

Registered Company Number: 09630457

Charity Registration Number: 1177701

# **NATURE VIBEZZZ**

**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2023**

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### Legal and administrative information

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| <b>Trustees</b>                  | Christine Burdford<br>Eric Mbiada<br>Doreen Barton (appointed 13 February 2023)<br>Donna McLaughlin (resigned 5 April 2023) |
| <b>Company registered number</b> | 09630457                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Charity registered number</b> | 1177701                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Registered office</b>         | 2 Warren Close<br>Dulwich<br>London<br>SE21 8NB                                                                             |
| <b>Management team</b>           | Douglas Saucedo Anez - Executive Director<br>John Cannell - Operations Director                                             |
| <b>Banker</b>                    | Barclays<br>Leicester<br>Leicestershire<br>LE87 2BB                                                                         |
| <b>Independent Examiner</b>      | Delwar Hossain ACMA CGMA<br>DEL & CO<br>Chartered Management Accountants<br>277 Anlaby Road<br>Hull<br>HU3 2SE              |

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## Trustees' Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

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The Trustees of Nature Vibezzz (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) are pleased to present their Report, which includes the Directors' Report, together with the audited financial statements of Nature Vibezzz for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Report of Trustees and Financial Statements of the charity comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and 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).

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Governing document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts. and its governing document is a Memorandum and Articles of Association under company legislation. The Governing Document is dated 09 June 2015.

### Organisational structure

Governance: The Trustees, who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are appointed by mutual consent, may be reappointed. Trustees are recruited with regard to their respective areas of knowledge, skills and experience. There is a comprehensive pre appointment briefing and a trustee induction process for new Trustees. Ongoing training is made available to Trustees as required.

### Management and administration:

Day- to- day operational management is delegated between the Chief Executive and the Operation Director. This includes: our business direction and planning, our executive team's performance, governance standards and delivery against plans, our board of Trustees are responsible for decision making on long-term strategy.

Making sure staff work according to plans set and agreed regularly in advance with the board. To ensure strategic objectives of the organisation and the business plan are being met with maximising our impact and effectiveness.

Maintaining our independence from government and the sector we regulate,  
Making sure we use public funds prudently and ultimately making sure we act fairly, responsibility, transparently, proportionately and ethically.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charity providing Forest School, Environmental Education and Practical Nature Conservation sessions, programs, events and community projects in London.

### Aims:

- o To run services for the community.
- o To be a not-for-profit organisation.
- o To dedicate our services to take the community outdoors, especially the ones who are not so confident about themselves or around nature.

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- o To promote nature activities, support volunteering and provide help to other organisations through community engagement.
- o Provide opportunities for the disadvantaged, elderly and school children among others.

#### Objectives:

- o To become one of the best outdoor services providers for young people and families who are facing challenges in their lives as well as the general community.
- o To support young people in the transition phase from adolescence to adulthood - from dependence to independence
- o To become one of the best training providers for professionals working with youth.
- o To provide training schemes and exchanges of 'best practice' with partner organisations in the UK, EU, as well as outside of the European Union.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Operation Director's Report

#### Current Projects

##### City Bridge Trust £30,000

During each year the project will run 30 FREE Forest School and Nature Conservation activities, aimed at families or for specific groups (from schools, community groups, charities, Tenant and Residents Associations, etc) at various sites in South London.

Project activities will be crucial for participants who will be coming out of lockdown, reinforcing their adapting and thriving capacity. It will be especially beneficial for families with young children who have been living through the crisis in cramped conditions. Activities will include a child-led approach developing self-initiative, promoting independence and self-esteem and building social skills through outdoor play and learning.

Complementing activities, which are also part of an extended and thoroughly Forest School Program include:

- Woodcraft,
- Organic vegetable and fruit gardening,
- Promoting wildlife through planting wildflowers, making insect hotels, etc.
- Healthy eating: snacks/lunch prepared with organic harvested food
- Reusing materials through instructive workshops.
- Bushcraft skills such as using tools, safe fire lighting, den building etc.

Nature Vibezzz has an outstanding track record running community Nature Conservation and Forest School projects, with experienced, fully trained and dedicated staff. Over the last 5 years the charity has built up a strong relationship with many grassroot organisations (such as friends of parks, housing estate tenant and residents associations and community groups), and other charities,

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schools, nurseries and borough council. This strong network provides us with a platform for using various public sites and community halls. Previous projects have transformed green sites from dumping grounds to sites that are the pride of their local community.

Reaching Communities National Lottery - South London Forest School £42,797.75

Project will run 32 free weekly nature-focused yearly activities that will be run at the various South London sites for families, children, and volunteers (especially from BAME backgrounds). Guided activities allow for a child-led approach developing self-initiative, promoting independence, self-esteem and building social skills through outdoor play, learning and environmental awareness.

All the nature-focused activity sessions will be open to the general public and will be run as individual one-off events rather than a set programme of activity sessions. Therefore, allowing families to attend one or many activity sessions.

Each activity session will follow a basic structure of introduction / free play period, followed by a structured activity starting and finishing with a talk, and finishing with a healthy snack / drink. Depending on the activity taught participants shall learn as individuals, in small groups or the whole group with co-operate together to complete activities. In many activities families will be encouraged to work together, cooperating with each to reach achievable goals, to complete the tasks being taught and therefore building family bonds.

#### Paddington Farm trips

The 4 yearly trips (2 five-day trips and 2 weekend trips) to Paddington Farm are run in partnership with Paddington Farm Trust a charity dedicated to provide affordable residential accommodation & educational activities to those coming from urban areas, especially London. Each trip will be for 6-8 families (average family of 4) from deprived areas, who otherwise would not be able to afford such an experience.

Trips can be run over different seasons to build skills and experience all available activities, for example: -apple picking in autumn, -hedging in late summer, -planting in spring, pruning in late winter, -sheep shearing and baby animals' husbandry in late spring, etc.

Additional workshops/training will introduce participants to the fields of:

- Blacksmithing
- Foraging
- Outdoor cooking
- Wool spinning
- Willow Weaving

During stay families will participate in daily healthy cooking and preparation of all meals and snacks, additional self-initiated activities such as hikes to local historic places as well as planned visits. This first year families will be recruited from communities that have been building skills by attending our project activities.

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#### **Lambeth Changing Lives £22,811.2**

33 free Forest School, environmental education and practical nature conservation activity sessions will be run at Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve during the year project.

- 18 activity sessions will be run for local school children from 3 local primary schools (Granton Primary School, Woodmansterne Primary School plus Immanuel and St Andrew Church of England Primary School). Each programme of six sessions will be run for 15 students.
- 15 activity sessions will be open to the general public with the focus on families. We would expect between 15 and 30 participants at each session.

#### **Lambeth Getting Involved Grant - Summer Camp £ 10,968**

The intention of the project is to provide a bespoke summer programme targeted specifically at young people on the Fern Lodge Estate. The aims of the project include promoting a life-long healthy lifestyle, raising awareness of the environment, physical activities and health habits towards food, all the way to achievement of teamwork and cooperation and to experiment a positive and fun approach to nature and to learning in general by experiencing the making of objects with different techniques and tools. Also, Fern Lodge Estate children who might not have access to quality Art, sport coaching, Forest School sessions or educational trips are an opportunity for children of disadvantaged families that have participated over the years in Nature Vibezzz Summer Camp to ensure continuous engagement and upgrade their skills during this experience.

#### **The Ironmongers' Company £5250**

This project will run 16 free activities engaging with a wide range of people from the local community. The aim of the project will be to improve green spaces, increasing local community cohesion and teaching participants new skills, increasing their confidence and social networks (new friends). Many activities will include a child-led approach developing self-initiative, promoting independence and self-esteem and building social skills through outdoor play and learning.

The project activities will focus on pre-school and home educated children aged between 1 year and 14 years old, with family groups taking part in the sessions. Teaching about the natural environment through natural play activities, environmental education such as bug hunting and plant ID, Forest school activities such as making items from wood, fire making and learning to use tools. Whilst other activities shall teach practical nature conservation skills, such as planting native species and protecting areas through maintaining or creating wildlife habitats that will help maintain / increase the natural biodiversity of the project sites.

#### **Our Space Award - Knight's Hill Wood £4041**

Our project will transform an overgrown area of Knights Hill Wood into a valuable wildlife area, we shall work with local families involving them in weekly Forest School and nature conservation activities at the site. Knights Hill Wood is a small yet extremely valuable pocket of woodland in Lambeth, and as such helps to support local wildlife. The site is classed as a Local Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (Local SINIC).

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Participants will work with Nature Vibezzz to Create a dead hedge that will surround the new wildlife area with a gate installed for access, create a wildlife meadow, seed with native wildflower mix, and plant with wildflower plug plants/bulbs. A hibernaculum for amphibians and reptiles will be created in the area. A small pond scrape will be created and planted up (left to fill with rainwater). A bund (ridge / mound) will be created along part of the dead hedge, this in combination with the dead hedge will act to slow water and hold it in the pond scrape stopping it flowing down the natural slope. Plant tree saplings around the boundary of the site, forming a wildlife hedge that will be maintained on future site community activities. The hedge will form a new wildlife habitat / corridor, and protect the site from pollution from traffic and littering / fly tipping. Local families participating will gain a great sense of ownership through helping to create this new wildlife area. These nature conservation activities will be combined with fun Forest School activities, to engage and keep interest of participating families, we have found this approach has worked very well on previous community projects.

#### **Lambeth Council Parks Funding - Eardley Road £4200**

Charity Nature Vibezzz will run 12 Forest School and Nature Conservation activity sessions at Eardley Road Sidings Nature Reserve.

Each session will be designed to provide a wide range of learning opportunities; they will build skills gradually and prioritise Health & Safety Awareness, plus Nature Conservation Awareness.

#### **Forest School sessions for students for local primary schools.**

The aim of these Forest School sessions is to increase the confidence, self-esteem and communication skills of the students, Plus developing self-initiative, promoting independence which will support them in their academic studies. The program will also teach the students new skills and increase their knowledge of their local natural environment and climate change issues.

#### **Weekend Family Forest School and Nature Conservation activities open to the general public.**

Run for families, children and volunteers (especially from BAME backgrounds) from Lambeth areas classified as areas of deprivation. Guided activities allow for a child-led approach developing self-initiative, promoting independence, self-esteem and building social skills through outdoor play, learning and environmental awareness. These sessions will involve activities that will support improvements to the site (such as removal of bramble and development of dead hedges) which will increase the site biodiversity, help improve the site access for users, and reduce anti-social behaviour.

#### **Greenwich Neighbourhood Growth Fund - Plumstead Common Nature Reserve Step repair £9770**

We aim to increase access to the Plumstead Common Nature Reserve, both: through the repair of the entrance steps and improving the perception of safety and condition of the green space, parts of which are in poor condition. The increased access will have many benefits, including allowing more volunteer maintenance / improvement tasks, increasing the use of the site by the general public, which will help reduce anti-social behaviour, such as vandalism and unauthorised fires.

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### Finished Projects

#### Action Funder – Thames Water Micro Grant - £1973.60

2-month project where Nature Vibezzz ran 6 weekly family nature focused activities at Knights Hill Wood.

#### Cory Community Fund - £3,200

Nature Vibezzz ran weekly family nature focused activities at Knights Hill Wood

Activities included:

- Planting native wildlife hedge
- Pruning woodland trees and shrubs increases the light coming into the wood to increase biodiversity through encouraging a wider range of wild plants to grow. Increasing site user safety through reducing blind spots where potentially anti-social behaviour can happen.
- Creative of a woodland habitat to increase biodiversity through planting a variety of native plants.
- Maintenance and restructuring of dead hedge (dead hedge were too close to some trees and was causing damage), the material pruned from the site was added to the dead hedge. The dead hedge protects the woodland glade where native wildflowers grow and also provides a habitat for woodland creatures.
- Planting peas in pots (participants took the pots away to grow their pea plants) and decorating pots.
- Whittling carrots and sticks, making magic wands.
- Climbing ropes and swings.
- Making items from clay.
- Insect hunting.
- Orienteering.

We had 102 places filled on the 6 activities at the site (many participants attending multiple of activity sessions) with an average of 17 people on each session and 45 people in total attending sessions. A much larger number of people will benefit from the improvements done to the woodland site on our activities.

#### Garfield Weston Foundation Grant £45,000

The funding has enabled Nature Vibezzz to increase our capacity and services in South London running more nature focused family and children's activities and increasing the sites we work at, therefore reaching an increasing number of people. Enabling us to meet the aims we had at the beginning of the project. During the 2nd year Nature Vibezzz has delivered 32 Forest School activities at 10 different sites partly or fully funded by the grant. We had a total of 1142 places filled by people on activities 442 Adults and 700 children showing an average attendance of over 35 people on each session, with many people attending multiple times and at one session a festival event in Tivoli Park attendance wasn't recorded but staff worked with a significant number of families during the day event organised by Norwood Forum. There have been no significant changes in the charity, apart from a new Trustee Secretary Doreen Barton replacing our old secretary. During the year we had 72 new families register on our project activities.

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Programmes of Forest School / environmental education was run at Glengall Wharf Garden (Southwark), Galleywall Nature Reserve (Southwark), Knights Hill Wood (Lambeth), Tivoli Park (Lambeth), Brockwell Park (Lambeth), Crystal Palace Park (Bromley), Streatham Common (Lambeth), Dulwich Upper Woods (Lambeth), Dulwich Wood (Southwark) and Larkhall Park (Lambeth).

We asked our participants for feedback at several sessions and at all the sites we ran Forest School sessions. In total 47 people filled out feedback forms (10 children and 37 adults), 73% all the people who filled out our feedback forms stated they was from BAME backgrounds

Results from the feedback forms show that

- 70% of the children who provided feedback gained new friends at Forest School. Rating out of 10 (1- poor to 10- excellent) 95% of participants rated the Forest School 8 out of ten or above.
- 81% of participants gave 7 out of ten or above to state that their child / children increased their social skills (measured out of 10 with 1 – no improvement to 10 lots of improvement).
- 76% of participants gave 8 out of ten or above to state their child / children increased their practical skills (1 – no improvement to 10 lots of improvement).
- 83% of participants gave 7 out of ten or above to state that their child / children increased in confidence at Forest School (1 – no increase to 10 lots). 100% of participants gave 7 out of ten or above to state that their children learn anything new about nature or the local environment (1 – no increase to 10 lots).
- 78% of participants gave 8 out of ten or above to state Forest School helped increase their children's physical health (1 – no increase to 10 lots).
- 76% of participants gave 8 out of ten or above to state the Forest School helped increase their children's self-esteem.

#### Gipsy Hill Health and Wellbeing Grant £4985.40

Charity Nature Vibezzz has run 12 Saturday morning gardening sessions at Fern Lodge housing estate community garden. Nature Vibezzz shall be running a 3-week summer school holiday children activity camp at Fern Lodge housing estate and this programme will include maintaining and harvesting crops from the community garden.

3 more sessions were run in September and October after the school summer holidays. These sessions focused on harvesting crops and making healthy meals using harvested crops. Whilst remaining crops were shared with participants to take home or left for local people to harvest from the community gardens

The sessions started with participants preparing the growing bed with purchased top soil added, old crops and weeds removed or transplanted into pots from the beds. Participants were consulted on what crops they wanted to grow and they also choose that one bed would be for flowers.

In the next stage of the project the participants planted the crops and flowers in the beds.

Each week participants litter picked the site, watered and weeded. 2 local families have taken on the responsibility of watering the crops and flowers on days sessions are not run.

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Harvested crops have been given to local families and participants on many of the sessions. In the last 2 sessions healthy meals were cooked for participants using harvested crops, with children helping to prepare the vegetables.

In total there have been 101 places filled on sessions (39 adults and 62 children) with many participants attending multiple sessions giving an average of approximately 8 people on each session.

### Executive Director's Report

#### The year under review

As Executive Director of Nature Vibezzz, I am pleased to present to the Board of Directors the report for 2022-2023 on behalf of the Board.

Dear Board of Directors,

I am pleased to present the executive director's report for 2022-2023. This report provides an overview of the activities, achievements, and challenges faced by our small charity during this period.

#### 1. Mission and Impact:

During 2022-2023, our organisation remained steadfast in its commitment to find new funding and for a longer period of time, We are delighted that we have continued reaching many new sites by visiting and delivering sessions.

Also obtaining one of the sites to work for a long term to develop new partnerships with the community through our various programs and initiatives,

We continued to make a positive impact on the lives of families helping to engage more in their local environment and toward nature. As always We could not have grown and offered all this support without all the professional partners, volunteers, employees and parents. Together, we are a strong and truly fantastic team.

#### 2. Program Highlights:

- a) This year there was an increase in communities valuing the outdoors and education in and for nature. We were delighted to receive those newly ready participants that needed to be closer to the outdoor environment for all different beneficial reasons.
- b) The number of older participants towards our sessions has increased, especially our Wednesdays and Saturdays programs.
- c) As we continue to provide essential services to our target beneficiaries a large number of engagement of younger audiences has also increased on Instagram, local communities and local organisations supporting the webpage and the other media of communication 2023 on our webpage, with much positive feedback through Facebook page and Facebook group.

#### 3. Fundraising and Financial Overview:

- a) Fundraising Efforts: despite the challenges posed by the world situation to the continued uncertain situation of the economic and recession of the wars around the world and the

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inflation of our national economy as a consequence, of an increased number of unsuccessful grants, had a significant impact on making effective planning ahead. We anticipated income reductions of 40–55% in line with the rest of the charity sector, but were happy not to be so alarming as we worked hard and were ready to keep providing services.

However, we continue working harder than before to reach a wider community sector and to extend to more boroughs for 2022-2023, working with a larger community and delivering programs that will increase our chance for larger funding and for the longer term. Further cost reduction measures are being identified and will be implemented if fundraised income tracks lower than our baseline projections in an emergency situation.

### Donations

We would like to express our gratitude to our donors, sponsors, and supporters for their generous contributions. Without our partners, we wouldn't be able to make a difference in the lives of so many families. That's why we're very thankful to every partner who engaged in fundraising activities in 2022-2023.

- Giving Fund (PayPal)
- Donations from sessions
- Local Organisation
- Local Community
- Families

### Achievements

Trustees continue to praise Nature Vibezzz for all the achievements during 2022- 2023, as we have become a training recognised charity to deliver AQA qualification, Forest School Qualifications, Level 1,2,3. We have increased the number of sessions and reached out to more participants even though it was still more challenging , Nature Vibezzz continued growing and expanding to more partners and to the wider community overcoming each challenge.

Networking and Collaboration with partners throughout the year, participated in their AGMs

- Lairdale Estate Tenants and Residents Association- AGM
- Fern Lodge Estate Tenants and Residents Association- AGM
- Norwood Forum Community 'West Norwood Cemetery'
- Central Hill Estate
- Portobello Allotment
- West Norwood Library " community Workshop"
- Crown Lane Primary's School
- Granton Primary's School
- Woodminster Primary's School

We actively collaborate with with Lambeth council in the local Parks

- Knight's Hill Woods: regeneration, maintenance and participation/usage increase.

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- Streatham Common: wildlife scrutiny and support, tree planting, involved families from local estates, building bird houses, insect hotels and litter picking around the Common.
- I Dig Trees : donated trees were planted during different project sessions around Lambeth parks (Knight's Hills Wood)
- Knight's Hill Wood: signage

#### Prospect partnerships

- Portobello Community Garden
- Glengal Community garden
- Galleywall

#### Promotion

This year Nature Vibezzz has increased the number of followers on social media, this is due to higher participation from our volunteer team engaging more on the network, promoting all our activities and sessions.

This year Nature Vibezzz has been featured in the following:

- <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/search/index.php/nature-vibezzz>
- <https://www.norwoodforum.org/nature-vibezzz>
- <https://workforgood.co.uk/charities/nature-vibezzz/>
- <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/corporate-responsibility/impact-report/nature-vibezzz/>

#### Caring for the environment

We recognise we have, as an environmental charity, a greater responsibility to minimise our impact on the planet and use our resources wisely, to be a true role model for the community.

Environmental initiatives at Nature Vibezzz include encouraging everyone to recycle during our sessions and after, exploring how we can reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill, and using stationery products with environmental credentials or reducing hardcopy paperwork by using digital forms, etc.

This year Nature Vibezzz continues to be as green as reasonably possible, reducing to zero the plastic/styrofoam single-use utensils during sessions and events. This includes for example use of paper cups instead of styrofoam, biodegradable cardboard bowls instead of aluminium (to reduce the need to recycle them), wooden bamboo cutlery instead of plastic and, as much as possible, biodegradable sanitary wipes instead of plastic-based ones.

#### Recognition and Appreciation:

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed significantly to our organisation's success. Their passion, hard work, and commitment have been instrumental in achieving our mission. We also extend our thanks to the Board of Directors for their guidance and support.

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In conclusion, I am proud of the accomplishments and progress made by Nature Vibezzz during (2022-2023).

We remain committed to our mission and look forward to continuing our work in making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of all of our local families and communities that we collaborate with.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our organisation Nature Vibezzz.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income for the year (£121,810) was higher than previous years (2022: £39,009). Expenditure was also higher for the year: £81,372 (2022: £59,198). The Trustees report a surplus of £40,438 (2022: Deficit £20,189) on operations for the period under review.

The charity reserves at the end of the financial year was £ 78,767 (2022: £38,329) comprising unrestricted reserve of £29,723 and restricted reserve of £49,044.

### Reserve policy

Nature Vibezzz's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable operating activities to be wound down in an orderly manner in circumstances, taking account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. The current policy is to maintain reserves to cover three months of operating expenditure not covered by any specific secured grants or donations. The current reserves (at the time of writing this report) are below the expected level and directors are working to improve this.

### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, including assessments of the key risks and future budgets, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, regardless of having not operated for part of the current year. For this reason the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### Public benefit

When reviewing our activities the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, The trustees ensure that the activities undertaken are in line with the charitable objects of Nature Vibezzz, and in doing so are satisfied that organisation's activities meet the requirements on demonstrating public benefit.

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

In particular, charity law requires the Directors, if they prepare accounts on an accrual basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Directors are required to :-

- ☐ to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- ☐ state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Directors are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the charity legislation. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also responsible for the contents of the Directors' report, and the accountant preparing the accounts has no responsibilities in relation to the Directors' report.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 25 April 2024.



**ERIC MBIADA**  
Trustee

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### Report of the Independent Examiner to the Directors of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

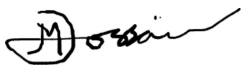
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that:

- o accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- o the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- o the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- o the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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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This report was signed on April 25, 2024

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2023

|                                  |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                  | Notes |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Income &amp; Endowments :</b> |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| Donations and legacies           | 3     | 39,240                     | 82,570                   | 121,810                  | 39,009                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>              |       | <b>39,240</b>              | <b>82,570</b>            | <b>121,810</b>           | <b>39,009</b>            |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>           |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| Charitable activities            | 4     | 44,632                     | 36,740                   | 81,372                   | 59,198                   |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>         |       | <b>44,632</b>              | <b>36,740</b>            | <b>81,372</b>            | <b>59,198</b>            |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>   |       | <b>(5,392)</b>             | <b>45,830</b>            | <b>40,438</b>            | <b>(20,189)</b>          |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>    |       | -                          | -                        | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Net Movement in funds</b>     |       | <b>(5,392)</b>             | <b>45,830</b>            | <b>40,438</b>            | <b>(20,189)</b>          |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>  |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Funds brought forward</b>     |       | <b>35,115</b>              | <b>3,214</b>             | <b>38,329</b>            | <b>58,518</b>            |
| <b>Funds carried forward</b>     |       | <b>29,723</b>              | <b>49,044</b>            | <b>78,767</b>            | <b>38,329</b>            |

## NATURE VIBEZZZ

Registered company number 09630457

### Balance Sheet as at 30 June 20, 2023

|                                                | Notes | £       | 2,023<br>£    | £       | 2,022<br>£    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                          |       |         |               |         |               |
| Debtors                                        | 7     | 979     |               | 1,178   |               |
| Cash at bank and in hand:                      |       | 80,233  |               | 42,707  |               |
| Total current assets                           |       | 81,212  |               | 43,885  |               |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 8     | (2,445) |               | (5,556) |               |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                      |       |         | <b>78,767</b> |         | <b>38,329</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS TOTALS</b>                       |       |         | <b>78,767</b> |         | <b>38,329</b> |
| <b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                |       |         |               |         |               |
| Unrestricted Fund                              | 9     |         | 29,723        |         | 35,115        |
| Restricted Fund                                | 9     |         | 49,044        |         | 3,214         |
|                                                |       |         | <b>78,767</b> |         | <b>38,329</b> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 25 April 2024.



ERIC MBIADA

Trustee

The notes attached on pages 18 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023**

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**1 Accounting policies**

Nature Vibezzz is a private company limited by guarantee (registered number 09630457) which is incorporated and domiciled in the UK and meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. The address of the registered office is 2 Warren Close, Warren Close, London, England, SE21 8NB.

**Basis of preparation of financial statements**

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 Companies Act 2006.

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

**Company status**

The company is a company limited by guarantee registered in England. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1.

**Going concern**

Having reviewed the financial position, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Income**

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

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

**Debtors**

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

**Cash at Bank and in hand**

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

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**Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

**Financial instruments**

The Charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash and bank and in hand, together with trade and other debtors. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise bank loans and overdrafts, trade and other creditors.

**Fund accounting**

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

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

Endowment funds comprise monies that must be held indefinitely as capital. Income therefrom is credited to general funds and applied for general purposes unless under the terms of the endowment such income must be used for specific purposes, in which case it is credited to restricted funds.

**Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the Trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

**2 Liability to taxation**

As a registered charity, the organisation is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applied towards the charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**3 Donation and Legacies**

|                                      | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General donation                     | 4,132                     | 5,249                   | 9,381              | 824                |
| Grants for Trust and foundations     | 35,108                    | 77,321                  | 112,429            | 38,185             |
| <b>Total Donation &amp; Legacies</b> | <b>39,240</b>             | <b>82,570</b>           | <b>121,810</b>     | <b>39,009</b>      |
| 2022 analysis                        | 22,724                    | 16,285                  | 39,009             |                    |

**4 Charitable expenditure**

| 4a Direct costs            | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Wages and salaries         | 26,632                    | 15,684                  | 42,316             | 22,711             |
| Project activities         | 11,464                    | 14,899                  | 26,363             | 16,432             |
| Activities session leaders | 1,000                     | 4,894                   | 5,894              | 14,320             |
|                            | <b>39,096</b>             | <b>35,477</b>           | <b>74,573</b>      | <b>53,463</b>      |

| 4b Support costs                     | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office supplies, telephone & postage | 660                       | 254                     | 914                | 978                |
| Accounting services                  | 2,700                     | -                       | 2,700              | 2,912              |
| Other support costs                  | 1,773                     | 1,009                   | 2,782              | 1,455              |
|                                      | <b>5,133</b>              | <b>1,263</b>            | <b>6,396</b>       | <b>5,345</b>       |

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| 4c Governance costs                  | 2023<br>Unrestricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Restricted<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Independent Examiner's fee           | 390                       | -                       | 390                | 390                |
| Legal Expenses                       | 13                        | -                       | 13                 | -                  |
|                                      | <b>403</b>                | <b>-</b>                | <b>403</b>         | <b>390</b>         |
| <b>Total charitable expenditures</b> | <b>44,632</b>             | <b>36,740</b>           | <b>81,372</b>      | <b>59,198</b>      |
| 2022 analysis                        | 10,205                    | 48,993                  | 59,198             |                    |

#### 5 Staff costs and emoluments

|                      | 2,023<br>£    | 2,022<br>£    |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Gross salaries       | 41,083        | 22,068        |
| Pension contribution | 1,233         | 643           |
| Freelance fees       | 5,894         | 14,320        |
|                      | <b>48,210</b> | <b>37,031</b> |

There was an average of one person (2022: one) employed during the year. Two staff members were employed part-time and they also received freelance contractor payment shown above for their further services. No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

#### 6 Trustees' remuneration and reimbursed expenses

|                              | 2,023<br>£ | 2,022<br>£ |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Amount reimbursed to trustee | -          | -          |
|                              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   |

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursement of expenses (2022: £NIL).

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#### 7 DEBTORS

|               | 2,023      | 2,022        |
|---------------|------------|--------------|
|               | £          | £            |
| Other debtors | 979        | 1,178        |
|               | <b>979</b> | <b>1,178</b> |

#### 8 CREDITORS: amounts falling

|                 | 2,023        | 2,022        |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 | £            | £            |
| Accruals        | 930          | 1,020        |
| Deferred Income | 500          | 2,474        |
| Other Creditors | 1,015        | 2,062        |
|                 | <b>2,445</b> | <b>5,556</b> |

#### 9 Fund Analysis

| 2023                       | Balance 01 Jul<br>2022 | Income         | Expenditure     | Funds<br>transfer | Balance<br>30 June<br>2023 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                            | £                      | £              | £               |                   | £                          |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>  |                        |                |                 |                   |                            |
| Unrestricted revenue funds | <b>35,115</b>          | <b>39,240</b>  | <b>(44,632)</b> | -                 | <b>29,723</b>              |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>    |                        |                |                 |                   |                            |
| Summer camp                | -                      | 10,908         | (12,468)        | -                 | (1,560)                    |
| City Bridge Trust          | 428                    | 10,000         | (5,085)         | -                 | 5,343                      |
| LM Lambeth                 | -                      | 7,600          | (570)           | -                 | 7,030                      |
| Knights Hill 22/23         | -                      | 6,014          | (1,841)         | -                 | 4,173                      |
| Forest School & Gardening  | -                      | 21,399         | (8,536)         | -                 | 12,863                     |
| Forest Hill Families       | -                      | 21,399         | (5,207)         | -                 | 16,192                     |
| Ironmongers                | -                      | 5,250          | (247)           | -                 | 5,003                      |
| Cory Community Fund        | 819                    | -              | (819)           | -                 | -                          |
| Gipsy Hill Grant           | 1,967                  | -              | (1,967)         | -                 | -                          |
| Total restricted Fund      | <b>3,214</b>           | <b>82,570</b>  | <b>(36,740)</b> | -                 | <b>49,044</b>              |
| <b>Total funds</b>         | <b>38,329</b>          | <b>121,810</b> | <b>(81,372)</b> | -                 | <b>78,767</b>              |

The fund balance from all the restricted funds already completed and obligation to donors are met now transferred to unrestricted general funds.

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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

| 2022                                    | Balance 01 Jul<br>2021 | Income | Expenditure | Funds<br>transfer | Balance<br>30 June<br>2022 |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                                         | £                      | £      | £           |                   | £                          |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b>               |                        |        |             |                   |                            |
| Unrestricted revenue funds              | 2,378                  | 22,724 | (10,205)    | 20,218            | 35,115                     |
| Total unrestricted funds                | 2,378                  | 22,724 | (10,205)    | 20,218            | 35,115                     |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>                 |                        |        |             |                   |                            |
| Heritage lottery fund                   | 543                    | -      | -           | (543)             | -                          |
| Awards for All                          | 13,572                 | -      | (9,989)     | (3,583)           | -                          |
| Summer camp                             | 429                    | -      | -           | (429)             | -                          |
| Postcode lottery                        | (623)                  | -      | -           | 623               | -                          |
| Chapman charitable trust                | 1,777                  | -      | (1,777)     | -                 | -                          |
| Western Riverside<br>Environmental Fund | 345                    | -      | -           | (345)             | -                          |
| City Bridge Trust                       | 1,253                  | 7,500  | (8,325)     |                   | 428                        |
| Grow back Greener                       | 17,849                 | -      | (13,740)    | (4,109)           | -                          |
| Immanuel and St Andrew                  | 712                    | -      | -           | (712)             | -                          |
| Eden Tree                               | 2,693                  | -      | -           | (2,693)           | -                          |
| UK Youth Covid Relief                   | 6,153                  | -      | (5,052)     | (1,101)           | -                          |
| Ironmonger's Foundation                 | 5,000                  | -      | (5,000)     |                   | -                          |
| London Family Fund                      | 6,437                  | -      | -           | (6,437)           | -                          |
| Cory Community Fund                     |                        | 3,200  | (2,381)     |                   | 819                        |
| Gipsy Hill Grant                        |                        | 4,985  | (2,129)     | (889)             | 1,967                      |
| Norwood Spring Festival                 |                        | 600    | (600)       |                   | -                          |
| Total restricted Fund                   | 56,140                 | 16,285 | (48,993)    | (20,218)          | 3,214                      |
| Total funds                             | 58,518                 | 39,009 | (59,198)    | -                 | 38,329                     |

#### 10 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

|                        | Unrestricted<br>General<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | 2023 Total<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>At 30 June 2023</b> |                              |                 |                 |
| Fixed assets           | -                            | -               | -               |
| Current assets         | 32,168                       | 49,044          | 81,212          |
| Current liabilities    | (2,445)                      | -               | (2,445)         |
| Net assets             | 29,723                       | 49,044          | 78,767          |

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### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023

|                        | Unrestricted<br>General<br>£ | Restricted<br>£ | 2022 Total<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>At 30 June 2022</b> |                              |                 |                 |
| Fixed assets           | -                            | -               | -               |
| Current assets         | 40,671                       | 3,214           | 43,885          |
| Current liabilities    | (5,556)                      | -               | (5,556)         |
| <b>Net assets</b>      | <b>35,115</b>                | <b>3,214</b>    | <b>38,329</b>   |

#### 11 Prior year SOFA Comparison

|                                  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2022<br>£ | Total Funds<br>2021<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Income &amp; Endowments :</b> |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| Donations and legacies           |       | 22,724                     | 16,285                   | 39,009                   | 59,305                   |
| <b>Total Income</b>              |       | <b>22,724</b>              | <b>16,285</b>            | <b>39,009</b>            | <b>59,305</b>            |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>           |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| Charitable activities            |       | 10,205                     | 48,993                   | 59,198                   | 33,022                   |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>         |       | <b>10,205</b>              | <b>48,993</b>            | <b>59,198</b>            | <b>33,022</b>            |
| <b>Net Income for the year</b>   |       | <b>12,519</b>              | <b>(32,708)</b>          | <b>(20,189)</b>          | <b>26,283</b>            |
| <b>Transfer between funds</b>    |       | 20,218                     | (20,218)                 | -                        | -                        |
| <b>Net Movement in funds</b>     |       | <b>32,737</b>              | <b>(52,926)</b>          | <b>(20,189)</b>          | <b>26,283</b>            |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>  |       |                            |                          |                          |                          |
| <b>Funds brought forward</b>     |       | 2,378                      | 56,140                   | 58,518                   | 32,235                   |
| <b>Funds carried forward</b>     |       | <b>35,115</b>              | <b>3,214</b>             | <b>38,329</b>            | <b>58,518</b>            |

Nature Vibezzz acknowledge generous support form the following organisations;

National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities  
London Borough of Lambeth - Changing Lives, Getting  
Involved and Gipsy Hill health and wellbeing grants  
Greenwich Council - Neighbourhood Growth Fund  
Garfield Weston Foundation  
City Bridge Foundation

Norwood Forum  
Ironmonger's Company  
Action Funder - Thames Water  
Cory Community Fund  
Groundwork - Our Space  
Award