

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales · Charity number 1180370

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-10-18

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS AND TRAUMA EXPERIENCED BY VICTIMS/SURVIVORS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THEIR DOMESTIC ABUSE SITUATIONS BY SUCH MEANS AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: I) THE PROVISION OF SAFE TEMPORARY REFUGE ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHERE THEY CAN FIND SAFETY AND PROTECTION AND CAN ACCESS PRACTICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WITH HOUSING, WELFARE AND LEGAL ISSUES. II) THE PROVISION OF AN OUTREACH SERVICE WHOSE OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND SUPPORT, EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR FACE TO FACE, TO VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.

Activities: Provide safe temporary accommodation for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Provide an Outreach Service whose objectives are to give advice and support to victims/survivors of domestic abuse

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Peterborough City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£793,076	£679,119	£427,205	17
2024-03-31	£652,369	£574,878	£313,249	12
2023-03-31	£432,364	£386,763	-	-
2022-03-31	£318,802	£294,431	-	-
2021-03-31	£309,122	£222,459	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Patricia Cook	Chair	2026-04-07
Alexandra Dumigan		2021-10-18
Bryonie Swift		2019-10-21
Cheyenne Elizabeth Smith		2026-04-07
Darranda Rowswell		2021-08-01
Dr Dharshana Sridhar		2022-11-21
Joely Garner		2026-04-07
Nicola Joy Holt		2024-07-20
Paul James Jervis		2023-06-19

Accounts

Charity registration number 1180370

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	D Rowswell Dr D Shridar A Dumigan C Thatcher S Whyman P Jervis B Swift N Holt	(Appointed 20 July 2024)
CEO	A Geraghty	
Charity number	1180370	
Principal address	PO Box 75 Peterborough PE1 4UZ	
Independent examiner	Price Bailey LLP 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynchwood Peterborough PE2 6LR	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Church Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XE	

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PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

1. Our mission

To provide a specialist response to domestic abuse and violence against women and girls; empower victims to be in control of their own future and create everlasting change.

2. Our values

These values shape the behaviours, culture and work of Peterborough Women's Aid and they will strengthen our ability to support survivors of gender-based violence.

- **Partnership** We will work in partnership with statutory agencies, charities, community groups and sister organisations to achieve our mission.
- **Passion** We will work with passion to support victims of gender-based violence.
- **Empowerment** We will empower victims to take back control of their lives.
- **Impartiality** We will work in a non-judgemental and non-discriminatory way where everyone is welcomed and valued.
- **Peterborough** We will provide specialist services tailored to the needs of the Peterborough community and surrounding areas.

We achieve our mission by:

1. Providing temporary, safe accommodation to women and their children fleeing domestic abuse and providing specialist emotional and practical support through trained, dedicated workers.
2. Providing resettlement support to women and children at the point that they can secure independent accommodation in Peterborough.
3. Raising awareness of domestic abuse by having an interactive website where victims and professionals can access help through webchat and direct referrals into the service. We operate a domestic abuse advice line for the Peterborough community. This includes liaising with and signposting to other domestic abuse services where required.
4. Delivering several specialist services to the community, including support to South Asian Women (Dahlia Project), Lithuanian Women and male victims across Cambridgeshire (B-United). Community support includes, but is not exclusive to, emotional support as well as practical support including safety planning, housing, court advocacy and independent translation.
5. Delivering the E-scape Project. We deliver the Healing Together Programme which ensures children affected by domestic abuse are able to access early trauma informed help. In secondary schools, we facilitate the DAY Programme which is a unique multimedia programme that uses short films, chart music, and advertisements to raise awareness around domestic abuse and exploitation in a relevant and exciting way.
6. Facilitating group work programmes educating and empowering victims. These groups aim to increase self-esteem, promote healthy living, and provide peer support.
7. Providing a safe space in our community centre, Anne's House, where families have access to a library, internet café, prayer room, free shop and group work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Refuge Service

The primary refuge service provides emergency accommodation for up to 8 women and up to 20 children who are fleeing domestic violence / abuse. Trained refuge workers provide one to one emotional and practical support to the women in the refuge, including but not exclusive to: supporting with benefit applications to ensure all the women have access to their own money, registration with a GP to ensure medical needs are taken care of, accessing legal advice in the event of non-settled immigration status or custody proceedings, access to counselling services, delivery of the Own My Life Programme, assistance with housing applications and resettlement. A package of support, through a care plan, is developed in conjunction with the woman to identify her needs and the actions required to meet those needs.

The additional refuge service provides emergency accommodation for up to 3 women who are fleeing domestic abuse and have no recourse to public funds. Women and families who have no recourse to public funds cannot claim any form of benefits and are seeking asylum or applying for the migrant domestic abuse concession.

Children's Workers

In addition to providing support to the women, the refuge employs dedicated, qualified children's workers, who provide age appropriate emotional, practical, and educational support to the children in the refuge. This support includes but is not exclusive to registration to nurseries or schools, age appropriate one to one support sessions designed to help the child process their experience of fleeing their home because of domestic abuse, registration with health visitors and GPs to ensure medical needs are taken care of, and activity days that are suitable for the whole family. The children's workers are trained to deliver the 'Healing Together' programme which aims to support mum and child to process the trauma they have experienced together and not in isolation from each other. One of the children's workers specialises in working with young people who have additional needs.

Resettlement Support

We provide resettlement support for women and their children when they are successful in securing independent accommodation in Peterborough. Resettlement support includes providing grant funding to support with moving costs and/or white goods for the new home, regular outreach visits to the new home to provide ongoing support whilst the family settle into their new accommodation, referring to sanctuary specialists to ensure the family feel safe and secure in their new home, and where required, support to register children with new nurseries or schools.

Community Service

Our community workers offer support including, but not exclusive to, safety planning to ensure the victim has a plan should the risk of domestic abuse increase, access to counselling support if required, access to legal support to increase safety such as non-molestation orders, translation, and support with securing immigration status.

The Dhalia Project is a culturally specific service supporting women from the South Asian Community in Peterborough. B-United is a dedicated service supporting male victims of domestic abuse and our first countywide contract. We continue to have a dedicated Lithuanian Specialist Worker.

Domestic Abuse Advice Line

We run a telephone helpline for victims of domestic abuse or professionals seeking advice. The advice line operates throughout the week and is run by our team members who support our community service. The advice line is available to anyone seeking support from domestic abuse in the Peterborough area and onward referrals will be made if required. In addition to the helpline, we host a 'chat function' on our website which is another source of information, advice, and guidance on the support options available to victims of domestic abuse.

Group Work

Women Warriors continues to provide support to all women in Peterborough with a weekly group focusing on well-being, increasing confidence and reducing isolation. This year, in partnership with Craft4Smiles we ran a weekly Arts and Crafts group encouraging women to learn new skills to increase their prospects of employment or volunteering.

We facilitated culturally specific groups. Muslim Queens was a four-weekly programme aimed at helping Muslim women in Peterborough understand their rights and relate them to religious beliefs and expectations. We ran culturally specific coffee mornings working in partnership with the Raham Project and Peterborough Women's network.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prevention

We continue to deliver the E-scape Project (Supporting Children and Protecting through Education) focuses on preventing domestic abuse by ending the cycle of abuse. Through this project we deliver the Healing Together Programme which supports primary school children who have been affected by domestic abuse and the DAY Programme which helps young people in secondary school and six form colleges recognise unhealthy relationships.

Through the Dahlia Project, we facilitated training sessions for professionals on honour-based abuse, female genital mutilation, breast ironing and forced marriage.

Anne's House

Anne's House is a dedicated space in central Peterborough where women can meet with staff and volunteers from the charity to get the help and support they need. Anne's House has a lounge, prayer room, internet café, library, free shop and conference centre. This year we have expanded the services we offer at Anne's House. We run English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes, debt management support, and legal drop-ins. We have made Anne's House available to partner organisation supporting vulnerable women. These include the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and Probation services as well as St Giles Trust.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

- During the year we supported 27 women and 26 children through our refuge service
- Our advice line and webchat received 658 referrals from victims seeking support.
- Anne's House continues to be a safe place for families to access support and services. This year we have had 1500 visits from women and children. All families in need have access to our free shop which provides clothes, toiletries and food.
- The B-United project supporting male victims of abuse across Cambridgeshire received 234 referrals
- We continued to support women from the Lithuanian Community and have had 45 referrals through that programme over the last year. The clients we supported engaged with us on a long term basis, in excess of 12 weeks. 67% of referrals were self-referrals evidencing that the awareness of the service is increasing within Peterborough. This project will be funded for the next year through funding sourced by the Cambridge Community Foundation
- The Dahlia Project received 149 referrals and out of these supported 29 families with no recourse to public funds. 38% of referrals were suffering emotional abuse and 25% had been physically abused. Safety and Housing were the top needs for clients accessing support through this project. This project will be funded for the next 3 years through the Community Lottery Fund.
- Women Warriors continues to be a success. On average we have 15-20 women and pre-school children attend the group weekly where they enjoy a number of well being activities. Feedback from this group is that it reduces isolation, increases confidence and provides a safe space to access specialist support. We have subsequently began delivering this group twice weekly.
- We launched ESOL classes that are run by Peterborough College, and a number of women have completed their Level One qualification.
- We opened Azadi House, the first refuge in the East of England to offer safe accommodation to families with no recourse to public funds
- The E-scape project delivering preventative programmes is now well established within schools. The Healing Together Programme has received 103 referrals from 25 primary schools in Peterborough. We will have reached over 2000 young people delivering sessions from the DAY Programme in Secondary schools and Sixth Forms.
- We continue to focus on fundraising to raise income to help us fund our vital work. This year we had our first Charity Ball and were the biggest charity at the Great Eastern Run.
- We continue to grow our following on social media and in the community. Our bi-weekly show on Salaam FM is the most watched show on the station. We won Charity of the Year at the Peterborough Business Awards and were finalists and The BBC Make a Difference Awards.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Peterborough Women's Aid's financial performance has been very good this year. Our grant funded major projects have increased significantly and so we have focussed on growing our unrestricted reserves. This ensures we continue to maintain the level of cover required by our reserves policy, while additionally providing us with the most flexibility regarding the services we can provide.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will act as a safeguard, in the event that Peterborough Women's Aid experience a drop in funding, and to allow Peterborough Women's Aid to continue to deliver their services whilst allowing time to seek alternative funding. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Protection and Investment Act 2016 to safeguard the public. Peterborough Women's Aid always aim to inform the public, local businesses and other institutions about our services. Our practice is to respond to offers of donations with gratitude.

Donations

Donations made in cash or by way of gifts were received during the year from numerous local businesses, other societies and associations and from individuals.

Peterborough Women's Aid received many donations from supporters that included: funding, toiletries, toys, clothes, baby equipment, food, and equipment for the refuge.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Peterborough Women's Aid throughout this year.

Risk Review

Peterborough Women's Aid have developed a business continuity plan setting out the contingency plans in the event of an incident that affects the operational delivery of its core services.

Peterborough Women's Aid have a risk register allowing The Board to identify any risks to the charity and implement mitigation measures.

The board of trustees meet on a regular basis where a review of risks is carried out and risk management plans implemented as required. Currently, the trustees are satisfied that there are systems in place at this time to manage risk appropriately.

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead to 2025/2026

Next year Peterborough Women's Aid will

- continue to raise awareness of domestic abuse through outreach, training and social media;
- increase engagement with clients to improve our services;
- effectively support new and existing staff with training & development opportunities;
- enhance the delivery of current services to improve impact and efficiency; and
- expand our safe accommodation provision to ensure that the more vulnerable victims, and families with no recourse to public funds have a safe place to live.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioner under charity number 1180370.

Peterborough Women's Aid is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

D Rowswell	Chair
Dr D Shridar	Vice Chair
A Dumigan	Secretary
C Thatcher	
S Whyman	
P Jervis	Treasurer
B Swift	Safeguarding Lead
N Holt	(Appointed 20 July 2024)

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the Trustees. New trustees are actively sought on an ongoing basis and their appointment is ratified at the AGM or at a board meeting. The Trustees, of up to 12 members, meet regularly during the year. Sub groups are formed from the board of trustees to deal with specific aspects of finance and personnel.

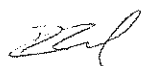
None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Management

The day-to-day responsibilities of running Peterborough Women's Aid are held by the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Amanda Geraghty, who reports to the treasurer and board of trustees on a regular basis. The CEO is supported by an administrator.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



D Rowswell
Chair of Board

17 June 2025

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Peterborough Women's Aid (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Kerry Hilliard ACA FCCA CTA
Price Bailey LLP
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Dated: 19 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	37,190	-	37,190	31,176	-	31,176
Charitable activities	4	165,456	588,058	753,514	166,030	453,820	619,850
Investments	5	2,372	-	2,372	1,344	-	1,344
Total income		<u>205,018</u>	<u>588,058</u>	<u>793,076</u>	<u>198,550</u>	<u>453,820</u>	<u>652,370</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	<u>140,947</u>	<u>538,172</u>	<u>679,119</u>	<u>101,062</u>	<u>473,818</u>	<u>574,880</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		64,071	49,886	113,957	97,488	(19,998)	77,490
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(3,097)</u>	<u>3,097</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,531)</u>	<u>3,531</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		60,974	52,983	113,957	93,957	(16,467)	77,490
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		<u>248,896</u>	<u>64,352</u>	<u>313,248</u>	<u>154,939</u>	<u>80,819</u>	<u>235,758</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		<u><u>309,870</u></u>	<u><u>117,335</u></u>	<u><u>427,205</u></u>	<u><u>248,896</u></u>	<u><u>64,352</u></u>	<u><u>313,248</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

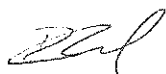
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		2,803		1,598
Current assets					
Debtors	11	46,219		45,507	
Cash at bank and in hand		405,002		286,447	
		<u>451,221</u>		<u>331,954</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(26,819)</u>		<u>(20,304)</u>	
Net current assets			424,402		311,650
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>427,205</u>		<u>313,248</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		117,335		64,352
Unrestricted funds - general			309,870		248,896
			<u>427,205</u>		<u>313,248</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 June 2025



D Rowsell
Trustee

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Peterborough Women's Aid is constituted under CIO-Foundation deed, and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1180370.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when received, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended

Expenditure, including VAT, is recognised on the accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Costs have been allocated to the activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources and staff time spent.

Management and administration costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements	15% per annum on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Donations and gifts	37,190	31,176
Donations and gifts		
Property Angels Foundation	-	3,000
Other	37,190	28,176
	37,190	31,176

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Charitable activities

	Refuge Services	Children's Services	Outreach and Domestic Violence Advocacy Services	Other Services	Total 2025	Total 2024
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	£	£
Services provided	42,393	-	-	23,323	65,716	39,686
Grants received	264,740	105,520	310,498	7,040	687,798	580,164
	<u>307,133</u>	<u>105,520</u>	<u>310,498</u>	<u>30,363</u>	<u>753,514</u>	<u>619,850</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	142,133	-	-	23,323	165,456	166,030
Restricted funds	165,000	105,520	310,498	7,040	588,058	453,820
	<u>307,133</u>	<u>105,520</u>	<u>310,498</u>	<u>30,363</u>	<u>753,514</u>	<u>619,850</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Refuge Services	Children's Services	Outreach and Domestic Violence Advocacy Services	Other Services	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Services provided	37,096	-	-	2,590	39,686
Grants received	296,552	32,813	241,299	9,500	580,164
	<u>333,648</u>	<u>32,813</u>	<u>241,299</u>	<u>12,090</u>	<u>619,850</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds - general	163,440	-	-	2,590	166,030
Restricted funds	170,208	32,813	241,299	9,500	453,820
	<u>333,648</u>	<u>32,813</u>	<u>241,299</u>	<u>12,090</u>	<u>619,850</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £
Interest receivable	2,372	1,344

6 Charitable activities

	Refuge Services	Children's Services	Outreach and Domestic Violence Advocacy Services	Other Services	Total 2025	Total 2024
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	£	£
Staff costs	168,138	87,077	197,482	-	452,697	374,612
Depreciation and impairment	495	-	-	-	495	-
Services provided	89,102	1,543	45,626	2,005	138,276	127,574
	<u>257,735</u>	<u>88,620</u>	<u>243,108</u>	<u>2,005</u>	<u>591,468</u>	<u>502,186</u>
Share of support costs	16,818	4,879	53,247	9,294	84,238	66,450
Share of governance costs	3,413	-	-	-	3,413	6,244
	<u>277,966</u>	<u>93,499</u>	<u>296,355</u>	<u>11,299</u>	<u>679,119</u>	<u>574,880</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds - general	131,653	-	-	9,294	140,947	101,062
Restricted funds	146,313	93,499	296,355	2,005	538,172	473,818
	<u>277,966</u>	<u>93,499</u>	<u>296,355</u>	<u>11,299</u>	<u>679,119</u>	<u>574,880</u>

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6 Charitable activities

(Continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Refuge Services	Children's Services	Outreach and Domestic Violence Advocacy Services	Other Services	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	190,819	12,239	171,554	-	374,612
Services provided	70,463	716	48,905	7,490	127,574
	<u>261,282</u>	<u>12,955</u>	<u>220,459</u>	<u>7,490</u>	<u>502,186</u>
Share of support costs (see note)	28,329	1,257	32,080	4,784	66,450
Share of governance costs (see note)	6,244	-	-	-	6,244
	<u>295,855</u>	<u>14,212</u>	<u>252,539</u>	<u>12,274</u>	<u>574,880</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds - general	101,062	-	-	-	101,062
Restricted funds	194,793	14,212	252,539	12,274	473,818
	<u>295,855</u>	<u>14,212</u>	<u>252,539</u>	<u>12,274</u>	<u>574,880</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Chief executive officer/service manager	1	1
Refuge services	2	3
Children's worker	1	2
Outreach workers	10	5
Administrator	1	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>
Total		

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8 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	452,697	374,612

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	-	31,880	31,880
Additions	1,700	-	1,700
At 31 March 2025	1,700	31,880	33,580
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	-	30,282	30,282
Depreciation charged in the year	255	240	495
At 31 March 2025	255	30,522	30,777
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	1,445	1,358	2,803
At 31 March 2024	-	1,598	1,598

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	46,219	45,364
Prepayments and accrued income	-	143
	46,219	45,507

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,402	7,773
Trade creditors	6,931	2,259
Accruals and deferred income	18,486	10,272
	<u>26,819</u>	<u>20,304</u>

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Movement in funds			Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Movement in funds			Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £		
DASV Flexible Fund	2,034	10,751	(9,059)	-	3,726	10,500	(1,510)	-	-	12,716
Housing related support grant	36,758	115,000	(144,210)	20,599	28,147	115,000	(121,838)	-	-	21,309
Children in Need grant	1,918	-	(3,188)	1,270	-	39,895	(24,434)	-	-	15,461
OPCC Outreach Worker	(96)	-	-	96	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridgeshire County Council contribution to outreach post	20,599	-	(37)	(20,562)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cross Keys Outreach	1,606	-	-	-	1,606	-	-	-	-	1,606
DASV Children's Worker	(48)	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-
DASV Counselling	2,580	10,000	(13,160)	580	-	5,000	(6,428)	1,428	-	-
Longhurst Community Grant	(9)	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Circle Fund	2,904	-	(2,774)	-	130	4,000	(2,004)	-	-	2,126
Kelly Foundation	80	-	(27)	-	53	-	-	-	-	53
Lithuanian Community DASV Engagement worker	371	44,339	(44,980)	270	-	44,406	(44,788)	382	-	-
OPCC DA Support Lead	1,822	-	(228)	-	1,594	-	-	-	-	1,594
Refurbishment - Cambs County Council	1,511	-	(1,392)	-	119	-	-	-	-	119
Refuge Services	500	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	500
Women in prison	(47)	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women Warriors	(80)	5,595	(2,540)	-	2,975	-	(2,585)	-	-	390
Unassigned	(697)	-	-	697	-	-	-	-	-	-
CADA - Children Affected by Domestic Abuse	1,833	-	(639)	-	1,194	-	-	-	-	1,194
The Dhalia Project	(419)	141,056	(142,781)	-	(2,144)	145,438	(147,736)	-	-	(4,442)
B-United Male Project	6,656	35,152	(42,218)	410	-	36,272	(36,282)	10	-	-
Alan Boswell Fund	-	4,500	(2,679)	-	1,821	-	-	-	-	1,821

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13	Restricted funds								(Continued)
	B&Q Foundation	-	9,500	(9,500)	-	-	-	-	-
	Cost of living community grant	-	40,613	(40,680)	67	-	-	-	-
	Home Office fund	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	(53)	-	1,447
	Healthier futures	-	32,813	(10,385)	-	22,428	(69,061)	-	18,992
	Screwfix	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	-	-	-
	CAF Funded Tech & Impact Bursaries	1,043	-	(340)	-	703	-	-	703
	Dispersed Accommodation	-	-	-	-	-	(21,110)	1,110	-
	Garfield Weston	-	-	-	-	-	(728)	-	29,272
	Harry Cureton	-	-	-	-	-	(10,239)	-	9,437
	La Doria Arts and Crafts	-	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	3,037
	Learning and Skills Fund	-	-	-	-	-	(28,929)	6	-
	Victim and Witness Hub	-	-	-	-	-	(20,444)	161	-
		<u>80,819</u>	<u>453,819</u>	<u>(473,817)</u>	<u>3,531</u>	<u>64,352</u>	<u>(538,172)</u>	<u>3,097</u>	<u>117,335</u>

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13 Restricted funds

(Continued)

The charity has highlighted the following key restricted funds:

B-United Male Project – Outreach project to support male victims of abuse across Cambridgeshire.

Children in Need – To fund one child support worker at the refuge to work specifically with young people who have additional needs.

Healthier Futures Funding – This projects delivers the Healing Together Programme in Primary Schools and the DAY Programme in secondary schools.

Lithuanian Community DASV – Providing outreach to Lithuanian victims of abuse in Peterborough to women in their own language.

Learning and Skills Fund – Funding for an Arts and Crafts group for victims of abuse to encourage new skills and back to work support.

Safe Accommodation Grant – Funding for support staff at the refuge.

The Dahlia Project – Providing outreach to South Asian victims of abuse in their own language. Offering a service to women with no recourse to public funds and training for professionals.

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,358	1,445	2,803	1,598	-	1,598
Current assets/(liabilities)	308,512	115,890	424,402	247,298	64,352	311,650
	<u>309,870</u>	<u>117,335</u>	<u>427,205</u>	<u>248,896</u>	<u>64,352</u>	<u>313,248</u>

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Within one year	31,072	26,572
Between two and five years	67,938	96,448
	<u>99,010</u>	<u>123,020</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	D Rowswell	
	C Thatcher	
	A Dumigan	
	Dr D Shridar	
	S Whyman	
	P Jervis	(Appointed 19 June 2023)
	B Swift	
CEO	A Geraghty	
Charity number	1180370	
Principal address	PO Box 75 Peterborough PE1 4UZ	
Independent examiner	Price Bailey LLP 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynchwood Peterborough PE2 6LR	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Church Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XE	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

1. Our mission

To provide a specialist response to domestic abuse and violence against women and girls; empower victims to be in control of their own future and create everlasting change.

2. Our values

These values shape the behaviours, culture and work of Peterborough Women's Aid and they will strengthen our ability to support survivors of gender-based violence.

- **Partnership** We will work in partnership with statutory agencies, charities, community groups and sister organisations to achieve our mission.
- **Passion** We will work with passion to support victims of gender-based violence.
- **Empowerment** We will empower victims to take back control of their lives.
- **Impartiality** We will work in a non-judgemental and non-discriminatory way where everyone is welcomed and valued.
- **Peterborough** We will provide specialist services tailored to the needs of the Peterborough community and surrounding areas.

We achieve our mission by:

1. Providing temporary, safe accommodation to women and their children fleeing domestic abuse and providing specialist emotional and practical support through trained, dedicated workers.
2. Providing resettlement support to women and children at the point that they can secure independent accommodation in Peterborough.
3. Raising awareness of domestic abuse by having an interactive website where victims and professionals can access help through webchat and direct referrals into the service. We operate a domestic abuse advice line for the Peterborough community. This includes liaising with and signposting to other domestic abuse services where required.
4. Delivering several specialist services to the community, including support to South Asian Women (Dahlia Project), Lithuanian Women and male victims across Cambridgeshire (B-United). Community support includes, but is not exclusive to, emotional support as well as practical support including safety planning, housing, court advocacy and independent translation.
5. Delivering the E-scape Project. We deliver the Healing Together Programme which ensures children affected by domestic abuse are able to access early trauma informed help. In secondary schools, we facilitate the DAY Programme which is a unique multimedia programme that uses short films, chart music, and advertisements to raise awareness around domestic abuse and exploitation in a relevant and exciting way.
6. Facilitating group work programmes educating and empowering victims. These groups aim to increase self-esteem, promote healthy living, and provide peer support.
7. Providing a safe space in our community centre, Anne's House, where families have access to a library, internet café, prayer room, free shop and group work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Refuge Service

The refuge provides emergency accommodation for up to 8 women and up to 20 children who are fleeing domestic violence / abuse. Trained refuge workers provide one to one emotional and practical support to the women in the refuge, including but not exclusive to, supporting with benefit applications to ensure all the women have access to their own money, registration with a GP to ensure medical needs are taken care of, accessing legal advice in the event of non-settled immigration status or custody proceedings, access to counselling services, delivery of the Own My Life Programme, housing applications and resettlement. A package of support, through a care plan, is developed in conjunction with the woman to identify her needs and the actions required to meet those needs.

Children's Workers

In addition to providing support to the women, the refuge employs dedicated, qualified children's workers, who provide age appropriate emotional, practical, and educational support to the children in the refuge. This support includes but is not exclusive to, registration to nurseries or schools, age appropriate one to one support sessions designed to help the child process their experience of fleeing their home because of domestic abuse, registration with health visitors and GPs to ensure medical needs are taken care of, and activity days that are suitable for the whole family. The children's workers are trained to deliver the 'Healing Together' programme which aims to support mum and child to process the trauma they have experienced together and not in isolation from each other.

Resettlement Support

We provide resettlement support for women and their children when they are successful in securing independent accommodation in Peterborough. Resettlement support includes providing grant funding to support with moving costs and/or white goods for the new home, regular outreach visits to the new home to provide ongoing support whilst the family settle into their new accommodation, referring to sanctuary specialists to ensure the family feel safe and secure in their new home, and where required, support to register children with new nurseries or schools.

Community Service

Our community workers offer support including, but not exclusive to, safety planning to ensure the victim has a plan should the risk of domestic abuse increase, access to counselling support if required, access to legal support to increase safety such as non-molestation orders, translation, and support with securing immigration status.

We have expanded our community services over the last year. The Dahlia Project, funded for two years by the Home Office, is a culturally specific service supporting women from the South Asian Community in Peterborough. B-United, funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, is a dedicated service supporting male victims of domestic abuse and our first countywide contract. We continue to have a dedicated Lithuanian Specialist Worker.

Domestic Abuse Helpline

We run a telephone helpline for victims of domestic abuse or professionals seeking advice. The advice line operates throughout the week and is run by our team members who support our community service. The advice line is available to anyone seeking support from domestic abuse in the Peterborough area and onward referrals will be made if required. In addition to the helpline, we host a 'chat function' on our website which is another source of information, advice, and guidance on the support options available to victims of domestic abuse.

Group Work

We have facilitated the Own My Life programme online throughout the year. Women Warriors continues to provide support to all women in Peterborough with a weekly group focusing on well-being, increasing confidence and reducing isolation. Our weekly Arts and Crafts group encourages woman to learn new skills to increase their prospects of employment or volunteering.

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Prevention

The E-scape Project (supporting Children and Protecting through Education) was launched this year focusing on prevention, by ending the cycle of abuse. Through this project we deliver the Healing Together Programme in which supports primary school children who have been affected by domestic abuse and the DAY Programme which helps young people in secondary school and six form colleges recognise unhealthy relationships.

Through the Dahlia Project, we facilitated five training sessions for professionals on honour-based abuse and female genital mutilation.

Anne's House

In January 2024, we opened Anne's House, a dedicated space in central Peterborough where women can meet with staff and volunteers from the charity to get the help and support they need. Since opening, the centre has had over 700 visits. Anne's House has a lounge, prayer room, internet café, library, free shop and conference centre. Anne's House has enabled Peterborough Women's Aid to provide additional services, for example arranging drop in sessions on subjects such as housing and legal issues. The probation service uses Anne's House to see their most vulnerable female clients, giving them access to our specialist support. The Raham Project who supports ethnic minority families pre and post pregnancy co-locate at Anne's House creating more referrals pathways for women in need.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Achievements and performance

- We opened Anne's House, a safe place for families to access support and services. This was made possible from funding from the Cambridgeshire Proceeds of Crime fund, and the Cost-of-Living Fund. Since opening in January 2024 Anne's House has had over 700 visits from women, children and professionals. We have provided over 75 families with clothes, toiletries and food from our free shop
- We expanded our community service by providing specialist support to male victims of domestic abuse. B-United is our first countywide project funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner until 31st March 2025. In the first year we received 165 referrals from 19 different sources. Feedback from the project included "I find you very easy to talk to, you clearly care and I cannot thank you enough for the support today, I now see a light at the end of the tunnel thank you so much for what you've done".
- We continued to support women from the Lithuanian and Polish Communities and have had 66 referrals over the last year. 77% of these referrals engaged with us for long term support in excess of 12 weeks. The most significant outcome is around health with clients having a reduction in symptoms of trauma and anxiety and being better able to manage their mental health. Client interviews elicited these comments about the project " Maybe if I had met XXX earlier, it would have opened my eyes earlier. You have to feel real help, and people understand what situation you are. When you feel they understand you, they don't judge you – they help you go up. Her voice – all the time equal level voice, it's like hugs."and "I don't know what they can do more, how much help I received, I am really happy'. They do everything – they react very quickly, they listen how you feel, they don't judge. "
- A priority this year was to continue to make improvements to the refuge to ensure that all families in the refuge are welcomed into a comfortable and safe environment. With the support of Screwfix and B&Q the staff office was refurbished to provide a support area and the children's playroom had new flooring.
- We launched the Dahlia Project. This project supports South Asian victims of abuse and raise awareness with professionals around the barriers this community faces in accessing support. This project is funded by the Home Office until March 2025. Since launching we have received 120 referrals with 60% of these being self-referrals demonstrating the connection between the project and local community. We have supported 27 women with no recourse to public funds and ensured they have safe accommodation, and that their basic needs are met. Early findings show that 82% of clients leaving the service felt more empowered and informed and 90% felt safer. As part of the project we have delivered honour based abuse and female genital mutilation training to over 100 professionals. 95% of attendees found the training "excellent".
- We facilitated weekly group gatherings that provide peer support and activities for women and children in Peterborough. These sessions are funded by Cambridge Community Foundation and the Harry Cureton Charitable Trust. On average we have 15-20 women and pre-school children attend the group weekly where they enjoy a number of well being activities. Feedback from this group is that it reduces isolation, increases confidence and provides a safe space to access specialist support.
- We launched E-scape which is our first project delivering preventative programmes in schools. This project is funded by the NHS Healthier Futures Fund. We aim to support and educate 150 children and young people during the project.
- We continue to grow our funding. This year, charitable donations increased by 40% which enabled us to respond to the needs of the community and support more survivors.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Peterborough Women's Aid's financial performance has been very good this year. In addition to the higher grant income for the major projects, there has also been significant growth in our unrestricted funds. This has been a focus area, as these funds give us the most flexibility regarding the services we can provide. As importantly, they also allow us to increase our reserves in line with our expenses, ensuring we maintain the level of cover required by our reserves policy.

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Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will act as a safeguard, in the event that Peterborough Women's Aid experience a drop in funding, and to allow Peterborough Women's Aid to continue to deliver their services whilst allowing time to seek alternative funding. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Protection and Investment Act 2016 to safeguard the public. Peterborough Women's Aid always aim to inform the public, local businesses and other institutions about our services. Our practice is to respond to offers of donations with gratitude.

Donations

Donations made in cash or by way of gifts were received during the year from numerous local businesses, other societies and associations and from individuals.

Peterborough Women's Aid received many donations from supporters that included: funding, toiletries, toys, clothes, baby equipment, food, and equipment for the refuge.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Peterborough Women's Aid throughout this year.

Risk Review

Peterborough Women's Aid have developed a business continuity plan setting out the contingency plans in the event of an incident that affects the operational delivery of its core services.

Peterborough Women's Aid have a risk register allowing The Board to identify any risks to the charity and implement mitigation measures.

The board of trustees meet on a six weekly basis where a review of risks is carried out and risk management plans implemented as required. At this time, the trustees are satisfied that there are systems in place at this time to manage risk appropriately.

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead to 2024/2025

Next year Peterborough Women's Aid will:

- Continue to raise awareness of domestic abuse through outreach, training and social media.
- Build on the success of Anne's house by offering more group work and educational opportunities for women in Peterborough.
- Secure funding for the continuation of our specialist community work through fundraising and grant applications.
- Expand our safe accommodation provision to ensure that the more vulnerable victims have a safe place to live.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioner under charity number 1180370.

Peterborough Women's Aid is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

D Rowswell		Chair
C Thatcher		Vice Chair
A Dumigan		Secretary
Dr D Shridar		
S Whyman		
P Jervis	(Appointed 19 June 2023)	Treasurer
B Swift		Safeguarding Lead

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the Trustees. New trustees are actively sought on an ongoing basis and their appointment is ratified at the AGM. The Trustees, of up to ten members, meet regularly during the year. Sub groups are formed from the board of trustees to deal with specific aspects of finance and personnel.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

Management

The day-to-day responsibilities of running Peterborough Women's Aid are held by the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Amanda Geraghty, who reports to the treasurer and board of trustees on a regular basis. The CEO is supported by an administrator.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D Rowswell
Trustee

29 July 2024

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Peterborough Women's Aid (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Hilliard ACA FCCA CTA
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Dated: 29 July 2024

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	31,176	-	31,176	19,328	-	19,328
Charitable activities	4	166,030	453,819	619,849	113,751	299,044	412,795
Investments	5	1,344	-	1,344	241	-	241
Total income		<u>198,550</u>	<u>453,819</u>	<u>652,369</u>	<u>133,320</u>	<u>299,044</u>	<u>432,364</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	<u>101,062</u>	<u>473,816</u>	<u>574,878</u>	<u>81,026</u>	<u>305,737</u>	<u>386,763</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		97,488	(19,997)	77,491	52,294	(6,693)	45,601
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(3,531)</u>	<u>3,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,272</u>	<u>(17,272)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/							
Net movement in funds		93,957	(16,466)	77,491	69,566	(23,965)	45,601
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>154,939</u>	<u>80,819</u>	<u>235,758</u>	<u>85,373</u>	<u>104,784</u>	<u>190,157</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>248,896</u></u>	<u><u>64,353</u></u>	<u><u>313,249</u></u>	<u><u>154,939</u></u>	<u><u>80,819</u></u>	<u><u>235,758</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,598		1,598
Current assets					
Debtors	11	45,508		19,028	
Cash at bank and in hand		286,447		228,833	
		<u>331,955</u>		<u>247,861</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(20,304)</u>		<u>(13,701)</u>	
Net current assets			311,651		234,160
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>313,249</u>		<u>235,758</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13	64,353		80,819	
Unrestricted funds - general		248,896		154,939	
		<u>313,249</u>		<u>235,758</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 July 2024

D Rowsell
Trustee

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Peterborough Women's Aid is constituted under CIO-Foundation deed, and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1180370.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when received, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended

Expenditure, including VAT, is recognised on the accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Costs have been allocated to the activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources and staff time spent.

Management and administration costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Donations and gifts	31,176	19,328
Donations and gifts		
Property Angels Foundation	3,000	4,000
Nene Park Golf Club fundraiser	-	1,183
Amazon Charitable Giving	-	1,000
Other	28,176	13,145
	31,176	19,328

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2024	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2023
	2024	2024	2024		2023	2023	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Refuge services provided	163,440	-	-	163,440	113,751	-	-	113,751
Performance related grants	-	115,000	338,819	453,819	-	115,000	184,044	299,044
Other income	2,590	-	-	2,590	-	-	-	-
	<u>166,030</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>338,819</u>	<u>619,849</u>	<u>113,751</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>184,044</u>	<u>412,795</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	166,030	-	-	166,030	113,751	-	-	113,751
Restricted funds	-	115,000	338,819	453,819	-	115,000	184,044	299,044
	<u>166,030</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>338,819</u>	<u>619,849</u>	<u>113,751</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>184,044</u>	<u>412,795</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £
Interest receivable	1,344	241

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2024	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2023
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	£	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	£
Staff costs	118,636	10,792	245,185	374,613	37,555	86,681	119,653	243,889
Refuge services provided	32,459	-	82,716	115,175	34,844	13,331	77,251	125,426
Outreach services	-	-	-	-	-	-	584	584
Children's services	-	-	12,052	12,052	-	-	7,637	7,637
	<u>151,095</u>	<u>10,792</u>	<u>339,953</u>	<u>501,840</u>	<u>72,399</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,125</u>	<u>377,536</u>
Share of support costs	15,742	-	51,052	66,794	4,481	-	-	4,481
Share of governance costs	6,244	-	-	6,244	4,146	-	600	4,746
	<u>173,081</u>	<u>10,792</u>	<u>391,005</u>	<u>574,878</u>	<u>81,026</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>386,763</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	101,062	-	-	101,062	81,026	-	-	81,026
Restricted funds	72,019	10,792	391,005	473,816	-	100,012	205,725	305,737
	<u>173,081</u>	<u>10,792</u>	<u>391,005</u>	<u>574,878</u>	<u>81,026</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>386,763</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Chief executive officer/service manager	1	1
Refuge services	3	3
Children's worker	2	2
Outreach workers	5	2
Administrator	1	1
Total	12	9

Employment costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	341,588	222,499
Social security costs	23,877	15,250
Other pension costs	9,148	6,140
	374,613	243,889

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	31,880
At 31 March 2024	31,880
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2023	30,282
At 31 March 2024	30,282
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	1,598
At 31 March 2023	1,598

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	45,365	16,820
Prepayments and accrued income	143	2,208
	45,508	19,028

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	7,773	4,714
Trade creditors	2,259	4,208
Other creditors	-	100
Accruals and deferred income	10,272	4,679
	20,304	13,701

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
DASV flexible fund	19,339	14,000	(13,037)	(18,268)	2,034	10,751	(9,059)	-	3,726
Housing related support grant	21,770	115,000	(100,012)	-	36,758	115,000	(144,209)	20,599	28,148
Henry Smith charity	2,093	-	(2,093)	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIND fund	593	-	-	(593)	-	-	-	-	-
Children in Need grant	3,025	32,945	(34,052)	-	1,918	-	(3,188)	1,270	-
Early Intervention Domestic Abuse grant	(451)	-	-	451	-	-	-	-	-
OPCC Youth fund	886	-	-	(886)	-	-	-	-	-
OPCC Coronavirus fund	(987)	-	-	987	-	-	-	-	-
OPCC Early Intervention domestic abuse worker	2,006	-	-	(2,006)	-	-	-	-	-
OPCC Outreach worker	(4,503)	32,679	(28,804)	532	(96)	-	-	-	-
Garfield Western	(4,773)	-	(40)	4,813	-	-	-	-	-
WAF Comic Relief Big Night In	10,398	-	(10,398)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridgeshire County Council contribution to outreach post	21,050	-	-	(451)	20,599	-	(37)	(20,562)	-
Cross Keys Outreach	17,244	-	(15,675)	37	1,606	-	-	-	1,606
DASV Children's worker	8,027	-	(6,187)	(1,888)	(48)	-	-	48	-
DASV Counselling	3,067	14,500	(14,987)	-	2,580	10,000	(13,160)	580	-
Longhurst Community Grant	5,000	-	(5,009)	-	(9)	-	-	9	-
Nat West Circle Fund	1,000	5,000	(3,096)	-	2,904	-	(2,774)	-	130
Kelly Foundation	-	5,000	(4,920)	-	80	-	(27)	-	53
Lithuanian Community DASV Engagement worker	-	28,060	(27,689)	-	371	44,339	(44,980)	270	-
OPCC DA Support Lead	-	21,571	(19,749)	-	1,822	-	(228)	-	1,594
Refurbishment - Cambs County Council	-	8,000	(6,489)	-	1,511	-	(1,392)	-	119

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13 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Refuge services	-	500	-	-	500	-	-	-	500
Women in prison	-	3,000	(3,047)	-	(47)	-	-	47	-
Women Warriors	-	5,000	(5,080)	-	(80)	5,595	(2,540)	-	2,975
Unassigned	-	-	(697)	-	(697)	-	-	697	-
CADA - Children Affected by Domestic Abuse	-	3,705	(1,872)	-	1,833	-	(639)	-	1,194
The Dahlia Project	-	-	(419)	-	(419)	141,056	(142,781)	-	(2,144)
B-United Male Project	-	7,174	(518)	-	6,656	35,152	(42,218)	410	-
Alan Boswell fund	-	-	-	-	-	4,500	(2,679)	-	1,821
B&Q Foundation	-	-	-	-	-	9,500	(9,500)	-	-
Cost of living community grant	-	-	-	-	-	40,613	(40,680)	67	-
Home Office fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Healthier futures	-	-	-	-	-	32,813	(10,385)	-	22,428
Screwfix	-	-	-	-	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
CAF CAF Funded Tech & Impact bursaries	-	2,910	(1,867)	-	1,043	-	(340)	-	703
	<u>104,784</u>	<u>299,044</u>	<u>(305,737)</u>	<u>(17,272)</u>	<u>80,819</u>	<u>453,819</u>	<u>(473,816)</u>	<u>3,531</u>	<u>64,353</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,598	-	1,598	1,598	-	1,598
Current assets/(liabilities)	311,651	-	311,651	154,376	79,784	234,160
	<u>313,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>313,249</u>	<u>155,974</u>	<u>79,784</u>	<u>235,758</u>

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	26,572	-
Between two and five years	96,448	-
	<u>123,020</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1180370

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	C Thatcher	
	A Dumigan	
	D Rowsell	
	B Swift	
	Dr D Shridar	(Appointed 22 November 2022)
	S Whyman	(Appointed 22 November 2022)
CEO	Claire Taylor	(left 4 March 2022)
	A Geraghty	(appointed 1 July 2022)
Charity number	1180370	
Principal address	PO Box 75 Peterborough PE1 4UZ	
Independent examiner	Stephenson Smart & Co 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynch Wood Peterborough PE2 6LR	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Church Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XE	

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

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PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

1. Our mission

To provide a specialist response to domestic abuse and violence against women and girls; empower victims to be in control of their own future and create everlasting change.

2. Our values

These values shape the behaviours, culture and work of Peterborough Women's Aid and they will strengthen our ability to support survivors of gender-based violence.

- **Partnership** We will work in partnership with statutory agencies, charities, community groups and sister organisations to achieve our mission.
- **Passion** We will work with passion to support victims of gender-based violence.
- **Empowerment** We will empower victims to take back control of their lives.
- **Impartiality** We will work in a non-judgemental and non-discriminatory way where everyone is welcomed and valued.
- **Peterborough** We will provide specialist services tailored to the needs of the Peterborough community and surrounding areas.

We achieve our mission by:

1. Providing temporary, safe accommodation to women and their children fleeing domestic abuse and providing specialist emotional and practical support through trained, dedicated workers.
2. Providing resettlement support to women and children at the point that they can secure independent accommodation in Peterborough.
3. Raising awareness of domestic abuse by having an interactive website where victims and professionals can access help through webchat and direct referrals into the service. Operating a domestic abuse advice line for the Peterborough community. This includes liaising with and signposting to other domestic abuse services where required.
4. Operating a Domestic Abuse Specialist Support service for Lithuanian victims living in the Peterborough area. Community support includes, but is not exclusive to, emotional support as well as practical support including safety planning, housing, court advocacy and translation.
5. Facilitating group work programmes educating and empowering victims. These groups aim to increase self-esteem, promote healthy living, and provide peer support.
6. Providing a safe space in our community office for victims to attend support sessions.

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Refuge Service

The refuge provides emergency accommodation for up to 8 women and up to 20 children who are fleeing domestic violence / abuse. Trained refuge workers provide one to one emotional and practical support to the women in the refuge, including but not exclusive to; supporting with benefit applications to ensure all the women have access to their own money, registration with a GP to ensure medical needs are taken care of, accessing legal advice in the event of non-settled immigration status or custody proceedings, access to counselling services, delivery of the Freedom Programme, housing applications and resettlement. A package of support, through a care plan, is developed in conjunction with the women to identifying their needs and actions required to meet those needs.

Children's Workers

In addition to providing support to the women, the refuge employs dedicated, qualified children's workers, who provide age appropriate emotional, practical, and educational support to the children in the refuge. This support includes but is not exclusive to; registration to nurseries or schools, age appropriate one to one support sessions designed to help the child process their experience of fleeing their home because of domestic abuse, registration with health visitors, as required, and GPs to ensure medical needs are taken care of, activity days through school holidays that are suitable for the whole family. The children's workers are trained to deliver the 'Healing Together' programme which aims to support mother and child to process the trauma they have experienced together and not in isolation from each other.

Resettlement Support

Peterborough Women's Aid will provide resettlement support for women and their children when they are successful in securing independent accommodation in Peterborough. Resettlement support includes providing grant funding to support with moving costs and or white goods for the new home. Regular outreach visits to the new home to provide ongoing support whilst the family settle into their new accommodation. Referring to the 'Bobby Scheme' to ensure the family feel safe and secure in their new home. Where required, support to register children with new nurseries or schools.

Community Service

In the first half of the year Peterborough Women's Aid employed Domestic Abuse Outreach Workers to provide support to victims of domestic abuse in the Peterborough area. PWA did not secure this contract and has since transformed into providing specialist community services. PWA continues to run their advice line offering short term support to victims in the Peterborough Community and facilitates the Own My Life group for women requiring longer term support. Our dedicated Lithuanian Specialist Worker offers support including but not exclusive to: safety planning to ensure the victim has a plan should the risk of domestic abuse increase, access to counselling support if required, access to legal support to increase safety such as non-molestation orders, translation, and support with securing status.

Domestic Abuse Helpline

A telephone helpline for victims of domestic abuse / violence or professionals seeking advice. The telephone helpline operates throughout the week and is run by the refuge staff. The telephone helpline service is available to anyone seeking support from domestic abuse / violence in the Peterborough area and onward referrals will be made if required including to the Outreach service or to the IDVA service. In addition to the helpline, PWA hosts a 'chat function' on their website and again offers information, advice, and guidance on the support options available to victims of domestic abuse / violence.

Group Work

Peterborough Women's Aid has facilitated the Freedom Programme with thirty women completing the programme. In February 2023 PWA began the Women Warriors Community Group. This is a weekly community group for women in Peterborough promoting healthy living, building confidence and self-esteem, and reduce isolation. This group is well attended with an average of fifteen women attending weekly. Women attending the group report that they feel safer, more resilient and empowered.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Achievements and performance

- Peterborough Women's Aid expanded their community service by providing specialist support to Lithuanian victims of domestic abuse. This service is being funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner until 31st March 2025.
- A priority this year was to ensure that all families in the refuge are welcomed into a modern environment with up-to-date facilities. With the support of The Kelly Foundation, Cambridgeshire County Council and The Property Angels Peterborough Women's Aid upgraded all the rooms and communal areas at the refuge with new floors, decoration, and furniture.
- With a view to diversifying the Board, Peterborough Women's Aid has successfully recruited new trustees with different skills and varying backgrounds.
- Peterborough Women's Aid has focussed on raising awareness of the organisation and its work. One way of doing this was upgrading their website to make it easier to navigate and find information on the services they provide. The website also now includes an upgraded referral form and webchat function which will make it easier for victims to reach out for support. The website is updated regularly with blogs and the new PWA quarterly newsletter. Peterborough Women's Aid has increased its presence on social media with accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, You Tube and TikTok.
- As a result of increased awareness of the organisation and more visible fundraising activity, Peterborough Women's Aid doubled the amount of unrestricted income received in charitable donations. This has enabled PWA to better respond to the needs of the community and support more survivors.
- In partnership with HMP Peterborough, PWA identified that over 70% of female offenders in custody are victims of domestic abuse. Funded by Women in Prison, PWA delivered sessions in the prison to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the pathways to access help.
- This year Peterborough Women's Aid have focused on trauma informed practice. In addition to the Freedom Programme all staff have been trained to deliver Own My Life. This course combines research into domestic abuse and trauma and gives women the skills to move forward with hope and positivity.
- Peterborough Women's Aid were successful in securing funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation and now work in partnership with them in the development of the charity.
- Due to an increase in referrals to their community services, Peterborough Women's Aid opened a community office to be able to support clients face to face.
- During the year Peterborough Women's Aid were awarded the Women's Aid Federation Level One National Quality Standard.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will act as a safeguard, in the event that Peterborough Women's Aid experience a drop in funding, and to allow Peterborough Women's Aid to continue to deliver their services whilst allowing time to seek alternative funding. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Protection and Investment Act 2016 to safeguard the public. Peterborough Women's Aid always aim to inform the public, local businesses and other institutions about our services. Our practice is to respond to offers of donations with gratitude.

Donations

Donations made in cash or by way of gifts were received during the year from numerous local businesses, other societies and associations and from individuals.

Some of the gifts included: toiletries, toys, clothes, baby equipment and equipment for the refuge.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Peterborough Women's Aid throughout this year.

Risk Review

Peterborough Women's Aid have developed a business continuity plan setting out the contingency plans in the event of an incident that affects the operational delivery of its core services.

Peterborough Women's Aid have a risk register allowing The Board to identify any risks to the charity and implement mitigation measures.

The board of trustees meet on a six weekly basis where a review of risks is carried out and risk management plans implemented as required. At this time, the trustees are satisfied that there are systems in place at this time to manage risk appropriately.

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead to 2023/2024

Next year Peterborough Women's Aid will:

- Launch the Dahlia Project. This project will support South Asian victims of abuse and raise awareness with professionals around the barriers this community faces in accessing support. This project is funded by the Home Office until March 2025
- Launch B-United. Peterborough Women's Aid first countywide project supporting male victims of domestic abuse. This project is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner until March 2025
- Continue to raise awareness of domestic abuse with an increased focus on marginalised groups.
- Develop the Women Warriors group, so it is recognised as an essential service attracting long term funding enabling PWA to project support as many women as possible in Peterborough.
- Continue to fundraise and raise awareness by participating in or organising large community events including the Great Eastern Run and a PWA Winter Ball.
- Develop an Equality and Diversity strategy to ensure that Peterborough Women's Aid is fully inclusive.

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioner under charity number 1180370.

Peterborough Women's Aid is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Thatcher	
H Chapman	(Resigned 4 July 2022)
J Coomber	(Resigned 4 July 2022)
A Dumigan	
S Herbert-Mattick	(Resigned 1 November 2022)
J Jones	(Resigned 4 July 2022)
S Radjenovic	(Resigned 24 February 2023)
D Rowswell	
B Swift	
Dr D Shridar	(Appointed 22 November 2022)
S Whyman	(Appointed 22 November 2022)

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the Trustees. New trustees are actively sought on an ongoing basis and their appointment is ratified at the AGM. The Trustees, of up to ten members, meet regularly during the year. Sub groups are formed from the board of trustees to deal with specific aspects of finance and personnel.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

B Swift is the Safeguarding Lead for the charity.

Management

From 1st March 2022 the Board were actively recruiting for a new CEO. From July 4th, 2022, after successful recruitment, the day-to-day responsibilities of running Peterborough Women's Aid were held by the post of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), reporting to the chairperson on a regular basis. The CEO is supported by an administrator.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

D Rowswell

Trustee

6 July 2023

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Peterborough Women's Aid (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Hilliard ACA FCCA CTA
Stephenson Smart & Co
36 Tyndall Court
Commerce Road
Lynch Wood
Peterborough
PE2 6LR

Dated: 7 July 2023

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	19,328	-	19,328	10,287	-	10,287
Charitable activities	4	113,751	299,044	412,795	85,252	222,359	307,611
Investments	5	241	-	241	6	-	6
Other income	6	-	-	-	898	-	898
Total income		133,320	299,044	432,364	96,443	222,359	318,802
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	81,026	305,737	386,763	76,512	217,919	294,431
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		52,294	(6,693)	45,601	19,931	4,440	24,371
Gross transfers between funds		17,272	(17,272)	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		69,566	(23,965)	45,601	19,931	4,440	24,371
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		85,373	104,784	190,157	65,442	100,344	165,786
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		154,939	80,819	235,758	85,373	104,784	190,157

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,598		1,598
Current assets					
Debtors	11	19,028		18,076	
Cash at bank and in hand		228,833		196,211	
		<u>247,861</u>		<u>214,287</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(13,701)</u>		<u>(25,728)</u>	
Net current assets			234,160		188,559
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>235,758</u>		<u>190,157</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		80,819		104,784
Unrestricted funds - general			154,939		85,373
			<u>235,758</u>		<u>190,157</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6 July 2023

D Rowsell
Trustee

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Peterborough Women's Aid is constituted under CIO-Foundation deed, and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1180370.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when received, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended

Expenditure, including VAT, is recognised on the accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Costs have been allocated to the activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources and staff time spent.

Management and administration costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are recognised at transaction price.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Donations and gifts	19,328	10,287
Donations and gifts		
Property Angels Foundation	4,000	-
EPD	-	1,000
P Mallinson	-	1,250
WAFE	-	2,000
Nene PArk Golf Club fundraiser	1,183	-
Amazon Charitable Giving	1,000	1,000
Other	13,145	5,037
	19,328	10,287

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2023	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2022
	2023	2023	2023		2022	2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Refuge services provided	113,751	-	-	113,751	85,252	-	-	85,252
Performance related grants	-	115,000	184,044	299,044	-	61,410	160,949	222,359
	<u>113,751</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>184,044</u>	<u>412,795</u>	<u>85,252</u>	<u>61,410</u>	<u>160,949</u>	<u>307,611</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	113,751	-	-	113,751	85,252	-	-	85,252
Restricted funds	-	115,000	184,044	299,044	-	61,410	160,949	222,359
	<u>113,751</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>184,044</u>	<u>412,795</u>	<u>85,252</u>	<u>61,410</u>	<u>160,949</u>	<u>307,611</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Interest receivable	241	6
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Other income

	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £
Other income	-	898
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There was no other income received this year (2022: CJRS receipts of £609 and claim for SSP under COVID-19 of £289).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2023	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2022
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	£	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	£
Staff costs	37,555	86,681	119,653	243,889	25,735	57,207	123,592	206,534
Refuge services provided	34,844	13,331	77,251	125,426	36,211	-	20,933	57,144
Outreach services	-	-	584	584	-	-	7,725	7,725
Children's services	-	-	7,637	7,637	-	-	7,687	7,687
	<u>72,399</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,125</u>	<u>377,536</u>	<u>61,946</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>159,937</u>	<u>279,090</u>
Share of support costs	4,481	-	-	4,481	6,766	-	775	7,541
Share of governance costs	4,146	-	600	4,746	7,800	-	-	7,800
	<u>81,026</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>386,763</u>	<u>76,512</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>160,712</u>	<u>294,431</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	81,026	-	-	81,026	76,512	-	-	76,512
Restricted funds	-	100,012	205,725	305,737	-	57,207	160,712	217,919
	<u>81,026</u>	<u>100,012</u>	<u>205,725</u>	<u>386,763</u>	<u>76,512</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>160,712</u>	<u>294,431</u>

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Chief executive officer/service manager	1	1
Refuge services	3	4
Children's worker	2	2
Outreach workers	2	2
Administrator	1	1
Total	9	10

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	222,499	190,068
Social security costs	15,250	11,968
Other pension costs	6,140	4,498
	243,889	206,534

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	31,880
At 31 March 2023	31,880
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	30,282
At 31 March 2023	30,282
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	1,598
At 31 March 2022	1,598

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	16,820	10,758
Other debtors	-	5,018
Prepayments and accrued income	2,208	2,300
	<u>19,028</u>	<u>18,076</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	4,714	3,984
Trade creditors	4,208	13,011
Other creditors	100	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,679	8,733
	<u>13,701</u>	<u>25,728</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MHCLG COVID-19 Emergency support/DASV flexible fund	18,418	3,695	(2,774)	19,339	14,000	(13,037)	(18,268)	2,034
Housing related support grant	20,432	61,410	(60,072)	21,770	115,000	(100,012)	-	36,758
Henry Smith charity	2,093	-	-	2,093	-	(2,093)	-	-
MIND fund	593	-	-	593	-	-	(593)	-
Children in Need grant	2,217	31,910	(31,102)	3,025	32,945	(34,052)	-	1,918
Early Intervention Domestic Abuse grant	(451)	-	-	(451)	-	-	451	-
OPCC Youth fund	886	-	-	886	-	-	(886)	-
OPCC Coronavirus fund	(519)	-	(468)	(987)	-	-	987	-
OPCC Early Intervention domestic abuse worker	2,725	-	(719)	2,006	-	-	(2,006)	-
OPCC Outreach worker	20,950	27,812	(53,265)	(4,503)	32,679	(28,804)	532	(96)
Garfield Western	15,000	-	(19,773)	(4,773)	-	(40)	4,813	-
WAF Comic Relief Big Night In	18,000	-	(7,602)	10,398	-	(10,398)	-	-
Cambridgeshire County Council contribution to outreach post	-	21,050	-	21,050	-	-	(451)	20,599
Cross Keys Outreach	-	37,637	(20,393)	17,244	-	(15,675)	37	1,606
DASV Children's worker	-	21,345	(13,318)	8,027	-	(6,187)	(1,888)	(48)
DASV Counselling	-	10,000	(6,933)	3,067	14,500	(14,987)	-	2,580
Longhurst Community Grant	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	(5,009)	-	(9)
Nat West Circle Fund	-	2,500	(1,500)	1,000	5,000	(3,096)	-	2,904
Kelly Foundation	-	-	-	-	5,000	(4,920)	-	80
Lithuanian Community DASV Engagement worker	-	-	-	-	28,060	(27,689)	-	371
OPCC DA Support Lead	-	-	-	-	21,571	(19,749)	-	1,822
Refurbishment - Cambs County Council	-	-	-	-	8,000	(6,489)	-	1,511
Refuge services	-	-	-	-	500	-	-	500

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

13 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Women in prison	-	-	-	3,000	(3,047)	-	(47)
Women Warriors	-	-	-	5,000	(5,080)	-	(80)
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	(447)	-	(447)
CADA - Children Affected by Domestic Abuse	-	-	-	3,705	(1,872)	-	1,833
The Dahlia Project	-	-	-	-	(419)	-	(419)
B-United Male Project	-	-	-	7,174	(518)	-	6,656
CAF CAF Funded Tech & Impact bursaries	-	-	-	2,910	(1,867)	-	1,043
To allocate	-	-	-	-	(250)	-	(250)
	<u>100,344</u>	<u>222,359</u>	<u>(217,919)</u>	<u>104,784</u>	<u>299,044</u>	<u>(305,737)</u>	<u>(17,272)</u>
	<u><u>100,344</u></u>	<u><u>222,359</u></u>	<u><u>(217,919)</u></u>	<u><u>104,784</u></u>	<u><u>299,044</u></u>	<u><u>(305,737)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,272)</u></u>

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,598	-	1,598	1,598	-	1,598
Current assets/(liabilities)	154,376	79,784	234,160	83,775	104,784	188,559
	<u>155,974</u>	<u>79,784</u>	<u>235,758</u>	<u>85,373</u>	<u>104,784</u>	<u>190,157</u>

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	-	10,616
Between two and five years	-	156
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,772</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	C Thatcher	
	H Chapman	(Appointed 18 October 2021)
	J Coomber	
	A Dumigan	(Appointed 18 October 2021)
	S Herbert-Mattick	(Appointed 9 August 2021)
	J Jones	
	S Radjenovic	
	D Rowswell	(Appointed 1 August 2021)
	B Swift	
CEO	Claire Taylor	(left 4 March 2022)
Charity number	1180370	
Principal address	PO Box 75 Peterborough PE1 4UZ	
Independent examiner	Stephenson Smart & Co 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynch Wood Peterborough PE2 6LR	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Church Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XE	

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PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Peterborough Women's Aid's objects are to relieve the distress and trauma experienced by victims/survivors of domestic abuse and/or sexual violence. Peterborough Women's Aid recognises that everyone has a right to live their lives free from fear of domestic violence and abuse and that society has a duty to recognise and defend this right. Peterborough Women's Aid aim to empower victims of domestic abuse to seek support to live an independent life and determine their own futures. There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

The principal activities are achieved through, but not limited to:

1. Providing temporary, safe accommodation to women and their children fleeing domestic violence / abuse with specialist emotional and practical support being provided through trained, dedicated workers.
2. Resettlement support is provided to women and children at the point that they can secure independent accommodation in Peterborough.
3. Operating a domestic abuse advice helpline to the Peterborough community. This includes liaison with and signposting to other specialist domestic abuse services where required.
4. Operating a Domestic Abuse Outreach Support service for any victim of domestic abuse living in the Peterborough area including males. Outreach support includes, but is not exclusive too, emotional support, practical support including safety planning, access to peer support through group work activities, and referrals to specialist services where required.

Work in partnership with a range of statutory and voluntary organisations throughout the Peterborough region to ensure a whole package of support can be offered to victims of domestic abuse.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Refuge Service

The refuge provides emergency accommodation for up to 8 women and up to 20 children who are fleeing domestic violence / abuse. Trained refuge workers provide one to one emotional and practical support to the women in the refuge, including but not exclusive too; supporting with benefit applications to ensure all the women have access to their own money, registration with a GP to ensure medical needs are taken care of, accessing legal advice in the event of non-settled immigration status or custody proceedings, access to counselling services, delivery of the Freedom Programme, housing applications and resettlement. A package of support, through a care plan, is developed in conjunction with the woman to identifying their needs and actions required to meet those needs.

Children's Workers

In addition to providing support to the women, the refuge employs dedicated, qualified children's workers, who provide age appropriate emotional, practical, and educational support to the children in the refuge. This support includes but is not exclusive too; registration to nurseries or schools, age appropriate one to one support sessions designed to help the child process their experience of fleeing their home because of domestic abuse, registration with health visitors, as required, and GPs to ensure medical needs are taken care of, activity days through school holidays that are suitable for the whole family. The children's workers are trained to deliver the 'Healing Together' programme which aims to support Mum and Child to process the trauma they have experienced together and not in isolation from each other.

Resettlement Support

Peterborough Women's Aid will provide resettlement support for women and their children when they are successful in securing independent accommodation in Peterborough. Resettlement support includes providing grant funding to support with moving costs and or white goods for the new home. Regular outreach visits to the new home to provide ongoing support whilst the family settle into their new accommodation. Referring to the 'Bobby Scheme' to ensure the family feel safe and secure in their new home. Where required, support to register children with new nurseries or schools.

Outreach Service

Peterborough Women's Aid employ Domestic Abuse Outreach Workers to provide support to victims of domestic violence / abuse in the Peterborough area. Referrals for outreach support are received various sources including low to medium level risk referrals from the police, referrals from partnership agencies and self-referrals through the domestic abuse help line. The support offered includes but is not exclusive too; safety planning to ensure the victim has a plan should the risk of domestic abuse / violence increase, access to counselling support if required, access to legal support to increase safety such as non-molestation orders, referrals to the 'Bobby Scheme' to help someone feel more safe and secure in their own home and facilitating community-based group work programmes.

Domestic Abuse Helpline

A telephone helpline for victims of domestic abuse / violence or professionals seeking advice. The telephone helpline operates throughout the week and is run by the refuge staff. The telephone helpline service is available to anyone seeking support from domestic abuse / violence in the Peterborough area and onward referrals will be made if required including to the Outreach service or to the IDVA service. In addition to the helpline, PWA hosts a 'chat function' on their website and again offers information, advice, and guidance on the support options available to victims of domestic abuse / violence.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Achievements and performance

- Peterborough Women's Aid have been successful in securing funding to continue to provide the refuge service from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2028.
- Peterborough Women's Aid are now registered to receive gift aid on donations made to the charity.
- Peterborough Women's Aid successfully secured funding to create a 'sensory garden' for children accommodated in the refuge.
- Peterborough Women's Aid have successfully recruited new trustees to the board.
- Peterborough Women's Aid have developed a new website for the service which includes a chat function and a donate button.
- Peterborough Women's Aid received funding from Cross Keys Homes to provide dedicated domestic abuse outreach support for their tenants if required for a period of 12 months.
- Peterborough Women's Aid children's workers accessed training to deliver the 'Healing Together' programme.
- Peterborough Women's Aid have successfully updated their digital set up within the refuge. Refuge residents now have their own wi-fi network accessible in the refuge.

COVID-19 Update

In line with government guidelines, Peterborough Women's Aid have now been able to lift most covid restrictions in the refuge. If a woman or child, being accommodated in the refuge, test positive for covid then they are required to self isolate to reduce the risk of transmission to other residents. A package of support will be put in place for any family required to isolate through the staff in the refuge.

Peterborough Women's Aid received government assistance throughout periods of lockdown to top up the rent lost through unused rooms which needed to be kept vacant to ensure the necessary infection prevention control measures could be adhered to.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will act as a safeguard, in the event that Peterborough Women's Aid experience a drop in funding, and to allow Peterborough Women's Aid to continue to deliver their services whilst allowing time to seek alternative funding. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Protection and Investment Act 2016 to safeguard the public. Peterborough Women's Aid does not use professional fundraisers or any commercial participator to raise funds. From time to time permission is sought from the local authority to raise funds in the community on a specific day in our locality. We have always aimed to inform the public, local businesses and other institutions about our work. Peterborough Women's Aid are reviewing and developing a fund-raising strategy which includes running social media campaigns, as required, to raise funds or seek donations for specified items for the refuge. Our practice is to respond to offers of donations with gratitude.

Donations

Donations made in cash or by way of gifts were received during the year from numerous local businesses, other societies and associations and from individuals.

Peterborough Women's Aid received many donations from supporters that included: toiletries toys, clothes, baby equipment and equipment for the refuge.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Peterborough Women's Aid throughout this year.

Risk Review

Peterborough Women's Aid have developed a business continuity plan setting out the contingency plans in the event of an incident that affects the operational delivery of its core services.

The board of trustees meet on a six weekly basis where a review of risks is carried out and risk management plans implemented as required. At this time, the trustees are satisfied that there are systems in place at this time to manage risk appropriately.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioner under charity number 1180370.

Peterborough Women's Aid is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

C Thatcher	
H Chapman	(Appointed 18 October 2021)
J Coomber	
A Dumigan	(Appointed 18 October 2021)
S Herbert-Mattick	(Appointed 9 August 2021)
J Jones	
S Radjenovic	
D Rowswell	(Appointed 1 August 2021)
B Swift	
V Dillon	(Resigned 30 November 2021)

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the Trustees. New trustees are actively sought on an ongoing basis and their appointment is ratified at the AGM. The Trustees, of up to ten members, meet regularly during the year. Sub groups are formed from the board of trustees to deal with specific aspects of finance and personnel.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Management

The day to day responsibilities of running Peterborough Women's Aid during the year up to February 2022 were held by the post of chief executive officer (CEO), reporting to the chairperson on a regular basis. The CEO is supported by an administrator.

Following the departure of the CEO in March 2022, the trustees have been actively recruiting to the role of CEO whilst providing management support to the staff who are responsible for the day to day running of the service.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

C Thatcher

Trustee

Dated: 23 June 2022

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Peterborough Womens Aid (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Hilliard ACA FCCA CTA
Stephenson Smart & Co
36 Tyndall Court
Commerce Road
Lynch Wood
Peterborough
PE2 6LR

Dated: 23 June 2022

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	10,287	-	10,287	15,330	-	15,330
Charitable activities	4	85,252	222,359	307,611	72,311	215,727	288,038
Investments	5	6	-	6	11	-	11
Other income	6	898	-	898	5,743	-	5,743
Total income		<u>96,443</u>	<u>222,359</u>	<u>318,802</u>	<u>93,395</u>	<u>215,727</u>	<u>309,122</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	7	<u>76,512</u>	<u>217,919</u>	<u>294,431</u>	<u>76,192</u>	<u>146,267</u>	<u>222,459</u>
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		19,931	4,440	24,371	17,203	69,460	86,663
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>65,442</u>	<u>100,344</u>	<u>165,786</u>	<u>48,125</u>	<u>30,884</u>	<u>79,009</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>85,373</u></u>	<u><u>104,784</u></u>	<u><u>190,157</u></u>	<u><u>65,328</u></u>	<u><u>100,344</u></u>	<u><u>165,672</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,598		1,598
Current assets					
Debtors	11	18,076		3,594	
Cash at bank and in hand		196,211		171,913	
		<u>214,287</u>		<u>175,507</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(25,728)</u>		<u>(11,433)</u>	
Net current assets			188,559		164,074
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>190,157</u>		<u>165,672</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	13		104,784		100,344
Unrestricted funds - general			85,373		65,328
			<u>190,157</u>		<u>165,672</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23 June 2022

C Thatcher
Trustee

H Chapman
Trustee

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Peterborough Womens Aid is constituted under CIO-Foundation deed, and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1180370.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when received, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended

Expenditure, including VAT, is recognised on the accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Costs have been allocated to the activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources and staff time spent.

Management and administration costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are recognised at transaction price.

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Donations and gifts	10,287	15,330
Donations and gifts		
EPD	1,000	-
P Mallinson	1,250	-
WAFE	2,000	-
BGL Group	-	1,000
Perkins Engines	-	6,000
Amazon Charitable Giving	1,000	1,000
John Lewis Community Fund	-	1,000
Gibbons Holdings	-	2,500
Other	5,037	3,830
	10,287	15,330

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2022	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2021
	2022	2022	2022		2021	2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Refuge services provided	85,252	-	-	85,252	72,311	-	-	72,311
Performance related grants	-	61,410	160,949	222,359	-	60,206	155,521	215,727
	<u>85,252</u>	<u>61,410</u>	<u>160,949</u>	<u>307,611</u>	<u>72,311</u>	<u>60,206</u>	<u>155,521</u>	<u>288,038</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	85,252	-	-	85,252	72,311	-	-	72,311
Restricted funds	-	61,410	160,949	222,359	-	60,206	155,521	215,727
	<u>85,252</u>	<u>61,410</u>	<u>160,949</u>	<u>307,611</u>	<u>72,311</u>	<u>60,206</u>	<u>155,521</u>	<u>288,038</u>

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Interest receivable	6	11
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2022 £	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £
Other income	898	5,743
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Other income relates to CJRS receipts of £609 and claim for SSP under COVID-19 of £289. (2021: £5,743 CJRS).

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2022	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2021
	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	£	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	£
Staff costs	25,735	57,207	123,592	206,534	34,576	44,073	67,207	145,856
Refuge services provided	36,211	-	20,933	57,144	34,742	316	26,098	61,156
Outreach services	-	-	7,725	7,725	-	-	451	451
Children's services	-	-	7,687	7,687	(490)	-	4,809	4,319
	<u>61,946</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>159,937</u>	<u>279,090</u>	<u>68,828</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>98,565</u>	<u>211,782</u>
Share of support costs	6,766	-	775	7,541	2,402	-	3,313	5,715
Share of governance costs	7,800	-	-	7,800	4,962	-	-	4,962
	<u>76,512</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>160,712</u>	<u>294,431</u>	<u>76,192</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>101,878</u>	<u>222,459</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	76,512	-	-	76,512	76,192	-	-	76,192
Restricted funds	-	57,207	160,712	217,919	-	44,389	101,878	146,267
	<u>76,512</u>	<u>57,207</u>	<u>160,712</u>	<u>294,431</u>	<u>76,192</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>101,878</u>	<u>222,459</u>

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Chief executive officer/service manager	1	1
Refuge services	4	3
Children's worker	2	2
Outreach workers	2	-
Administrator	1	1
Total	10	7

Employment costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	190,068	132,031
Social security costs	11,968	10,189
Other pension costs	4,498	3,636
	206,534	145,856

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2021	31,880
At 31 March 2022	31,880
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2021	30,282
At 31 March 2022	30,282
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2022	1,598
At 31 March 2021	1,598

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

11 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	10,758	-
Other debtors	5,018	3,222
Prepayments and accrued income	2,300	372
	<u>18,076</u>	<u>3,594</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	3,984	2,350
Trade creditors	13,011	(17)
Accruals and deferred income	8,733	9,100
	<u>25,728</u>	<u>11,433</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MHCLG COVID-19 Emergency support/DASV flexible fund	1,080	17,947	(609)	18,418	3,695	(2,774)	19,339
Housing related support grant	4,729	60,206	(44,502)	20,432	61,410	(60,072)	21,770
Henry Smith charity	15,921	-	(13,828)	2,093	-	-	2,093
MIND fund	597	-	(4)	593	-	-	593
Tampon Tax fund	6,735	-	(6,735)	-	-	-	-
Children in Need grant	1,822	30,902	(30,507)	2,217	31,910	(31,102)	3,025
Early Intervention Domestic Abuse grant set up	-	-	(451)	(451)	-	-	(451)
OPCC Youth fund	-	1,910	(1,023)	886	-	-	886
OPCC Coronavirus fund	-	27,150	(27,669)	(519)	-	(468)	(987)
OPCC Early intervention domestic abuse worker	-	14,862	(12,137)	2,725	-	(719)	2,006
OPCC Outreach worker	-	24,750	(3,800)	20,950	27,812	(53,265)	(4,503)
Garfield Western	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000	-	(19,773)	(4,773)
WAFE Comic Relief Big Night IN	-	18,000	-	18,000	-	(7,602)	10,398
Cambridgeshire County Council contribution to outreach post	-	-	-	-	21,050	-	21,050
Cross Keys outreach	-	-	-	-	37,637	(20,393)	17,244
DASV Children's worker	-	-	-	-	21,345	(13,318)	8,027
DASV Counselling	-	-	-	-	10,000	(6,933)	3,067
Longhurst Community grant	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
NatWest Circle fund	-	-	-	-	2,500	(1,500)	1,000
	<u>30,884</u>	<u>215,727</u>	<u>(146,266)</u>	<u>100,344</u>	<u>222,359</u>	<u>(217,919)</u>	<u>104,784</u>

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14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,598	-	1,598	1,598	-	1,598
Current assets/ (liabilities)	83,775	104,784	188,559	63,730	100,344	164,074
	<u>85,373</u>	<u>104,784</u>	<u>190,157</u>	<u>65,328</u>	<u>100,344</u>	<u>165,672</u>

15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	10,616	10,616
Between two and five years	156	10,460
	<u>10,772</u>	<u>21,076</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

PETERBOROUGH WOMEN'S AID

England & Wales - Charity number 1180370

Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	V Dillon	
	J Coomber	
	J Jones	
	S Radjenovic	(Appointed 1 December 2020)
	B Swift	
	C Thatcher	
CEO	Claire Taylor	
Charity number	1180370	
Principal address	PO Box 75 Peterborough PE1 4UZ	
Independent examiner	Stephenson Smart & Co 36 Tyndall Court Commerce Road Lynch Wood Peterborough PE2 6LR	
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Church Street Peterborough Cambridgeshire PE1 1XE	

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PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to relieve the distress and trauma experienced by victims/survivors who have been affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence situations. The charity recognises that everyone has a right to live their lives free from fear of domestic violence and abuse and that society has a duty to recognise and defend this right. Peterborough Women's Aid is committed to the principles of self-help and self-determination and encourages the service users to seek advice, information and support to determine their own futures. We offer support to women, men, young people and children. There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

The principal activities are achieved by, but not limited to:

1. Providing safe temporary refuge accommodation and facilities for women and children;
2. Providing an ongoing telephone advice response service for any member of the public making contact for information and support. This includes liaison with and signposting to other specialist domestic abuse agencies now operated by Cambridgeshire City Council and Peterborough City Council as well as other charitable agencies both locally and nationally;
3. Providing an opportunity for women in the refuge to attend a group work programme whose aims are to assist with the understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and strategies to assist developing positive lifestyle coping strategies;
4. Providing specialist services within the refuge for children and young people affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence.

As a charity we work closely with local police, children's services and many other agencies.

Refuge Service

The refuge service provides temporary accommodation to women and children who are experiencing domestic abuse. Our team provides emotional and practical support to women on a one to one and group basis. The one to one sessions held with women enable them to have a safe environment where they can express their feelings and receive unconditional positive regard. We offer assistance and advice on benefits, legal issues, housing etc. Referrals to our refuge come from a variety of agencies and self-referrals, we receive and take referrals both locally and nationally.

Children's service within the Refuge accommodation

Our aim through the provision of the children's service is to identify and endeavour to meet the emotional and educational needs of the children within the refuge. We employ qualified children's workers to provide play sessions and educational activities, individual sessions and offer advice and guidance to the mothers.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Achievements and performance

During the year ended 31 March 2021 we have been offering

- Safety planning, which includes practical steps to protect victims and their children, as well as longer-term solutions. These plans will include actions from the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) as well as sanctions and remedies available through the criminal and civil courts, housing options and services available through other organisations.
- Emotional support both short and longer term, this includes one to one sessions offering reassurance, advice and guidance, with the principles of self-help and self-determination.
- Practical assistance with the legal system and benefits advice relating to the current situations.
- Support and advocacy for our service users by attending solicitors, courts and other appointments as appropriate.
- An opportunity to attend a group work programme whose aims are to assist with the understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse and strategies to assist with developing positive lifestyle coping strategies.
- Provision of after school clubs, liaison to go to school and nursery visits.
- Liaison to ensure professional services such as health visitors and midwives are available to families.
- Support with childcare whilst mothers attend appointments, core group meetings, housing application and child care support whilst mothers go back to their homes to collect belongings.
- One to one sessions to provide basic parenting skills around hygiene, routine, nutrition, rules and boundaries and help with behavioural issues.

Peterborough Women's Aid has been involved in promotional campaigns and in raising awareness of Domestic Abuse locally. Over the past year we have continued to offer a high quality service to victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence.

COVID-19 impact

Risk assessments have been carried out and the necessary PPE is available for use.

Bedrooms have been left for 3 days before being cleaned and sanitised. New residents were required to self isolate for 14 days. Funding was received to cover the loss of income from the empty rooms.

Staff have managed to continue to work by either working from home, using Zoom for virtual meetings and maintaining a rota for split working. The rota has enabled one women's worker and one children's worker to be in the refuge at least in the mornings and this has enabled social distancing to be maintained whilst still being able to support the women and children.

Residents had tablets so house meetings could be held via Zoom. Safe play sessions were devised for the children and telephone support continued for the women as needed.

Peterborough Women's Aid were included in a pilot scheme for COVID-19 swabs for residents showing symptoms of COVID-19.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Ongoing support

Our safe refuge accommodation continues to provide safe temporary refuge for women and children fleeing their domestic abuse situations. The team have offered a varied programme of support to residents, which has included emotional and practical support as well as workshops running with the refuge itself. The team have worked to maximise the percentage occupancy of rooms at the refuge and we have been able to meet the targets set by the funding bodies. This has been achieved by the continued high quality service provided to both women and children.

The children's service has been maintained throughout the year despite COVID-19 restrictions.

Peterborough Women's Aid is dependent upon funding from Peterborough City Council and other grant funding.

Funding in the form of a grant from Housing Related Support to enable the provision of the safe refuge has been received and housing benefit payments are crucial in being able to support the ongoing provision of the refuge facility.

We have been fortunate to receive a variety of donations and secured funding for a full time outreach worker post from February 2021.

PWA has continued to offer telephone support to the community

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on the Statement of Financial Activities.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to approximately three month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Trustees are aware of the Charities Protection and Investment Act 2016 to safeguard the public. Peterborough Women's Aid does not use professional fundraisers or any commercial participator to raise funds. From time to time permission is sought from the local authority to raise funds in the community on a specific day in our locality. We have always aimed to inform the public, local businesses and other institutions about our work. Our practice is to respond to offers of donations with gratitude and occasionally appeal by letter to local businesses for specific support for a need or project.

Donations

Donations made in cash or by way of gifts were received during the year from numerous local businesses, other societies and associations and from individuals.

Plus many donations from supporters of toiletries toys, clothes and baby equipment and an anonymous donation of gift vouchers.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported Peterborough Women's Aid throughout this year.

Risk Review

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered with the Charity Commissioner under charity number 1180370.

Peterborough Women's Aid is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

V Dillon

J Coomber

J Jones

S Radjenovic

(Appointed 1 December 2020)

B Swift

C Thatcher

The power to appoint new trustees is vested in the Trustees. New trustees are actively sought on an ongoing basis and their appointment is ratified at the AGM. The Trustees, of up to ten members, meet regularly during the year. Sub groups are formed from the main committee to deal with specific aspects of finance and personnel.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

Management

The day to day responsibilities of running Peterborough Women's Aid during the year were delegated by the Trustees to the service manager up to December 2020, after that date a new post of chief executive officer was created replacing the service manager. The service manager reported to the chair person on a regular basis in the interim period between trustee meetings and from December 2020 the chief executive officer has worked closely with the Board of Trustees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

V Dillon

Trustee

Dated: 7 June 2021

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Peterborough Womens Aid (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kerry Hilliard ACA FCCA CTA
Stephenson Smart & Co
36 Tyndall Court
Commerce Road
Lynch Wood
Peterborough
PE2 6LR

Dated: 7 June 2021

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes						
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	3	15,330	-	15,330	19,689	-	19,689
Charitable activities	4	72,311	215,727	288,038	106,635	188,604	295,239
Investments	5	11	-	11	699	-	699
Other income	6	5,743	-	5,743	2,169	-	2,169
Total income		93,395	215,727	309,122	129,192	188,604	317,796
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Charitable activities	7	76,192	146,267	222,459	109,482	201,930	311,412
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	(4,202)	4,202	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		17,203	69,460	86,663	15,508	(9,124)	6,384
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		48,125	30,884	79,009	32,617	40,008	72,625
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		65,328	100,344	165,672	48,125	30,884	79,009

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		1,598		1,598
Current assets					
Debtors	11	3,594		3,095	
Cash at bank and in hand		171,913		85,226	
		<u>175,507</u>		<u>88,321</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(11,433)</u>		<u>(10,910)</u>	
Net current assets			164,074		77,411
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>165,672</u>		<u>79,009</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		100,344		30,884
Unrestricted funds - general			65,328		48,125
			<u>165,672</u>		<u>79,009</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 7 June 2021

V Dillon
Trustee

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Peterborough Womens Aid is constituted under CIO-Foundation deed, and is registered with the Charity Commissioners under charity number 1180370.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Resources expended

Expenditure, including VAT, is recognised on the accruals basis.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to such activities.

Costs have been allocated to the activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources and staff time spent.

Management and administration costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include its audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	15% per annum on reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are measured at transaction price.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are recognised at transaction price.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Donations and gifts	15,330	19,689
Donations and gifts		
Frontline	-	3,000
St Andrews	-	1,000
Plowright Charitable Trust	-	2,500
Bauer Media	-	4,704
BGL Group	1,000	-
Perkins Engines	6,000	-
Amazon Charitable Giving	1,000	-
John Lewis Community Fund	1,000	-
Gibbons Holdings	2,500	-
Other	3,830	8,485
	15,330	19,689

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2021	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2020
	2021	2021	2021		2020	2020	2020	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Refuge services provided	72,311	-	-	72,311	106,635	-	-	106,635
Performance related grants	-	60,206	155,521	215,727	-	80,275	108,329	188,604
	<u>72,311</u>	<u>60,206</u>	<u>155,521</u>	<u>288,038</u>	<u>106,635</u>	<u>80,275</u>	<u>108,329</u>	<u>295,239</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	72,311	-	-	72,311	106,635	-	-	106,635
Restricted funds	-	60,206	155,521	215,727	-	80,275	108,329	188,604
	<u>72,311</u>	<u>60,206</u>	<u>155,521</u>	<u>288,038</u>	<u>106,635</u>	<u>80,275</u>	<u>108,329</u>	<u>295,239</u>

PETERBOROUGH WOMENS AID

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Interest receivable	11	699
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds general 2020 £
Other income	5,743	2,169
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Other income relates to CJRS receipts (2020: £662 from Cambs PCC, £500 DCGL Grant, £1,007 COVID-19 emergency funding).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Charitable activities

	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2021	Housing benefit & rent	Peterborough Family Support Housing related grant	All other restricted funds	Total 2020
	2021 £	2021 £	2021 £	£	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £	£
Staff costs	34,576	44,073	67,207	145,856	56,799	86,493	102,920	246,212
Refuge services provided	34,742	316	26,098	61,156	44,329	353	3,750	48,432
Outreach services	-	-	451	451	46	-	3,260	3,306
Children's services	(490)	-	4,809	4,319	762	-	4,625	5,387
	<u>68,828</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>98,565</u>	<u>211,782</u>	<u>101,936</u>	<u>86,846</u>	<u>114,555</u>	<u>303,337</u>
Share of support costs	2,402	-	3,313	5,715	4,126	253	276	4,655
Share of governance costs	4,962	-	-	4,962	3,420	-	-	3,420
	<u>76,192</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>101,878</u>	<u>222,459</u>	<u>109,482</u>	<u>87,099</u>	<u>114,831</u>	<u>311,412</u>
Analysis by fund								
Unrestricted funds - general	76,192	-	-	76,192	109,482	-	-	109,482
Restricted funds	-	44,389	101,878	146,267	-	87,099	114,831	201,930
	<u>76,192</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>101,878</u>	<u>222,459</u>	<u>109,482</u>	<u>87,099</u>	<u>114,831</u>	<u>311,412</u>

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Chief executive officer/service manager	1	1
Senior refuge services	1	1
Refuge services	2	2
Children's worker	2	2
Domestic Abuse worker	-	1
Administrator	1	1
Total	7	8

Employment costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	132,031	226,663
Social security costs	10,189	13,517
Other pension costs	3,636	6,032
	145,856	246,212

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	31,880
At 31 March 2021	31,880
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2020	30,282
At 31 March 2021	30,282
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	1,598
At 31 March 2020	1,598

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	3,222	2,723
Prepayments and accrued income	372	372
	3,594	3,095

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	2,350	(425)
Deferred income	-	5,065
Trade creditors	(17)	-
Accruals and deferred income	9,100	6,270
	11,433	10,910

13 Deferred income

	2021 £	2020 £
Other deferred income	-	5,065

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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
MHCLG COVID-19 Emergency support	1,450	-	(540)	170	1,080	17,947	(609)	18,418
Housing related grant	7,520	80,275	(87,098)	4,032	4,729	60,206	(44,502)	20,433
Henry Smith charity	1,279	42,700	(28,058)	-	15,921	-	(13,828)	2,093
MIND fund	-	1,600	(1,003)	-	597	-	(4)	593
Tampon Tax fund	-	9,000	(2,265)	-	6,735	-	(6,735)	-
Children in Need	2,966	36,069	(37,213)	-	1,822	30,902	(30,507)	2,217
Early Intervention Domestic Abuse grant	23,224	18,960	(42,184)	-	-	-	-	-
Early Intervention Domestic Abuse set up grant	3,569	-	(3,569)	-	-	-	(451)	(451)
OPCC Youth fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,910	(1,023)	887
OPCC Coronavirus fund	-	-	-	-	-	27,150	(27,669)	(519)
OPCC Early intervention domestic abuse worker	-	-	-	-	-	14,862	(12,137)	2,725
OPCC Outreach worker grant	-	-	-	-	-	24,750	(3,800)	20,950
Garfield Western	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000
WAFE Comic Relief Big Night In	-	-	-	-	-	18,000	-	18,000
	<u>40,008</u>	<u>188,604</u>	<u>(201,930)</u>	<u>4,202</u>	<u>30,884</u>	<u>215,727</u>	<u>(146,266)</u>	<u>100,344</u>

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	1,598	-	1,598	1,598	-	1,598
Current assets/ (liabilities)	63,730	100,344	164,074	46,527	30,884	77,411
	<u>65,328</u>	<u>100,344</u>	<u>165,672</u>	<u>48,125</u>	<u>30,884</u>	<u>79,009</u>

16 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	10,616	10,616
Between two and five years	10,460	21,076
	<u>21,076</u>	<u>31,692</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).