

ELI PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1181538

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-01-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AMONG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS BY: A. ORGANISING SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY. B. PROVIDING EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO INCREASE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND BRING BETTER UNDERSTANDING TO THE COMMUNITY. 2. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN KENYA THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. 3. TO RELIEVE THOSE IN NEED IN KENYA BY REASON OF FINANCIAL DISADVANTAGE BY PROVIDING MICRO BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THEIR LIVELIHOODS.

Activities: Eli Project supports children and young people with additional needs (AN) and their families in the UK through socially inclusive events, education and information to support parental well being and to improve community understanding of AN. In Kenya this is achieved through providing education, medical equipment and micro-business opportunities to families who have children with AN.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Kenya
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-15	£5,470	£8,745	-	-
2024-04-15	£7,182	£7,176	-	-
2023-04-15	£98,873	£7,128	-	-
2022-04-15	£322,537	£4,575	-	-
2021-04-15	£2,012	£2,184	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Todd Presley		2021-09-21
Johnathan Lee Kirk		2021-01-23
REV HAROLD GRESHAM PRESLEY JR		2019-01-04
Rhiannon Carpenter		2019-01-04
Trevor Clowers		2022-04-04

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Report of the Trustees & Unaudited Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL 2025

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 15 April 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 15 April 2025.

Objectives and Activities: 2024–25

Mission: To uplift families facing social exclusion due to additional needs. We build inclusive communities, foster deep connections, and provide empowering support to every family we touch.

United Kingdom: Breaking the Cycle of Isolation

We focus on providing accessible, inclusive environments across Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, and Ammanford, ensuring that families don't just survive, but thrive.

- **Building Community:** Our monthly Family Nights and The Hangout (for teens/adults) serve as regional lifelines. These gatherings are essential safe spaces that combat isolation and build lasting support networks.
- **Inclusive Advocacy:** We extend our mission beyond our own walls by partnering with churches across Wales and England.
 - **Direct Integration:** We work on-site to assist with family integration, ensuring children with additional needs can participate fully in community life.
 - **The Mindset Shift:** We provide the training and advocacy required for organisations to evolve their buildings and outreach into sustainable, welcoming environments.

Africa: Empowerment & Essential Aid

Internationally, we provide life-changing support to families facing the dual challenges of poverty and disability:

- **Economic Empowerment:** We provide micro-business opportunities, enabling families to build sustainable livelihoods to support their children's long-term needs.
- **Educational & Medical Support:** We deliver essential learning resources and vital medical equipment, removing barriers to health and education.

Strategic Milestone: Setting Down Roots

Building Purchase & Development On July 4, 2024, ELI Project achieved a long-held ambition: taking full ownership of our permanent home in Grovesend, Swansea.

- **Achievement:** Secured mortgage-free, thanks to the relentless fundraising of Todd and Steph Presley and the extraordinary generosity of our global community.
- **Impact:** This building provides a permanent foundation to launch our mission of inclusion for generations to come.

Volunteer Power: The Heart of ELI

The progress of the last year—both in our new building and our community events—is the direct result of the extraordinary people who call ELI Project home. With all our hearts—thank you!

Achievements and Performance

2024–25: Remaining Connected whilst Setting Down Roots

This year has been defined by a significant transition for ELI Project. As we moved toward the permanent purchase and development of our own dedicated building, we focused on "setting down roots" without losing the vital connections that define our community.

1. A Home of Our Own: Building Purchase & Development

The acquisition of our new building marks a historic milestone for ELI Project. This wasn't just a financial investment; it was a community-led transformation.

- **The Power of Community:** We harnessed the collective energy of our supporters to prepare the site. From clearing out decades of debris to the deep cleaning required for a safe family environment, our volunteers were at the heart of the process.
- **Special Recognition:** We extend a heartfelt thanks to Gareth Owen and his family, whose tireless work and dedication were instrumental in getting the building ready for its first opening.



Image 1: Our Community in Action - Clearing our New Home

2. Family Nights: Creative Connections

While our physical base was under development, we ensured that no family was left isolated. We maintained our "creative connections" by taking ELI Project on the road, hosting Family Nights in diverse locations across South Wales to ensure accessibility for all.

- **Exploring the Region:** From BBQ sessions at Pembrey Country Park (complete with go-karting) to boat trips on the Copper Jack in Swansea.
- **Community Hubs:** We gathered at Blackpill Lido, Aberavon Beach, The Gateway, and Llys Nini Animal Rehoming Centre.
- **Memorable Milestones:** Our day out in Llanelli—featuring live music and train rides—and our seasonal celebrations like the Fireworks display and the Luminate trail at Margam Park.

3. The Hangout: Empowering Teens and Adults

Recognising the unique needs of older children and adults with additional needs, The Hangout has continued to provide a dedicated space for peer support and socialisation.

- **Activities:** This year included competitive bowling in Swansea, silent discos, and beach days at Aberavon.
- **The "Hangout Family":** As noted by our members, these evenings are more than just activities; they are a space where everyone gathers around the table as a "family," reducing the isolation often felt as children enter adulthood.

4. Major Annual Events

Our "Big Events" remain the primary gateway for new families to discover ELI Project:

- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** An inclusive, sensory-friendly celebration that welcomed both long-term members and new faces.
- **Christmas Luminate:** A magical conclusion to the year, allowing families to enjoy festive traditions in a supportive, non-judgmental environment.



Image 2: Fun Times Together

5. The ELI Network: Digital Reach & Community Inclusion

While we have been busy "setting down roots" physically, the ELI Project has continued to grow as a vital Digital Sanctuary. Our online presence ensures that even when families cannot travel, they are never isolated.

5.1 Our Digital Sanctuary: Facebook Community Insights

This year, our Facebook group solidified its position as a primary regional hub for caregivers. It is more than a social media page; it is a 24/7 peer-support ecosystem.

- **Demographic Strength:** Our community remains a female-led support network (86% female). We are specifically reaching the "sandwich generation" of caregivers, with 62.6% of our members being women aged 35–54.
- **Multigenerational Impact:** We have seen steady growth in the 25–34 bracket (supporting new parents in the early years) and the 55–64 bracket (supporting grandparents and long-term caregivers), ensuring our community supports every stage of a child's development.

While our foundations remain in Swansea (163 members) and Neath (148 members), our digital footprint has expanded across the South Wales corridor:

- **Coastal & Industrial:** Strong presence in Port Talbot (46) and Gorseinon (45).
- **Valleys & Rural Hubs:** Growing clusters in Pontardawe, Ystalyfera, Pontardulais, and Ammanford.
- **Wider Outreach:** Continued engagement from Bridgend, Llanelli, and Cardiff, proving we are meeting a vital regional need for specialist support.

"It's more than just stats; it's about making sure a mother in a rural valley or a father in a new town knows they aren't alone."

5.2 Building Inclusive Spaces: Beyond Our Walls

Our mission is to shift the "inclusion mindset" across the UK. By combining our in-person expertise with online mentorship, we have helped churches in Wales and England become more inclusive environments.

- **Direct Support:** We assist with on-site family integration.
- **The Mindset Shift:** We provide the training necessary for churches to evolve their buildings and outreach programs into spaces where every family truly belongs.

Voices of Our Community



"What a great first opening of the new building. Really enjoyed and everyone so happy there. Can't wait to meet up again soon." — Gareth Owen

"Honestly tonight was awesome... Hayley could see how children and their families are having so much fun together and parents being able to catch up and support each other." — Robin Birch

"Mark seemed to enjoy it... happy to have found a decent sized conker on the walk before we joined you all." — Paul Winstone

Kenya: Family Support and Health Intervention



In 2024/25, the charity provided £300 in targeted relief to a family of six in Kenya facing extreme poverty and a complex health crisis involving malnutrition, HIV, and Tuberculosis (TB). Working through our local partner, Marion Wathingira, these funds secured three months of essential food rations, medical supplements, and basic fuel, ensuring the family remained housed and fed while the mother underwent intensive treatment. This intervention resulted in a significant medical recovery, with both the mother and child achieving "undetectable" viral loads. Furthermore, the support provided a vital safety net during severe regional flooding that decimated local manual labour opportunities. By addressing these immediate physiological and safety needs, the grant

successfully stabilised a high-risk household, preventing homelessness and enabling the family to integrate fully into their local community and church life.

Financial Review

The charity relies upon voluntary donations from the generosity of both families that access our activities and friends, as well as an increasing number of grant providers, as its reach grows. It has sufficient funds to meet all its financial requirements and to fund all current projects. The charity monitors its income and expenditure monthly and considers this during trustee meetings.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	ELI Project
Other names the charity uses	N.A.
Registered charity number	1181538
Charity's principal address	ELI Project Centre, 6 High Street, Grovesend, Swansea, SA4 4GT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rhiannon Carpenter	N.A.	N.A.
Harold Presley	N.A.	N.A.
Jonathan Kirk	N.A.	N.A.
Todd Presley	Founder and CEO	N.A.
Trevor Clowers	N.A.	N.A.

Independent Examiner:

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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, where only charity trustees hold voting rights. New trustees are appointed by a resolution of a quorum of existing trustees, with no external body having the authority to appoint trustees. All new trustees receive an induction, including the ELI Project's governing document, Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit, and the Trustee Welcome Pack from the Charity Commission website. Trustees are selected for their specific skills crucial to the organisation, with ongoing training needs regularly assessed and supported by the trustees.

In the UK, the charity operates predominantly but not exclusively in South Wales, holding social events in Swansea and Neath. The charity also works in close association with ELI Project Kenya to deliver programmes in that country.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against instances of fraud and error.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 12th February 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Rhiannon Carpenter
Trustee



Todd Presley
CEO

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ELI PROJECT For The Year Ended 15 April 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ELI PROJECT (the Trust) for the year ended 15 April 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Carl West ACA

Date

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Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 15 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	2,086	-	2,086	2,318
Investments	4	3,384	-	3,384	4,864
		<u>5,470</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,470</u>	<u>7,182</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	(8,744)	(1)	(8,745)	(7,176)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>(3,274)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(3,275)</u>	<u>6</u>
Transfers between funds	11	268,980	(268,980)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>265,706</u>	<u>(268,981)</u>	<u>(3,275)</u>	<u>6</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		417	409,476	409,893	409,887
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11	<u>266,123</u>	<u>140,495</u>	<u>406,618</u>	<u>409,893</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 15 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	2,318	-	2,318
Investments	4	4,864	-	4,864
		<u>7,182</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,182</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	5	(7,176)	-	(7,176)
NET INCOME		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		411	409,476	409,887
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	11	<u>417</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,893</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

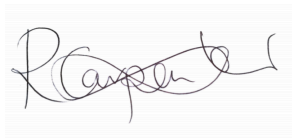
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Statement of Financial Position

As At 15 April 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	269,323	-	269,323	4,353
		<u>269,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,323</u>	<u>4,353</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		278,523	409,476	138,020	406,240
		<u>278,523</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>138,020</u>	<u>406,240</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	10	(281,723)	(268,981)	(725)	(700)
		<u>(3,200)</u>	<u>140,495</u>	<u>137,295</u>	<u>405,540</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)					
		<u>266,123</u>	<u>140,495</u>	<u>406,618</u>	<u>409,893</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>266,123</u>	<u>140,495</u>	<u>406,618</u>	<u>409,893</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>266,123</u>	<u>140,495</u>	<u>406,618</u>	<u>409,893</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				140,495	409,476
Unrestricted Funds				266,123	417
TOTAL FUNDS	11			<u>406,618</u>	<u>409,893</u>

On behalf of the board on 12th February 2026:



Rhiannon Carpenter
Trustee



Todd Presley
Director

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 15 April 2025

1. General Information

ELI PROJECT is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1181538. The principal address is 27A SCHOOL ROAD, CRYNANT, NEATH, SA10 8NS.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted

2.3. Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

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3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Donations and gifts	2,086	2,318

4. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Bank interest receivable	3,384	4,864

5. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 6) £	2025 Total £
Raising funds	328	321	8,096	8,745

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 6) £	2024 Total £
Raising funds	1,779	600	4,797	7,176

6. Support Costs

	2025 Raising funds £
Premises expenses	7,259
General administration	112
Governance costs	725
	8,096

	2024 Raising funds £
Premises expenses	3,988
General administration	109
Governance costs	700
	4,797

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7. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	725	700
Other assurance services	-	-
Tax advisory services	-	-
Other financial services	-	-
	<u>725</u>	<u>700</u>

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

9. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Freehold	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 16 April 2024	-	4,353	4,353
Additions	264,770	200	264,970
As at 15 April 2025	<u>264,770</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>269,323</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 15 April 2025	<u>264,770</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>269,323</u>
As at 16 April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,353</u>	<u>4,353</u>

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>725</u>	<u>700</u>

11. Movement in Funds

	As at 16 April 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	As at 15 April 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	284	5,170	(4,413)	-	1,041
Designated:					
Kenya appeals	133	300	(321)	-	112
Building Designated Fund	-	-	(4,010)	268,980	264,970
	<u>133</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>(4,331)</u>	<u>268,980</u>	<u>265,082</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>417</u>	<u>5,470</u>	<u>(8,744)</u>	<u>268,980</u>	<u>266,123</u>

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Restricted funds

Building fund	409,476	-	(1)	(268,980)	140,495
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Total funds

	409,893	5,470	(8,745)	-	406,618
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	As at 16 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 15 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	278	7,182	(7,176)	284
Designated:				
Kenya appeals	133	-	-	133
Total unrestricted funds	411	7,182	(7,176)	417
Restricted funds				
Building fund	409,476	-	-	409,476
Total funds	409,887	7,182	(7,176)	409,893

12. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

13. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 15 April 2025

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	2,086	2,318
	<u>2,086</u>	<u>2,318</u>
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	3,384	4,864
	<u>3,384</u>	<u>4,864</u>
	<u>5,470</u>	<u>7,182</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Volunteer expenses	-	(203)
Event expenditure	(328)	(797)
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	-	(750)
Grants to individuals	(321)	(600)
Bank charges	-	(29)
Rent	(122)	(42)
Light and heat	(2,853)	(3,285)
Premises insurance	(4,284)	(301)
Storage	-	(360)
Advertising and marketing costs	(110)	(110)
Sundry expenses	(2)	1
Independent examiner's fees	(725)	-
Accountancy fees	-	(700)
	<u>(8,745)</u>	<u>(7,176)</u>
	<u>(8,745)</u>	<u>(7,176)</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	<u>(3,275)</u>	<u>6</u>

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 15 April 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 15 April 2024.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	ELI Project
Other names the charity uses	N.A.
Registered charity number	1181538
Charity's principal address	27A School Road, Crynant, Neath, SA10 8NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rhiannon Carpenter	N.A.	N.A.
Harold Presley	N.A.	N.A.
Jonathan Kirk	N.A.	N.A.
Todd Presley	Founder and CEO	N.A.
Trevor Clowers	N.A.	N.A.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, where only charity trustees hold voting rights. New trustees are appointed by a resolution of a quorum of existing trustees, with no external body having the authority to appoint trustees. All new trustees receive an induction, including the ELI Project's governing document, Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit, and the Trustee Welcome Pack from the Charity Commission website. Trustees are selected for their specific skills crucial to the organisation, with ongoing training needs regularly assessed and supported by the trustees.

In the UK, the charity operates predominantly but not exclusively in South Wales, holding social events in Swansea and Neath. The charity also works in close association with ELI Project Kenya to deliver programmes in that country.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against instances of fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

ELI Project is dedicated to uplifting families facing social exclusion due to their children's additional needs in the UK and Africa. Our mission is to create inclusive communities, foster connections, and offer support, spreading joy and empowerment to every family we touch.

In the **UK**, we focus on:

- **Building Community:** Organizing inclusive events like monthly 'Family Nights' and 'The Hangout' to bring together families from across the regions of Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, and Ammanford. These gatherings combat social isolation and provide opportunities for connection and support.
- **Supporting Parents:** Piloting new initiatives such as a weekly coffee lounge and a Connect Group.
- **Partnering with LifePoint Church:** Collaborating to implement a 'buddy system' that offers tailored support to children with additional needs. This initiative empowers both children and parents, fostering friendships and enabling participation in church activities.

In **Africa**, our efforts are concentrated on:

- **Economic Empowerment:** Offering micro-business opportunities to families, enabling them to improve their livelihoods and support their children's needs.
- **Educational Support:** Providing essential educational resources and support to children with additional needs.
- **Medical Assistance:** Distributing vital medical equipment to improve the health and well-being of children.

Volunteer Power

Our dedicated volunteers are the heart of our work. Their passion and commitment drive our initiatives and make a significant impact on the lives of the families we serve.

By combining these efforts, ELI Project strives to create a brighter future for families facing challenges, empowering them to overcome obstacles and live fulfilling lives.

Achievements and Performance

2023-24: A Year of Growth, Connection, and Resilience

2023-2024 was a year of growth, connection, and unwavering resilience for ELI Project. We were blessed to establish a vibrant hub in Llansamlet, a space that became a beacon of joy and support for families of children with additional needs and teenagers. This haven also provided a home for the blossoming Community of HOPE Church, further enriching our community.

ELI Project has partnered with the Community of HOPE Church, founded by Todd and Stephanie Presley, and Samuel and Bethany Bridges, to host their CONNECT time every Wednesday at the ELI Project Centre. Both organisations share a commitment to supporting the additional needs community and fostering a sense of belonging through the Christian faith.

2023 has seen significant growth in ELI Project's Facebook community. Predominantly female (85%), the community has attracted over 200 new members, mainly from the Swansea area and surrounding towns like Neath, Port Talbot, and Gorseinon. This strong local presence offers immense potential for engagement. By organising regular events and fostering a sense of community, ELI Project can further strengthen its online following and encourage offline participation. The community's geographic spread, reaching areas like Morriston, Pontardawe, Bridgend, Ystalyfera, and Pontardulais, highlights the wider impact and potential reach of ELI Project's initiatives. This growth underscores the effectiveness of consistent and engaging events in building a vibrant and supportive online community.

Throughout the year, ELI Project prioritised community engagement, organising regular meet-ups and events at various locations. Key activities included:

- Consistent hosting of Family Nights and The Hangout, fostering strong connections, sharing experiences, and reducing feelings of isolation among families.
- The Easter Egg Hunt, a testament to our commitment to inclusivity, ensuring all families could participate in fun and engaging activities.
- Launching a new approach engaging in an exciting programme of community based events as our tenancy came to an end.
- Collaborations with organisations like LifePoint Church, expanding our reach and offering additional support and opportunities for families to explore the christian faith.
- Piloting the Coffee Lounge, creating a safe and welcoming space for parents to connect, share experiences, and find support.
- Piloting a Men's Hike and Eat event, providing a dedicated space for fathers of children with additional needs to connect and support one another.

We are eternally grateful for the invaluable contributions of Miriam and Trevor Clowers, the visionary founders of The Hangout. Their unwavering dedication and infectious enthusiasm fostered a thriving community of young adults and volunteers. As they temporarily return to the States to further the mission of ELI Project, we bid them a fond farewell, cherishing the warmth, friendship, and delicious food they brought into our lives.

With renewed energy, Ann and Andy Kirby take the helm of The Hangout, while Rhi Carpenter and Steph Presley lead the inspiring Family Nights. Their passion and commitment, alongside the unwavering support of our community, including trustee Rh Carpenter and parent Robin Birch who raised an incredible £712 for ELI Projects by running the Brisco Gorseinon 10k, will undoubtedly ensure the continued success of these beloved initiatives.

The following summary, accompanied by captivating photos and heartfelt feedback, offers a glimpse into our dynamic activities and the profound impact they have had on our community.

Big Events

A Resounding Success: ELI Project's Easter Egg Hunt

The annual ELI Project Easter Egg Hunt on March 16, 2024, was a triumph, bringing together families of children and young people with additional needs from across Swansea and Neath. Despite inclement weather, the event was a joyous celebration for all.

To overcome financial hurdles, the charity extended a heartfelt appeal to supporters. The response was extraordinary, with generous donations of gifts, baked goods, and items for the tombola. This not only ensured the event's success but also underscored our community's spirit of generosity and the charity's positive impact.

Recognizing the need for dedicated financial management, the charity is actively working to secure additional long-term funding. Our goal is to employ a dedicated fundraiser and financial manager, ensuring the sustainability of future events and programs.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a testament to the charity's ability to create meaningful community experiences and bring joy to local families. Despite financial challenges, the event's success demonstrates the charity's resilience and the unwavering support it receives from the community. See page 6 for photos.

Christmas Luminare 2023

Following the great success of previous years, ELI Project were given tickets for Luminare, a light and sound display in the grounds of a beautiful local stately home. Families wandered together through the enchanting displays, gathering to toast marshmallows as a group before wandering homewards via the food outlets. Thankfully, we were blessed with a dry evening and family feedback was resoundingly positive again.

“Had an amazing time thank you Stephanie and Todd xxx” Lynn Johnson

“Massive thank you from us also. Really appreciated the tickets. My sons loved it and the best part - the sounds were still down low from the sensory showing xx” Emma Jones





Family Nights

2023 was a year filled with fun, laughter, and community at ELI Project's Family Nights. With a dedicated space to host events, we were able to increase the frequency to two events per



month between May and January. This improvement allowed us to offer a wider variety of foods and activities, thanks to dedicated storage and equipment. Additionally, it reduced setup and teardown times and minimised manual handling risks with easily accessible storage for games.

We invested funds from the building fundraising into eclectic secondhand furniture and functional furnishings, transforming the stark office-like space into a cosy and welcoming environment. This consistent setting, combined with the regular events, fostered a cohesive group and encouraged the participation of new families.

As our tenancy ended in February, we invited 12 families to enjoy a climbing session at a local climbing wall, courtesy of free tickets. This exciting outing provided an opportunity for families to bond, create new memories, and experience something different together.

The positive feedback from families speaks volumes about the impact of these events:

- "We had such a lovely time tonight..... Miriam Clowers and Trevor Clowers you take good care xxx" - Tracey Muldoon
- "Thank you so much for being so welcoming! We all had such a lovely time! Xx" - Sarah Hardway
- "Thanks for having us. Nice chat with lovely people. . Our lad also thoroughly enjoyed himself too x" - Patricia O'callaghan
- "We all really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks so much for creating such a great space for Parents and kids alike xx" - LC Barker
- "Brilliant evening as always, thank you all." - Rachel Foster
- "Is nice to meet you tonight and the lovely people hope they are well, and see you soon god bless." - Rhys Williams (young adult with AN)

These heartfelt comments highlight the importance of these events in fostering a sense of belonging and support within the community.

The Hangout

The Hangout, a youth club specifically designed for young adults with additional needs, has experienced remarkable success in 2023. Thanks to securing a semi-permanent location, the club was able to run consistently each month between April and January, providing a much-needed social outlet for its members.

The regular sessions offered a variety of activities, including games, music, and social interaction, fostering friendships and a sense of belonging. The dedicated space allowed for a more structured and inclusive environment, ensuring that everyone felt comfortable and engaged.

To enhance the experience, we invested in a range of cool games like air hockey, a ping pong table, and a silent disco set. These additions provided exciting opportunities for fun and interaction, creating a dynamic and engaging atmosphere.

As the tenancy came to an end, ELI Project continued to prioritise the well-being of its young members. A subsidised bowling event was organised, offering an opportunity for fun, social interaction, and skill development. By subsidising a portion of the cost, ELI Project made the event accessible to more families, demonstrating its commitment to inclusivity.

The success of The Hangout is evident in the consistent attendance and positive feedback from participants. The club has not only provided a valuable social outlet but has also empowered young adults with additional needs to develop essential life skills and build lasting friendships.

Buddies

ELI Project UK, in partnership with LifePoint Church, Swansea, has made significant strides in supporting children with additional needs. ELI Project UK has been instrumental in training the 'Buddies' to understand and support children with additional needs. This training has equipped the 'Buddies' with the knowledge and skills to support inclusion in peer group sessions where every child feels valued and accepted.

By providing this essential training and support, ELI Project UK is actively working to inspire more churches to embrace inclusivity. By taking bold steps to become more inclusive, churches can create welcoming environments where children with additional needs and their families can thrive. ELI Project UK is committed to supporting churches in this journey, providing resources and guidance to ensure that every child, regardless of their abilities, can experience the joy and belonging of church community.



Hunting for a home

Having a semi-permanent home has expanded our vision and shown us how much more we can achieve when we can be consistent and focused on relationships rather than transporting equipment. It has doubled our commitment to securing a 'forever home' for our community and our ongoing work empowering churches to embrace people with additional needs.

When faced with the unexpected challenge of our tenancy ending, ELI Project demonstrated remarkable adaptability. ELI Project would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Cedric, Samuel J. Bridges, Micah Morris, Gareth and sons, Rachel Foster, Gage Anthony Rogers-Barnes, Clare Ann Talbot, Rhi Carpenter, Paul Winstone, Gavin, Envys, S.J., Britney Emily, Bethany Presley Bridges and Isabella Rose Presley for their invaluable assistance with the move. Their support was instrumental in ensuring a smooth transition for the organisation and its community.



True to our word, we embraced the transition, organising monthly gatherings in various venues, ensuring our community remains connected and inspired.

As we move forward, ELI Project remains dedicated to exploring new opportunities to better serve our community. We are actively seeking a new permanent home that will allow us to expand our programs and services, providing even greater support and opportunities for families and individuals.

Todd has been keeping a keen eye on the property market, identifying potential forever homes and progressing them to viewing stage with trustees. However, we recently experienced a setback when a promising property was unexpectedly sold privately.

All ELI equipment and furniture purchased to furnish the temporary space was bought with a forever home in mind and is safely stored in a secure and damp-free place to ensure its longevity.

Care for Kenya



Reports from Marian Wathingira, Director of ELI Project Kenya, details the organisation's work supporting families of children with additional needs, often undiagnosed. The project has witnessed remarkable transformations, including a student contemplating suicide now pursuing medical school and a family struggling with poverty and HIV receiving essential support. A key challenge is the need for a reliable vehicle to access remote areas and deliver aid efficiently. ELI Project UK was able to provide £600 to renew the vehicle licence, a crucial step in ensuring the project's continued impact. The

report emphasises the urgency of financial support to sustain this vital work and provide ongoing care for these children and families.

Going forward, accessing support for Kenya will be a key part of our financial strategy. This will allow us to continue to make a real difference in the lives of families of children with additional needs.

Financial Review

The charity relies upon voluntary donations from the generosity of both families that access our activities and friends as well as an increasing number of grant providers as it's reach grows. It has sufficient funds to meet all its financial requirements and to fund all current projects. The charity monitors income and expenditure every month and considers this during trustee meetings.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27th January 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

R Carpenter
Trustee

T Presley
Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ELI Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ELI Project ('the charity') for the year ended 15 April 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Carl West
Independent Examiner

144 Walter Road
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Statement of Financial Activities

ELI Project, Year ended 15 April 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	2,318	–	2,318	98,284
Investment income	5	4,864	–	4,864	589
Total income		<u>7,182</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,182</u>	<u>98,873</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	<u>7,176</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>
Total expenditure		<u>7,176</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>6</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>91,745</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		411	409,476	409,887	318,142
Total funds carried forward		<u>417</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,893</u>	<u>409,887</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

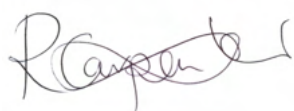
The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

ELI Project, 15 April 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	4,353	4,353
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		406,240	405,784
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	700	250
Net current assets		405,540	405,534
Total assets less current liabilities		409,893	409,887
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		409,476	409,476
Unrestricted funds		417	411
Total charity funds	14	409,893	409,887

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 January 2025 and are signed on behalf of the board by:



R Carpenter
Trustee



T Presley
Director

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

ELI Project, Year ended 15 April 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 27A School Road, Crynant, Neath, SA10 8NS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible assets (continued)

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations type 1	2,318	–	2,318
Grants			
Grants receivable type 1	–	–	–
	<u>2,318</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,318</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations type 1	1,630	–	1,630
Grants			
Grants receivable type 1	–	96,654	96,654
	<u>1,630</u>	<u>96,654</u>	<u>98,284</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable type 1	<u>4,864</u>	<u>4,864</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>589</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2024
Activity type 1	2,379	–	2,379
Support costs	4,797	–	4,797
	<u>7,176</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,176</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	2023
Activity type 1	1,467	1,360	2,827
Support costs	681	3,620	4,301
	<u>2,148</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>7,128</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds	Total fund
	£	£	2024	2023
Activity type 1	2,379	4,098	6,477	3,258
Governance costs	–	699	699	3,870
	<u>2,379</u>	<u>4,797</u>	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>

8. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs activity 1	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Premises	3,327	3,327	–
Communications and IT	110	110	101
General office	661	661	330
	<u>4,098</u>	<u>4,098</u>	<u>431</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>700</u>	<u>250</u>

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements ELI Project, Year ended 15 April 2024 (continued)

10. Staff costs (continued)

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees during the year ended 15 April 2024.

The following trustees received remuneration for services rendered during the year ended 15 April 2023:

R Carpenter	£360
J Kirk	£3,000

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 16 April 2023 and 15 April 2024	4,353
Depreciation	
At 16 April 2023 and 15 April 2024	—
Carrying amount	
At 15 April 2024	4,353
At 15 April 2023	4,353

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	700	250

Notes to the Financial Statements ELI Project, Year ended 15 April 2024 (continued)

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 16 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 15 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	278	6,582	(6,576)	284
Kenya appeals	133	600	(600)	133
	<u>411</u>	<u>7,182</u>	<u>(7,176)</u>	<u>417</u>

	At 16 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 15 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	(207)	1,492	(1,007)	278
Kenya appeals	547	727	(1,141)	133
	<u>340</u>	<u>2,219</u>	<u>(2,148)</u>	<u>411</u>

Restricted funds

	At 16 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 15 April 2024
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	<u>409,476</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>409,476</u>

	At 16 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 15 April 2023
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	<u>317,802</u>	<u>96,654</u>	<u>(4,980)</u>	<u>409,476</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,353	—	4,353
Current assets	(3,236)	409,476	406,240
Creditors less than 1 year	(700)	—	(700)
Net assets	<u>417</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,893</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,353	—	4,353
Current assets	(3,692)	409,476	405,784
Creditors less than 1 year	(250)	—	(250)
Net assets	<u>411</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,887</u>

Management Information

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

ELI Project, Year ended 15 April 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations type 1	2,318	1,630
Grants receivable type 1	—	96,654
	<u>2,318</u>	<u>98,284</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable type 1	<u>4,864</u>	<u>589</u>
Total income	<u>7,182</u>	<u>98,873</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Rent	42	—
Light and heat	3,285	—
Repairs and maintenance	750	—
Insurance	301	162
Legal and professional fees	699	3,870
Direct charitable activity 1 - grants	600	2,318
Direct charitable activity 1 - bank charges	29	41
Direct charitable activity 1 - volunteer expenses	203	—
Direct charitable activity 1 - event expenditure	797	468
Direct charitable activity 1 - storage	360	—
Direct charitable activity 1 - marketing and website	110	101
Direct charitable activity 1 - training	—	168
	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>
Total expenditure	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>
Net income	<u>6</u>	<u>91,745</u>

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Activity type 1		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 1 - repairs & maintenance	750	–
Direct charitable activity 1 - grants	600	2,318
Direct charitable activity 1 - bank charges	29	41
Direct charitable activity 1 - volunteer expenses	203	–
Direct charitable activity 1 - event expenditure	797	468
	<u>2,379</u>	<u>2,827</u>
<i>Support costs</i>		
Support charitable activity 1 - rent	42	–
Support charitable activity 1 - light & heat	3,285	–
Support charitable activity 1 - insurance	301	162
Support charitable activity 1 - storage	360	–
Support charitable activity 1 - marketing and website	110	101
Support charitable activity 1 - training	–	168
	<u>4,098</u>	<u>431</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	699	250
Governance costs - legal and other professional fees	–	3,620
	<u>699</u>	<u>3,870</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>7,176</u>	<u>7,128</u>

ELI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1181538

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Report of the Trustees & Unaudited Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL 2023

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 15 April 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 15 April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Additionally, the charity consistently references the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when evaluating aims, objectives, and planning future activities. This ensures alignment with the Commission's directives, promoting adherence to established standards of public benefit.

Objectives and Activities

Empower families worldwide! ELI Project is dedicated to uplifting families facing social exclusion due to their children's additional needs in the UK and Africa. The charity's mission: create inclusive communities, foster connections, and offer support, spreading joy and empowerment to every family they touch.

ELI Project advances its mission in the UK through impactful activities, organising inclusive community events like monthly 'Family Nights' and 'The Hangout (for 16+yrs)', drawing families and volunteers from Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot, and Ammanford. These gatherings encourage participation and alleviate the social isolation experienced by families with children having additional needs.

In response to the cost of living crisis and in partnership with a local grant provider, The Austin Bailey Foundation and budgeting advice charity Christians Against Poverty, the charity also organised weekly 'Community Meals' throughout the winter of 2022/23. These gatherings welcomed all family members, offering an opportunity to connect, share a hearty meal, participate in activities in a relaxed and inclusive environment, and receive budgeting guidance from trained CAP Coaches.

In tandem with hosting social events, the charity partners with LifePoint Church, Swansea, to operate a 'buddy system'. This initiative provides tailored support for children with additional needs, empowering both them and their parents to engage in Sunday church meetings. Not only does it foster parent connections over post-service coffee, but it also nurtures meaningful friendships for the young participants.

The charity collaborates closely with ELI Project Kenya, aiming to alleviate the challenges faced by children with additional needs and their families. In Kenya, they offer educational support and essential medical equipment. Recognizing financial struggles, they empower these families through micro-business opportunities, enhancing their livelihoods. The director of ELI Project Kenya, Marion Wathingira, employs clear pre-approval criteria for selecting beneficiaries in need of support.

Volunteers are essential to ELI Project's mission, fostering the heart of our work. Their dedication and enthusiasm drive impactful initiatives, forming the cornerstone of our endeavours. Their contributions are invaluable, ensuring the fulfilment of our mission's potential.

THANK YOU, ELI PROJECT VOLUNTEERS!



Image 1: Some of our awesome ELI Project Volunteers!

Achievements and Performance

Family Nights

Our cornerstone events, 'Family Nights', have thrived, engaging eighty families across 15 remarkable gatherings during this period. On average, nine families attended each event.

Memorable moments included a beachside BBQ in August, leveraging our stunning local beaches; silent fireworks for a sensory-friendly Guy Fawkes celebration, ensuring accessibility for all; and an enchanting visit to Luminare, a mesmerising light display at a nearby historic estate. This trip was generously purchased and donated by Todd and Stephanie Presley and included nearly 60 people!

This year of enriching events emphasised the joy of connection and togetherness, culminating in our beloved Annual Easter Egg Hunt, where over 1,000 eggs brimmed with delightful treats, toys, and surprises for the children! Feedback from our families can be found on page 6 (see image 5).

The Hangout



ELI Projects' Hangout, initiated in July 2022, blossomed across 16 vibrant events for young adults with additional needs. Under Miriam and Trevor Clowers' spirited guidance, it thrived. The monthly gatherings, including festive celebrations and engaging activities like the silent disco, drew over 10 families. Heartwarming feedback highlighted the cherished moments and anticipation for more memorable gatherings.



Images 2,3 & 4
Jack-o'-lanterns
created during The
Hangout, young
adults and
volunteers at The
Hangout and
Miriam and Trevor
Clowers.



FAMILY NIGHT FEEDBACK



- ✓ "Such a good night!!"
Helen, mum of daughter with AN
- ✓ "Wonderful time"
- ✓ "So funny!" Paul, father of
adult son with AN
- ✓ "Kids had a blast"
Clare, Mother of son with AN
- ✓ "So nice to see my daughter
interact with others"
Mum of children with AN

**WIDE RANGE OF
ACTIVITIES
THROUGHOUT THE
YEAR**

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Image 5: Feedback from our families!

Community Meals

Due to evolving local needs, our KidStop preschooler group, in collaboration with LifePoint Church, Swansea, concluded in September 2022. Our focus transitioned to establishing weekly Community Meals and The Hangout, previously mentioned, in response to the escalating cost of living crisis affecting our community. Social isolation exacerbated by Covid-19 intensified the demand for safe, inclusive events for this population.

Generous support from the Austin Bailey Foundation (£1000) and International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) World Missions (£360) helped provide 640 meals for families of children and young people (CYP) with additional needs at 'Community Meal' events. These events, an extension of our popular monthly gatherings, aimed to address social isolation compounded by Covid-19 and the mental health challenges faced by parents in the AN community due to the rising cost of living crisis.

The funds were allocated to provide nutritious two-course meals whilst attendees engaged in diverse activities, alongside partnering with Christians Against Poverty to offer budgeting guidance from trained CAP Coaches.

A sudden change in venue due to kitchen renovations required some reallocation of budget to cover venue expenses instead of food. Despite this challenge, our Community Meals spanned 17 events in Neath, serving nearly 250 individuals from families with additional needs and providing over 640 meals, including take-home options. The venue change allowed us to engage with a new community, whilst reinforcing our need of a dedicated building.



Image 6: Feedback from families who attended our 2022/3 Community Meals

After School Club for Additional Needs - Pilot

In response to transitioning parents from our preschoolers' group (KidStop), the charity piloted a six-week afterschool club, aiming to sustain connections. However, given the heightened demands of the school day and accommodating siblings, attendance fluctuated. Recognizing the challenge in creating a calming post-school environment, the charity opted to discontinue these sessions and redirect our focus to fulfilling the social needs of young adults through 'The Hangout'.

Buddies

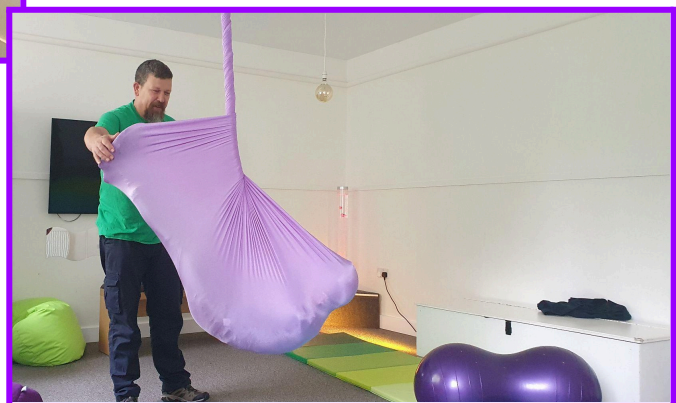
The 'buddy system' developed by the charity, in partnership with LifePoint Church, Swansea, continues its vital support for families of children with additional needs, enabling their participation in mainstream church meetings.



This initiative has heightened the church's understanding of additional needs and bolstered its confidence in accommodating diverse requirements.

Notably, with our expertise, LifePoint Church has allocated a dedicated space for children with additional needs and invested in

specialised sensory equipment. This has significantly benefited children's sensory and emotional well-being, enabling their integration into mainstream teaching sessions to foster valuable peer relationships. The 'buddy system' remains pivotal in supporting families to engage in church activities.



Images 7 & 8: Buddies engaging children with additional needs using specialised equipment during morning worship at LifePoint Church, Swansea.

Hunting for a home

Following a failed building purchase in January 2022, ELI Project diligently invested resources into exploring the local property market for a potential purchase. During this ongoing pursuit, a viable short-term solution presented itself: a rental property in West Swansea, strategically located near the M4. This space serves an immediate need, allowing our operations to continue and expand seamlessly while the charity persists in finding the right property for purchase and development.

By embracing this temporary rental, the charity gained the opportunity to understand our specific requirements and navigate the area before committing to a permanent purchase, averting potential long-term issues. On February 14, 2023, ELI Project secured Block B in Seaswan House, Llansamlet, Swansea. In the following weeks, it furnished the space, creating a welcoming environment adaptable for any future purchase.

Our overarching goal remains centred on securing a building to consolidate and extend our services, directly supporting more families, and serving as a hub to aid other churches along the M4 corridor and beyond, in line with our charitable vision. The search persists for an ideal property in the Swansea/Neath vicinity, and our optimism about the future remains unwavering!



Image 9: A welcome board at ELI Project's temporary new home

Care for Kenya



Image 9. Marion Wathingira, inspiring our belief that regardless of our location or resources, each of us holds the power to positively impact our communities.

ELI Project proudly continues supporting ELI Project Kenya amid challenging times.

Due to financial constraints, emphasis was placed on completing ongoing projects. Despite the challenges posed by a drought impacting the animal feed industry, 25 pigs were successfully raised and sold between October and March. Additionally, ELI Project provided food support to multiple families until the arrival of March rains.

In July, prompted by a deep concern for John, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy, Marion, ELI Project's Kenyan Director, commissioned a local craftsman to make a commode chair, providing him with dignity. John, 16, lacks any specialised support for his physical deformities, leading to strain on his family during bathroom

use as his body stiffens with age. Marion, moved by his parents' dedication, provided relief to them through this multipurpose commode chair.

In September, ELI Project renovated a pit latrine for Samuel, 20, with epilepsy, due to dangerous, rotten floorboards. The charity made it safe, installing a toilet seat over the pit, considering Samuel's instability. Samuel's mother highlighted the challenging 18-year process of teaching him to use the latrine.

Thanks to generous donations, Marion's vehicle, inactive for over a year, is now functioning. In a profound act of compassion, she journeyed for 9.5 hours to Kinango, Mombasa, offering essential food and clothing to those enduring a three-day drought-induced scarcity. The mission also aimed to evaluate the region for a potential ELI Project base, aligning with future goals.

Financial Review

The charity relies upon voluntary donations from the generosity of both families that access our activities and friends as well as an increasing number of grant providers as it's reach grows. It has sufficient funds to meet all its financial requirements and to fund all current projects. The charity monitors income and expenditure every month and considers this during trustee meetings.

Of the total income of £98,873, £2,827 was spent on direct charitable expenditure and £3,000 on seeking an alternative property as well as developing an interim rental property. Costs associated with insurance and website domain name equalled £263. The surplus on unrestricted funds totalled £71, with the surplus on restricted funds totalling £91,674.

Restricted Funds

Building Fund

The restricted funds received an outstanding pledge from Todd and Stephanie Presley's American supporters International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) World Missions, dedicated to spreading the gospel globally. This pledge was for the purchase and development of a property with £95,294 being received by April 15th 2023.

ELI Project allocated £3,000 from this fund after our unsuccessful 2022 building purchase in early 2022 to enlist Trustee Johnathan Kirk in sourcing alternative properties. His services were unanimously approved by the Trustees for the period from May 1, 2022, to August 1, 2022. His responsibilities encompassed drafting ELI Project communications, coordinating with agents, surveyors, authorities, and overseeing potential property acquisitions. Despite identifying a suitable property, delays in its release to the market hindered progress. If successful, Jonathan was poised to handle fees, surveys, legal, tax, operational, maintenance, environmental, construction, insurance, and unforeseen duties associated with the purchase.

An additional £360 from the building fund was allocated to engage Trustee Rhi Carpenter, with unanimous board approval, in securing funding for expanding charitable works through a building purchase. Furthermore, £4,353 from these funds was utilised to purchase furniture for nearly 5,000 sq ft of space in the rental property, geared towards a potential "Forever Home" as ELI Project continues in its search for an appropriate property.

Community Meals

The second area of restricted funds were grants of £1360 from the Austin Bailey Foundation (£1,000) which emphasises community welfare and focuses specifically on alleviating economic, social poverty, and lack of opportunities in Swansea and IPHC (£360).

Both grants initially allocated for Community Meal events were affected by a sudden venue change, necessitating the reallocation of £198 from food to cover the new weekly venue hire cost. To mitigate this, the charity utilized an additional £185 from unrestricted funds to support these events.

The balance of restricted funds is securely held with Barclays Bank, segregated from the charity's daily accounts for financial clarity and effective management. With all pledged funds earmarked for this purpose, the charity is in a stronger financial position to pursue its goals moving forward.

Designated Funds

£645 was donated from friends and family to support the charity's work through Marion in Kenya. The charity was able to supplement these donations through additional finance from unrestricted funds of £496.

These funds supported property renovations, aided existing animal micro-businesses, provided specialized medical equipment, and, in some cases, supplied basic necessities like food.

Unrestricted Funds

Apart from supporting Marion's work in Kenya (£496) and supplementing the Community Meal events (£185), the Charity allocated £263 of unrestricted funds for public liability insurance and the renewal of their website domain name. £238 was reallocated from interest paid on the building fund savings to cover any shortfall.

ELI Project has committed to paying a nominal rental fee and covering utility costs for the rental property of approximately £1150 per quarter, with only £250 pending for the accountants. The charity holds no outstanding debts.

Various assets, including silent disco equipment, sensory equipment, table tennis and air hockey equipment, craft supplies, games, and furniture donated by CBS Lebanon, support regular social events. CBS focuses on non-political gospel understanding, aiding communities through education, job development, leadership training, and humanitarian aid.

Maintenance and updates for these assets are anticipated in the upcoming months and years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, where only charity trustees hold voting rights. New trustees are appointed by a resolution of a quorum of existing trustees, with no external body having the authority to appoint trustees. All new trustees receive an induction, including the ELI Project's governing document, Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit, and the Trustee Welcome Pack from the Charity Commission website. Trustees are selected for their specific skills crucial to the organisation, with ongoing training needs regularly assessed and supported by the trustees.

In the UK, the charity operates predominantly but not exclusively in South Wales, holding social events in Swansea and Neath. The charity also works in close association with ELI Project Kenya to deliver programmes in that country.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against instances of fraud and error.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	ELI Project
Other names the charity uses	N.A.
Registered charity number	1181538
Charity's principal address	27A School Road, Crynant, Neath, SA10 8NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rhiannon Carpenter	N.A.	N.A.
Harold Presley	N.A.	N.A.
Jonathan Kirk	N.A.	N.A.
Todd Presley	Founder and CEO	N.A.
Trevor Clowers	N.A.	N.A.

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

Director names
Todd Presley, Founder and CEO
Stephanie Presley, Founder and COO
Marion Wathingira, Kenya Director

Independent Examiner

Ralph Bettany Associates Ltd
1 Clare Street
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Andrew Todd Presley
Trustee



Mrs Rhi Carpenter
Trustee

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of ELI Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of ELI Project (the Trust) for the year ended 15 April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



R C Bettany, FCA
Ralph Bettany Associates Ltd

1 Clare Street
Manselton
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Dated: 1st February 2024

Charity Number: 1181538

ELI Project

Statement of Financial Activities

for the Year Ended April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	15.4.23 Total funds £	15.4.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1,630	96,654	98,284	322,537
Investment income		589	-	589	-
		<u>2,219</u>	<u>96,654</u>	<u>98,873</u>	<u>322,537</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Family welfare		326	1,360	1,686	561
Kenya project		1,141	-	1,141	1,618
Other		<u>681</u>	<u>3,620</u>	<u>4,301</u>	<u>2,396</u>
Total		<u>2,148</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>7,128</u>	<u>4,575</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		71	91,674	91,745	317,962
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		340	317,802	318,142	180
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>411</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,887</u>	<u>318,142</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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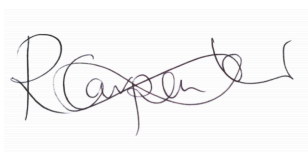
Balance Sheet 15 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	15.4.23 Total funds £	15.4.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS	(Note 4)	=	<u>4,353</u>	<u>4,353</u>	=
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		661	405,123	405,784	318,642
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(250)	-	(250)	(500)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>411</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>405,534</u>	<u>318,142</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>411</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,887</u>	<u>318,142</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>411</u>	<u>409,476</u>	<u>409,887</u>	<u>318,142</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				411	340
Restricted funds				<u>409,476</u>	<u>317,802</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>409,887</u>	<u>318,142</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



A T Presley - Trustee



R Carpenter - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 15 April 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The following trustees received remuneration for services rendered during the year ended 15 April 2023:

R Carpenter	£ 360 (15 April 2022 – nil)
J Kirk	£3,000 (15 April 2022 – nil)

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 15 April 2023 nor for the year ended 15 April 2022.

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3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	<u>3,045</u>	<u>319,492</u>	<u>322,537</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Family welfare	561	-	561
Kenya project	1,618	-	1,618
Other	<u>706</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>2,396</u>
Total	<u>2,885</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>4,575</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	160	317,802	317,962
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>340</u>	<u>317,802</u>	<u>318,142</u>

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 16 April 2022	-	-	-
Additions	<u>4,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,353</u>
At 15 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 16 April 2022	-	-	-
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 15 April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 15 April 2023	<u>4,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,353</u>
At 15 April 2022	-	-	-

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	15.4.23 £	15.4.22 £
Other creditors	<u>250</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>250</u>	<u>500</u>

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ELI ProjectNotes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 15 April 2023**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 16.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(207)	485	278
Kenya appeals	<u>547</u>	<u>(414)</u>	<u>133</u>
	340	71	411
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	<u>317,802</u>	<u>91,674</u>	<u>409,476</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>318,142</u></u>	<u><u>91,745</u></u>	<u><u>409,887</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 16.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	880	(1,267)	(387)
Kenya appeals	<u>2,165</u>	<u>(1,618)</u>	<u>547</u>
	3,045	(2,885)	160
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	<u>319,492</u>	<u>(1,690)</u>	<u>317,802</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>322,537</u></u>	<u><u>(4,575)</u></u>	<u><u>317,962</u></u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 16.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180	98	278
Kenya appeals	-	133	133
	180	231	411
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	409,476	409,476
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>180</u>	<u>409,707</u>	<u>409,887</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 15 April 2023 other than those listed in Note 2.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 15 April 2023

	15.4.23 £	15.4.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,630	3,045
Grants	<u>96,654</u>	<u>319,492</u>
	98,284	322,537
Investment income		
Bank Interest	<u>589</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	98,873	322,537
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Bank charges	41	68
Grants to institutions	1,100	1,550
Grants to individuals	1,218	561
Room hire	<u>468</u>	<u>-</u>
	2,827	2,179
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	162	134
Marketing and website	101	72
Training	<u>168</u>	<u>-</u>
	431	206
Other		
Legal and professional	3,620	1,690
Governance costs		
Accountancy	<u>250</u>	<u>500</u>
Total resources expended	<u>7,128</u>	<u>4,575</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>91,745</u>	<u>317,962</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15TH APRIL 2022

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Objectives and Activities

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ELI Project organises social events to encourage participation in the community and help reduce the social isolation faced by such families. Public benefit activities include 'Family Nights', in the Swansea and Neath area. These are events to which all family members are invited to connect and share food and fun activities in a calm and inclusive atmosphere.

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The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been referred to when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities to ensure they conform with that guidance.

Achievements and Performance

KidStop

Covid restrictions operating during the early part of this reporting period continued to impact ELI Project's ability to run their typical face-to-face events. However, to continue its activities to meet the public good, supporting families of children and young people with additional needs, ELI Project set up 'Prams in the Park' as an alternative to KidStop. This was a weekly opportunity for parents and their preschool children with additional needs to meet for a stroll around some local botanical gardens and have a chat and a coffee. This was a crucial time for some young mothers who were dealing with serious, potentially life-limiting diagnoses for their young babies, born in Lockdown. It gave them the opportunity to meet other parents in a safe, inclusive and relaxing environment that was outside the home. It also gave the children much-needed social and sensory stimulation after many months at home or in a hospital.

By late May 2021, changes in Covid restrictions eased enough to allow small face-to-face gatherings indoors. KidStop soon started back, and by the end of the reporting period, in partnership with LifePoint Church, ELI Project had run thirty-four 'in person' KidStop sessions.



In response to parents' difficulties understanding some of their children's needs, a qualified Occupational Therapist was invited to one KidStop session to provide information and practical training.

We were also able to facilitate the 2nd birthday party of a little girl with Downs Syndrome at one of our sessions. This was a precious moment for her with her friends considering the significant challenges she and her family had faced the previous two years.

Image 1: Advert for a parent training session at KidStop

Through KidStop alone ELI Project, in partnership with LifePoint Church, provided over 50 hours of face-to-face time for children with additional needs and their parents/carers to meet, chat and play as the country eased out of Covid. Nearly 300 hours of volunteer time were given by a small group of caring and professional volunteers to facilitate these sessions and, through their care and attention, improve the lives of this community.



Image 2: KidStop, December 2021. Shared with kind permission.

Family Night

Throughout this reporting period, all events were underpinned by thorough, ongoing, Covid risk assessments, based on Welsh Government guidance and others at the time.



Despite the easing of Covid restrictions during the first part of this reporting period, the charity's ongoing risk assessments determined that larger gatherings indoors with older children and young adults with additional needs, like Family Night, were still untenable. Therefore, to continue our support of these families as part of our activities to meet the public good, ELI Project funded a trip to a local outdoor cinema for nearly 40 parents, carers, children and young people with additional needs and volunteers. A bring-your-own picnic was arranged beforehand in a nearby park and the group continued to the outdoor venue for a great time in the sunshine, singing to some of their favourite tunes from the movie The Greatest Showman.

Image 3: Advert for The Greatest Showman, an event attended on 10th July 2021

With significant changes to Covid restrictions, by February 2022, the Charity had re-established Family Nights in Neath and Swansea, culminating in a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt. One thousand eggs were hand filled with treats for every age including a few £1 coins, chocolate and novelty toys. Egg swapping after the hunt was encouraged and wonderful fun! Overleaf are some comments and images from those events.



Image 4: Family feedback from ELI Project 2022 Family Nights. Images shared with kind permission

Buddies

With churches normalising face-to-face meetings in early 2022, the 'buddy system', run in partnership with LifePoint Church, Swansea, was re-establish in February 2022. This has enabled us to support five families of children with additional needs to access mainstream church meetings when previously their children's needs might have prevented them from attending and/or engaging. It has also made the church more aware of additional needs than it might otherwise have been and built its confidence in welcoming and accommodating the additional needs of children and adults, all to the public benefit.

Hunting for a home

After many years of operating out of the home of its founders Todd and Stephanie Presley, and in view of the significant need for re-connection after limited social contact due to Covid, ELI Project decided to put into action its long-held desire to own a building in or around the Neath/Swansea area. The purpose of the building is to be able to consolidate and increase the services the charity offers, increase the number of families it supports directly and provide a base to support other churches along the M4 corridor and beyond, to take up the vision of the charity.

With this goal in mind, Todd and Stephanie ran a highly successful fundraising campaign with a view to purchasing a property to develop in Neath. The sale was progressing well and funds were secured when unfortunately the seller had to withdraw due to a change in their circumstances, and the sale fell through in January 2022.

Despite this significant disappointment, ELI Project learnt a lot through the process and is grateful for the support of many people, especially Mark Freeman of LifePoint Church, who provided significant time and advice.

The charity continues to search for a suitable building in or around the Swansea/Neath area, and continues to believe that the future is bright!

Care for Kenya

ELI Project has been delighted to be able to increase their support of the work of ELI Project Kenya during 2021/22. The work of Marion Wathingira, ELI Project Kenya's Director, has included financially supporting a small number of HIV orphans in school, supporting the ongoing development of pre-established micro-businesses (pig husbandry and potato chip production), and providing grants for essential home improvements. Her work is outstanding and we look forward to working more closely with her in the coming years.

Financial Review

The charity relies upon voluntary donations from the generosity of both families that access our activities and friends. It has sufficient funds to meet all its financial requirements and to fund all current projects. The charity monitors income and expenditure every month and considers this during trustee meetings.

Of the total income of £322,537, £2,179 was spent on direct charitable expenditure and £1,690 on fees associated with the abortive building purchase (see below). Administration costs were £706. Unrestricted funds totalled £340, with restricted funds totalling £317,802.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds received were in the form of donations from Todd and Stephanie Presley's American and UK-based supporters for the purchase of the aforementioned building in Neath, with £319,492 being received by April 15th 2022. American support of

£119,492 was gratefully received from International Pentecostal Holiness Church (IPHC) World Missions, a charitable organisation and global movement of Christians with a heart "to plant congregations and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the world". Support of £200,000 was also gratefully received from The Centre For International Christian Ministries, a UK charity devoted to starting Bible Schools, training church leaders and providing training materials.

During the conveyancing process of the property in Neath, £1,690 of these restricted funds was spent on a drainage survey, building regulation designs, change of use application and solicitors fees. The balance of these restricted funds is held with Barclays Bank and separated from the charity's day-to-day accounts for clarity and effective financial management. As stated, ELI Project continues to search for a property to meet its needs, and with all financial pledges received and restricted for this purpose, we are in a much stronger financial position to fulfil this goal going forwards.

Designated Funds

£880 was donated through a birthday fundraiser specifically to finance a chicken micro business for a Kenyan mother with a family that includes a son with significant additional needs.

The charity was also able to support ELI Project Kenya through additional finance from unrestricted funds of £905 to finance other micro-business opportunities for families of children with additional needs in the Kiambu County region.

Unrestricted Funds

Due to the limited opportunity to gather indoors, £575 of unrestricted funds was spent on taking nearly forty individuals to an outdoor film and food festival in a local park. The Charity also spent £208 on public liability insurance and their website domain name.

Other than £500 due to our accountants ELI Project does not have any outstanding potential liabilities or any outstanding debts.

Although not valued in the accounts, the charity has been gifted a range of assets for use at our regular social events including music equipment, craft supplies and games. It is anticipated that these will continue to need maintaining and updating in the coming months and years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose only voting members are its charity trustees and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees are by the resolution of a quorum of existing trustees. There is no external body that has the entitlement to appoint a trustee. All new trustees are given an induction and provided with both the ELI Project governing

document and the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit as well as the Trustee Welcome Pack downloadable from the Charity Commission website. Trustees are appointed for the particular skills that are needed for the organisation and training needs are regularly assessed by the trustees with support given when appropriate.

In the UK, the charity operates predominantly but not exclusively in South Wales, holding social events in Swansea and Neath. The charity also works in close association with ELI Project Kenya to deliver programmes in that country.

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	ELI Project
Other names the charity uses	N.A.
Registered charity number	1181538
Charity's principal address	27A School Road, Crynant, Neath, SA10 8NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Rhiannon Carpenter	N.A.	N.A.
Harold Presley	N.A.	N.A.
Jonathan Kirk	N.A.	N.A.
Todd Presley	Founder and CEO	Appointed 21.09.2021
Trevor Clowers	N.A.	Appointed 04.04.2022

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

Director names
Todd Presley, Founder and CEO
Stephanie Presley, Founder and COO
Marion Wathingira, Kenya Director

Independent Examiner

Ralph Bettany Associates Ltd
1 Clare Street
Manselton
Swansea
SA5 9PG

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A T Presley', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

A T Presley - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ELI Project

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of ELI Project (the Trust) for the year ended 15 April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA which is one of the listed bodies. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

R C Bettany

FCA

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5 February 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 15 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	15.4.22 Total funds £	15.4.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		3,045	319,492	322,537	2,013
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Family welfare		561	-	561	1,067
Activity hampers		-	-	-	1,077
Kenya project		1,618	-	1,618	40
Other		706	1,690	2,396	-
Total		2,885	1,690	4,575	2,184
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		160	317,802	317,962	(171)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		180	-	180	351
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		340	317,802	318,142	180

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet 15 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	15.4.22 Total funds £	15.4.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		840	317,802	318,642	179
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(500)	-	(500)	1
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>340</u>	<u>317,802</u>	<u>318,142</u>	<u>180</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		340	317,802	318,142	180
NET ASSETS		<u>340</u>	<u>317,802</u>	<u>318,142</u>	<u>180</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				340	180
Restricted funds				317,802	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>318,142</u>	<u>180</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by



A T Presley - Trustee

and



R Carpenter - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 15 April 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 15 April 2022 nor for the year ended 15 April 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 15 April 2022 nor for the year ended 15 April 2021.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,013	1,000	2,013
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Family welfare	1,067	-	1,067
Activity hampers	77	1,000	1,077
Kenya project	40	-	40
Total	1,184	1,000	2,184
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(171)	-	(171)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	351	-	351
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	180	-	180

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	15.4.22 £	15.4.21 £
Trade creditors	-	(1)
Other creditors	500	-
	500	(1)

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 16.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180	(387)	(207)
Kenya appeals	-	547	547
	<u>180</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>340</u>
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	317,802	317,802
	<u>-</u>	<u>317,802</u>	<u>317,802</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>180</u>	<u>317,962</u>	<u>318,142</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	880	(1,267)	(387)
Kenya appeals	2,165	(1,618)	547
	<u>3,045</u>	<u>(2,885)</u>	<u>160</u>
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	319,492	(1,690)	317,802
	<u>319,492</u>	<u>(1,690)</u>	<u>317,802</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>322,537</u>	<u>(4,575)</u>	<u>317,962</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 16.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	351	(171)	180
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>351</u>	<u>(171)</u>	<u>180</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,013	(1,184)	(171)
Restricted funds			
Groundwork UK Covid	500	(500)	-
Neath Port Talbot Council	500	(500)	-
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,013</u>	<u>(2,184)</u>	<u>(171)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 16.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 15.4.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	351	(558)	(207)
Kenya appeals	-	547	547
	<u>351</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>340</u>
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	-	317,802	317,802
	<u>351</u>	<u>317,791</u>	<u>318,142</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,893	(2,451)	(558)
Kenya appeals	2,165	(1,618)	547
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>(4,069)</u>	<u>(11)</u>
Restricted funds			
Building Fund	319,492	(1,690)	317,802
Groundwork UK Covid	500	(500)	-
Neath Port Talbot Council	500	(500)	-
	<u>320,492</u>	<u>(2,690)</u>	<u>317,802</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>324,550</u>	<u>(6,759)</u>	<u>317,791</u>

RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 15 April 2022.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 15 April 2022

	15.4.22 £	15.4.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	(1)	1
Donations	3,046	1,012
Grants	319,492	1,000
	<u>322,537</u>	<u>2,013</u>
Total incoming resources	322,537	2,013
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Bank charges	68	-
Grants to institutions	1,550	40
Grants to individuals	561	2,144
	<u>2,179</u>	<u>2,184</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	134	-
Marketing and website	72	-
	<u>206</u>	<u>-</u>
Other		
Legal and professional	1,690	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy	500	-
	<u>4,575</u>	<u>2,184</u>
Total resources expended	4,575	2,184
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>317,962</u>	<u>(171)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.

ELI PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1181538

Accounts



ELI PROJECT

BECAUSE EVERY LIFE'S IMPORTANT

Trustee's Annual Report

FOR PERIOD ENDING 15TH APRIL 2021

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The extent of the projects in the UK and Kenya would not have been as great without the **continuing efforts** of the **numerous volunteers**, who give their time, expertise and enthusiasm and for whom we are **extremely grateful**.

The Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been referred to when reviewing aims and objectives and in planning future activities to ensure they conform with that guidance.

The charity has a new website which, along with the open Facebook Group, ELI Project Wales, and new Facebook Page, KidStop - A Toddler Group for Preschoolers with Additional Needs, continues to profile the charity's work in the community and support its communication.

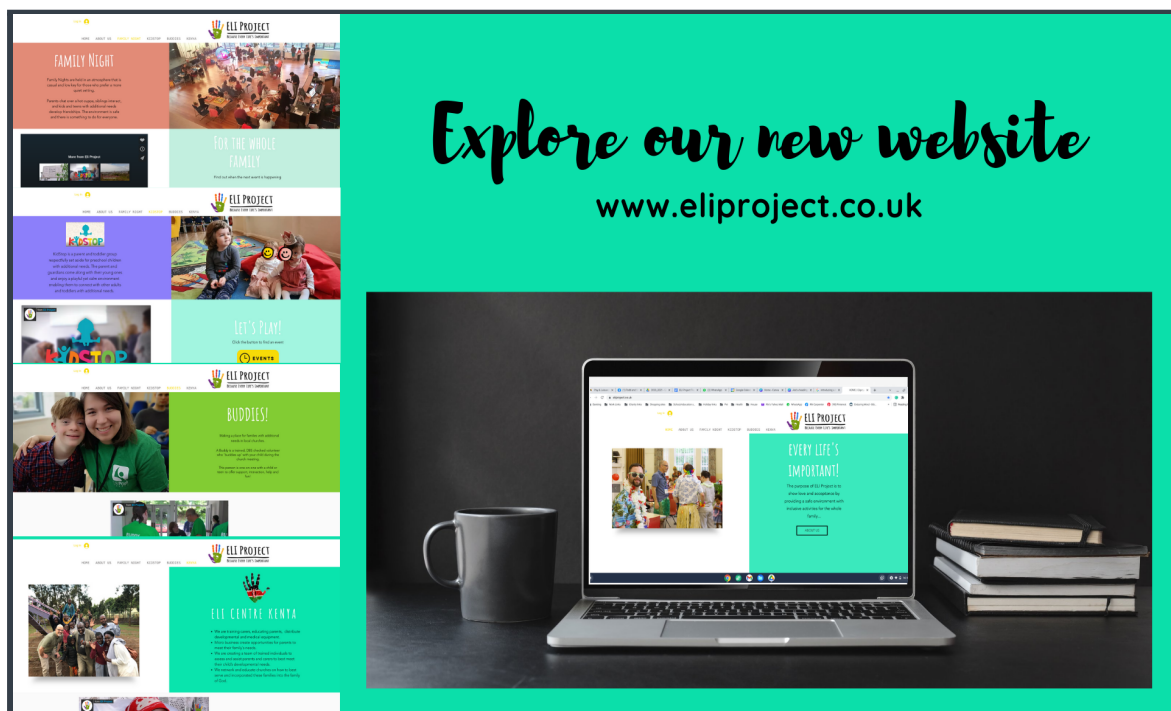


Figure 1: Images from ELI Project's new website www.eliproject.co.uk

Please visit www.eliproject.co.uk, [www.facebook.com/groups/ 108143382547702/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/108143382547702/) or [www.facebook.com/KidStop-A-Toddler-Group-for-Preschoolers-with-Additional-Needs -102983168837653/](https://www.facebook.com/KidStop-A-Toddler-Group-for-Preschoolers-with-Additional-Needs-102983168837653/) for more information about what we do!

Achievements and Performance

In accordance with Covid restrictions operating at the time, ELI Project was unable to run their typical face to face Family Nights during April 2020/21. To continue its activities to meet the public good, supporting families of children and young people with additional needs, the charity took advantage of Covid specific grants to help towards creating themed, activity and food hampers. The funds granted were used for wellbeing activity hampers to encourage whole family engagement, enabling focus on relationship building and confidence building as well as therapeutic hampers for mental health.

By June 2020, over 70 such hampers were distributed, predominantly around the Neath area. At Christmas 2020, 30 food and gift hampers were distributed to families in the Neath and Swansea areas and again at Easter 2021 using a "Movie Night" theme. Our Facebook Group, ELI Project Wales, helpfully captured the response from families, some of which are displayed overleaf.

FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES ON...

ACTIVITY, FOOD AND THEMED HAMPER



"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PACKAGE I HAD. MASON IS LOOKING FORWARD TO PLANTING THEM X"

CLARE, JUNE 2020

"SUCH AN AMAZING AND THOUGHTFUL GIFT. THANK YOU ELI PROJECT"

LUCY, JUNE 2020

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR OUR FOOD PARCEL, COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED. AMAZING PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUT. ALF WAS SO EXCITED HE GOT A BOOK"

SASHA, MAY 2020

"HUGE THANKS TO THE ELI PROJECT FOR OUR MOVIE NIGHT HAMPER, AND OUR GROWN-UP MUNCHIES A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN TIMES WERE TOUGH. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR SUPPORT MEANS"

DONNA, MARCH 2021

"THANK YOU STEPH FOR MY FAB COOKING BOX, I LOVE IT. IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE YOU. XXX"

JOANNE, MAY 2020

"THANK YOU SO SO MUCH I FEEL TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH INCREDIBLE FRIENDS IN MY LIFE."

JOANNE, MAY 2020

CREATED AND DISTRIBUTED BY ELI PROJECT, APRIL 2020 TO 2021

Figure 2: A sample of responses from families receiving activity, food or themed hampers, April 2020 to 2021

During the main lockdown season of mid 2020, and inspired by some of the beauty products included in the hampers being sent, ELI Project set up a mum's group called 'Mums in Masks'. This was a weekly, online group where local mums of children and young people with additional needs were welcomed for conversation, pampering, games and support, thereby maintaining the public good offering of support through relationships with these families.



Eleven 'in person' KidStop sessions were achieved between September and December 2020, in partnership with LifePoint church, Swansea. Each one was underpinned by thorough, ongoing Covid risk assessments, based on Welsh Government guidance and others at the time.

KidStop was particularly important for the parents of babies born with additional needs just prior to or during lockdown in March 2020. Many of these families reportedly suffered the trauma of labour and subsequent hospitalisations without the support and visits of loved ones. They also experienced a significant reduction in face to face services, which they would otherwise have had access to in normal circumstances. This was across the board in statutory and third party/voluntary services.

Image 1: KidStop, December 2020. Shared with kind permission.

In December 2020, 12 family units were invited to an outdoor, Christmas themed horsemanship activity, run in association with Coeden Bywydd Horse Project. This is a Neath based project who offer well-being and mentoring horsemanship sessions to young people.

Families who came were incredibly blessed after a tough year of isolation, and whilst they were unable to meet with other families, having been allocated time slots for their family unit only, they enjoyed being made to feel special, connecting with the horses and seeing the volunteers after many months.



Image 2: Horsemanship session, December 2020. Shared with kind permission.

With church meetings moving online for much of 2020/21, the 'buddy system', run in partnership with LifePoint Church, Swansea, became redundant. The charity aims to re-establish this as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

After many years of operating out of the home of its founders Todd and Stephanie Presley, and in view of the significant need for social connection after 2 years of limited social contact, ELI Project has decided to put into action its long held desire to own a building in or around the Neath/Swansea area. The purpose of the building is to be able to consolidate and increase the services the charity offers, increase the number of families it supports directly and provide a base to support other churches along the M4 corridor to take up the vision of the charity. Despite the significant impact of Covid, ELI Project believes these are exciting times for the charity!



Public benefit activities undertaken in the 2020/21 period in Kenya was limited to support of the charity Love Your Neighbour through the online assessment of a child with additional needs for a self propelled wheelchair. Having identified his needs, ELI Project were able to refurbish, set up and deliver a second hand wheelchair to this charity, who are based in Pembrokeshire. They then delivered it to the child via a shipment destined for Kenya.

With a view to further developing working relationships, ELI Project UK, ELI Project Kenya and Love Your Neighbour met together via Zoom to discuss ways of working together in Kenya in the months and years ahead.

Image 3: Delivery of wheelchair destined for Kenya, April 2021.

Despite the limited financial input of ELI Project UK to the work of ELI Project Kenya during this period, Marion Wathingira has been able to bless and support an increasing number of families who have children with additional needs through other funding sources. Her work has included helping families set up micro businesses, funding school fees and providing grants for essential home improvements. Her work is outstanding and we look forward to working more closely with her in the coming years.

Financial Review

The charity relies upon voluntary donations from the generosity of both families that access our activities and friends. It has sufficient funds to meet all its financial requirements and to fund all current projects. The charity monitors income and expenditure every month and considers this during trustee meetings.

With regards the aforementioned purchase of a building, the goal of the charity is to raise the majority of funds through American based supporters of Todd and Stephanie Presley. It is anticipated that a small mortgage would be required, but the charity seeks to pay this off within a few years through the hire of the building amongst other things.

A small amount of cash (£91) was held in reserve as typical activities planned are predominantly self-funding. Families are motivated to bring donations of food to social events and use of the venues was provided free of charge by LifePoint Church and Coeden Bywydd Horse Project.

The total income of £2,012 was spent on direct charitable expenditure totalling £2,184, with the shortfall being covered by donations made in the previous financial period. Administration costs were £nil.

Unrestricted funds totalled £1,012, with restricted funds totalling £1,000. Restricted funds received were in the form of Covid specific grants, with £500 being donated by Tesco Supermarket and £500 by Neath Port Talbot Voluntary Services Emergency Fund Scheme, administered by TSSW on behalf of the Welsh Government.

All £1,000 of restricted funds were spent on activity hampers by June 2020, with £77 of unrestricted funds being transferred to cover additional spending on this. £500 of unrestricted funds was spent on Christmas Hampers and £567 on Easter hampers. The Horsemanship Event in December 2020 was cost neutral. £40 of unrestricted funds was spent on replacement parts for the wheelchair donated to the charity, Love Your Neighbour.

ELI Project does not have any outstanding potential liabilities nor any outstanding debts.

The charity has been gifted a range of assets for use at our regular social events including music equipment, craft supplies and games. It is anticipated that these will need reviewing and updating in the coming months and years.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees are appointed by the resolution of a quorum of existing trustees. There is no external body that has the entitlement to appoint a trustee. All new trustees are given an induction and provided with both the ELI Project governing document and the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit. Trustees are appointed for the particular skills that are needed for the organisation and training needs are regularly assessed by the trustees and support is given when appropriate.

In the UK, the charity operates predominantly but not exclusively in South Wales, holding social events in Swansea and Neath.

In Kenya, the charity operates in Kiambu County, just north of its capital Nairobi. In the pursuit of its objectives, ELI Project's Kenyan Director has worked to establish ELI Project Kenya as a Non-Governmental Organisation there. After an apparently unusually speedy process, ELI Project Kenya was registered as an NGO in Kenya on 30th April 2020! As such, all activities relating to funds received directly by ELI Project Kenya are reported separately as part of governance requirements in that country.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	ELI Project
Other name the charity uses	N.A.
Registered charity number	1181538
Charity's principal address	27A School Road, Crynant, Neath, SA10 8NS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1.	Mrs Rhiannon Carpenter	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
2.	Mr Harold Presley	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
3.	Mr Jonathan Kirk	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
4.	Todd Presley	Founder and CEO	N.A.	N.A.

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved:

Director names
Todd Presley, Founder and CEO
Stephanie Presley, Founder and COO
Marion Wathingira, Kenya Director

Declarations

As trustees, we declare that we approve the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)

			
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Full name(s)

Todd Presley	Harold G. Presley	Jonathan Kirk	Rhiannon Carpenter
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder and CEO	Member	Member	Secretary
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Date

25th January 2022
