

OUR BARN COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1181421

Details

Other names	OUR BARN YOUTH CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-01-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES LIVING WITHIN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW AND SURROUNDING AREAS, ESPECIALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THROUGH:A) THE PROVISION FOR RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES, ENABLING THEM TO INTEGRATE AND PARTICIPATE FULLY IN SOCIETY AND ENHANCING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE ANDB) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO FAMILY CARERS.

Activities: We provide the following activities for young people with learning disabilities or autism:A Youth Club at Redlees Play CentreGardening at Osterley ParkMultisport in and around IsleworthA programme for people not in education, employment or trainingWe also provide support to unpaid family carers, and operate a disabled cycle scheme

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Ealing
- Hammersmith And Fulham
- Hillingdon
- Hounslow
- Kingston Upon Thames
- Richmond Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£217,847	£186,893	-	-
2024-03-31	£244,595	£259,255	-	-
2023-03-31	£241,784	£250,029	-	-
2022-03-31	£172,625	£234,726	-	-
2021-03-31	£231,223	£220,371	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BEVERLEY STANSBY		2019-01-04
RACHEL SMITH		2019-01-04
Thomas Ruchniewicz		2019-10-14

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Tom Ruchniewicz (Chair) Beverley Stansby Rachel Smith
Charity Number:	1181421
Independent Examiner	Jasmin Aktar
Principal Address and Registered Office	12 Davmor Court Manor Vale Brentford TW8 9JW
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 314 Chiswick High Road London W4 5TA

Our Barn Community Chair's Report and Accounts For the period ended 31 March 2025

The Chair of Trustees presents Our Barn Community's report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, government and management

Our Barn Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charities Commission, under number 1181421.

Our formal charitable aims are:

To advance in life and to help people with learning difficulties or other disabilities, especially but not exclusively, through:

- (a) The provision of social, recreational, educational and other activities as a means of developing their confidence and independence, and their skills, capacities and capabilities for work, and participation in adult life and the community; and
- (b) The provision of support to family carers.

Our ethos has also developed to include strands of work that:

- Make a contribution to our local community (giving back)
- Incorporate elements of environmental protection and conservation
- Raise expectations of what disabled people can achieve

We have spent much of 2025 implementing some changes to become more efficient and to protect the core activities of the organisation, namely the youth club and the Our Futures project. We took a deep-dive into expenditure and switched to venues with minimal costs. At the same time our weekday daytime activities are now held in one location for the first time.

During the year our activities consisted of:

Our Barn Youth Club

Our 'flagship' youth club takes place on Sundays at Redlees Play Centre in Isleworth. Participants are aged 16 to 25 and most of the funding continues to come through Hounslow Council's Short Breaks budget. We have brought our Multisport sessions under the Youth Club umbrella and sessions offer variety, teamwork, friendly competition and individual achievement.

Our Futures

The Our Futures programme now features a greater element of community involvement and life skills development in addition to employability. Participants are given intensive, individual support to create a unique pathway towards future goals and aspirations, including paid work whenever appropriate. The move to a single venue allows our members to thrive. Our Futures currently consists of the following elements:

Café – work experience

Our partnership with the London Museum of Water & Steam at Kew Bridge (where we ran a café) came to an end in January 2025. Never commercially viable, the footfall continued to decline due to a number of external factors outside of our control, and we took the difficult decision to move.

Sad though we were to leave, we found a new venue, a community centre, that meets our ongoing aspirations. At the Blondin Park Community Pavilion we run the café as a work experience project on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as part of the Blondin Consortium. Sharing similar goals to other Consortium members, we maintain an inclusive environment that welcomes everybody. Members gain transferrable work experience skills serving members of the public a simple menu and great coffee. Footfall has increased since our arrival, especially on the days we are there.

Gardening

The Pavilion is also the location of our gardening project which aims to improve this public space for all to enjoy. Participants have planted flower beds, tidied up the park and improving facilities for the footballers using the space at the weekeknds. Taking care to respect environmental considerations has led to a Jack Petchey Foundation Environmental Award for one of our members, and an Ealing Biodiversity Award for greener spaces.

Community Activities

We have developed what the Pavilion offers to the general public during our days to include an under-fives Stay & Play session, a digital inclusion session, a Lunch Club, board games and arts & crafts activities.

Out & About

Aimed at increasing confidence to travel independently and encouragement to enjoy what our city (London) has to offer to those on a budget. This is a weekly activity using community access initiatives to access free or nearly free days out, including visiting museums, exhibitions, parks, gardens and historic buildings, planning travel routes and becoming confident travellers.

At the time of writing this report we are certain that the decisions made over the last twelve months (and longer) will ensure sustainability.

Committee Membership Recruitment, Roles and Responsibilities

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They also ensure good management of the team leaders, support the day-to-day running of Our Barn's activities and set some performance management targets for the leaders and manager.

The Trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and the board is responsible for a strategic plan formed in consultation with service users and staff. Service user consultation is embedded in our practice and is continually being strengthened.

The committee has assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. This has included a thorough review of Covid precautions.

Objectives and Activities

Our Barn's Charitable Objects

Our Barn's mission is to support young people and adults to achieve their potential. This aim is delivered through providing learning, life skills and social interaction, and meaningful support to their families and carers. Our Barn is committed to:

- Promoting full participation in the community for all its service users
- Developing community resources
- Linking with a range of external services to meet this goal

Service users and potential service users can expect Our Barn to:

- Provide a high quality of service to all our service users (including carers, other agencies and funders)
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- Provide a secure, safe and confidential environment
- Treat people with respect and courtesy at all times
- Work with all service users regardless of their colour, race, gender, sexuality, disability or religious beliefs
- Ensure staff receive appropriate training and support
- Demonstrate good practice in quality assurance, management and financial systems
- Seek funding from a range of statutory, grant-making, corporate and private sources

Financial review

Sustaining the organisation has involved focusing on our core activities, allowing a significant reduction in costs – for example, we are now paying no rent or venue fees and we are awaiting the outcome of a number of funding applications that will enable us to move forward without our founding CEO's day-to-day involvement. Costs for running a café are now borne by the Blondin Consortium, a company limited by guarantee. Any profit generated is re-invested into Blondin park and pavilion.

Management Committee Members' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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On behalf of the Trustees



Tom Ruchniewicz

Our Barn Community

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out in pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee Members and Examiner

The Management Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee Members consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jasmin Aktar
12 Davmor Court, Manor Vale, Brentford TW8 9JW

Date: 1 November 2025

Our Barn Community
Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Incoming resources from generated funds –		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income	2	78,530	-	78,530	78,399
Investment income	3	38	-	38	40
		<u>78,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,568</u>	<u>78,439</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	28,900	110,379	139,279	166,155
Total incoming resources		<u>107,468</u>	<u>110,379</u>	<u>217,847</u>	<u>244,595</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	101,952	84,941	186,893	259,255
Total resources expended	6	<u>101,952</u>	<u>84,941</u>	<u>186,893</u>	<u>259,255</u>
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		5,516	25,438	30,954	(14,659)
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer of funds	10	275	(275)	-	-
Total Fund brought forward	10	3,009	15,891	18,900	33,560
Total Fund carried forward	10	<u>8,801</u>	<u>41,053</u>	<u>49,854</u>	<u>18,900</u>

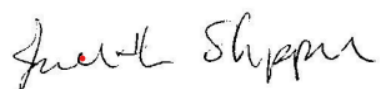
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		50,204	34,200
Accruals and Prepayments	9	-	(15,000)
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		50,204	19,200
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	9	350	300
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Net current assets		49,854	18,900
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The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		8,526	3,009
Restricted funds		41,328	15,891
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		49,854	18,900
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The accounts were approved by the committee on 3 November 2025.



J Sheppard
Treasurer

Our Barn Community

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

Incoming resources

Income has been recognised gross on the basis of entitlement, certainty and measurement.

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

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are receivable or any requirement imposed on the grant is fulfilled.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Expenditures relating to supporting people with learning disabilities are those elements of expenditure directly incurred in performing these activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There has been no expenditure on fixed assets.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2.	Voluntary income	2025	2024
		£	£
	Café Income	36,083	57,794
	Donations and gifts	<u>40,218</u>	<u>20,605</u>
		<u>76,301</u>	<u>78,399</u>

3.	Investment income	2025	2024
		£	£
	Interest receivable	<u>38</u>	<u>40</u>

4.	Incoming resources from charitable activities			2025 Total	2024 Total
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with learning disabilities (LD)	<u>28,900</u>	<u>110,379</u>	<u>139,279</u>	<u>166,155</u>

Included with unrestricted income related to supporting people with learning disabilities are the following grants

Local authority service agreement	28,000
Small grants	<u>900</u>
	<u>28,900</u>

5.	Total resources expended	Staff costs	Other costs	2025 Total	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£
	Charitable activities –				
	Supporting people with LD	<u>154,836</u>	<u>32,057</u>	<u>186,893</u>	<u>259,255</u>
	Activities undertaken directly				

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6. Activities undertaken directly

Other costs relating to supporting people with learning disabilities comprise:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Rent and venue hire	10,984	34,730
Independent Examination	350	300
Cost of activities	4,255	22,052
Cost of goods for café	10,613	27,633
Telephone	330	1,750
Electricity	(755)	2,502
Printing, postage & stationery	493	23
Refreshments	-	-
Insurance	1,265	2,850
Website costs	1,919	3,366
Equipment purchases, repairs & renewals	1,511	2,803
Subscription	371	398
Travel	-	221
Bank charges	<u>721</u>	<u>1,113</u>
	<u>32,057</u>	<u>99,741</u>

7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 4 (2024: 4.5) full time equivalent

Supporting people with learning disabilities

Employment costs –

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>154,836</u>	<u>159,514</u>

There were no expenses paid to the Trustees during the period.

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8.	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Trade debtors	-	-
9.	Creditors	2025	2024
	Amounts falling due within one year –	£	£
	Trade creditors	350	300
	Taxes and social security costs	-	-
	Other creditors	-	-
	Accruals*	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		<u>350</u>	<u>15,300</u>

- Prepaid grant

10.	Statement of funds					
		Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Transfer	Balance at
		01/04/2024	Resources	Expended	of funds	31/03/2025
	Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
	Digital Inclusion	1,066	15,000	(15,791)	(275)	-
	Out & About	-	15,000	(3,610)	-	11,390
	Our Futures	<u>14,825</u>	<u>80,379</u>	<u>(65,541)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,663</u>
	Total Restricted Funds	15,891	110,379	(84,941)	(275)	41,053
	Unrestricted Funds	<u>3,009</u>	<u>107,469</u>	<u>(101,952)</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>8,801</u>
	Total Funds as at 31 March	<u>18,900</u>	<u>217,848</u>	<u>(186,893)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,854</u>

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2024 was another challenging year. We have spent much of the year reviewing our operations and effecting some changes to become more efficient. Our aim is to protect the core activities of the organisation, that being the youth club and the Our Futures project.

During the year our activities consisted of:

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Our Futures

Our Futures now features a greater element of community involvement and life skills development in addition to employability. We have also increased our internal work experience projects to broaden the range of opportunities available. Participants are given intensive, individual support to create an individualised pathway towards future goals and aspirations, including paid work whenever appropriate.

Pump & Grind Coffee Shop – work experience

Working in partnership the London Museum of Water & Steam at Kew Bridge (a former pumping station) we offer barista-style coffee, cakes and some hot food to the general public. Not commercially

viable as a café, the Museum gains a refreshment facility for their visitors and Our Barn gains a training and work experience venue. We also offer the café space for community groups to use on quieter days, all for the price of a cup of tea or two.

The economic downturn has particularly impacted footfall at the Museum and even with a very thorough review of overheads and increases to our pricing, we (again) barely managed to reach breakeven. We have carried out a very thorough review of whether this venue meets our needs and asked if operating this café is drawing us away from our core Mission. We concluded that we are at risk of failing to deliver our objectives if the Museum were to close, and felt that as this was outside of our control we needed to seek an alternative.

At the time of writing this report we have served notice that we are vacating the premises and have identified a Community Centre nearby that offers the same work experience opportunity without the obligation of staffing weekends and holidays at significant cost.

Digital Inclusion – work experience

After a successful year delivering 1,000 upgraded, reconditioned laptops to residents of Hounslow in 2023, we scaled back this project to a more manageable size of approximately 300 laptops in 2024. In the first year we used a contractor, Blue Summit Technologies, to support on the technical side, and this year have been able to bring this in-house through the part-time employment of one of our service users and long term volunteer.

This activity also offers our members a volunteering and work experience opportunity, getting involved with the refurbishment and distribution of devices, and providing guidance to members of the public on how to use their devices. To facilitate this, we have taken on new office space at Qwest in Brentford. The lease is for the two-year duration of the project and the space is used to work on the laptops being upgraded, as well as providing office space for the Our Futures team and staff.

Carers Project

As part of the exit strategy for our CEO's forthcoming retirement we had recruited a Project Leader specifically to take this activity forward. However, that person's increased caring commitments have made it impossible for her to continue in this role.

After an extremely successful year supporting families with disabled children access appropriate disability-related welfare benefits we have taken the difficult decision to move this project outside of Our Barn. We have established a model that can be run entirely by volunteers, parents of disabled children themselves. Hounslow Parent Carers Forum is willing to support with access to meeting space and we have always worked alongside them, so we will continue this work elsewhere.

Gardening Project

We also made the decision to vacate Jubilee Lodge, as accessibility has meant numbers attending are lower than we would like. It gives us an opportunity to work alongside each other across all projects. Our gardeners in June 2024 transitioned to the Museum as a short-term measure, where the number of participants has increased significantly. We also made plans to redirect some of our gardening staff into a new weekly Out & About activity to start when we vacated Jubilee Lodge. This builds independence skills through travelling to places of interest in the London area, as selected by the

participants. This will become part of the Our Futures offer. Gardening will also continue on a one day a week basis, also under the Our Futures offer.

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The Trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and the board is responsible for a strategic plan formed in consultation with service users and staff. Service user consultation is embedded in our practice and is continually being strengthened.

We continue to use the Outcomes Star measurement tool, tracking individual participants' progress over time.

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Financial review

Sustaining the organisation beyond our founding CEO's tenure has taken priority during this current year. It is their intention to retire in two years and we have taken steps to reduce the current administrative burden and allow their transition to part-time work during 2025. We have reviewed our funding options and will focus on longer-term sources such as the National Lottery and strengthening our Hounslow Council links. Combining our disparate activities into one or two core activities has been our goal and we have made considerable progress towards completing this plan in 2024, with a successful result by January 2025. It will be the first time we have all our activities and staff together in the same place since we formed.

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jasmin Aktar
12 Davmor Court, Manor Vale, Brentford TW8 9JW

Date: 12 December 2024

Our Barn Community
Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Incoming resources from generated funds –		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income	2	78,399	-	78,399	58,714
Investment income	3	40	-	40	27
		<u>78,439</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,439</u>	<u>58,741</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	31,575	134,580	166,155	183,042
Total incoming resources		<u>110,014</u>	<u>134,580</u>	<u>244,595</u>	<u>241,784</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	106,279	152,975	259,255	250,029
Total resources expended	6	<u>106,279</u>	<u>(18,395)</u>	<u>259,255</u>	<u>250,029</u>
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		<u>3,735</u>	<u>(18,395)</u>	<u>(14,659)</u>	<u>(8,246)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer of funds	10	(1,692)	1,692	-	-
Total Fund brought forward	10	966	32,594	33,560	41,805
Total Fund carried forward	10	<u>3,009</u>	<u>15,891</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>41,805</u>

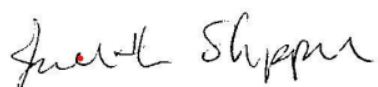
Our Barn Community

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		34,200	97,167
Accruals and Prepayments	9	(15,000)	(51,155)
		-----	-----
		19,200	46,012
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	9	300	(12,452)
		-----	-----
Net current assets		18,900	33,559
		=====	=====
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		3,009	966
Restricted funds		15,891	32,593
		-----	-----
		18,900	33,559
		=====	=====

The accounts were approved by the committee on 13 January 2025.



J Sheppard
Treasurer

Our Barn Community

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

Incoming resources

Income has been recognised gross on the basis of entitlement, certainty and measurement.

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

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are receivable or any requirement imposed on the grant is fulfilled.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Expenditures relating to supporting people with learning disabilities are those elements of expenditure directly incurred in performing these activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There has been no expenditure on fixed assets.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Our Barn Community
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For the year ended 31 March 2024

2.	Voluntary income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Café Income	57,794	41,867
	Donations and gifts	<u>20,605</u>	<u>16,847</u>
		<u>78,399</u>	<u>58,714</u>

3.	Investment income	2024	2023
		£	£
	Interest receivable	<u>40</u>	<u>27</u>

4.	Incoming resources from charitable activities			2024 Total	2023 Total
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with learning disabilities (LD)	<u>31,575</u>	<u>134,580</u>	<u>166,155</u>	<u>183,042</u>

Included with unrestricted income related to supporting people with learning disabilities are the following grants

Local authority service agreement	28,000
Small grants	<u>3,575</u>
	<u>31,575</u>

5.	Total resources expended			2024 Total	2023 Total
		Staff costs	Other costs		
	Charitable activities –	£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with LD	<u>159,514</u>	<u>99,741</u>	<u>259,255</u>	<u>250,029</u>

Activities undertaken directly

Our Barn Community Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Activities undertaken directly

Other costs relating to supporting people with learning disabilities comprise:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent and venue hire	34,730	22,096
Professional fees	-	550
Independent Examination	300	-
Cost of activities, including digital inclusion contractor	22,052	11,375
Cost of goods for café	27,633	17,873
Telephone	1,750	2,193
Electricity	2,502	2,966
Printing, postage & stationery	23	1,276
Refreshments and gala dinner	-	3,499
Insurance	2,850	3,335
Website costs	3,366	3,140
Equipment purchases, repairs & renewals	2,803	4,548
Subscription	398	634
Travel	221	-
Bank charges	<u>1,113</u>	<u>1,050</u>
	<u>99,741</u>	<u>74,535</u>

7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 4.5 (2023: 5) full time equivalent

Supporting people with learning disabilities

Employment costs –

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>159,514</u>	<u>175,494</u>

There were no expenses paid to the Trustees during the period.

Our Barn Community
Notes to the Accounts
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8.	Debtors	2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade debtors	-	-
9.	Creditors	2024	2023
	Amounts falling due within one year –	£	£
	Trade creditors	300	1,226
	Taxes and social security costs	-	-
	Other creditors	-	11,226
	Accruals*	<u>15,000</u>	<u>51,155</u>
		<u>15,300</u>	<u>63,617</u>

*Prepaid grants

Digital Inclusion (Hounslow Council)	15,000	43,500
Carers Project (Peoples Health Trust)	-	<u>7,655</u>
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>51,155</u>

10. Statement of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer of funds	Balance at 31/03/2024
Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
Digital Inclusion	12,349	49,500	(60,783)	-	1,066
Carers	5,845	7,655	(15,192)	1,692	-
Our Futures	<u>14,400</u>	<u>77,425</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>	-	<u>14,825</u>
Total Restricted Funds	32,594	134,580	(152,975)	1,692	15,891
Unrestricted Funds	<u>966</u>	<u>110,014</u>	<u>(106,279)</u>	<u>(1,692)</u>	<u>3,009</u>
Total Funds as at 31 March	<u>33,560</u>	<u>244,594</u>	<u>(259,254)</u>	-	<u>18,900</u>

OUR BARN COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1181421

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Trustees	Tom Ruchniewicz (Chair) Beverley Stansby Rachel Smith
Charity Number:	1181421
Chief Executive Officer	Karen Adams
Principal Address and Registered Office	Jubilee Lodge Jersey Road Isleworth TW7 4RB
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 314 Chiswick High Road London W4 5TA

Our Barn Community Chair's Report and Accounts For the period ended 31 March 2023

The Chair of Trustees presents Our Barn Community's report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, government and management

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Our formal charitable aims are:

To advance in life and to help people with learning difficulties or other disabilities, especially but not exclusively, through:

- (a) The provision of social, recreational, educational and other activities as a means of developing their confidence and independence, and their skills, capacities and capabilities for work, and participation in adult life and the community; and
- (b) The provision of support to family carers.

Our ethos has also developed to include strands of work that:

- Make a contribution to our local community (giving back)
- Incorporate elements of environmental protection and conservation
- Raise expectations of what disabled people can achieve

2023 has been a year a challenging year. We have had to utilise our unrestricted funds to bridge some funding gaps and increased costs. By the end of the year we have a healthy spread of grant funding that allows us to continue to provide a broad range of services.

During the year our activities consisted of:

Our Barn Youth Club

Our 'flagship' youth club takes place on Sundays at Redlees Play Centre in Isleworth. Participants are aged 16 to 25 and most of the funding continues to come through Hounslow Council's Short Breaks budget. We have brought our Multisport sessions under the Youth Club umbrella and sessions offer variety, teamwork, friendly competition and individual achievement. It is our most popular activity.

Our Futures

Funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund for this employability project has been renewed after a tense period of 'waiting to hear' that was much longer than our previous experience. We made a decision to sustain this valuable project through the use of unrestricted funds. The position of Assistant Project Leader was not renewed.

Our Futures now features a greater element of community involvement and life skills development in addition to employability. We have also increased our internal work experience projects to broaden the range of opportunities available. Participants are given intensive, individual support to create an individualised pathway towards future goals and aspirations, including paid work whenever appropriate.

Pump & Grind Coffee Shop – work experience

Working in partnership the London Museum of Water & Steam at Kew Bridge (a former pumping station) we offer barista-style coffee, cakes and some hot food to the general public. Not commercially viable as a café, the Museum gains a refreshment facility for their visitors and Our Barn gains a training and work experience venue. We also offer the café space for community groups to use on quieter days, all for the price of a cup of tea or two.

Digital Inclusion – work experience

This project has expanded substantially with funding from Hounslow Council's Community Solutions the project offers access to laptops, data and guidance to get online safely with a target of 1,000 laptops being allocated in 2023 to Hounslow' most excluded residents.

This activity also offers our members a volunteering and work experience opportunity, getting involved with the refurbishment and distribution of devices. To facilitate this, we have taken on new office space at Qwest in Brentford. The lease is for the duration of the project and the space is used to work on the laptops being upgraded.

Carers Project

We offer a social coffee morning at the café and one-to-one appointments to carers dealing with more complex matters. Access is open to anyone with a disabled child with many referrals coming from the borough's primary special school.

Having gained an increase in funding, our project is still 'fully booked'. We have supported many families to gain higher (more appropriate) rates of welfare benefits as well as parent carer volunteers sharing lived experience.

Gardening Project

Gardeners at Jubilee Lodge learn work-related and independence skills through gardening and horticulture.

We also embrace an environmentally friendly approach to looking after the space at Jubilee Lodge that includes Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, making bee hotels, creating a wildlife-friendly habitat and observing the plentiful wildlife in Osterley Park. Gardeners learn about food from seed to plate and surpluses are delivered to our café.

Gardening continues to offer a great all-round activity for our members. During the coming year we will refresh and develop this offer to ensure it stays appealing to participants. We have received feedback that Jubilee Lodge has accessibility difficulties and will review whether this venue continues to meet our needs in the next year.

Committee Membership Recruitment, Roles and Responsibilities

Our Trustees set and monitor the strategic direction of Our Barn, ensure that Our Barn meets its charitable objectives by using the best possible practice and financial prudence, and take a strong role in Safeguarding.

They also ensure good management of the team leaders, support the day-to-day running of Our Barn's activities and set some performance management targets for the leaders and manager.

The Trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and the board is responsible for a strategic plan formed in consultation with service users and staff. Service user consultation is embedded in our practice and is continually being strengthened.

We continue to use the Outcomes Star measurement tool, tracking individual participants' progress over time.

The committee has assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. This has included a thorough review of Covid precautions.

Objectives and Activities

Our Barn's Charitable Objects

Our Barn's mission is to support young people and adults to achieve their potential. This aim is delivered through providing learning, life skills and social interaction, and meaningful support to their families and carers. Our Barn is committed to:

- Promoting full participation in the community for all its service users
- Developing community resources
- Linking with a range of external services to meet this goal

Service users and potential service users can expect Our Barn to:

- Provide a high quality of service to all our service users (including carers, other agencies and funders)
- Provide information that is clear and easy to understand
- Provide a secure, safe and confidential environment
- Treat people with respect and courtesy at all times
- Work with all service users regardless of their colour, race, gender, sexuality, disability or religious beliefs
- Ensure staff receive appropriate training and support
- Demonstrate good practice in quality assurance, management and financial systems
- Seek funding from a range of statutory, grant-making, corporate and private sources

Financial review

Funding continues to be mostly on a year-by-year basis and this poses a threat to sustainability. Our approach is to plan a widening fundraising strategy, demonstrating the effectiveness of our work, seeking longer term contracts and partnerships, and the development of new services.

We have built a strong foundation for post-pandemic recovery and are clearly in a stronger position than at the end of 2022. Challenges lie ahead but we are prepared to respond appropriately.

Management Committee Members' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Management Committee Members are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 charity members to prepare financial statements for each 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 period. In preparing the financial statements, the committee are required to:

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

The committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website at www.ourbarn.org.uk. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Ruchniewicz', written in a cursive style.

Tom Ruchniewicz

Our Barn Community

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out in pages 5 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee Members and Examiner

The Management Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee Members consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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Jasmin Aktar
12 Davmor Court, Manor Vale, Brentford TW8 9JW

Date: 12 December 2024

Our Barn Community
Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Incoming resources from generated funds –		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income	2	58,714	-	58,714	49,801
Investment income	3	27	-	27	3
		<u>58,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,741</u>	<u>49,801</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	37,327	145,715	183,042	122,821
Total incoming resources		<u>96,068</u>	<u>145,715</u>	<u>241,784</u>	<u>172,625</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	121,969	128,060	250,029	234,726
Total resources expended	6	<u>121,969</u>	<u>128,060</u>	<u>250,029</u>	<u>234,726</u>
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		<u>(25,901)</u>	<u>17,655</u>	<u>(8,246)</u>	<u>(62,101)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer of funds	10	-	-	-	-
Total Fund brought forward	10	26,867	14,938	41,805	103,906
Total Fund carried forward	10	<u>966</u>	<u>32,593</u>	<u>33,559</u>	<u>41,805</u>

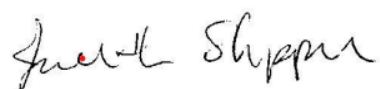
Our Barn Community

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	5,625
Cash at bank and in hand		97,167	57,516
Accruals and Prepayments	9	(51,155)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		46,012	63,141
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	9	(12,452)	(21,336)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net current assets		33,559	41,805
		=====	=====
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		966	26,867
Restricted funds		32,593	14,938
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		33,559	41,805
		=====	=====

The accounts were approved by the committee on 24 January 2024.



J Sheppard
Treasurer

Our Barn Community

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Expenditures relating to supporting people with learning disabilities are those elements of expenditure directly incurred in performing these activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There has been no expenditure on fixed assets.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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For the year ended 31 March 2023

2.	Voluntary income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Café Income	41,867	35,594
	Donations and gifts	<u>16,847</u>	<u>14,207</u>
		<u>58,714</u>	<u>49,801</u>

3.	Investment income	2023	2022
		£	£
	Interest receivable	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>

4.	Incoming resources from charitable activities			2023 Total	2022 Total
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with learning disabilities (LD)	<u>37,327</u>	<u>145,715</u>	<u>183,042</u>	<u>122,821</u>

Included with unrestricted income related to supporting people with learning disabilities are the following grants

Local authority service agreement	28,000
Small grants	<u>3,300</u>
	<u>31,300</u>

5.	Total resources expended	Staff costs	Other costs	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£
	Charitable activities –				
	Supporting people with LD	<u>175,494</u>	<u>74,535</u>	<u>250,029</u>	<u>234,726</u>

Activities undertaken directly

Our Barn Community Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2023

6. Activities undertaken directly

Other costs relating to supporting people with learning disabilities comprise:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Venue hire and rent	22,096	12,360
Professional fees	550	-
Independent examiner's fees	-	800
Cost of activities	11,375	2,835
Cost of goods for café	17,873	10,469
Telephone	2,193	1,441
Electricity	2,966	2,430
Printing, postage & stationery	1,276	657
Refreshments and gala dinner	3,499	193
Insurance	3,335	2,811
Website costs	3,140	886
Equipment purchases, repairs & renewals	4,548	5,222
Subscription	634	399
Cleaning	-	184
Bank charges	<u>1,050</u>	<u>560</u>
	<u>74,535</u>	<u>54,608</u>

7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 5 (2022: 6) full time equivalent

Supporting people with learning disabilities

Employment costs –

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>175,494</u>	<u>193,479</u>

There were no expenses paid to the Trustees during the period.

Our Barn Community
Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023

8.	Debtors					
			2023		2022	
			£		£	
	Trade debtors		-		<u>5,625</u>	
9.	Creditors					
	Amounts falling due within one year –					
			2023		2022	
			£		£	
	Trade creditors		1,226		-	
	Taxes and social security costs		-		4,045	
	Other creditors		11,226		16,894	
	Accruals		-		<u>397</u>	
			<u>12,452</u>		<u>21,336</u>	
	Prepayments					
	Digital Inclusion (Hounslow Council)		43,500		-	
	Carers Project (Peoples Health Trust)		<u>7,655</u>		-	
			<u>51,155</u>		-	
10.	Statement of funds					
		Balance at	Incoming	Resources	Transfer	Balance at
		01/04/2022	Resources	Expended	of funds	31/03/2023
	Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
	Gardening	5,434	11,500	(16,934)	-	-
	Digital Inclusion	5,334	49,770	(42,755)	-	12,349
	Café	-	18,140	(18,140)	-	-
	Carers	4,170	28,405	(26,730)	-	5,845
	Our Futures	-	<u>37,900</u>	<u>(23,500)</u>	-	<u>14,400</u>
	Total Restricted Funds	14,938	145,715	(128,260)	-	32,593
	Unrestricted Funds	<u>26,867</u>	<u>96,068</u>	<u>(121,969)</u>	-	<u>966</u>
	Total Funds as at 31 March	<u>41,805</u>	<u>241,783</u>	<u>(250,029)</u>	-	<u>33,559</u>

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For the period ended 31 March 2022



This year Our Barn Community is funded by:



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Our Barn Community

Chair's Report and Accounts

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- (b) The provision of support to family carers.

Our rather unusual name comes from the log cabin in Redlees Play Centre, where our youth club started in 2012 before becoming a CIO in 2019. We often refer to participants and users of our services as members as the youth club is usually where their Our Barn adventure starts.

Our ethos has also developed to include strands of work that:

- Make a contribution to our local community (giving back)
- Incorporate elements of environmental protection and conservation
- Raise expectations of what disabled people can achieve

2022 has been a year of resilience-building for the Our Barn Community: we have not quite returned to pre-pandemic levels of activity, but we have laid excellent foundations for an even stronger organisation on our return to growth.

During the year of our 2022 report and accounts our activities consisted of:

Our Barn Youth Club

Our 'flagship' youth club takes place on Sundays at Redlees Play Centre in Isleworth. Participants are aged 16 to 25 and most of the funding continues to come through Hounslow Council's Short Breaks budget. The youth club is frequently the introduction to Our Barn and for that reason we maintain a skilled high staff ratio. It retains an upper age limit of 25 so that youth element is very much the focus.

We continue to operate the Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards for our 16-25s, celebrating our young people's strengths and enhancing what we have to offer.

All other activities have an elevated upper age limit of 35 – aimed at capturing those leaving formal education as their Education Health & Care Plan ceases, assisting in the navigation to a meaningful and rewarding adult life including paid employment if appropriate. During this year our 16-35 age range could access:

Our Futures (Part 1)

Funding from the National Lottery Communities Fund for this employability project came to an end. This first version of Our Futures had a very strong emphasis on gaining employment and this became difficult to achieve during the strictest of pandemic restrictions. However, we were able to celebrate many successes, especially pre-pandemic.

The experienced leadership of this project has influenced our ethos across all projects and whilst we were waiting for employment opportunities to return (and creating our own), we used the skills of our youth leader to trial a number of small, impactful projects (detailed below), some of which have gone onto become a significant element of what we offer.

Our Futures (Part 2), or Back to Our Futures is a revised format incorporating a greater element of community involvement in addition to employability was planned during this year and a large funding bid to the National Lottery submitted. Whilst at our year end the outcome of this bid was unknown, we were subsequently awarded funding and Part 2 has begun.

Multisport

Regaining physical activity levels has been a challenge for some of our members and we were able to secure funding aimed at doing just that from both Sport England and Disability Rights UK, offering in-person evening as well as daytime sessions. Some of our members are in the very clinically vulnerable group and gaining confidence to attend was an important barrier that our members overcame. Multisport sessions offer variety, teamwork, friendly competition and individual achievement. It is our most popular activity.

Pump & Grind Coffee Shop

In the absence of realistic employment opportunities externally we planned our own. Working in partnership the London Museum of Water & Steam at Kew Bridge (a former pumping station) we offer barista-style coffee, cakes and some hot food to the general public. Not commercially viable as a café, the Museum gains a refreshment facility for their visitors and Our Barn gains a training venue.

We had a brief opening in October 2020 half term before being subjected to Museum pandemic restrictions for the next six months. We re-opened in May 2021 and spent much of the year learning how to run a café, helped by the recruitment of experienced barista staff. We are seriously proud of our 5-star hygiene rating. Our members also gained Level 2 food hygiene qualifications through a partnership with Hounslow Adult Education & Community Learning.

Employment has been an excellent outcome too, with several of our members gaining paid employment, including two positions within Pump & Grind. The café is used as a community space during weekday openings and hosts a number of community groups.

Digital Inclusion

Access to laptops, data and guidance to get online safely became a necessity overnight and we met those needs within the Our Barn community through requests for old, unused devices which volunteers from Blue Summit (now our tech partner) upgraded and recycled. During the year the café hosted a popular drop-in advice session for those in need of support.

After supporting our members, we had many surplus devices so we opened access to a refurbished, upgraded, recycled device to 'anyone who needs one'. Giving away more than two hundred devices with a small grant from Global Action Plan, along with six months' data from Vodafone. Recipients were predominantly low income disabled households and carers.

This activity also offered our members a volunteering opportunity, getting involved with the refurbishment and distribution of devices. We intend to expand this aspect of the project over the coming year.

Community Use of Pump & Grind

Having connected during our joint tenure as the Mayor of Hounslow's official charities we have joined with Hounslow Seniors Trust to host a series of community lunches. Volunteer chefs produce dishes from around the world and our members and the seniors join together to enjoy each other's company over the meal.

Board games sessions and an inclusive Stay & Play session for under-5s also take place in the cafe. The play group is used by NHS clinicians as a social communication setting for children undergoing autism assessment. A volunteer from the West London Twins Club ensures the activity runs safely.

Community use of the cafe space during the week is now at full capacity, with Museum visitors becoming regular customers at weekends. We have set a target of break-even in the coming year (£2,500 loss in this current year).

Carers Project

Funding from the People's Health Trust has been augmented by a Thriving Communities grant from the London Borough of Hounslow. Demand for this service has never been higher. We offer a social coffee morning at the café and one-to-one appointments dealing with more complex matters. Access is open to anyone with a disabled child with many referrals coming from the borough's primary special school.

A significant finding is that lack of access to 2 year-old health visitor checks has meant that children with significant needs have not been identified until they arrive at mainstream nursery, placing pressure on those settings. Lack of access to health assessments has also meant a backlog in disability-related welfare applications for families. The brevity of reports and delay in diagnostic assessments have led to a huge increase in our benefit appeals work. Whilst delays have been inevitable once the hearings take place we still have a phenomenal success rate. 100% of appeals heard in the year resulted in an increase to the original DWP award.

We aim to increase the hours of support available, with staff and volunteers sharing their lived experience of parenting a disabled child.

Gardening Project

Finally, we are extremely proud that the gardening project managed to run without any closures having been deemed an essential service. Funding from Inspire Hounslow made a significant contribution to the project's success. Gardeners at Jubilee Lodge learn work-related and independence skills through gardening and horticulture.

We also embrace an environmentally friendly approach to looking after the space at Jubilee Lodge that includes Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, making bee hotels, creating a wildlife-friendly habitat and observing the plentiful wildlife in Osterley Park. Gardeners learn about food from seed to plate and surpluses are delivered to our café.

We continue to offer some 'outreach' gardening, show-casing our skills in areas where the general public can see what we do, or bringing our gardening team to carry out mini garden makeovers for disabled people to directly benefit.

Gardening continues to offer a great all-round activity for our members. During the coming year we will refresh and develop this offer to ensure it stays appealing to participants.

Committee Membership Recruitment, Roles and Responsibilities

Our Trustees set and monitor the strategic direction of Our Barn, ensure that Our Barn meets its charitable objectives by using the best possible practice and financial prudence, and take a strong role in Safeguarding.

They also ensure good management of the team leaders, support the day-to-day running of Our Barn's activities and set some performance management targets for the leaders and manager.

The Trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and the board is responsible for a strategic plan formed in consultation with service users and staff. Service user consultation is embedded in our practice and is continually being strengthened.

We continue to use the Outcomes Star measurement tool, tracking individual participants' progress over time.

The committee has assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. This has included a thorough review of Covid precautions.

Objectives and Activities

Our Barn's Charitable Objects

Our Barn's mission is to support young people and adults to achieve their potential. This aim is delivered through providing learning, life skills and social interaction, and meaningful support to their families and carers. Our Barn is committed to:

- Promoting full participation in the community for all its service users
- Developing community resources
- Linking with a range of services in order to meet this goal

Service users and potential service users can expect Our Barn to:

- Provide a high quality of service to all our service users (including carers, other agencies and funders)
- Provide information that is clear and easy to understand
- Provide a secure, safe and confidential environment

- Treat people with respect and courtesy at all times
- Work with all service users regardless of their colour, race, gender, sexuality, disability or religious beliefs
- Ensure staff receive appropriate training and support
- Demonstrate good practice in quality assurance, management and financial systems
- Seek funding from a range of statutory, grant-making, corporate and private sources

Financial review

At the very end of the 2021 financial year we were extremely fortunate to receive a large grant (£53,000) of unrestricted funding from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. This allowed us to concentrate on the café set-up whilst reviewing the Our Futures project.

Funding continues to be mostly on a year-by-year basis and this poses a threat to sustainability. Our approach is to plan a widening fundraising strategy, demonstrating the effectiveness of our work, seeking longer term contracts and partnerships, and the development of new services.

We have built a strong foundation for recovery and are clearly in a stronger position than at the end of 2021. Challenges lie ahead but we are prepared.

Reserves Policy

Our Barn holds reserves to enable it to develop its core business activities in new ventures that will ultimately spread our business risk. Reserves are also needed to ensure that Our Barn can meet short term cash requirements surrounding venue needs, maternity cover, recruitment and unforeseen legal liabilities.

Our Barn's reserve policy is to hold a minimum of three months' operating costs, with the longer-term goal of building reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs. As an organisation this policy has been extremely challenging this year and we took a decision to suspend the policy to meet the challenge of pandemic recovery. Allowing a draw down on reserves has allowed us to develop our offer whilst our successful large funding bid was being considered.

We have reinstated the original reserves policy shortly after the year end

Management Committee Members' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Management Committee Members are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 charity members to prepare financial statements for each 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 period. In preparing the financial statements, the committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website at www.ourbarn.org.uk. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Ruchniewicz', written in a cursive style.

Tom Ruchniewicz

Our Barn Community

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Management Committee Members

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee Members and Examiner

The Management Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee Members consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Our Barn Community
Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Incoming resources from generated funds –		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income	2	49,801	-	49,801	33,570
Investment income	3	3	-	3	3
		<u>49,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,804</u>	<u>33,573</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	32,797	90,024	122,821	197,650
Total incoming resources		<u>82,601</u>	<u>90,024</u>	<u>172,625</u>	<u>231,223</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	153,549	81,177	234,726	220,371
Total resources expended	6	<u>153,549</u>	<u>81,177</u>	<u>234,726</u>	<u>220,371</u>
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		<u>(70,948)</u>	<u>8,847</u>	<u>(62,101)</u>	<u>10,852</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer of funds	10	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Total Fund brought forward	10	82,815	21,091	103,906	93,054
Total Fund carried forward	10	<u>26,867</u>	<u>14,938</u>	<u>41,805</u>	<u>103,906</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,625	53,000
Cash at bank and in hand		57,516	65,356
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		63,141	118,356
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	9	(21,336)	(14,450)
		-----	-----
Net current assets		41,805	103,906
		=====	=====
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	10	26,867	82,815
Restricted funds	10	14,938	21,091
		-----	-----
		41,805	103,906
		=====	=====

The accounts were approved by the committee on 23 January 2023.



J Sheppard
Treasurer

Our Barn Community

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

Incoming resources

Income has been recognised gross on the basis of entitlement, certainty and measurement.

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

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are receivable or any requirement imposed on the grant is fulfilled.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Expenditures relating to supporting people with learning disabilities are those elements of expenditure directly incurred in performing these activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There has been no expenditure on fixed assets.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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2.	Voluntary income			2022	2021
				£	£
	Donations and gifts			<u>49,801</u>	<u>33,570</u>
3.	Investment income			2022	2021
				£	£
	Interest receivable			<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
4.	Incoming resources from charitable activities				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
		Funds	Funds		
		£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with learning disabilities (LD)	<u>32,797</u>	<u>90,024</u>	<u>122,821</u>	<u>197,650</u>
	Included with unrestricted income related to supporting people with learning disabilities are the following grants				
	Local authority service agreement			28,000	
	Global Action Plan			2,500	
	Hounslow Seniors Trust			1,447	
	Jack Petchey Foundation			<u>850</u>	
				<u>32,797</u>	
5.	Total resources expended				
		Staff costs	Other costs	2022 Total	2021 Total
	Charitable activities –	£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with LD	<u>193,479</u>	<u>41,247</u>	<u>234,726</u>	<u>220,371</u>
	Activities undertaken directly				

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6. Activities undertaken directly

Other costs relating to supporting people with learning disabilities comprise:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Venue hire and rent	12,360	21,250
Professional fees	-	400
Independent examiner's fees	800	600
Cost of activities	2,835	7,972
Cost of goods for café	10,469	775
Telephone	1,441	1,688
Electricity	2,430	3,830
Printing, postage & stationery	657	663
Refreshments	193	63
Insurance	2,811	2,811
Website costs	886	3,143
Equipment purchases, repairs & renewals	5,222	10,086
Subscription	399	487
Cleaning	184	727
Bank charges	<u>560</u>	<u>113</u>
	<u>41,247</u>	<u>54,608</u>

7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 6 (2021: 5) full time equivalent

Supporting people with learning disabilities

Employment costs –

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>193,479</u>	<u>165,763</u>

There were no expenses paid to the Trustees during the period.

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8.	Debtors	2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade debtors	<u>5,625</u>	<u>53,000</u>
9.	Creditors	2022	2021
	Amounts falling due within one year –	£	£
	Trade creditors	-	2,266
	Taxes and social security costs	4,045	-
	Other creditors	16,894	11,228
	Accruals	<u>397</u>	<u>956</u>
		<u>21,336</u>	<u>14,450</u>

10. Statement of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer of funds	Balance at 31/03/2022
Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
Gardening	-	39,450	(34,016)	-	5,434
Multi Sports	-	10,525	(10,525)	-	-
Digital Inclusion	-	17,394	(12,060)	-	5,334
Café	-	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Carers	-	7,655	(3,485)	-	4,170
Our Futures	<u>21,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,091)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Restricted Funds	21,091	90,024	(81,177)	(15,000)	14,938
Unrestricted Funds	<u>82,815</u>	<u>82,601</u>	<u>(153,549)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>26,867</u>
Total Funds as at 31 March	<u>103,906</u>	<u>172,625</u>	<u>(234,726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,805</u>

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Our Barn Community Report and Accounts

For the period ended 31 March 2021



This year Our Barn Community is funded by:



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Our Barn Community

Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees	Tom Ruchniewicz (Chair) Beverley Stansby Rachel Smith
Charity Number:	1181421
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Treasurer	Judith Sheppard
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Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 314 Chiswick High Road London W4 5TA

Our Barn Community Chair's Report and Accounts For the period ended 31 March 2021

The Chair of Trustees presents Our Barn Community's report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Structure, government and management

On 4 January 2019 Our Barn became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charities Commission, under registration number 1181421. At this point we formally changed our name from Our Barn Youth Club to Our Barn Community to better reflect our widening range of activities.

Our formal charitable aims are:

To advance in life and to help people with learning difficulties or other disabilities, especially but not exclusively, through:

- (a) The provision of social, recreational, educational and other activities as a means of developing their confidence and independence, and their skills, capacities and capabilities for work, and participation in adult life and the community; and
- (b) The provision of support to family carers.

Our rather unusual name comes from the log cabin in Redlees Play Centre, where our youth club started in 2012. We refer to participants and users of our services as members.

Our ethos has also developed to include strands of work that:

- Make a contribution to our local community (giving back)
- Incorporate elements of environmental protection and conservation
- Follow the Five Ways to Wellbeing principles
- Raise expectations of what disabled people can achieve

2021 has continued to present extraordinary challenges for everyone. It was clear, amid so much uncertainty, that Our Barn's services were needed more than ever, and the big challenge was how to deliver them.

We started the year with all our staff on furlough, having lost access to all our venues. Following guidance from the National Youth Agency, we adapted and got creative. By May all our staff were back at work, connecting with isolated households. Having used the Five Ways to Wellbeing principles previously, we took the decision to embed them across all our projects. This simple tool brings focus, reduces anxiety and helps with resilience.



During the year of our activities consisted of:

Our Barn Youth Club

Our 'flagship' youth club usually takes place on Sundays at Redlees Play Centre in Isleworth. Access to this local authority venue was denied for the entire twelve months, only reopening in October 2021.

We rapidly switched to online video calls, supporting our members to get online, download the right App, register and join us. For some, though, the switch to online was a step too far. We tell you what we did about this in our Digital Inclusion section.

Our Youth Club leaders got to grips with delivering online, something we had never done before. Emphasis was on having a fun time, a distraction from other difficulties. We encouraged leaving the home to take part in exercise or observe nature, to connect with each other and maintain our friendship group.

Participants are aged 16 to 25, with most of the funding coming through Hounslow Council's Short Breaks budget. We normally experience extremely high demand for this service, which is often the first social activity outside of home or school that our members access. The youth club is the first entry point to Our Barn and the emphasis is on fun activities and building a friendship group, whilst gradually removing some of the high support and structures needed in education.

We continue to operate the **Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards**, celebrating our young people's strengths and enhancing what we have to offer.

Our Futures

Supported by the **National Lottery Communities Fund** this project supports those not in education, employment or training (NEET). It recruits people with learning disabilities or autism who have finished formal education.

Named by our first intake, Our Futures is a fifteen-week programme that works with individuals finding their unique pathway in life. Outcomes are as varied as the individuals who have taken part and include fulltime paid employment, long term volunteering, supported apprenticeships or a community-based programme of activities.

Gaining greater independence has led many of our member to move out of the family home into shared (supported) accommodation. Several of our members took a leap of faith moving further into their community and gained paid employment and long-term volunteering roles. Since the start of the pandemic we have recognised that external work experience placements are going to be difficult to source and during 2020 had already taken the first steps to address this with plans to increase Our Barn work experience provision. We tell you more about this in our Pump & Grind Coffee Shop section.

Access to the local authority community building during the year was also very restricted. Again, we switched to online delivery. A key development was our podcasts which are uploaded to the **Our Barn Community YouTube channel**. These gave participants the chance to reflect on what being part of Our Barn means to them, what they've done and how they have progressed on a personal level.

The Our Futures programme was funded for three years as an employability programme. This came to an end officially in April 2021. Other projects better fitted to pandemic restrictions have taken its place. Thanks are due to project leaders David Roughan and Jamie Porter for leading us to a successful conclusion.

Gardening Project

Our gardening project takes place at Jubilee Lodge inside the beautiful grounds of Osterley Park, a National Trust property. Access was restricted briefly but the park reopened with very many local residents enjoying a stroll past our gate. We recruited a small team of volunteers to help keep the garden in shape whilst our gardeners were on furlough. Many were on furlough themselves from nearby Heathrow Airport and they made an invaluable contribution to keeping the garden in order.

Our gardening project has been incredibly resilient during this challenging year. Major funding was secured from **Inspire Hounslow** and we were able to add grants from the **City Bridge Trust** and **Heathrow Community Fund**.

Adapting to Covid restrictions meant socially distanced workstations, a one-way route through the garden and an increase in cleaning. During an incredibly cold winter our gardening session continued to run outside, with no entry into the Lodge without any cancelled sessions. We installed a polytunnel and put down the first base of our hoggin path.

Gardeners at Jubilee Lodge learn work-related and independence skills through gardening and horticulture. We also embrace an environmentally friendly approach to looking after the space at Jubilee Lodge that includes Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, making bee hotels, creating a wildlife-friendly habitat and observing the plentiful wildlife in Osterley Park. Gardeners learn about food from seed to plate and surpluses are delivered to the Open Kitchen, run by Muslim Hands, where they make hot meals for anyone who needs one.

Numbers attending did fall though, due to households shielding, and to retain connection with this vulnerable group our garden project leaders put together activity packs and posted them out. This was followed up by a video group call which soon became known as Guerilla Gardening (or Gorilla Gardening).

Multisport

Once again, we transferred this project online, finding an early evening timeslot to be beneficial to families preparing the evening meal. Resources were allocated from the Short

Breaks budget and our qualified yoga instructors were both inventive and entertaining. This proved to be our best-attended online activity.

Buddy Bicycles

Our cycles received a complete overhaul during the summer of 2020 with an experienced mechanic refurbishing some recumbents that had been donated to us by Ealing Mencap and returning them to use. This added to our cycling offer: low-level, four-wheeled, single-seaters that turn heads on the ride through Osterley Park and are surprisingly fun.

Opportunities for public hire were very limited with many of our regular customers in the clinically vulnerable group, so we concentrated on our own use of the bikes with occasional school and college sessions and incorporated cycling into our multisport sessions. We are looking forward to the work supported experience opportunities this project will bring in the coming years.

Carers Project

This was a much-needed service this year. Carers tell us they lost packages of care and their young people attended school online, if at all. It was a year of increasing pressures on unpaid carers. We were contacted by more carers 'in crisis' than ever before. They reported acute mental health difficulties, extreme financial pressures, food and fuel poverty, physical exhaustion and isolation. Our role was to assist with identifying priorities, taking on some of the bureaucracy and alerting the relevant authorities.

We found video calls very useful in connecting with a carer and offering reassurance, but completing 40-page disability benefit applications online has been something of a challenge. One notable success was submitting a DWP Appeal for a young man who had reached the age of 16 and was deemed to not qualify for PIP. The award was back-dated to 18 months previously.

We have attended working groups and partnership boards representing carers, to highlight common areas of need. We thought an increase in the existing welfare benefits service would allow us to concentrate on other difficulties, but appointments with the new service were hard to come by so we were still needed.

Mayor of Hounslow's Charity 2019/20/21

The Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Tony Louki, chose Our Barn to be his charity for the 2019/20 year, alongside Hounslow Seniors Trust. He remains in post for the 20/21 mayoral year with Our Barn gaining a further twelve months as the Mayor's charity.

Whilst not a project as such, this role requires input in time and resources from all our projects in order to support the Mayor in his aims. For Our Barn he is particularly keen to enhance our fleet of adapted cycles through his fundraising efforts.

Undoubtedly his support has raised our public profile across the whole of Hounslow and beyond as well as ensuring our cycling project is enhanced. We will be exploring the potential of the connections we have made during this year when the situation allows and look forward to a further year of support. Our Barn and Hounslow Seniors Trust will have an ongoing partnership.

Committee Membership Recruitment, Roles and Responsibilities

Our Trustees set and monitor the strategic direction of Our Barn, ensure that Our Barn meets its charitable objectives by using the best possible practice and financial prudence, and take a strong role in Safeguarding.

They also ensure good management of the team leaders, support the day-to-day running of Our Barn's activities and set some performance management targets for the leaders and manager.

The Trustees meet formally on a quarterly basis and the board is responsible for a strategic plan formed in consultation with service users and staff. Service user consultation is embedded in our practice and is continually being strengthened.

We continue to increase our use of the Outcomes Star measurement tool, tracking individual participants' progress over time.

The committee has assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks. This has included an ongoing review of Covid precautions.

Objectives and Activities

Our Barn's Charitable Objects

Our Barn's mission is to support young people and adults to achieve their potential. This aim is delivered through providing learning, life skills and social interaction, and meaningful support to their families and carers. Our Barn is committed to:

- Promoting full participation in the community for all its service users
- Developing community resources
- Linking with a range of services in order to meet this goal

Service users and potential service users can expect Our Barn to:

- Provide a high quality of service to all our service users (including carers, other agencies and funders)
- Provide information that is clear and easy to understand
- Provide a secure, safe and confidential environment
- Treat people with respect and courtesy at all times

- Work with all service users regardless of their colour, race, gender, sexuality, disability or religious beliefs
- Ensure staff receive appropriate training and support
- Demonstrate good practice in quality assurance, management and financial systems
- Seek funding from a range of statutory, grant-making, corporate and private sources

Financial review

In the run-up to the pandemic Our Barn had a period of consolidation: sustaining some of our existing projects (particularly gardening) through unplanned changes and relieving some of the demand on youth club spaces through developing the Overs group.

As with most small voluntary sector organisations funding sources continue to be of a short-term (year by year) nature. The threat this poses to sustainability is spread through a widening fundraising strategy, demonstrating the effectiveness of our work, seeking longer term contracts and partnerships, and the development of new services.

At the end of the year, Our Barn, like every other organisation, was facing an uncertain future. Access to property was restricted, income from grants was paused and it was clear we had to deliver services differently. It was a series of challenges no-one had anticipated and it was clearly a threat to our continued existence as a charity.

Reserves Policy

Our Barn holds reserves to enable it to develop its core business activities in new ventures that will ultimately spread our business risk. Reserves are also needed to ensure that Our Barn is able to meet short term cash requirements surrounding venue needs, maternity cover, recruitment and unforeseen legal liabilities.

Our Barn's reserve policy is to hold a minimum of three months' operating costs, with the longer-term goal of building reserves to an optimum six months' operating costs. As a new and expanding organisation this policy has been extremely challenging but we have been delighted to increase our unrestricted funds substantially this year through a substantial DCMS youth sector grant.

Management Committee Members' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Management Committee Members are responsible for preparing an annual report and 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 charity members to prepare financial statements for each 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 period. In preparing the financial statements, the committee are required to:

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

The committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website at www.ourbarn.org.uk. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Ruchniewicz', written in a cursive style.

Tom Ruchniewicz

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Management Committee Members

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee Members and Examiner

The Management Committee Members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee Members consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee Members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

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(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities
Including Income and Expenditure Account
For the period ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Incoming resources from generated funds –		£	£	£	£
Voluntary income	2	33,570	-	33,570	13,870
Investment income	3	3	-	3	-
		<u>33,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,573</u>	<u>13,870</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	86,220	111,430	197,650	271,130
Total incoming resources		<u>119,793</u>	<u>111,430</u>	<u>231,223</u>	<u>285,000</u>
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	5	66,076	154,295	220,371	263,776
Total resources expended	6	<u>66,076</u>	<u>154,295</u>	<u>220,371</u>	<u>263,776</u>
Net income for the period/ Net movement in funds		<u>53,717</u>	<u>(42,865)</u>	<u>10,852</u>	<u>21,224</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer of funds	10	(315)	315	-	-
Total Fund brought forward	10	29,413	63,641	93,054	71,830
Total Fund carried forward	10	<u>82,815</u>	<u>21,091</u>	<u>103,906</u>	<u>93,054</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	53,000	33,292
Cash at bank and in hand		65,356	75,984
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		118,356	109,276
Creditors			
Amount falling due within one year	9	(14,450)	(16,222)
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Net current assets		103,906	93,054
		=====	=====
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	10	82,815	29,413
Restricted funds	10	21,091	63,641
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		103,906	93,054
		=====	=====

The accounts were approved by the committee on 27 January 2022



J Sheppard
Treasurer

Our Barn Community

Notes to the Accounts

For the period ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

Incoming resources

Income has been recognised gross on the basis of entitlement, certainty and measurement.

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

Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are receivable or any requirement imposed on the grant is fulfilled.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Expenditures relating to supporting people with learning disabilities are those elements of expenditure directly incurred in performing these activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

There has been no expenditure on fixed assets.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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Notes to the Accounts

For the period ended 31 March 2020

2.	Voluntary income			2021	2020
				£	£
	Donations and gifts			<u>33,570</u>	<u>13,870</u>
3.	Investment income			2021	2020
				£	£
	Interest receivable			<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
4.	Incoming resources from charitable activities				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
		Funds	Funds		
		£	£	£	£
	Supporting people with learning disabilities (LD)	<u>86,220</u>	<u>111,430</u>	<u>197,650</u>	<u>271,130</u>
	Included with unrestricted income related to supporting people with learning disabilities are the following grants				
	Local authority service agreement			32,220	
	Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport			53,000	
	Jack Petchey Foundation			<u>1,000</u>	
				<u>86,220</u>	
5.	Total resources expended				
		Staff costs	Other costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
	Charitable activities –				
	Supporting people with LD	<u>165,763</u>	<u>54,608</u>	<u>220,371</u>	<u>263,776</u>
	Activities undertaken directly				

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6. Activities undertaken directly

Other costs relating to supporting people with learning disabilities comprise:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Venue hire and rent, including virtual office	21,250	28,824
Professional fees	400	-
Independent examiner's fees	600	600
Cost of activities	7,972	11,452
Cost of goods for café	775	-
Telephone	1,688	2,319
Electricity	3,830	2,580
Printing, postage & stationery	663	739
Travel Expenses	-	103
Refreshments	63	1,680
Insurance	2,811	2,920
Website costs	3,143	2,950
Equipment purchases, repairs & renewals	10,086	4,157
Subscription	487	697
Cleaning	727	100
Bank charges	113	50
	<u>54,608</u>	<u>59,171</u>

7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the period was 5 full time equivalent

Supporting people with learning disabilities

Employment costs –

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>165,763</u>	<u>204,605</u>

There were no expenses paid to the Trustees during the period.

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8.	Debtors		2021	2020
			£	£
	Trade debtors		53,000	-
	Accrued income		-	32,500
	Prepayments		-	792
			<u>53,000</u>	<u>33,292</u>
9.	Creditors			
	Amounts falling due within one year –		2021	2020
			£	£
	Trade creditors		2,266	1,914
	Taxes and social security costs		-	4,491
	Other creditors		11,228	5,621
	Accruals		956	4,196
			<u>14,450</u>	<u>16,222</u>

10. Statement of funds

	Balance at 01/04/2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer of funds	Balance at 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Gardening	-	37,516	(37,831)	315	-
Multi Sports	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Carers	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Our Futures	62,343	56,664	(97,916)	-	21,091
Buddy Bicycles	<u>1,298</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>(2,048)</u>	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	63,641	111,430	(154,295)	315	21,091
Unrestricted Funds	<u>29,413</u>	<u>119,793</u>	<u>(66,076)</u>	<u>(315)</u>	<u>82,815</u>
Total Funds as at 31 March	<u>93,054</u>	<u>231,223</u>	<u>(220,371)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,906</u>