



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Buckland Support

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any) 1183456

Set out on pages

3-4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Lucinda Harris

Date:

21/3/24

Name:

LUCINDA HARRIS

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Charity Name
Buckland Support

No (if any)
1183456

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

Period end date
31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
National Lottery		34,209.37		34,209	
Devon County Council	500.00	1,900		2,400	
Donations	4,833.00			4,833	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,333	36,109	-	41,442.37	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,333.00	36,109.37	-	41,442.37	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries		32,176		32,176	
Payroll costs		402		402	
Travel expenses		1,647		1,647	
Room hire	75			75	
Activity costs	5,203	362		5,565	
Insurance	335			335	
Phone Bills		225		225	
Other	1,004			1,004	
				-	
				-	
Sub total	6,616.61	34,811.35	-	41,427.96	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,617	34,811	-	41,428	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,284	1,298	-	14	-
A5 Transfers between funds	4,752	4,752	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,350.93	3,454	-	20,805	-
Cash funds this year end	£ 20,819.31	0.00	-	20,819.31	-

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General Funds	20,819	-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,819	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

ROSEMARY WHITBREAD

Date of approval

1/2/24

Chair's Report

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in having our AGM due to illness and other circumstances. We welcome you here today to share in the election of Trustees, reviewing the past year of our Hub project as well as other work undertaken by our charity.

We have seen another year where people are still recovering from the effects of Covid in terms of loneliness, ill health neglect because of pressure on the NHS and other statutory services, increases in utility bills and other threats to recovery.

However, we have also seen an improvement in our work alongside other services, I believe due to our persistence and the presence of some wonderful co-workers where we have achieved some life changing effects together. I would particularly mention our CAB colleague and the Teign Housing Officer for our area who see people every week who drop in. They have saved people from eviction, improved their living conditions and helped people get help to which they are entitled. Other agencies have regularly attended The Hub, offering a range of services, including One Small Step, our two South Devon Alliance Teignbridge Councillors for our area, the Fire Service and the Police Liaison Officers. We have also been able to accept referrals from certain Social Services social workers and demonstrated the effectiveness of working in a non-statutory way alongside them. We have attended MASH meetings frequently and taken a role as key worker in some cases. We have worked alongside schools in monitoring vulnerable children

We have had the benefit of the continued presence of our Coordinator, Yvonne Cogavin (congratulations on her recent re-marriage) who has developed a wealth of re-sources and experience over the many years she has led this work. Yvonne works very closely with the surgery where she is also a valued member of their team, undertaking work for them as Care Coordinator. Alongside her, Alison has developed skills in running well-attended fun and supportive regular groups and undertaking home visits to new clients as well as regular drop-in where regular support is needed. We have been asked to work on a separate project with one of the GPs looking at families with multiple generational issues.

We are also very fortunate to have a strong band of committed volunteers who do everything from driving to medical and social appointments, running the Hub Café every week, supporting the weekly clubs such as Exercise to Music, the amazing parent led Baby and Toddler Group, and the Friday Group all of which combine fun with support. Volunteers also undertake support visits to those who cannot attend our groups.

Our relations with Buckland Surgery are excellent and we have regular and prompt access to discuss issues with the GPs with the patient's permission. This enables us to produce written support where needed as part of getting further resources for people both financial and practical, such as accommodation, PIP benefit, Attendance Allowance as well as acting as an advocate with statutory services. This unique relationship has been one of the foundations allowing us to be so effective.

Our model at The Hub of drawing in other agencies by offering them accessible and confidential accommodation, where people can get help with addiction, mental health issues, other health issues, financial distress and housing needs, has been taken up by other surgeries in the town where they are trying to encourage this multi-agency working and we have been more than willing to share our experience. However, the NHS provision of Social Prescribers falls very short of what is needed to make this necessary connection between health and social needs.

We have continued to provide the regular open door of The Hub almost every week of the year as well as an excellent parent-led baby and toddler group where parents can access support from the group leaders as well as the hub personnel in the same building. Our exercise group for older people has grown in numbers and all enjoy the coffee and chat at the end of the weekly session.

We have extended the original Friday warm group to continue meeting throughout the year since the fun and friendship have been invaluable to so many lonely and isolated people.

We now have a new group run by Barbara, a new volunteer, who has set up Buckland Tidy Troopers who meet to do litter Picking on Buckland followed by tea and chat. They meet once a month (weather permitting) and have done a really good job of making the estate a more pleasant and proud place to live. It has been a catalyst for people of all ages to work together to improve the environment and make new friends.

Yvonne and Alison have continued to take referrals from the surgery every week encouraging people to come to the Hub or doing home visits.

We are also welcoming two new agencies who are starting at The Hub in the next month. One is the Drug and Alcohol Team now called Together. They will be here on the first Tuesday of the month starting on February 6th to talk with anyone who would like their support-they are offering bacon baps I believe!

The second group is from Step One who are part of the mental health team. They will be setting up a walking and chat group starting here at The Buckland Centre and ending somewhere with refreshments. They are also going to be running a HOPE programme and people are very welcome to join this group. Leaflets are available here at The Hub.

We have started to work on a project involving carers for which we are seeking further funding. This would include identifying all carers on the estate and at the surgery and contacting them about their needs. This will cover all carers, including dementia carers and those supporting people with physical and other issues, including caring for adults and children with Autism. We will work with people already involved in this work as well as looking to set up our own support network.

So we are looking forward to an exciting year with our old and new partners as we provide support for anyone living on Buckland or who is a patient at the surgery. We are over half way through our four year Lottery Funding and were able to work with our independent assessors a few months ago to produce evidence of the work we are doing and the results achieved. At the beginning of March we will be welcoming a visit to the Hub from a representative of The National Lottery who will be able to see our project in action and talk with volunteers, the public and ourselves, the Trustees for the project.