

Footsteps Walking With You

(Registered charity number 1176569)

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

Year ended 31 August 2024

(Prepared under the receipts and payments accounting basis)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Footsteps Walking with You

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Footsteps Walking with You for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under s. 45 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act;

(2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

(3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the *Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008* other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed



Mrs Melanie Monaco ACMA

Date: 3 June 2025

Annual Report

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2024. Footsteps Walking With You is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The trustees who acted during the year are:-

Mrs Joanne Ashton
Mrs Timandra Howell
Dr Lynne James (Secretary)
Mr Shikhant Morris
Revd Christine Pinder
Mr John Swinney (Chair of Trustees)
Mr Andrew Taylor dec'd (Treasurer)

Objectives and activities

The relief of mental and emotional distress of children and young people resident in Suffolk, and their families, in particular by the provision of counselling and support.

Once again our work has continued to grow numerically. We have taken on 2 new counsellors and are therefore able to see more clients and hold more counselling sessions. This continues to include our Walk and Talk, Face to Face and online services. We have also begun work in a primary school and are in negotiations to go into a further two. There is a high need in schools and colleges. All our counsellors are trained to work with younger children as well as the older ones.

All our counsellors continue to train through continuing professional development courses.

We continue to host fundraising events and to engage with networking events across the community, now receiving referrals from the CHRIS team (Wellbeing Crisis Team) as well as social workers, Family Support officers and GPs.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Financial review and reserves

The trustees have agreed a reserves policy for unrestricted funds of four months current annual expenditure. At the end of August 2024 this required free reserves of £12,408. At 31 August 2024 unrestricted funds amounted to £29,996, so significantly above the minimum reserve level.

Total income for the year was £51,960, more than double the previous year, this was primarily due to National Lottery funding, other grant funding and a significant increase in client contributions. Grants received were as follows:-

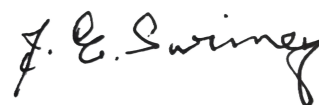
- The Grace Trust - £750
- National Lottery Community Fund – £14,347
- The Albert Hunt Trust - £4,000
- Tesco – Groundwork UK - £1,000

Total expenditure for the year was £37,224 an increase of £10,974 on the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in counsellor fees arising from an expansion in operations.



Treasurer:

Date: 7 April 2025



Trustee:

Date: 7 April 2025

Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	17,543	16,867	-	34,410	9,010
Income from charitable activities	17,438	-	-	17,438	14,605
Investments	112	-	-	112	109
Total income	35,093	16,867	-	51,960	23,724
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	40	1,020	-	1,060	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	22,171	13,993	-	36,164	25,190
Other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	22,211	15,013	-	37,224	25,190
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	12,882	1,854	-	14,736	(1,465)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains / losses:					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	12,882	1,854	-	14,736	(1,465)
Total funds brought forward	17,786	-	-	17,786	19,251
Total funds carried forward	30,667	1,854	-	32,522	17,786
Represented by:					
Unrestricted					
General fund	30,667	-	-	30,667	17,786
Restricted					
Grant administration	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	354	-	354	-
Total funds	30,667	1,854	-	32,522	17,786

Balance Sheet

	As at 31.8.24	As at 31.8.23
Current assets:		
Cash at bank and In hand	32,522	17,786
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Current liabilities:	-	-
	-	-
Net current assets less current liabilities	32,522	17,786
Total assets less current liabilities	32,522	17,786
Long term liabilities:		
	-	-
Total net assets less liabilities	32,522	17,786
Represented by		
Unrestricted		
Unrestricted - General Funds	30,667	17,786
Designated	-	-
Restricted		
Restricted - Grant Administration	1,500	-
Restricted - National Lottery Community Fund	354	-
Fund Totals	32,522	17,786

Analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2024

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	31.8.24	31.8.23
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies:						
0200 - Donations - Gift Aid	2,051	-	2,016	-	4,067	1,781
0210 - Donations - Other	4,869	-	-	-	4,869	1,369
0300 - Gift Aid tax recovery	435	-	504	-	939	542
0400 - Grants	5,750	-	14,347	-	20,097	4,376
0500 - Fundraising	4,437	-	-	-	4,437	942
	17,543	-	16,867	-	34,410	9,010
Income from charitable activities:						
0100 - Client contributions	5,038	-	-	-	5,038	1,500
0110 - Contract income	12,400	-	-	-	12,400	13,105
	17,438	-	-	-	17,438	14,605
Investments:						
0600 – Interest	112	-	-	-	112	109
	112	-	-	-	112	109
Total Income	35,093	-	16,867	-	51,960	23,724
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds:						
1150 - Grant administration fees	-	-	1,020	-	1,020	-
1400 - Fundraising expenses	40	-	-	-	40	-
	40	-	1,020	-	1,060	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:						
1000 - Counsellor fees	20,348	-	9,822	-	30,170	22,363
1050 - Salaries	-	-	2,151	-	2,151	-
1100 - Supervision fees	-	-	-	-	-	220
1200 - Affiliation fees	195	-	70	-	265	187
1250 - Room Hire	1,000	-	680	-	1,680	1,200
1300 - Equipment	-	-	519	-	519	177
1350 - Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	297
1360 - Travel expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
1500 - Insurance	45	-	120	-	165	122
1600 - Telephone	52	-	-	-	52	10
1700 - Website/Software	468	-	274	-	742	432
1800 - Training	-	-	356	-	356	132
1900 - Sundry	63	-	-	-	63	50
	22,171	-	13,993	-	36,164	25,190
Total Expenditure	22,211	-	15,013	-	37,224	25,190