funds		(49,491)	6,263	(43,768)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds Brought forward		140,022	86,783	226,805
Total Funds carried forward	17	90,801	93,046	183,127

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements

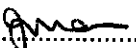
Bentilee Volunteers CIO

Registration Number: 1175754

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	13	20,551	28,029
Current Assets			
Debtors	14	28,016	62,885
Cash at bank and in hand	15	84,761	110,239
		<u>112,777</u>	<u>173,124</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within 1 year	16	<u>(13,956)</u>	<u>(18,026)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>98,821</u>	<u>155,098</u>
Net Assets		<u>119,372</u>	<u>183,127</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted Income Funds			
Restricted funds		41,389	93,046
Unrestricted Income Funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>77,983</u>	<u>90,081</u>
Total Funds	17	<u>119,372</u>	<u>183,127</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 21 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 05.05.22 and signed on their behalf by:

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 Janet Mason
 Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Bentilee Volunteers CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £250.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

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<i>Asset class</i>	<i>Depreciation method and rate</i>
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method - 20%
Motor Vehicles	Reducing balance method - 20%

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade Creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Grants, including capital grants			
Government grants	26,965	-	26,965
Grants from other charities	-	17,315	17,315
Grants from companies	500	-	500
	<u>27,465</u>	<u>17,315</u>	<u>44,780</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Grants, including capital grants			
Government grants	32,257	700	32,957
Grants from other charities	-	64,679	64,679
Grants from companies	-	-	-
	<u>32,257</u>	<u>65,379</u>	<u>97,636</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Minibus Income	-	-
Trip Income	295	295
	<u>295</u>	<u>295</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Minibus Income	2,711	2,711
Trip Income	922	922
	<u>3,633</u>	<u>3,633</u>

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4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Trading Income;		
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	17,840	17,840
Other Trading Income	1,533	1,533
Local Fundraising and street collection income	130	130
Membership subscriptions	2,095	2,095
	<u>21,598</u>	<u>21,598</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Trading Income;		
Shop income from sale of donated goods and services	18,072	18,702
Other Trading Income	97	97
Local Fundraising and street collection income	17,510	17,510
Membership subscriptions	2,324	2,324
	<u>38,003</u>	<u>38,003</u>

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	90	90
	<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	482	482
	<u>482</u>	<u>482</u>

6 Expenditure on Raising Funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising trading costs;		
Fundraising	895	895
	<u>895</u>	<u>895</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Fundraising trading costs;		
Fundraising	5,830	5,830
	<u>5,830</u>	<u>5,830</u>

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7 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Activities undertaken directly	60,651	68,972	129,623
	60,651	68,972	129,623

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Activities undertaken directly	118,486	59,116	177,602
	118,486	59,116	177,602

	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2021
	£	£
Activities, trips and minibuses costs	5,887	5,887
Advertising	-	-
Depreciation	7,478	7,478
Cleaning and waste collection	410	410
Independent Examination Fee	1,200	1,200
Insurance	1,718	1,718
Rent & Rates	4,200	4,200
Repairs & Maintenance	2,881	2,881
Salaries	103,321	103,321
Stationery	1	1
Sundry Expenses	1,784	1,784
Utilities	743	743
	129,623	129,623

	Activities undertaken directly	Total 2020
	£	£
Activities, trips and minibuses costs	7,708	7,708
Advertising	2,295	2,295
Depreciation	9,348	9,348
Cleaning and waste collection	3,870	3,870
Independent Examination Fee	1,170	1,170
Insurance	1,404	1,404
Rent & Rates	-	-
Repairs & Maintenance	2,870	2,870
Salaries	141,107	141,107
Stationery	-	-
Sundry Expenses	3,365	3,365
Utilities	4,465	4,465
	177,602	177,602

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2021 £		Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Independent examiner fees			Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,200	Examination of the financial statements	1,170	1,170
	1,200	1,200		1,170	1,170

9 Government grants

Stoke-on-Trent City Council -Small Grant - £200 (2020: £700) *To provide funds for the seniors project and funding towards calendars*

HMRC Job Retention Scheme - £29,965 (2020: £32,257) *Funding as for wages as part of the Job Retention Scheme*

The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £30,165 (2020 - £32,957).

There are no unfulfilled conditions

No other forms of government assistance have been received

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and Salaries	103,321	138,540

Self employed subcontractor fees £971 (2020: £2,567)

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Average number of employees	11	16

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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13 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 September 2020	5,422	41,303	46,725
As at 31 August 2021	5,422	41,303	46,725
Depreciation			
As at 1 September 2020	2,168	16,528	18,696
Charge for the year	865	6,613	7,478
As at 31 August 2021	3,033	23,141	26,174
Net Book Value			
As at 31 August 2021	2,389	16,528	20,551
As at 31 August 2020	3,254	24,775	28,029

14 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Debtors	1,470	-
Prepayments	1,546	12,885
Accrued Income	25,000	50,000
	28,016	62,885

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15 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash on hand	267	3,095
Cash at bank	84,494	107,144
	<u>84,761</u>	<u>110,239</u>

16 Creditors Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,344	3,361
Other taxation and social security	301	1,431
Other creditors	6,911	12,064
Accruals	5,400	1,170
	<u>13,956</u>	<u>18,026</u>

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £		Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds					Unrestricted Funds				
General					General				
General Fund	90,081	49,448	(61,546)	77,983	General Fund	140,022	74,375	(124,316)	90,081
Restricted Funds					Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston Foundation	16,517	-	(16,517)	-	Garfield Weston Foundation	79	20,000	(3,562)	16,517
S-o-T City Council Small Grants	250	200	(42)	408	S-o-T City Council Small Grants	-	700	(450)	250
Epic Housing	500	-	-	500	Epic Housing	250	250	-	500
Greggs Foundation	992	-	(578)	414	Greggs Foundation	1,142	-	(150)	992
Tudor Trust	53,175	2,000	(22,806)	32,369	Tudor Trust	75,000	-	(21,825)	53,175
Children in Need	21,612	-	(21,612)	-	Children in Need	10,312	36,990	(25,690)	21,612
Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	15,115	(7,417)	7,698	Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	-	-	-	-
					Co-op Community Fund	-	2,839	(2,839)	-
					Golf Club	-	600	(600)	-
					Austin Hope Pilkington	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
					Groundwork	-	500	(500)	-
					WPD	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
					Albert Hunt	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Total Restricted Funds	93,046	17,315	(68,972)	41,389	Total Restricted Funds	86,783	65,379	(59,116)	93,046
Total Funds	183,127	66,763	(130,518)	119,372	Total Funds	226,805	139,754	(183,432)	183,127

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Garfield Weston Foundation – Funding for mixed salaries and utilities

Stoke-on-Trent City Council Small Grants – Funding towards the production of the calendar

Epic Housing – Funding towards the production of the calendar

Greggs Foundation – Funding received to support the Trips for the Rainbows project

Tudor Trust – Funding received to support salaries

Children In Need – Funding received to support the Youthlink project for local young people over the age of 11

Baily Thomas – Fund received to support salaries on the Rainbows project

Co-op Community Fund – Funding received to support the IT Suite

Golf Club – Funding received to support the Rainbows project

Austin Hope Pilkington – Funding towards vehicle costs

Groundwork – Funding for salary costs on the seniors project

WPD – Funding for PPE

Albert Hunt – Funding for overhead costs

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds at 31 Aug 2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	20,551	-	20,551
Current Assets	71,388	41,389	112,777
Current Liabilities	(13,956)	-	(13,956)
	<u>77,983</u>	<u>41,389</u>	<u>119,372</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds at 31 Aug 2020 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	28,029	-	28,029
Current Assets	80,078	93,046	173,124
Current Liabilities	(18,026)	-	(18,026)
	<u>90,081</u>	<u>93,046</u>	<u>183,127</u>

19 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.