

Out Of Sight

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

Charity No. 1178097

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Out of Sight**

Reg'd Charity No: 1178097

Trustees:

Jane Claire Power
Kath Nixon
Anna Weatheritt
Gemma Chaytor
Lisa Taylor
Leanne Wallwork
Billy Clark
Denise Gilbert

Address: The Community Hub
23 Weetslade Road
Dudley
Cramlington
NE23 7HT

Bankers: HSBC

Independent
Examiner:

Mark Thompson MAAT
VODA
Spirit of North Tyneside Wing
2nd Floor, Wallsend Customer First Centre
16 The Forum
Wallsend
NE28 8JR

Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Objectives

Out of Sight have historically been supporting Visually Impaired/Blind Children, up to the age of 18 years living in North Tyneside, their families/carers and siblings in a way the Charity trustees saw fit. To include short-break holidays, events, day trips. That will continue to be our primary aim. With regard to moving forward and incorporating our Community Hub permission has been sought from the Charity Commission, and granted, to include supporting Visually Impaired/blind children until they are older (with discretion up to 25 years) and to include similar support for vulnerable families in the community to help with isolation and making friendships.

Grants

As our Charity is growing, we secured funding for an Events Organiser and admin support. We are delighted with the support from The Ballinger Trust who have given half the salary for the part time post of Events Co-ordinator, which was match funded with the Community Foundation for two years. We have paid the second part-time salary post without the assistance of a grant.

Events

It was a slow start due to the Pandemic and restrictions, our first event, we arranged visits to the Pantomime at Newcastle Theatre with funding from the Happy Days Children's Charity. We also enjoyed during this accounting period, a Christmas Party with children's entertainment and a visit from Santa with gifts for the children. We enjoyed a party for families with a buffet during half term school holidays. We also continue to fund Chloe's Den our bespoke caravan in a five-star site ourselves, and offer all of our services free to our community and families. Families could not wait to get away and enjoy a much needed break which met their needs well. We also enjoyed Wet Wheels Yorkshire which was a significantly popular event, allowing our wheelchair users access to a speed boat especially adapted for their use. As trustees we pride ourselves in offering these services free, supporting friendships, overcoming isolation, and supporting mental health generally. Also we do not want funding to be a barrier to stop people using our services.

Future Events

Platinum Jubilee Party for families; a trip to the Life Centre Exhibition; a trip to Blackpool for a weekend, with breakfast and evening meal included in the event; Disney on Ice booked, and a wonderful black-tie meal at Christmas 2022 with Panto booked at the event to celebrate 10 years as a Charitable Status generally. We have plans for trips to the local Zoo going in to 2023 and much more.

Generally

As to the Community support, the Grant for Feeding Families was a life-saver for our Community and Families, we were able to reach an agreement with our local Post Office whereby we issued a token so they could have their electric and gas topped up through funding we received. We partnered with Feeding Families a local Charity and were and continue to offer food parcels, we purchased goods, toiletries and essentials from "In Kind Direct" to distributed to the community, we purchased refreshments so we could offer them free to our community whoever wanted to come and drop-in, we offered coffee/tea/sugar/biscuits parcels to those in need.

We supported women fleeing domestic abuse by offering goods donated, helped young mothers out with baby clothing and donated goods. We are offering weekly floristry/crafting sessions and now offering free soup/refreshments each Friday. The amount of support we get by way of volunteers from the community is outstanding. Our Queen's Award for Voluntary Services speaks volumes.

The Community Hub is a drop in centre for all Monday to Saturday from 9.30 to 3pm (2pm close on a Saturday) where our office is based.

Our Policies and Procedures are all in date, we have CCTV in the Hub with appropriate policies and registration. We hold the required insurances for Public Liability. Following a Health Check all our policies were updated and reviewed.

We have applied for small grants from Greggs for families struggling in the community which have been successful.

After a visit from The Ballinger Trust, we were touched by their comments, "Every community should have something like this Hub it is brilliant".

We have managed our funding well, we have fund raised ourselves via GNR and selling donations, raffles etc. Due to the Pandemic, like all charities it was more difficult than ever, nonetheless we had sufficient reserves to continue and grow.

We are grateful to the amount of volunteers we have who make this Charity a success.

Reserves

We will be keeping a minimum of £8000 in reserve for the running costs of the Charity.

Founding Trustee Kath Nixon FCILEx

Signed

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Notes to the
accounts, 2012

Out Of Sight

On accounts for
the year ended

31 March 2022

Charity no 1178097

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent
examiner's
statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 30 November 2022

Name:

Mark Thompson MAAT

Address:

VODA
Linskill Centre
Linskill Terrace
North Shields
NE30 2AY

Out Of Sight

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts	2022	2022	2022	2021
			£	£
Grants	5	19462	19462	28430
Donations	8390		8390	3728
Fundraising	1410		1410	1125
OOS Hub	24934		24934	5512
Bank Interest	4		4	38
Other	261		261	846
Total Receipts	34999	19462	54461	39679
Payments				
Activities	4940	8229	13169	371
Covid Support to OOS Member	500		500	4860
Hub Costs	11349		11349	18149
Chloe's Den	5664		5664	5149
Repair & Maintenance			0	4350
Salary		5231	5231	0
Fundraising Expenses	1711		1711	0
Print, Post & Stationery	1855	473	2328	1608
Advertising			0	606
Travel	595	760	1355	0
Insurance	467		467	517
Fees & Charges	1712		1712	922
Others	109		109	205
Training			0	0
Total Payments	28902	14693	43595	36737
Surplus / deficit for the year	6097	4769	10866	2942
Funds at 1 April 2021	38500	0	38500	35558
Funds at 31 March 2022	44597	4769	49366	38500

**Out Of Sight
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank & in Hand	49366	38500
Total Cash Balances	49366	38500
Current Liabilities	0	0
Net Assets at 31 March 2022	49366	38500
Represented By:	6	
Restricted Funds	4769	0
Designated Funds	19100	19100
Unrestricted Funds	25497	19400
	49366	38500

Signed Position

Signed Position

Date

Out Of Sight

Notes to the accounts, 2022

1. Basis of accounts

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 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Out Of Sight 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 note(s).

2. Grants Received:

North Tyneside Council - Feeding Families	8500
The Ballinger Trust	5000
Community Foundation	5000
Happy Days Children's Charity	962
Total Grants	19462

3. Trustees and Staff

The organisation employed 2 members of staff during the period of the accounts. No payments were made to trustees' towards salary costs for the year £5231

4. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £350

5. Restricted Funds balance at 31 March 2022

	Balance 01/04/21	Income	Expend	Balance 31/03/22
North Tyneside Council - Feeding Families	0	8,500	8,500	0
The Ballinger Trust	0	5,000	5,000	0
Community Foundation	0	5,000	231	4769
Happy Days Children's Charity	0	962	962	0
				0
Total	0	19462	14693	4769

6. Designated Funds

Caravan Maintenance Fund	5000
Caravan Renewal Fund	6500
Lease Commitments	7600
Total Designated Funds	19100

In addition to the Designated Funds, we aim to have between three and six months running costs, as recommended by the Charity Commission.