

# HOPESPRING

England & Wales · Charity number 1183771

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-06-07

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:(1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY PROVIDING SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN AGED 11 TO 16 WHO IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THOSE ARE DEEMED TO BE VULNERABLE AND EMOTIONALLY/BEHAVIOURALLY COMPLEX, WHO ARE AT RISK OF, OR HAVE ALREADY BEEN, EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL OR FROM ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.(2) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PREVENTION AND/OR RELIEF OF POVERTY AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY PROVIDING IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS LEAVING THE CARE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

**Activities:** Hopespring is a charity working throughout Tyne and Wear that seeks to serve the various Educational, Physical and Mental Health needs of the young people in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and full time volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society through our people-based interventions.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Sunderland

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£1,854,435	£1,787,332	£337,806	48
2023-08-31	£1,491,520	£1,495,518	£270,703	39
2022-08-31	£1,159,569	£1,030,960	£274,701	27
2021-08-31	£791,083	£737,682	£146,092	17
2020-08-31	£455,041	£362,350	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LOIS GOTT	Chair	2019-11-18
Dr Chikezie Okike		2019-06-07
Dr Myra Hannah Oredayo Belmont Herbert		2019-08-15
Dr Rachel Bisset		2023-12-28
JOANNE DUNNETT		2019-06-07

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number 1183771

**HOPESPRING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

# HOPESPRING

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms Lois Gott Dr Chikezie Okike Dr Myra Hannah Herbert Dr Joanne Dunnett Dr Rachel Bisset	(Appointed 28 December 2023)
<b>Charity number</b>	1183771	
<b>Registered office</b>	10 Sea View Road West Sunderland Tyne and Wear SR2 9HA	
<b>Auditor</b>	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 54 Fawcett Street Sunderland Tyne and Wear SR1 1SF	

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# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Mission Statement**

Hopespring works throughout Tyne and Wear seeking to serve the various educational, physical and mental health needs of the young people & families in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and full-time volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society through our people-based interventions.

##### **Principal Objects**

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- 1 For the public benefit, the provision of education in particular, but not exclusively, by providing schools for children aged 11 to 16 who in particular, but not exclusively for those are deemed to be vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex, who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from alternative provisions in the North East of England and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- 2 For the public benefit, the prevention and/or relief of poverty among people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the United Kingdom by providing in particular but not exclusively, supported accommodation and transitional support for individuals leaving the care of the local authority.

In fulfilment of the principal objects the following activities are undertaken:

- 1 Therapeutic schools for the most vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex young people who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from their alternative provision.
- 2 Residential family assessment centre for families needing parental capacity assessments
- 3 Support for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.
- 4 Christmas gifts for the cared for children in Sunderland.
- 5 Educational and mental health programmes for young people & families.

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### **Achievements and performance**

##### Hopespring Therapeutic Schools

Hopespring Education is currently working with 10 local authorities, alongside numerous schools, agencies, and partner organisations across the North East and throughout the UK.

We continue to achieve remarkable outcomes for the young people in our care, many of whom have experienced long-term exclusion from education and significant personal adversity, in many cases on a current ongoing basis. For these young people, our schools provide not only a safe and supportive environment, but also a foundation from which they can heal, grow, and succeed both academically and personally.

This year across our schools, we have established outdoor & forest school provisions with the addition of mobile education buses. Our buses have been fitted to provide a completely mobile classroom facility enabling our young people to experience education at any location. This has enabled us to support young people who have been out of school for such a long period, they struggle to leave their home. We have also developed our Forest & Outdoor school offer, providing young people education in nature and having vital time in green outdoor spaces.

In the spring term we opened our third site at Hopespring Sunderland, a specialist campus with space for 6 young people with complex needs.

During the summer term we increased our placement capacity at Hopespring Newcastle to 15 young people.

##### Rachel House - Residential Family Assessment Centre

Rachel House has now had its first full year of operation and has provided a place of safety for babies to grow and thrive during the 12 - week assessment process and begin to develop attachments and memories with their parents. We have seen significant outcomes for parents & their babies in this first year.

##### Support for care experienced young people

We have continued to provide in excess of 80kg of food to Sunderland's Next Steps team to support care experienced young people transitioning into independent living. The donations included fresh vegetables and fruit, healthy ready meals, canned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaning products and other items essential for getting settled into independent living.

##### Christmas presents - cared for children in Sunderland

Thanks to the generous support of our partners & donors, during our annual christmas appeal we supported the cared-for children of Sunderland with over 800 high-quality Christmas gifts, as well as over 200 luxurious Christmas hampers.

#### **Financial review**

The year ending 31st of August 2024 marked the fifth full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Hopespring. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £1,854,435 and expenditure of £1,787,332 leading to a surplus of £67,103.

Income into Hopespring has continued to increase, particularly within the year due to the opening of Rachel House, the increase in available spaces at Hopespring Newcastle and the third campus for Hopespring Sunderland. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in expenditure in line with the increased activity.

The total income from Grants and Donations amounted to £17,804 during the year. The provision of grants and donations during the year has again supported the Charity's strong financial position to carry out its operations and invest in future activities against significant uncertainties caused by the pandemic.

At the year end the unrestricted funds were £337,806 and the restricted funds were £nil.

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

#### **Plans for future periods**

Following continued requests to expand our education provision, we are working towards establishing new Hopespring Education sites in the areas of greatest need within Tyne & Wear.

We are also building upon our second year of The Hub with the view to expanding and increasing the provision of support, particularly during the school holidays which can be a difficult time for our young people

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees and management team have developed the reserves policy to assist in strategic planning and considering how new projects or activities will be funded. This is also used when reviewing the financial year and to inform the budget process in consideration of balanced budgets or if reserves need to be drawn down or built up.

The charity's reserve policy also informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams and forecasting ahead for the forthcoming five years. The amount held in reserves is also monitored by the trustees and leadership team during the course of the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes. The trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to maintain the activities of the charity in case of unforeseen circumstances or a drop in funding.

- 1 To hold an unrestricted funds balance that has a value of no less than 3 months and no more than 6 months running costs.
- 2 To designate the appropriate fund value required for the charity to meet all of its contractual obligations in the event it was required to shut down.
- 3 To invest excess unrestricted funds into new or existing charitable activities to further enhance the service provision delivered. Use of unrestricted funds is to be carried out on a priority and needs assessment.
- 4 Restricted funds are to be spent in the time frame and in the manner outlined by the funder or the donor.

Following the financial year it is the Board's intention to increase the level of reserves in line with the growth and increase in income & expenditure experienced in the previous year in order to have a suitable contingency for any unforeseen circumstances.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of three members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the executive management team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the trustees passed by a majority of the trustees for the time being.

#### **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustee's have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the organisations aims and activities. The Trustee's are satisfied that the activities and aims of the charity meet the guidance of public benefit outlined by the Commission.

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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

Ms Lois Gott  
Dr Chikezie Okike  
Dr Myra Hannah Herbert  
Dr Joanne Dunnett  
Dr Rachel Bisset

(Appointed 28 December 2023)

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

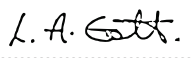
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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



Ms Lois Gott

**Trustee**

Date: 25th June 2025

# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hopespring (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

The laws and regulations which are considered to be significant to the entity relate to health and safety and safeguarding. Discussions are held with management to determine whether any breaches have occurred as well as legal expenditure being scrutinised for any evidence on non-compliance.

The audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities only to the extent of the substantive testing performed and from discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Other matters**

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

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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*Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd*

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

26 June 2025  
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**Statutory Auditor**

Fernwood House  
Fernwood Road  
Jesmond  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 1TJ

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# HOPESPRING

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	2	15,804	2,000	17,804	20,687	85,473	106,160
Charitable activities	3	1,825,507	-	1,825,507	1,381,691	-	1,381,691
Investments	4	2,304	-	2,304	1,009	-	1,009
Other income	5	8,820	-	8,820	2,660	-	2,660
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,852,435</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,854,435</u>	<u>1,406,047</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>1,491,520</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Charitable activities	6	1,763,074	24,258	1,787,332	1,432,303	63,215	1,495,518
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>1,763,074</u>	<u>24,258</u>	<u>1,787,332</u>	<u>1,432,303</u>	<u>63,215</u>	<u>1,495,518</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		89,361	(22,258)	67,103	(26,256)	22,258	(3,998)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Fund balances at 1 September 2023		248,445	22,258	270,703	274,701	-	274,701
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2024</b>		<u>337,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,806</u>	<u>248,445</u>	<u>22,258</u>	<u>270,703</u>

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

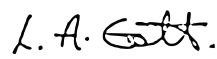
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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		88,307		81,907
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	135,982		54,246	
Cash at bank and in hand		374,754		293,447	
		510,736		347,693	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(255,221)		(141,417)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			255,515		206,276
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			343,822		288,183
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17		(6,016)		(17,480)
<b>Net assets</b>			337,806		270,703
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	20		-		22,258
Unrestricted funds	21		337,806		248,445
			337,806		270,703

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 25th June 2025



Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

# HOPESPRING

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	25		114,047		20,506
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(23,580)		(82,929)	
Investment income received		2,304		1,009	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(21,276)		(81,920)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of bank loans		(11,464)		(10,000)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			(11,464)		(10,000)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			81,307		(71,414)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			293,447		364,861
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>374,754</u>		<u>293,447</u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Registered Office is 10 Sea View Road West, Sunderland, SR2 9HA

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

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

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

##### 1.4 Income

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

All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated gift aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Income resources from charitable trading activities such as letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.

Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### 1.5 Expenditure

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

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

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Leasehold improvements	10-25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

##### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

##### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### 1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on the basis of its charitable activities.

##### 1.10 Retirement benefits

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

##### 1.11 Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	15,804	-	15,804	20,687	-	20,687
Grants	-	2,000	2,000	-	85,473	85,473
	<u>15,804</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>17,804</u>	<u>20,687</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>106,160</u>
<b>Grants</b>						
Trusthouse Grant	-	-	-	-	23,333	23,333
Winter Offer Funding	-	-	-	-	4,800	4,800
Crisis Support Funding	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Education Hub Grant	-	-	-	-	53,340	53,340
Food and care package support grant	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>85,473</u>

#### Donated goods and services

During the 23/24 financial year Hopespring have received £10k from Just Giving. There has been £3.5k of regular donations. The remainder of the donations have been one-off donations.

No assets have been donated to the charity this year.

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Placement and referral income	<u>1,825,507</u>	<u>1,381,691</u>

#### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>2,304</u>	<u>1,009</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Other income	430	1,880
Volunteer rental income	676	780
Insurance claim	7,714	-
	<u>8,820</u>	<u>2,660</u>

#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024 £	Charitable expenditure 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	1,324,501	1,034,913
Depreciation and impairment	17,179	22,374
Other staff costs	38,498	47,502
Building and premises	224,727	198,976
Direct activity costs	59,091	79,768
IT and computer costs	15,082	19,171
	<u>1,679,078</u>	<u>1,402,704</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Support	10,144	6,962
Governance	98,110	85,852
	<u>1,787,332</u>	<u>1,495,518</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,763,074	1,432,303
Restricted funds	24,258	63,215
	<u>1,787,332</u>	<u>1,495,518</u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Administration costs	10,144	6,962
Governance costs	98,110	85,852
	<u>108,254</u>	<u>92,814</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable expenditure	<u>108,254</u>	<u>92,814</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fees	6,240	5,616
Legal and professional	91,301	79,412
Bank loan interest	569	824
	<u>98,110</u>	<u>85,852</u>

#### 8 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	6,240	5,616
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	17,179	22,374

#### 9 Trustees

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

None of the trustees incurred any expenses in the current or preceding year.

#### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Employees	<u>48</u>	<u>39</u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,149,848	922,406
Social security costs	95,737	73,806
Other pension costs	78,916	38,701
	<u>1,324,501</u>	<u>1,034,913</u>

#### Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Executive Headteacher and Operations and Finance Lead. The total employee benefits received by key management were £86,494 (2023: £111,217).

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

#### 11 Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from voluntary contributions of time and money. It is estimated that the charity benefited from over 6,000 voluntary hours. The main bulk of this time is contributed from 5 volunteers. These volunteers give time towards areas such as but not exclusively fundraising, the running of Hopespring activities and administration.

#### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2023	105,448	6,879	21,996	5,000	139,323
Additions	10,620	-	-	12,960	23,580
At 31 August 2024	<u>116,068</u>	<u>6,879</u>	<u>21,996</u>	<u>17,960</u>	<u>162,903</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 September 2023	27,886	5,975	19,806	3,750	57,417
Depreciation charged in the year	13,147	687	2,095	1,250	17,179
At 31 August 2024	<u>41,033</u>	<u>6,662</u>	<u>21,901</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>74,596</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 August 2024	<u>75,035</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>88,307</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>77,563</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>2,190</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>81,907</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 14 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	134,782	51,906
Prepayments and accrued income	1,200	2,340
	<u>135,982</u>	<u>54,246</u>

#### 15 Loans and overdrafts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>16,036</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Payable within one year	10,020	10,020
Payable after one year	<u>6,016</u>	<u>17,480</u>

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Bank loans	15	10,020	10,020
Other taxation and social security		22,720	23,218
Deferred income	18	183,310	87,334
Trade creditors		26,246	7,503
Other creditors		6,685	6,396
Accruals		6,240	6,946
		<u>255,221</u>	<u>141,417</u>

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Bank loans	15	<u>6,016</u>	<u>17,480</u>

#### 18 Deferred income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other deferred income	<u>183,310</u>	<u>87,334</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 18 Deferred income

(Continued)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	183,310	87,334
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	87,334	83,980
Released from previous periods	(87,334)	(83,980)
Resources deferred in the year	183,310	87,334
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	183,310	87,334

Included in creditors is £183,310 (2023 : £87,334) of deferred income. At the year end invoices had been raised for school places relating to the 2024/25 year. This income, amounting to £183,310 (2023 : £87,334), has been deferred as the entitlement to the income had not yet passed as the service of educational provision has not been carried out at the point of the year end.

#### 19 Retirement benefit schemes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	78,916	38,701

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

#### 20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Education Hub	22,258	-	(22,258)	-
Christmas Appeal	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
	22,258	2,000	(24,258)	-

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 20 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
Education Hub	-	53,340	(31,082)	22,258
Mother and Baby Home	-	23,333	(23,333)	-
Christmas Appeal	-	8,800	(8,800)	-
	-	85,473	63,215	22,258

#### Mother and Baby Home

This fund relates to:

- closing fund balances transferred from Transform NE as part of the transfer for charitable activities when the Mother and Baby Home transferred to Hopespring. At the point of transfer the funds were restricted to Mother and Baby Home activities.
- Grant income for day to day running of the home.
- Housing benefit support payments paid directly to the charity relating to the benefit entitlement of the service users.

#### Christmas Appeal

Funds and donations received and restricted from the 2022 and 2023 Christmas Appeal to raise money for Christmas gifts for the cared for children and Christmas hampers for care experienced young people in Sunderland.

#### Education Hub

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the new education hub based in the what was KR Children's Home.

#### 21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	248,445	1,852,435	(1,763,074)	337,806
Previous year:	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	274,701	1,406,047	(1,432,303)	248,445

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>At 31 August 2024:</b>			
Tangible assets	88,307	-	88,307
Current assets/(liabilities)	255,515	-	255,515
Long term liabilities	(6,016)	-	(6,016)
	<u>337,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>337,806</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 August 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	81,907	-	81,907
Current assets/(liabilities)	184,018	22,258	206,276
Long term liabilities	(17,480)	-	(17,480)
	<u>248,445</u>	<u>22,258</u>	<u>270,703</u>

#### 23 Operating lease commitments

##### Lessee

The operating leases represent leases of £514,214 to third parties. The leases are negotiated over terms of 1-5 years. All leases include a provision for five-yearly upward rent reviews according to prevailing market conditions. There are no options in place for either party to extend the lease terms.

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	54,054	108,492
Between two and five years	460,160	536,364
	<u>514,214</u>	<u>644,856</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

#### 24 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received income of £100 (2023: £600) and paid rent of £4,704 (2023: £12,675) to Transform NE Dr Tim Dunnett, chair of Transform NE is the spouse of Dr Joanne Dunnett, a Trustee of Hopespring.

Trustee Lois Gott was also paid a salary of £51,491 (2023: £43,578) for her services as CEO. None of this salary was for services as trustee.

Dr Joanne Dunnett was paid £3,300 (2023: £3,000) for providing adhoc training to all staff. This service was outside her role as trustee.

Dr Tim Dunnett, spouse of trustee Dr Joanne Dunnett, was paid £4,800 (2023 : £nil) for providing professional consultancy and staff training services.

25 Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	67,103	(3,998)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,304)	(1,009)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	17,179	22,374
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(81,736)	(12,484)
Increase in creditors	17,829	12,269
Increase in deferred income	95,976	3,354
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>114,047</b>	<b>20,506</b>

#### 26 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	293,447	81,307	374,754
Loans falling due within one year	(10,020)	-	(10,020)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(17,480)	11,464	(6,016)
	<u>265,947</u>	<u>92,771</u>	<u>358,718</u>

**HOPESPRING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1183771

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# Accounts

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**Charity registration number 1183771**

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# HOPESPRING

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Ms Lois Gott Dr Chikezie Okike Dr Myra Hannah Herbert Dr Joanne Dunnett Dr Rachel Bisset (Appointed 28 December 2023)
<b>Charity number</b>	1183771
<b>Registered office</b>	10 Sea View Road West Sunderland Tyne and Wear SR2 9HA
<b>Auditor</b>	Robson Laidler Accountants Limited Fernwood House Fernwood Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1TJ
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 54 Fawcett Street Sunderland Tyne and Wear SR1 1SF

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# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

##### Mission Statement

Hopespring works throughout Tyne and Wear seeking to serve the various Educational, Physical and Mental Health needs of the young people & families in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society through our people-based interventions.

##### Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- 1 For the public benefit, the provision of education in particular, but not exclusively, by providing schools for children aged 11 to 16 who in particular, but not exclusively for those are deemed to be vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex, who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from alternative provisions in the North East of England and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- 2 For the public benefit, the prevention and/or relief of poverty among people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the United Kingdom by providing in particular but not exclusively, supported accommodation and transitional support for individuals leaving the care of the local authority.

In fulfilment of the principle objects the following activities are undertaken:

- 1 Therapeutic schools for the most vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex young people who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from their alternative provision.
- 2 Residential family assessment centre for families needing parental capacity assessments.
- 3 Support for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.
- 4 Christmas gifts for the cared for children in Sunderland and Christmas food hampers for care experience young people.
- 5 Educational and mental health programmes for young people & families.

#### Achievements and performance

##### Hopespring Therapeutic Schools

Across our education sites, Hopespring Education is working with 10 local authorities as well as many schools, agencies & organisations in the North East and within the UK.

We continue to see exceptional outcomes for our young people at Hopespring Education, who have been out of education for significant periods of time and have faced significant adversity & challenges in their lives. For the young people we support, our schools become their safe place and a foundation for them to thrive, transform and excel in their lives & education.

In September 2022, we opened our Hopespring Sunderland Bell Street campus, increasing our capacity to support more young people in Sunderland with significant social, emotional & mental health needs.

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### The Hub

Following increased need for formalised follow-on support, 'The Hub' was open for its first year of operation through generous funding from The John Lewis Foundation. The Hub provides follow-on support and mental health programmes for our young people & their families, in particular but not exclusive to young people who have attended our schools.

### Residential Family Assessment Centre

Throughout the year, much hard work and preparation went into the establishment of Rachel House, our residential family assessment centre, which opened to our first families at the end of the financial year.

### Support for care experienced young people

We have continued to provide in excess of 80kg of food on a weekly basis to Sunderland's Next Steps team to support care experienced young people transitioning into independent living. The donations included fresh vegetables and fruit, healthy ready meals, canned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaning products and other items essential for getting settled into independent living.

### Christmas presents - cared for children in Sunderland

Thanks to the generous support of our partners & donors, during our annual Christmas appeal we supported the cared-for children of Sunderland with over 800 high-quality Christmas gifts, as well as over 200 luxurious Christmas hampers.

### **Financial review**

The year ending 31st of August 2023 marked the fourth full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Hopespring. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £1,491,520 and expenditure of £1,495,518 leading to a deficit of £3,998.

Income into Hopespring has continued to increase, particularly as Hopespring Sunderland Bell Street Campus has become fully established. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in expenditure in line with the increased activity. There has also been increased expenditure in relation to the establishment of Rachel House, our residential family assessment centre.

The total income from Grants and Donations amounted to £106,160 during the year. The provision of grants and donations during the year has again supported the Charity's strong financial position to carry out its operations and invest in future activities against significant uncertainties caused by the pandemic.

At the year end the unrestricted funds were £248,445 and the restricted funds were £22,258.

### *Going concern*

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

### *Major risks*

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

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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#### Plans for future periods

Following continued requests to expand our education provision, we are working towards establishing new Hopespring Education sites in the areas of greatest need within Tyne & Wear.

We are also building upon our first year of The Hub with the view to expanding and increasing the provision of support, particularly during the school holidays which can be a difficult time for our young people

#### Reserves Policy

The Trustees and Management Team have developed the reserves policy to assist in strategic planning and considering how new projects or activities will be funded. This is also used when reviewing the financial year and to inform the budget process in consideration of balanced budgets or if reserves need to be drawn down or built up.

The Charity's reserve policy also informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams and forecasting ahead for the forthcoming five years. The amount held in reserves is also monitored by the Trustees and Leadership Team during the course of the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes. The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to maintain the activities of the charity in case of unforeseen circumstances or a drop in funding.

- 1 To hold an unrestricted funds balance that has a value of no less than 3 months and no more than 6 months running costs.
- 2 To designate the appropriate fund value required for the Charity to meet all of its contractual obligations in the event it was required to shut down.
- 3 To invest excess unrestricted funds into new or existing charitable activities to further enhance the service provision delivered. Use of unrestricted funds is to be carried out on a priority and needs assessment.
- 4 Restricted funds are to be spent in the time frame and in the manner outlined by the funder or the donor.

Following the financial year it is the Board's intention to increase the level of reserves in line with the growth and increase in income & expenditure experienced in the previous year in order to have a suitable contingency for any unforeseen circumstances.

#### Structure, governance and management

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of three members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the executive management team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees for the time being.

#### Public Benefit Statement

The Trustee's have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Organisations aims and activities. The Trustee's are satisfied that the activities and aims of the Charity meet the guidance of Public Benefit outlined by the Commission.

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

Ms Lois Gott  
Dr Chikezie Okike  
Dr Myra Hannah Herbert  
Dr Joanne Dunnett  
Dr Rachel Bisset

(Appointed 28 December 2023)

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

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

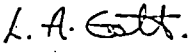
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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



Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

Date: 21st June 2024

# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hopespring (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore any instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

The laws and regulations which are considered to be significant to the entity relate to health and safety and safeguarding. Discussions are held with management to determine whether any breaches have occurred as well as legal expenditure being scrutinised for any evidence on non-compliance.

The audit was considered capable of identifying irregularities only to the extent of the substantive testing performed and from discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Other matters**

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

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**HOPESPRING**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING**

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*Robson Laidler Accountants Ltd*  
Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

*24 June 2024*

**Statutory Auditor**

Fernwood House  
Fernwood Road  
Jesmond  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies 2	20,687	85,473	106,160	40,971	49,453	90,424
Charitable activities 3	1,381,691	-	1,381,691	1,050,198	-	1,050,198
Investments 4	1,009	-	1,009	25	-	25
Other income 5	2,660	-	2,660	18,922	-	18,922
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,406,047</b>	<b>85,473</b>	<b>1,491,520</b>	<b>1,110,116</b>	<b>49,453</b>	<b>1,159,569</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities 6	1,432,303	63,215	1,495,518	981,507	49,453	1,030,960
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,432,303</b>	<b>63,215</b>	<b>1,495,518</b>	<b>981,507</b>	<b>49,453</b>	<b>1,030,960</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>	<b>(26,256)</b>	<b>22,258</b>	<b>(3,998)</b>	<b>128,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,609</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Fund balances at 1 September 2022	274,701	-	274,701	146,092	-	146,092
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023</b>	<b>248,445</b>	<b>22,258</b>	<b>270,703</b>	<b>274,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>274,701</b>

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

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	13		81,907		21,352
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	54,246		41,762	
Cash at bank and in hand		293,447		364,861	
		347,693		406,623	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(141,417)		(125,794)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			206,276		280,829
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			288,183		302,181
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17		(17,480)		(27,480)
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			270,703		274,701
<b>Net assets</b>			270,703		274,701
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Restricted income funds	20		22,258		-
Unrestricted funds			248,445		274,701
			270,703		274,701

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 21st June 2024.

*L. A. Gott*

Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	25		20,506		119,577
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(82,929)		-	
Investment income received		1,009		25	
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities</b>					
			(81,920)		25
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of bank loans		(10,000)		(12,696)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>					
			(10,000)		(12,696)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>					
			(71,414)		106,906
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			364,861		257,955
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>293,447</u>		<u>364,861</u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Registered Office is 10 Sea View Road West, Sunderland, SR2 9HA

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

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

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

##### 1.4 Income

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

All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated gift aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Income resources from charitable trading activities such as letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.

Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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

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

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Leasehold improvements	10-25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on the basis of its charitable activities.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

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

#### 1.11 Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	20,687	-	20,687	40,971	6,120	47,091
Grants receivable	-	85,473	85,473	-	43,333	43,333
	<u>20,687</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>106,160</u>	<u>40,971</u>	<u>49,453</u>	<u>90,424</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>						
Ballinger Trust Grant	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
Trusthouse Grant	-	23,333	23,333	-	23,333	23,333
Winter Offer Funding	-	4,800	4,800	-	2,000	2,000
Crisis Support Funding	-	4,000	4,000	-	3,000	3,000
Education Hub Grant	-	53,340	53,340	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>85,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,333</u>	<u>43,333</u>

### Donated goods and services

During the year Hopespring received 80KG of food per week from Fareshare to pass on to care experienced young people. Due to the quantity and nature of the goods no reliable estimate has been placed on the donation.

No assets have been donated to the charity this year.

### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Placement and referral income	<u>1,381,691</u>	<u>1,050,198</u>

### 4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>1,009</u>	<u>25</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Other income	1,880	4,032
Volunteer rental income	780	14,890
	<u>2,660</u>	<u>18,922</u>

### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Charitable expenditure 2022 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	1,034,913	667,881
Depreciation and impairment	22,374	14,099
Other staff costs	47,502	39,236
Building and premises	198,976	189,150
Direct activity costs	79,768	57,404
IT and computer costs	19,171	9,322
	<u>1,402,704</u>	<u>977,092</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)</b>		
Support	6,962	7,756
Governance	85,852	46,112
	<u>1,495,518</u>	<u>1,030,960</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,432,303	981,507
Restricted funds	63,215	49,453
	<u>1,495,518</u>	<u>1,030,960</u>

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

### 7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Administration costs	6,962	7,756
Governance costs	85,852	46,112
	<u>92,814</u>	<u>53,868</u>
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Charitable expenditure	<u>92,814</u>	<u>53,868</u>

### Governance costs comprise:

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	5,616	5,184
Legal and professional	79,412	40,928
Bank loan interest	824	-
	<u>85,852</u>	<u>46,112</u>

### 8 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	5,616	5,184
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	22,374	14,098

### 9 Trustees

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

None of the trustees incurred any expenses in the current or preceding year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Employees	<u>39</u>	<u>27</u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 10 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	922,406	599,354
Social security costs	73,806	45,085
Other pension costs	38,701	23,442
	1,034,913	667,881
	1,034,913	667,881

#### Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Social Care Manager, Executive Headteacher and Operations and Finance Lead. The total employee benefits received by key management were £111,217 (2022 £102,703).

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

### 11 Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from voluntary contributions of time and money. It is estimated that the charity benefited from over 5,000 voluntary hours. The main bulk of this time is contributed from 4 volunteers. These volunteers give time towards areas such as but not exclusively fundraising, the running of Hopespring activities and administration.

### 12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2022	22,973	6,554	21,868	5,000	56,395
Additions	82,476	325	128	-	82,929
At 31 August 2023	105,449	6,879	21,996	5,000	139,324
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 September 2022	13,895	4,309	14,339	2,500	35,043
Depreciation charged in the year	13,991	1,666	5,467	1,250	22,374
At 31 August 2023	27,886	5,975	19,806	3,750	57,417
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 August 2023	77,563	904	2,190	1,250	81,907
At 31 August 2022	9,078	2,245	7,529	2,500	21,352

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

14 Debtors		2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Trade debtors		51,906	10,917
Prepayments and accrued income		2,340	30,845
		<u>54,246</u>	<u>41,762</u>
15 Loans and overdrafts		2023	2022
		£	£
Bank loans		27,500	37,500
Payable within one year		10,020	10,020
Payable after one year		17,480	27,480
16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Bank loans	15	10,020	10,020
Other taxation and social security		23,218	21,162
Deferred income	18	87,334	83,980
Trade creditors		7,503	-
Other creditors		6,396	3,505
Accruals and deferred income		6,946	7,127
		<u>141,417</u>	<u>125,794</u>
17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Bank loans	15	17,480	27,480
18 Deferred income		2023	2022
		£	£
Other deferred income		87,334	83,980

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 18 Deferred income (Continued)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	87,334	83,980
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	83,980	98,980
Released from previous periods	(83,980)	(98,980)
Resources deferred in the year	87,334	83,980
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2023	87,334	83,980
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Included in creditors is £87,334 (2022 : £83,980) of deferred income. At the year end invoices had been raised for school places relating to the 2023/24 year. This income, amounting to £87,334 (2022 : £83,980), has been deferred as the entitlement to the income had not yet passed as the service of educational provision has not been carried out at the point of the year end.

#### 19 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Defined contribution schemes</b>		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	38,701	23,442
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

#### 20 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
Education Hub	-	53,340	(31,082)	22,258
Mother and Baby Home	-	23,333	(23,333)	-
Christmas Appeal	-	8,800	(8,800)	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	-	85,473	(63,215)	22,258
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 20 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
Mother and Baby Home	-	23,333	(23,333)	-
Sunderland School	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Christmas Appeal	-	11,120	(11,120)	-
	-	49,453	(49,453)	-

#### Mother and Baby Home

This fund relates to:

- closing fund balances transferred from Bethshan (North East) as part of the transfer for charitable activities when the Mother and Baby Home transferred to Hopespring. At the point of transfer the funds were restricted to Mother and Baby Home activities.

- Grant income for day to day running of the home.

- Housing benefit support payments paid directly to the charity relating to the benefit entitlement of the service users.

#### Sunderland School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Therapeutic School based in Sunderland.

#### Christmas Appeal

Funds and donations received and restricted from the 2022 and 2023 Christmas Appeal to raise money for Christmas gifts for the cared for children and Christmas hampers for care experienced young people in Sunderland.

#### Education Hub

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the new education hub based in the what was KR Children's Home.

### 21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	274,701	1,406,047	(1,432,303)	248,445

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 21 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	146,092	1,110,116	(981,507)	274,701

### 22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 August 2023:</b>			
Tangible assets	81,907	-	81,907
Current assets/(liabilities)	184,018	22,258	206,276
Long term liabilities	(17,480)	-	(17,480)
	<u>248,445</u>	<u>22,258</u>	<u>270,703</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
<b>At 31 August 2022:</b>			
Tangible assets	21,352	-	21,352
Current assets/(liabilities)	280,829	-	280,829
Long term liabilities	(27,480)	-	(27,480)
	<u>274,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,701</u>

## HOPESPRING

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 23 Operating lease commitments

##### Lessee

The operating leases represent leases of £644,856 to third parties. The leases are negotiated over terms of 1-5 years. All leases include a provision for five-yearly upward rent reviews according to prevailing market conditions. There are no options in place for either party to extend the lease terms.

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	108,492	86,338
Between two and five years	536,364	295,625
	<u>644,856</u>	<u>381,963</u>

##### Lessor

#### 24 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received income of £600 (2022: £4,891) and paid rent of £12,675 (2022: £10,864) to Bethan (NorthEast). Tim Dunnett, chair of Bethshan (North East) is the spouse of Joanne Dunnett, a Trustee of Hopespring.

Trustee Lois Gott was also paid a salary of £31,714 (2022: £30,194) for her services as CEO. None of this salary was for services as trustee.

Joanne Dunnett was paid £3,000 (2022: £2,040) for providing adhoc training to all staff. This service was outside her role as trustee.

25 Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(3,998)	128,609
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,009)	(25)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	22,374	14,099
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(12,484)	3,320
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	12,269	(11,426)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	3,354	(15,000)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<u>20,506</u>	<u>119,577</u>

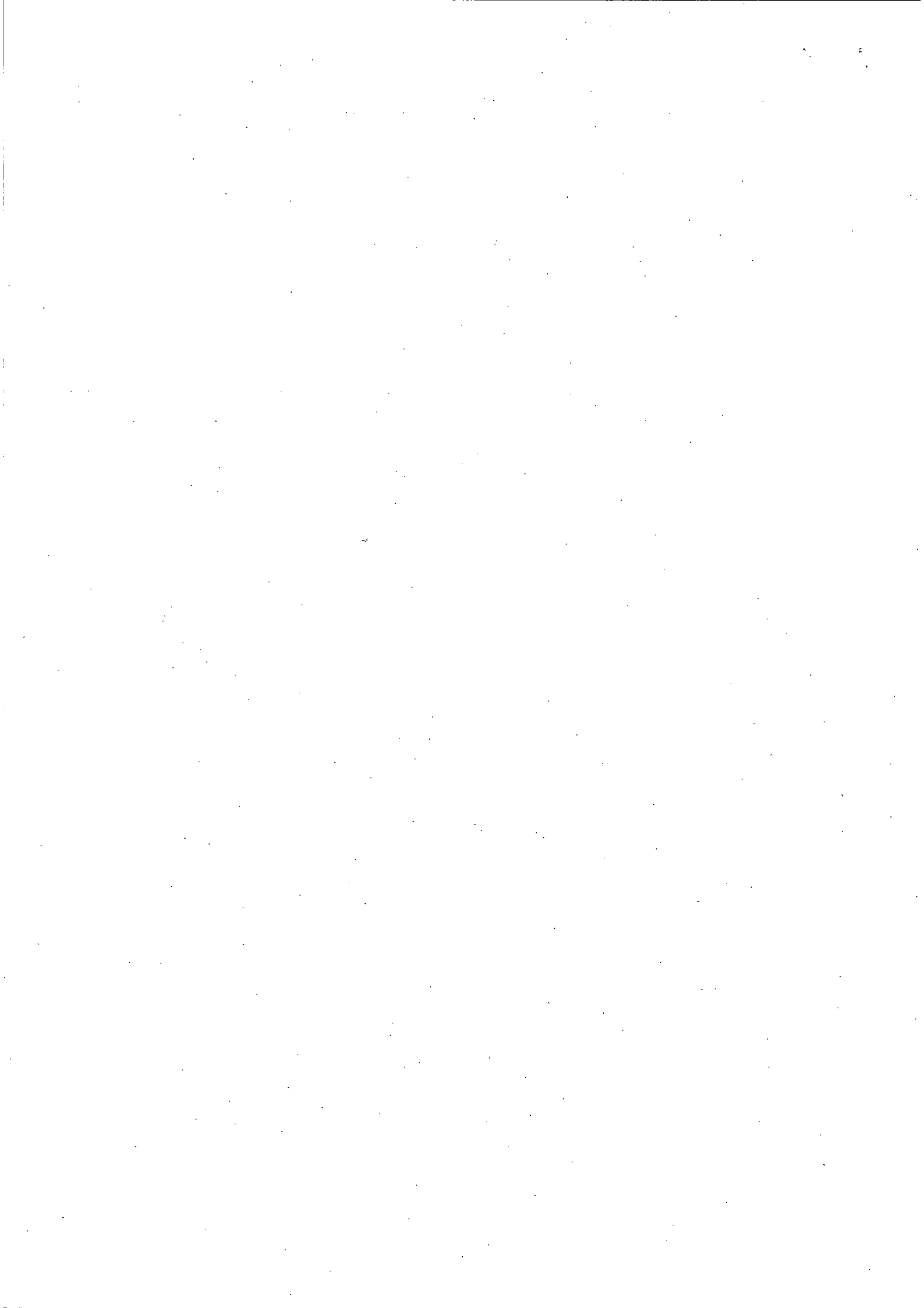
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### 26 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	364,861	(71,414)	293,447
Loans falling due within one year	(10,020)	-	(10,020)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(27,480)	10,000	(17,480)
	<u>327,361</u>	<u>(61,414)</u>	<u>265,947</u>



**HOPESPRING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1183771

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# Accounts

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**HOPESPRING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**



# HOPESPRING

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

Ms Lois Gott  
Dr Chikezie Okike  
Dr Myra Hannah Herbert  
Ms Joanne Dunnett

**Charity number**

1183771

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SR2 9HA

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# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **Mission Statement**

Hopespring works throughout Tyne and Wear seeking to serve the various Educational, Physical and Mental Health needs of the young people & families in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and full time volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society through our people-based interventions.

##### **Principal Objects**

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- 1 For the public benefit, the provision of education in particular, but not exclusively, by providing schools for children aged 11 to 16 who in particular, but not exclusively for those are deemed to be vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex, who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from alternative provisions in the North East of England and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- 2 For the public benefit, the prevention and/or relief of poverty among people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the United Kingdom by providing in particular but not exclusively, supported accommodation and transitional support for individuals leaving the care of the local authority.

In fulfilment of the principle objects the following activities are undertaken:

- 1 Therapeutic schools for the most vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex young people who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from their alternative provision.
- 2 Residential children's homes for vulnerable young people with emotional & behavioural difficulties.
- 3 Residential family assessment centre for families needing parental capacity assessments.
- 4 Young Mums' Supported Accommodation for vulnerable young mothers.
- 5 Support for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.
- 6 Christmas gifts for the cared for children in Sunderland.
- 7 Educational and mental health programmes for young people & families.



# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### **Achievements and performance**

##### Hopespring Therapeutic Schools

Across our education sites, we are now working with 8 local authorities as well as multiple schools & alternative provisions.

In September 2021, Hopespring Sunderland had its first standard Ofsted inspection since opening in 2019 and Hopespring Newcastle's second inspection took place shortly after in November 2021. Both schools received 'Good' ratings.

We have continued to see outstanding outcomes for our young people including those who have not been in education for multiple years or have experienced multiple repeated placement breakdown in a short period of time, many of whom are now maintaining 100% attendance.

In September 2022, we are due to open the second site for Hopespring Sunderland which will increase the number of young people we are able to support in the Sunderland local authority area. Once open, across our schools we will then have space for up to 48 pupils aged 11-16 years who are demonstrating significant therapeutic need, including those who have been excluded from mainstream education and those who are at risk of permanent exclusion.

##### Residential Children's Home

Our residential children's home has now been in operation for its first full year and received a 'Good' rating from Ofsted during its first full inspection in March 2022. The home provides care for up to two children who may have social and/or emotional difficulties.

##### Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation

Our Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation has continued to provide tailored support and a safe nurturing environment to young mothers and vulnerable pregnant young women in Sunderland.

The overwhelming majority of young mums we have supported in the last year no longer require social service involvement and all of our mums & their babies have either transitioned on from our service with excellent outcomes or have specific and tailored support in place for those whose stories don't progress as well.

##### Support for care experienced young people

We have continued to provide in excess of 80kg of food to Sunderland's Next Steps team to support care experienced young people transitioning into independent living. The donations included fresh vegetables and fruit, healthy ready meals, canned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaning products and other items essential for getting settled into independent living.

##### Christmas presents - cared for children in Sunderland

Thanks to the generous support of our partners & donors and despite the continued challenges caused by Covid-19, during our annual Christmas appeal we supported the cared-for children of Sunderland with over 800 high-quality Christmas gifts, as well as over 200 luxurious Christmas hampers.



# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### Financial review

The year ending 31st of August 2022 marked the third full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Hopespring. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £1,159,569 and expenditure of £1,030,960 leading to a surplus of £128,609.

Income into Hopespring has continued to increase as our residential children's home has had its first full year of being operational as well as renovation work beginning on our new school site in Sunderland. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in expenditure in line with the increased activity.

The total income from Grants and Donations amounted to £90,424 during the year. The provision of grants and donations during the year has again supported the Charity's strong financial position to carry out its operations and invest in future activities against significant uncertainties caused by the pandemic.

At the year end the unrestricted funds were £274,701 and the restricted funds were £nil.

#### Going Concern

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

#### Plans for future periods

In the year ahead in our social care services, we will be opening our new residential family assessment centre and welcoming the first families into this new provision.

In education, after receiving increasing demand for a follow-on educational support, we are working hard towards establishing our Education Hub, which will provide post-16 support to some of the region's most vulnerable young people who have previously attended one of our school settings.

#### Reserves Policy

The Trustees and Management Team have developed the reserves policy to assist in strategic planning and considering how new projects or activities will be funded. This is also used when reviewing the financial year and to inform the budget process in consideration of balanced budgets or if reserves need to be drawn down or built up.

The Charity's reserve policy also informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams and forecasting ahead for the forthcoming five years. The amount held in reserves is also monitored by the Trustees and Leadership Team during the course of the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes.

The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to maintain the activities of the charity in case of unforeseen circumstances or a drop in funding.

- 1 To hold an unrestricted funds balance that has a value of no less than three months and no more than 6 months running costs.
- 2 To designate the appropriate fund value required for the Charity to meet all of its contractual obligations in the event it was required to shut down.
- 3 To invest excess unrestricted funds into new or existing charitable activities to further enhance the service provision delivered. Use of unrestricted funds is to be carried out on a priority and needs assessment.
- 4 Restricted funds are to be spent in the time frame and in the manner outlined by the funder or the donor.

At the year end the Charity held more than three months of unrestricted funds. It is the Board's intention over the medium term to set aside a designated fund for contingency purposes.



# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of three members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the executive management team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees for the time being.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustee's have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Organisations aims and activities. The Trustee's are satisfied that the activities and aims of the Charity meet the guidance of Public Benefit outlined by the Commission.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

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

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

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

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

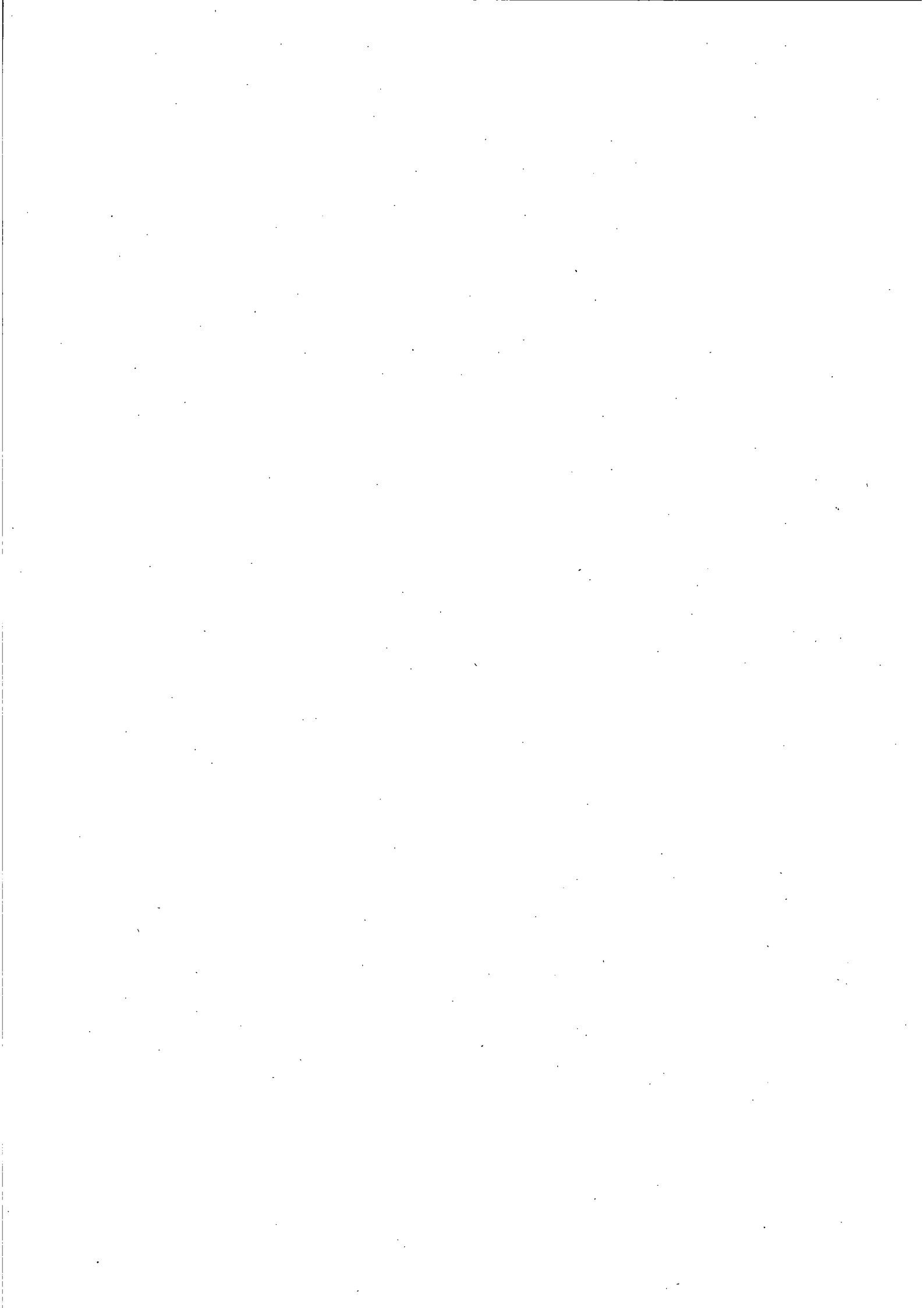
The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

*L. A. Gott*

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Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

Date: Jun 1, 2023  
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# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hopespring (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

The risk of material misstatement due to error or fraud has been assessed in conjunction with how internal controls may mitigate any such risk. These controls are reviewed as part of the audit by performing systems walkthroughs to ensure they are operating effectively. Other substantive testing is also performed on all material balances and therefore instances of non-compliance should be identified or considered as insignificant.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Other matters**

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

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.



# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Michael T Moran BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Robson Laidler Accountants Limited

5 June 2023

**Statutory Auditor**

Fernwood House  
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Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.



# HOPESPRING

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

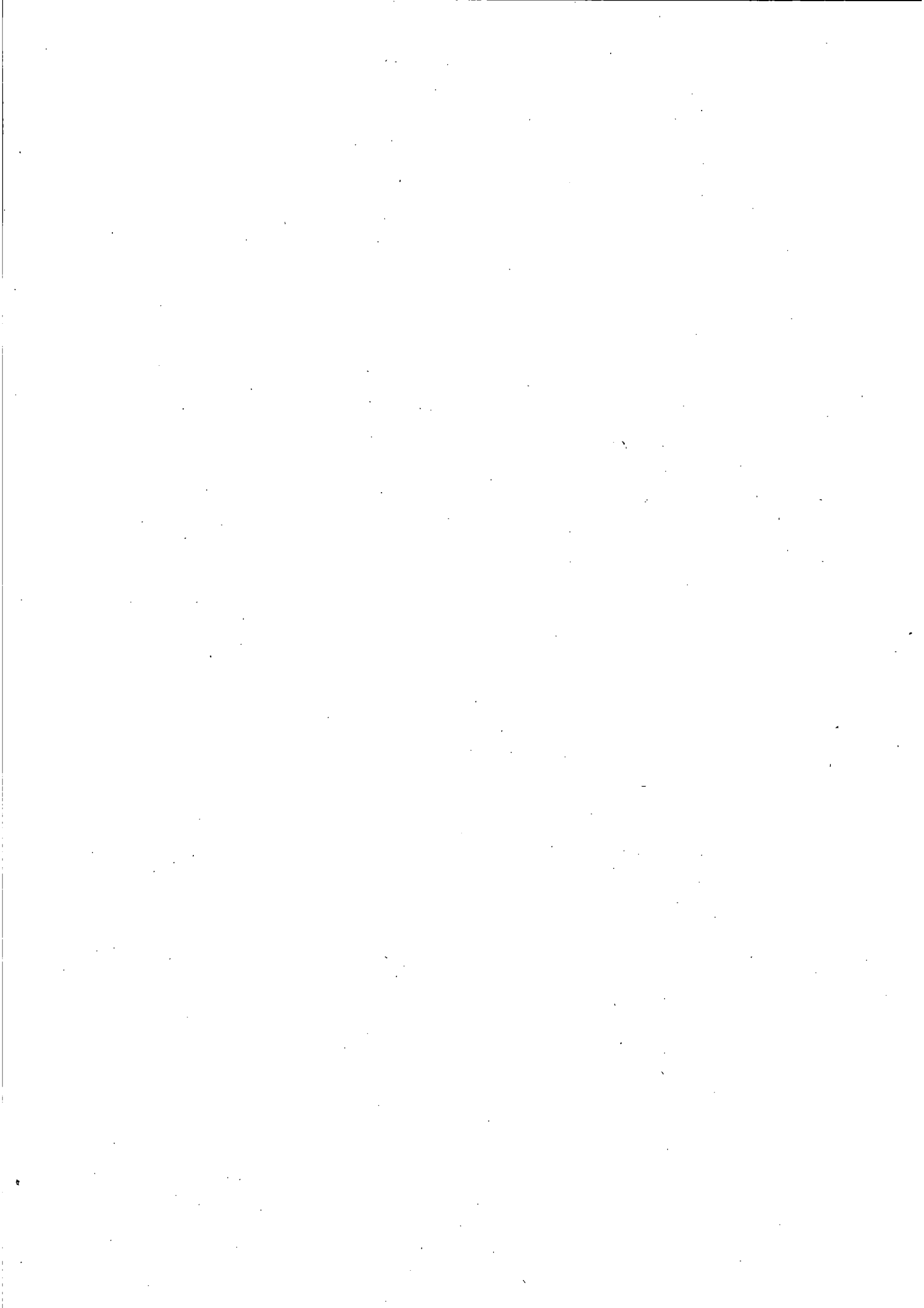
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### Current financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	2	40,971	49,453	90,424	132,021
Charitable activities	3	1,050,198	-	1,050,198	624,255
Investments	4	25	-	25	13
Other income	5	18,922	-	18,922	34,794
<b>Total income</b>		<b>1,110,116</b>	<b>49,453</b>	<b>1,159,569</b>	<b>791,083</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Charitable activities	6	981,507	49,453	1,030,960	737,682
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>128,609</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,609</b>	<b>53,401</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2021		146,092	-	146,092	92,691
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022</b>		<b>274,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>274,701</b>	<b>146,092</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

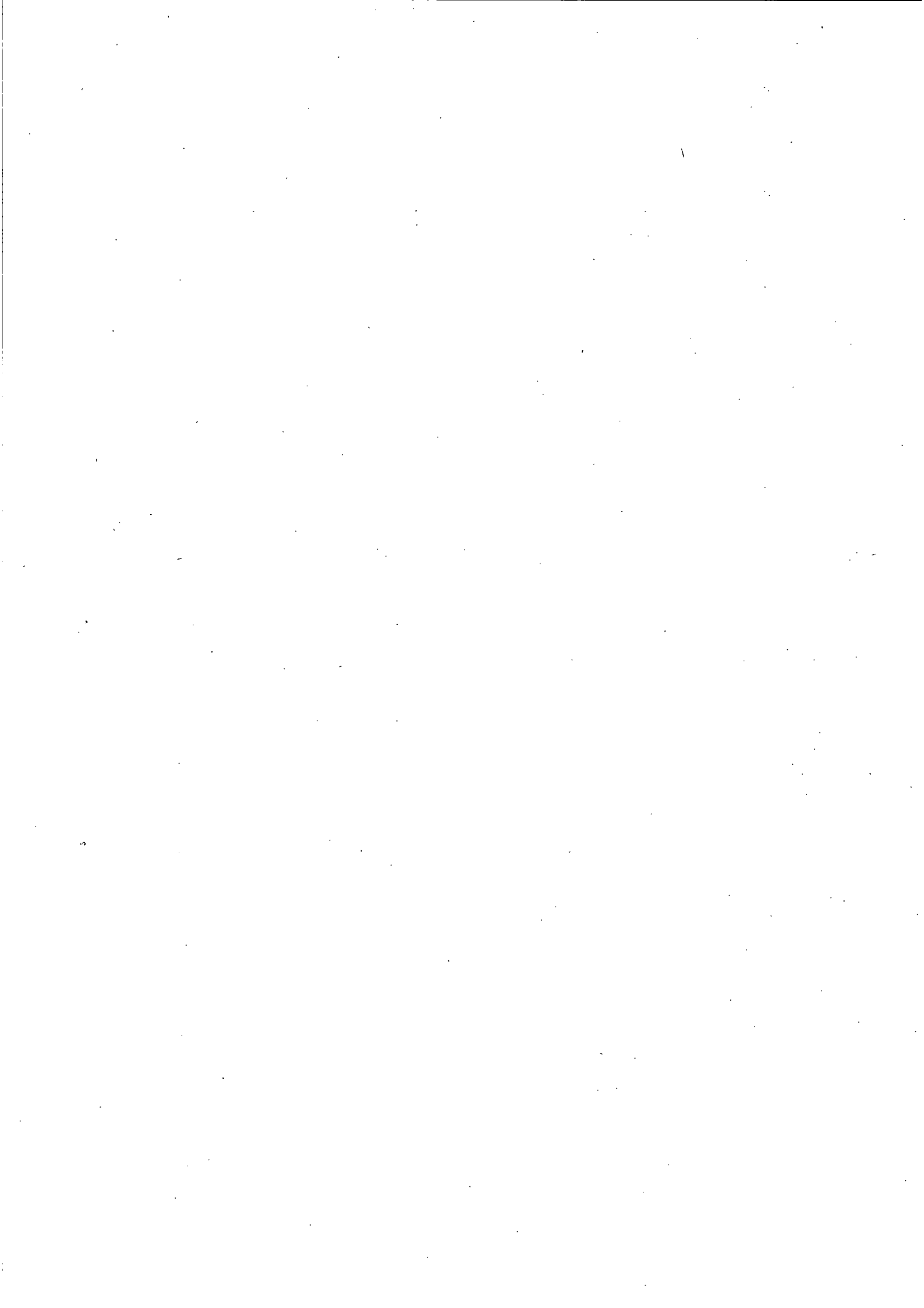
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Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes			
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>				
Donations and legacies	2	73,666	58,355	132,021
Charitable activities	3	621,688	2,567	624,255
Investments	4	13	-	13
Other income	5	34,794	-	34,794
<b>Total income</b>		<b>730,161</b>	<b>60,922</b>	<b>791,083</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
Charitable activities	6	671,789	65,893	737,682
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>58,372</b>	<b>(4,971)</b>	<b>53,401</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2020		87,720	4,971	92,691
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2021</b>		<b>146,092</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,092</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.



# HOPESPRING

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		21,352		35,451
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	41,762		45,082	
Cash at bank and in hand		364,861		257,955	
		<u>406,623</u>		<u>303,037</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	(125,794)		(154,916)	
Net current assets			<u>280,829</u>		<u>148,121</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			302,181		183,572
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	16		(27,480)		(37,480)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>274,701</u></u>		<u><u>146,092</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>274,701</u>		<u>146,092</u>
			<u><u>274,701</u></u>		<u><u>146,092</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on Jun 1, 2023

L. A. Gott

Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

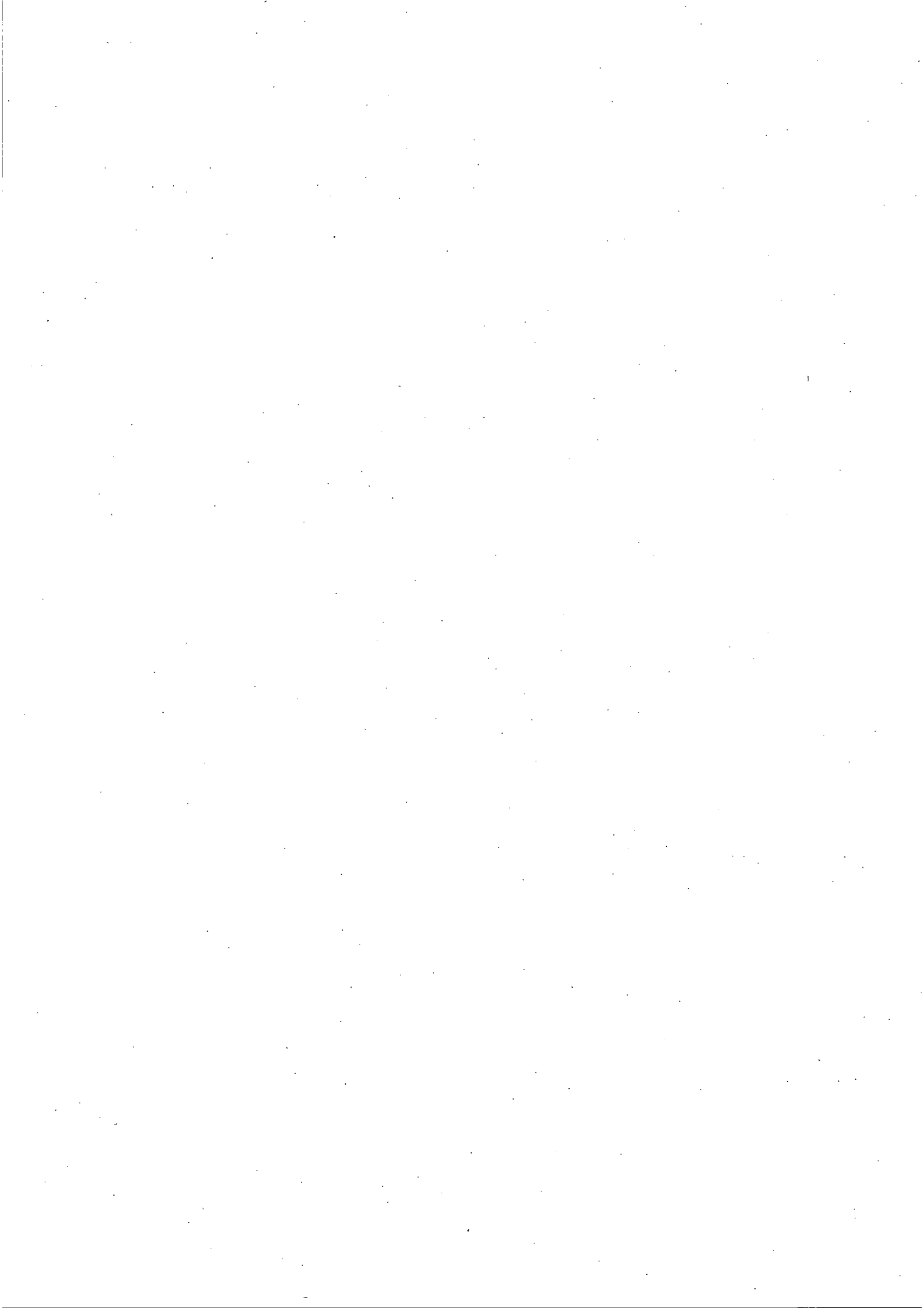


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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	22		119,577		112,710
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(18,336)	
Investment income received		25		13	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			25		(18,323)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of bank loans		(12,696)		(12,125)	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			(12,696)		(12,125)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			106,906		82,262
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			257,955		175,693
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>364,861</u>		<u>257,955</u>



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Registered Office is 10 Sea View Road West, Sunderland, SR2 9HA

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

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

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

##### 1.4 Income

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

All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated gift aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Income resources from charitable trading activities such as letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.

Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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

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

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Leasehold improvements	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on the basis of its charitable activities.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

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

#### 1.11 Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	40,971	6,120	47,091	25,065	6,108	31,173
Grants receivable	-	43,333	43,333	43,601	52,247	95,848
Donated goods and services	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>40,971</u>	<u>49,453</u>	<u>90,424</u>	<u>73,666</u>	<u>58,355</u>	<u>132,021</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>						
Ballinger Trust Grant	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Trusthouse Grant	-	23,333	23,333	-	-	-
Winter Offer Funding	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Crisis Support Funding	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
Tesco Grant	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
CAF Grant	-	-	-	43,601	-	43,601
Winter Resilience Fund	-	-	-	-	15,811	15,811
Access Impact Fund Grant	-	-	-	-	8,881	8,881
Covid-19 Grant	-	-	-	-	8,155	8,155
SCC Grant	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Other	-	-	-	-	1,900	1,900
	<u>-</u>	<u>43,333</u>	<u>43,333</u>	<u>43,601</u>	<u>52,247</u>	<u>95,848</u>

Included in other grants is the Laptop Grant £Nil (2021: £1,400) and Independent Book Grant £Nil (2021: £500).

#### **Donated goods and services**

During the year Hopespring received 80KG of food per week from Fareshare to pass on to care experienced young people. Due to the quantity and nature of the goods no reliable estimate has been placed on the donation.

In the prior year the charity had two vehicles donated with the total value amounting to £5,000. No assets have been donated to the charity this year.



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

### 3 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2022 £	Charitable activities 2021 £
Placement and referral income	1,050,198	621,688
Housing benefit income	-	2,567
	<u>1,050,198</u>	<u>624,255</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,050,198	621,688
Restricted funds	-	2,567
	<u>1,050,198</u>	<u>624,255</u>

### 4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	25	13
	<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>

### 5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Other income	4,032	-
Volunteer rental income	14,890	34,794
	<u>18,922</u>	<u>34,794</u>



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

### 6 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2022 £	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £
Staff costs	667,881	379,734
Depreciation and impairment	14,099	14,099
Other staff costs	39,236	26,424
Building and premises	189,150	198,293
Direct activity costs	57,404	37,409
IT and computer costs	9,322	7,698
	<u>977,092</u>	<u>663,657</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	7,756	5,669
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	46,112	68,356
	<u>1,030,960</u>	<u>737,682</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	981,507	671,789
Restricted funds	49,453	65,893
	<u>1,030,960</u>	<u>737,682</u>

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Administration and communication	7,756	-	7,756	4,337	-	4,337
Payroll and bookkeeping fees	-	-	-	1,332	-	1,332
Audit fees	-	5,184	5,184	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	40,928	40,928	-	64,936	64,936
Independent examiners fees	-	-	-	-	3,420	3,420
	<u>7,756</u>	<u>46,112</u>	<u>53,868</u>	<u>5,669</u>	<u>68,356</u>	<u>74,025</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>7,756</u>	<u>46,112</u>	<u>53,868</u>	<u>5,669</u>	<u>68,356</u>	<u>74,025</u>



# HOPESPRING

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

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### 8 Trustees

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

None of the trustees incurred any expenses in the current or preceding year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Employees	27	17
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	599,354	337,368
Social security costs	45,085	21,944
Other pension costs	23,442	20,422
	<u>667,881</u>	<u>379,734</u>

#### Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Social Care Manager, Executive Headteacher and Operations and Finance Lead. The total employee benefits received by key management were £102,703 (2021 £67,898).

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

### 10 Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from voluntary contributions of time and money. It is estimated that the charity benefited from over 7,500 voluntary hours. The main bulk of this time is contributed from 7 full time volunteers. These volunteers give time towards areas such as but not exclusively fundraising, the running of Hopespring activities and administration. Due to the significant part that volunteers play to the running of the charity and its activities, Hopespring provide rental accommodation for certain volunteers.

### 11 Taxation

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



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2021	22,973	6,554	21,868	5,000	56,395
At 31 August 2022	22,973	6,554	21,868	5,000	56,395
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 September 2021	8,152	2,671	8,872	1,250	20,945
Depreciation charged in the year	5,743	1,638	5,467	1,250	14,098
At 31 August 2022	13,895	4,309	14,339	2,500	35,043
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 August 2022	9,078	2,245	7,529	2,500	21,352
At 31 August 2021	14,821	3,884	12,996	3,750	35,451

### 13 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	10,917	28,531
Prepayments and accrued income	30,845	16,551
	41,762	45,082

### 14 Loans and overdrafts

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	37,500	50,196
Payable within one year	10,020	12,716
Payable after one year	27,480	37,480



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

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	14	10,020	12,716
Other taxation and social security		21,162	17,232
Deferred income	17	83,980	98,980
Other creditors		3,505	2,559
Accruals and deferred income		7,127	23,429
		<u>125,794</u>	<u>154,916</u>

### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	14	<u>27,480</u>	<u>37,480</u>

### 17 Deferred income

	2022 £	2021 £
Other deferred income	<u>83,980</u>	<u>98,980</u>

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	<u>83,980</u>	<u>98,980</u>
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	98,980	50,540
Released from previous periods	(98,980)	(50,540)
Resources deferred in the year	<u>83,980</u>	<u>98,980</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2022	<u>83,980</u>	<u>98,980</u>

Included in creditors is £83,980 (2021 : £98,980) of deferred income. At the year end invoices had been raised for school places relating to the 2022/23 year. This income, amounting to £83,980 (2021 : £83,980), has been deferred as the entitlement to the income had not yet passed as the service of educational provision has not been carried out at the point of the year end.



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 18 Restricted funds

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

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2022
	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	-	8,154	(8,154)	-	-	-	-
Mother and Baby Home	-	10,437	(10,437)	-	23,333	(23,333)	-
Children's Home	2,450	13,474	(15,924)	-	-	-	-
Sunderland School	-	18,828	(18,828)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Newcastle School	-	1,928	(1,928)	-	-	-	-
Christmas Appeal	2,521	6,700	(9,221)	-	11,120	(11,120)	-
Equipment fund	-	1,400	(1,400)	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,971</u>	<u>60,921</u>	<u>(65,892)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,453</u>	<u>(49,453)</u>	<u>-</u>

#### Covid-19 Job retention Scheme

Funding received from the UK Government as part of the Covid-19 economic support package. The grants received were only to be used to pay the salaries of those employees whom have been furloughed during the pandemic.

#### Mother and Baby Home

This fund relates to:

- closing fund balances transferred from Bethshan (North East) as part of the transfer for charitable activities when the Mother and Baby Home transferred to Hopespring. At the point of transfer the funds were restricted to Mother and baby Home activities.
- Grant income for day to day running of the home.
- Housing benefit support payments paid directly to the charity relating to the benefit entitlement of the service users.



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 18 Restricted funds

(Continued)

#### Children's Home

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Children's Home based in Sunderland.

#### Sunderland School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Therapeutic School based in Sunderland.

#### Newcastle School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Therapeutic School based in Newcastle.

#### Christmas Appeal

Funds and donations received and restricted from the 2021 and 2022 Christmas Appeal to raise money for Christmas gifts for the cared for children and luxury Christmas hampers for care experienced young people in Sunderland.

#### Equipment Fund

Funds received and restricted for the purchase of laptops.

### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	21,352	-	21,352	35,451	35,451
Current assets/(liabilities)	280,829	-	280,829	148,121	148,121
Long term liabilities	(27,480)	-	(27,480)	(37,480)	(37,480)
	<u>274,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,701</u>	<u>146,092</u>	<u>146,092</u>

### 20 Operating lease commitments

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	86,338	86,338
Between two and five years	295,625	381,963
	<u>381,963</u>	<u>468,301</u>



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 21 Related party transactions

During the year the charity used the consultancy services of one trustee through their management consultancy business. Lois Gott is one of the directors of Revive Consultancy Limited (Company no. 08162406) who received payments for the consultancy work provided. The total consultancy fee's paid during the year was £nil (2021: £24,390). The payments were made on the legal grounds that the charity constitution allows remuneration to trustees for providing services to the charity outside of the trustee's role. The consultancy service's were authorised by the other acting trustee's at the time.

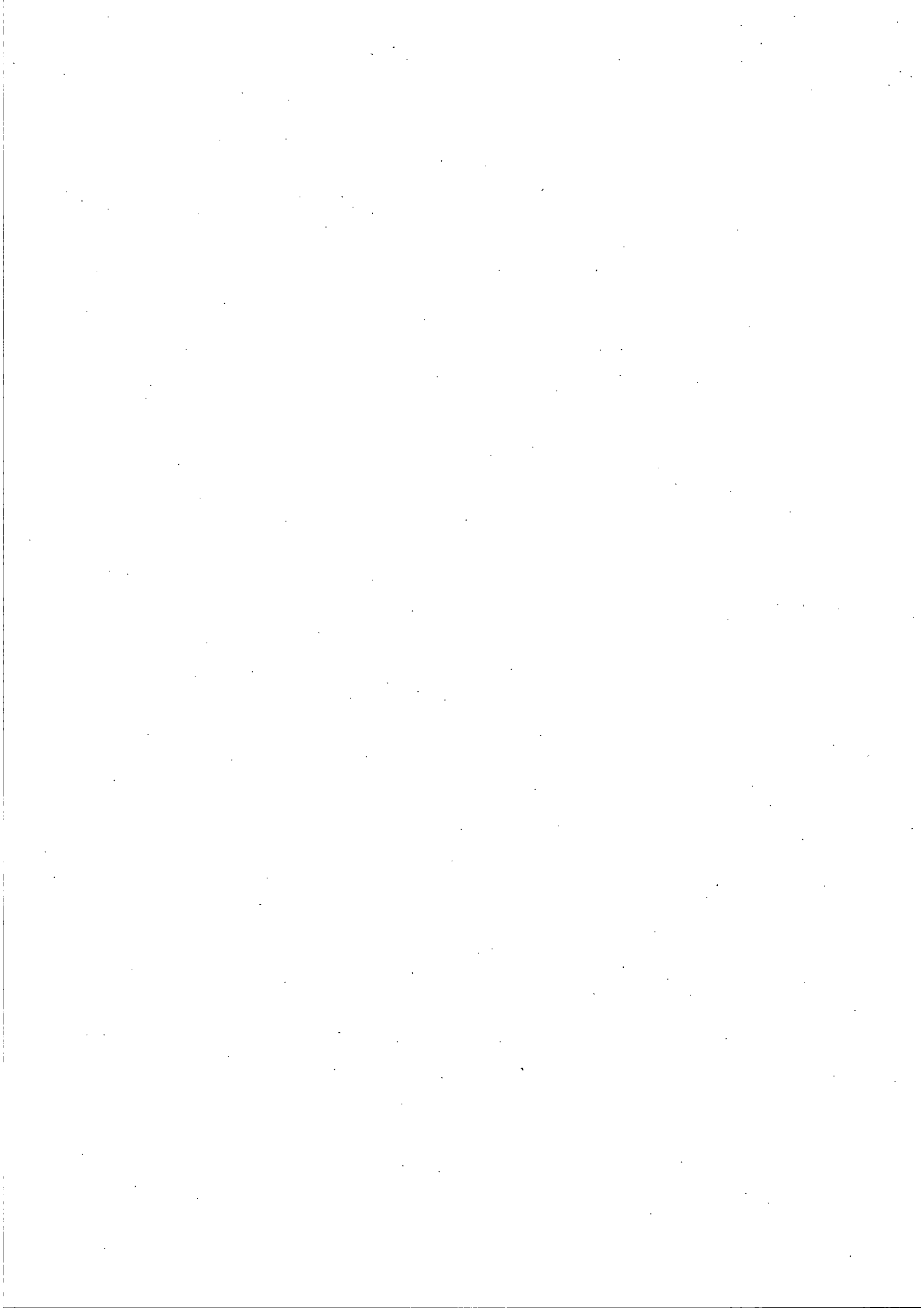
During the year the charity received income of £4,891 (2021: £7,708) and paid rent of £10,864 (2021: £11,866) to Bethan (NorthEast). Tim Dunnnett, chair of Bethshan (North East) is the spouse of Joanne Dunnnett, a Trustee of Hopespring.

Trustee Lois Gott was also paid a salary of £30,193 (2021: £7,969) for her services as CEO. None of this salary was for services as trustee.

Dr Joanne Dunnnett was paid £2,040 (2021: £740) for providing some training to all staff. This service was outside her role as trustee.

22 Cash generated from operations	2022 £	2021 £
Surplus for the year	128,609	53,401
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(25)	(13)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	14,099	14,099
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	3,320	(40,859)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(11,426)	37,642
(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(15,000)	48,440
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>119,577</b>	<b>112,710</b>

23 Analysis of changes in net funds	At 1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	257,955	106,906	364,861
Loans falling due within one year	(12,716)	2,696	(10,020)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(37,480)	10,000	(27,480)
	<u>207,759</u>	<u>119,602</u>	<u>327,361</u>



**HOPESPRING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1183771

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# Accounts

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**



# HOPESPRING

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Charity number**

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**Key Management Personnel**

Operations Manager  
Strategic Manager  
Social Care Manager  
Executive Head Teacher

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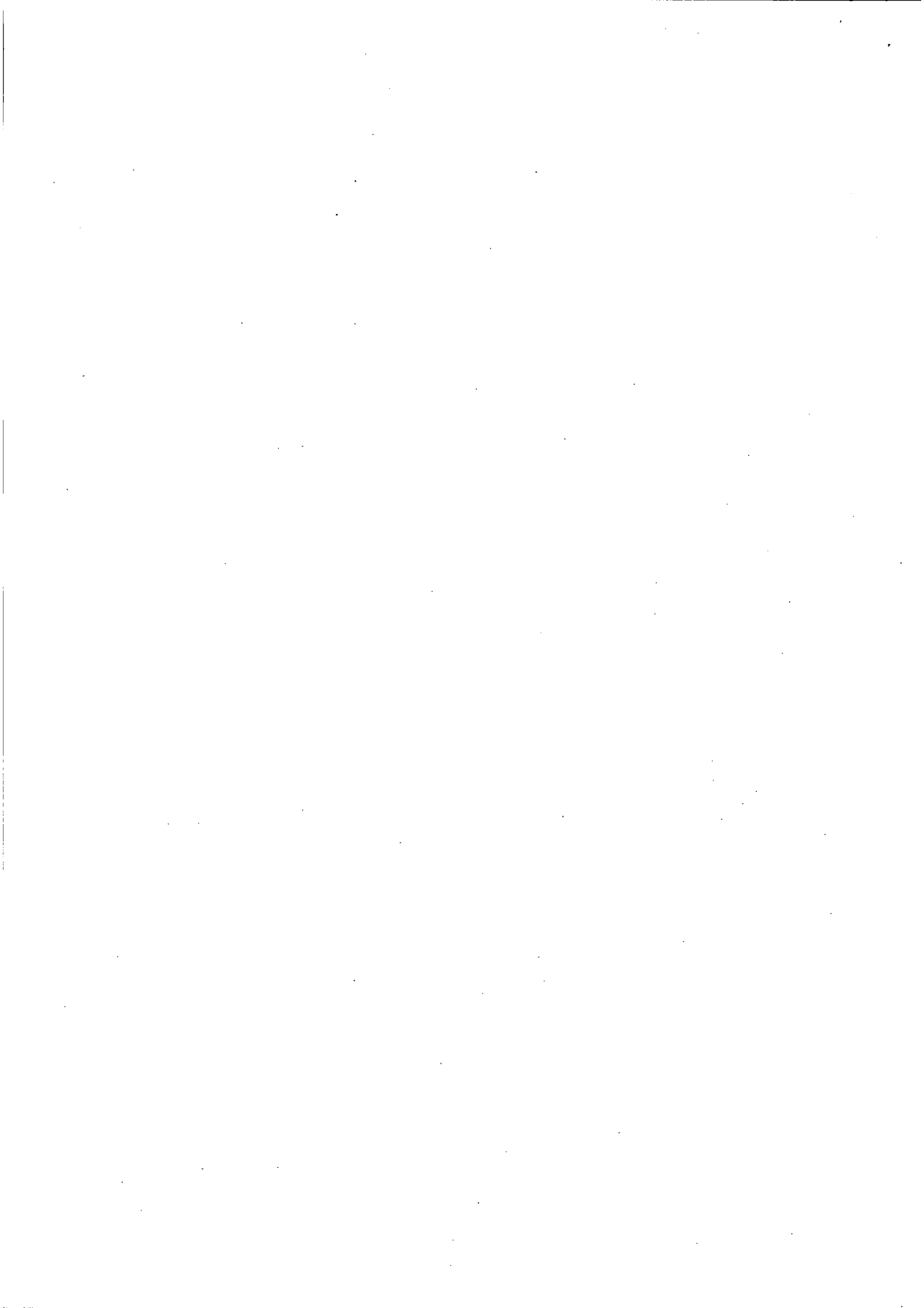
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# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

##### Mission Statement

Hopespring works throughout Tyne and Wear seeking to serve the various Educational, Physical and Mental Health needs of the young people in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and full time volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society throughout our people-based interventions.

##### Principal Objects

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- For the public benefit, the provision of education in particular, but not exclusively, by providing schools for children aged 11 to 16 who in particular, but not exclusively for those are deemed to be vulnerable and emotionally, behaviorally complex, who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from alternative provisions in the North East of England and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- For the public benefit, the prevention and/or relief of poverty among people who are in conditions of need, hardships or distress in the United Kingdom by providing in particular but not exclusively, supported accommodation and transitional support for individuals leaving the care of the local authority.

##### In fulfilment of the principle objects the following activities are undertaken:

- Therapeutic schools for the most vulnerable and emotionally/behaviorally complex young people who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from their alternative provision.
- Residential children's homes for vulnerable young people with emotional & behavioral difficulties.
- Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation for vulnerable young mothers.
- Support for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.
- Christmas gifts for cared for children in Sunderland.
- Educational and mental health programmes for young people & families.

# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### Achievements and performance

#### Hopespring Therapeutic Schools

Across our education sites, we are now working with 7 local authorities as well as multiple schools & alternative provisions.

Despite the continued difficulties caused by the pandemic, our schools in Sunderland and Newcastle have remained open throughout and supported 24 young people. We have also supported our young people during the holiday periods with activity programmes, providing engagement throughout times where they can be more vulnerable to taking part in risky and criminal behaviors.

We have observed outstanding outcomes as a result of our work including our young people re-engaging with education, gaining recognised qualifications and transitioning effectively into further education and/or employment.

Both our sites have space for up to twelve pupils aged 11-16 years who are demonstrating significant therapeutic need, including those who have been excluded from mainstream education and those who are at risk of permanent exclusion.

#### Residential Children's Home

Throughout the year, and despite significant delays caused by the pandemic, we have worked diligently to establish our first residential children's home in Sunderland and in August 2021, after successfully achieving Ofsted registered status, we welcomed our first residents into the home.

#### Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation

Our Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation has continued to provide tailored support and a safe nurturing environment to young mothers and vulnerable pregnant young women in Sunderland.

We have continued to take emergency referrals from social services where young mums have experienced exponential difficulty in their domestic situations as a result of the pandemic.

All of our mums and their babies have either transitioned on from our service with excellent outcomes or have specific and tailored support in place for those whose stories don't progress as well.

#### Support for care experienced young people

We have continued to provide in excess of 80kg of food to Sunderland's Next Steps team to support care experienced young people transitioning into independent living. The donations included fresh vegetables and fruit, healthy ready meals, canned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaning products and other items essential for getting settled into independent living.



# HOPESPRING

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### Christmas presents - cared for children:

As part of our annual Christmas appeal, this year we provided 800 good quality Christmas gifts for the cared for children in Sunderland as well as 200 luxury Christmas hampers.

Although we were unable to raise the essential funds through carol singing in supermarkets because of Covid restrictions, this year's Christmas appeal was generously supported by Together for Children staff, Tesco, Asda, Charities Aid Foundation and Hopespring donors.

As a result of the overwhelming donations we received during the Christmas period, we were able to additionally hold a toy bank in Southwick where we gave away hundreds of toys to families in Sunderland who may have otherwise not been able to give their children Christmas gifts.

### **Financial review**

The year ending 31st of August 2021 marked the second full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Hopespring. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £791,000 and expenditure of £738,000 leading to a surplus of £53,000.

Income into Hopespring has increased as services such as Hopespring Sunderland and the residential children's home have become established during this financial year. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in expenditure in line with the increased activity.

The total income from Grants and Donations amounted to £132,000 during the year. The provision of grants and donations during the year has again supported the Charity's strong financial position to carry out its operations and invest in future activities against significant uncertainties caused by the pandemic.

At the year end the unrestricted funds were £146,092 and the restricted funds were £0.

### **Going Concern**

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.



# **HOPESPRING**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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### **Plans for future periods**

In the year ahead we are looking to establish our second independent therapeutic school in Sunderland as well as a new residential family centre.

Our therapists and staff have now completed training to begin delivery of various programmes to support young people, parents/carers and families including the Nurture Programme, Talking Teens, Moodmasters, Let's Get Talking and Let's Get Walking. We are also expanding our holiday club activities for young people in the school holidays.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees and Management Team have developed the reserves policy to assist in strategic planning and considering how new projects or activities will be funded. This is also used when reviewing the financial year and to inform the budget process in consideration of balanced budgets or if reserves need to be drawn down or built up. The Charity's reserve policy also informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams and forecasting ahead for the forthcoming five years. The amount held in reserves is also monitored by the Trustees and Leadership Team during the course of the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes. The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to maintain the activities of the charity in case of unforeseen circumstances or a drop in funding.

- To hold an unrestricted funds balance that has a value of no less than three months and no more than 6 months running costs.
- To designate the appropriate fund value required for the Charity to meet all of its contractual obligations in the event it was required to shut down.
- To invest excess unrestricted funds into new or existing charitable activities to further enhance the service provision delivered. Use of unrestricted funds is to be carried out on a priority and needs assessment.
- Restricted funds are to be spend in the time frame and in the manner outlined by the funder or the donor.

At the year end the Charity held more than three months of unrestricted funds. It is the Board's intention over the medium term to set aside a designated fund for contingency purposes.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of three members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the management team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees for the time being.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustee's have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Organisations aims and activities. The Trustee's are satisfied that the activities and aims of the Charity meet the guidance of Public Benefit outlined by the Commission.



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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

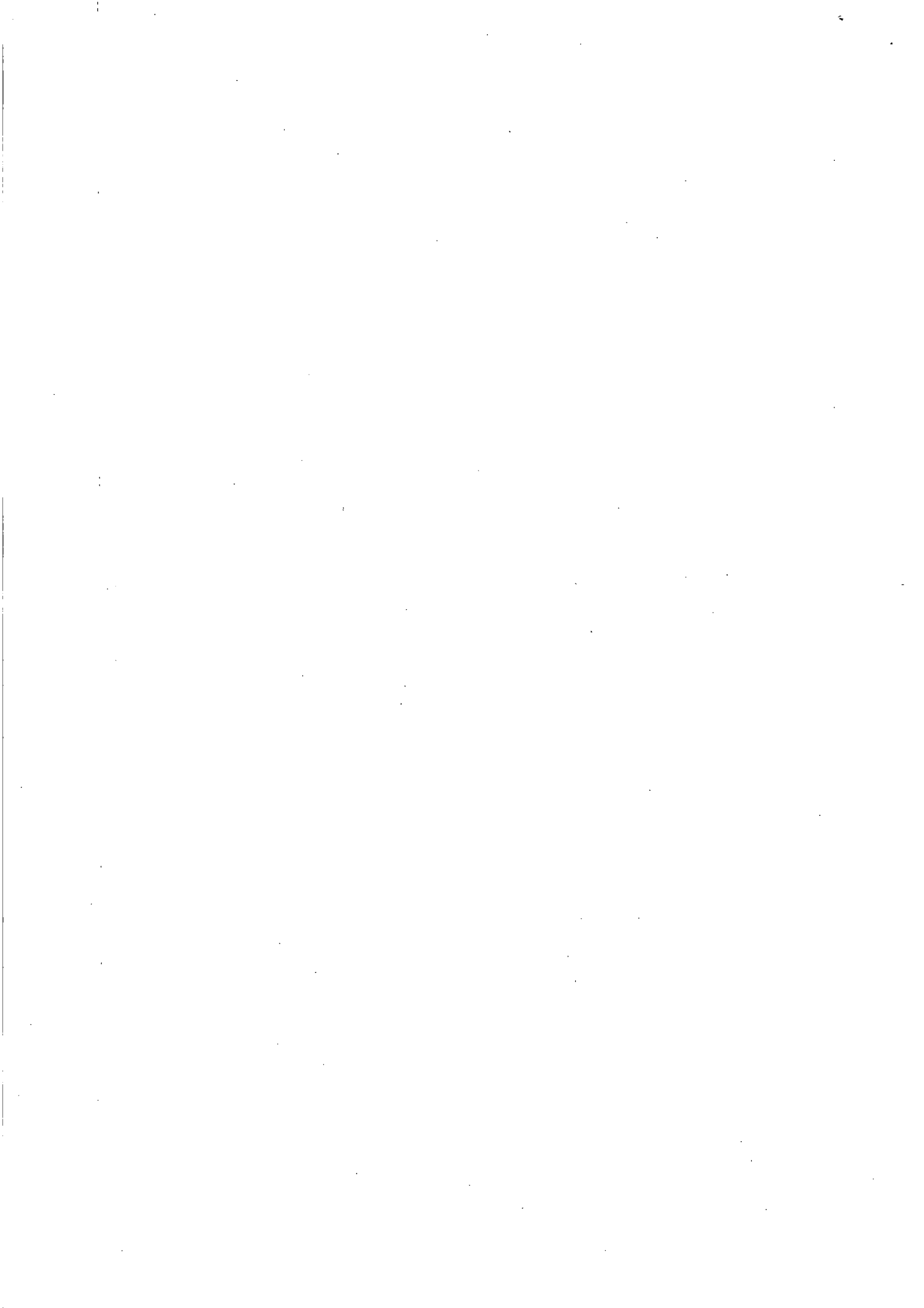
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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

*L. A. Gott*  
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Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

Date: Jun 24, 2022  
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# HOPESPRING

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOPESPRING

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hopespring (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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


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

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

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

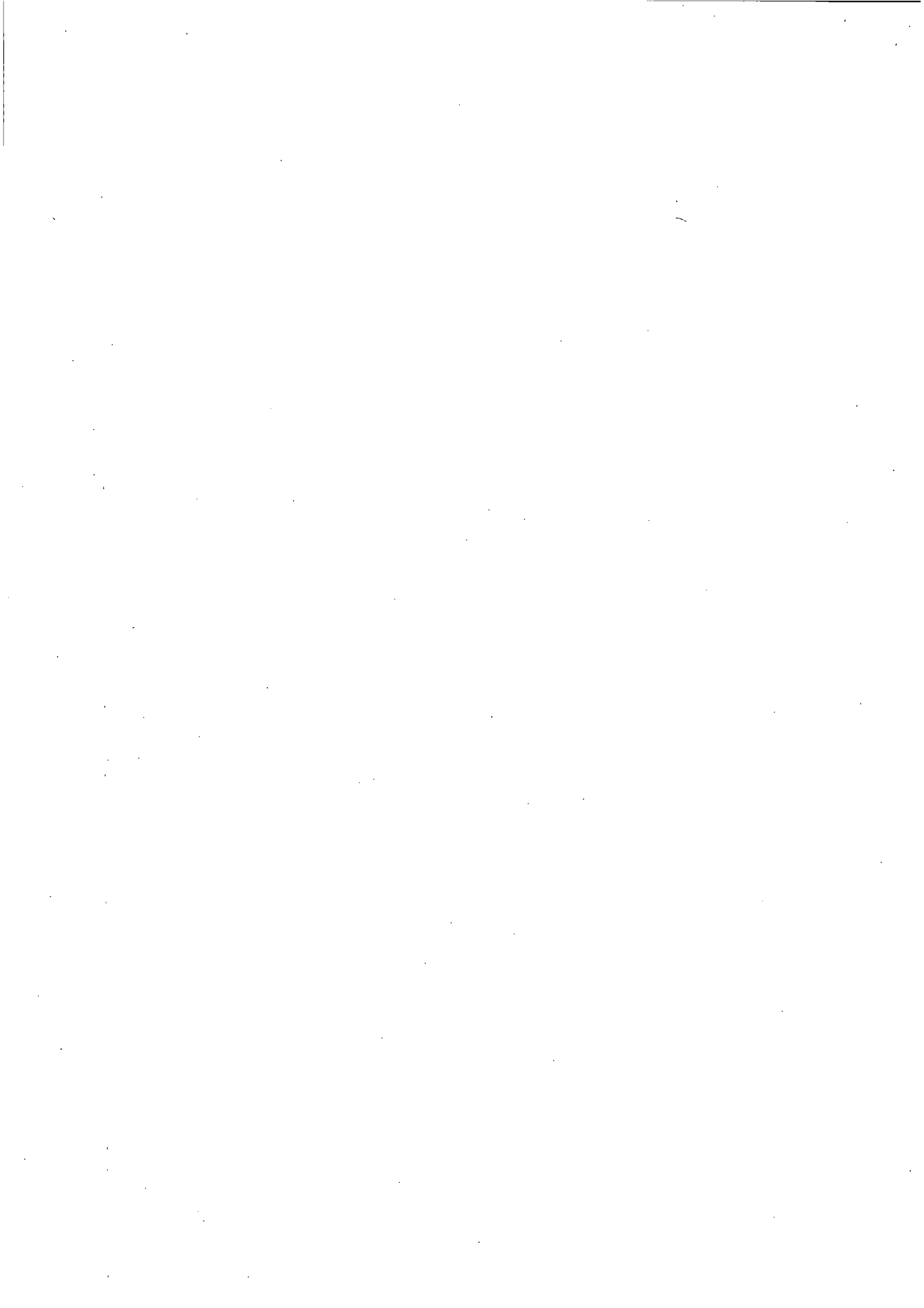
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 27 June 2022



# HOPESPRING

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes				
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>					
Donations and legacies	2	73,666	58,355	132,021	102,409
Charitable activities	3	621,688	2,567	624,255	317,718
Other trading activities		-	-	-	65
Investments		13	-	13	25
Other income		34,794	-	34,794	34,823
<b>Total income</b>		<b>730,161</b>	<b>60,922</b>	<b>791,083</b>	<b>455,040</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	1,407
Charitable activities	4	671,789	65,893	737,682	360,942
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>671,789</b>	<b>65,893</b>	<b>737,682</b>	<b>362,349</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>58,372</b>	<b>(4,971)</b>	<b>53,401</b>	<b>92,691</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2020		87,720	4,971	92,691	-
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2021</b>		<b>146,092</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>146,092</b>	<b>92,691</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# HOPESPRING

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
	Notes			
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>				
Donations and legacies	2	41,627	60,782	102,409
Charitable activities	3	313,770	3,948	317,718
Other trading activities		65	-	65
Investments		25	-	25
Other income		19,323	15,500	34,823
<b>Total income</b>		<b>374,810</b>	<b>80,230</b>	<b>455,040</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>				
Raising funds		1,407	-	1,407
Charitable activities	4	285,683	75,259	360,942
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>287,090</b>	<b>75,259</b>	<b>362,349</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>87,720</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>92,691</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2019		-	-	-
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2020</b>		<b>87,720</b>	<b>4,971</b>	<b>92,691</b>

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

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		35,451		31,213
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	45,082		4,224	
Cash at bank and in hand		257,955		175,693	
		<u>303,037</u>		<u>179,917</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	(154,916)		(65,975)	
Net current assets			148,121		113,942
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			183,572		145,155
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12		(37,480)		(52,464)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>146,092</u>		<u>92,691</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	15		-		4,971
Unrestricted funds			146,092		87,720
			<u>146,092</u>		<u>92,691</u>

Jun 24, 2022

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

*L. A. Gott*

Ms Lois Gott  
Trustee

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	20		112,710		151,406
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(18,336)		(38,059)	
Investment income received		13		25	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(18,323)		(38,034)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of bank loans		(12,125)		62,321	
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>			(12,125)		62,321
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			82,262		175,693
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			175,693		-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>257,955</u>		<u>175,693</u>



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

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

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

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

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

#### 1.4 Income

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

All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated gift aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Income resources from charitable trading activities such as letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.

Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

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

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

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Leasehold improvements	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Computers	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

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

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Taxation

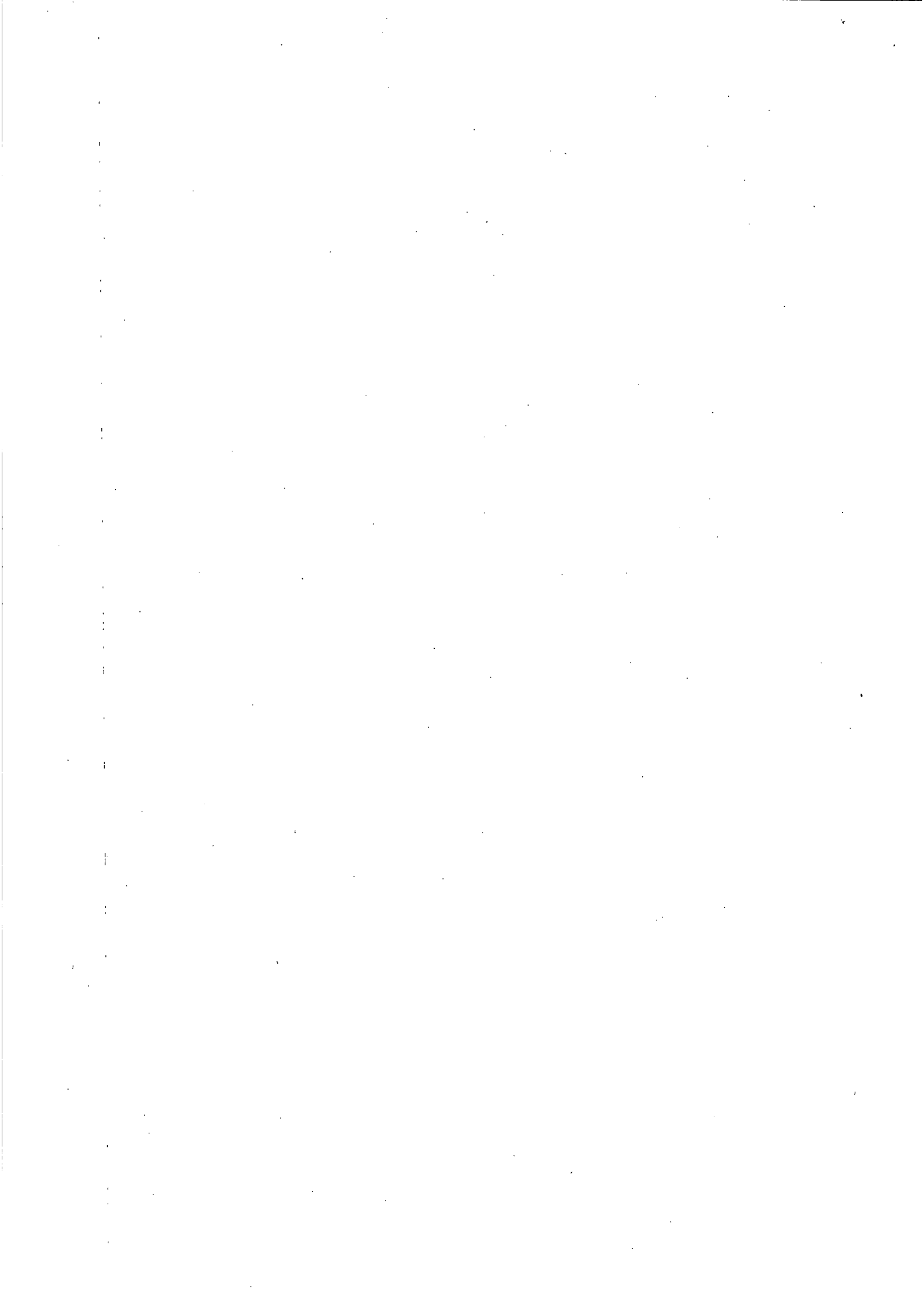
The charity is exempt from tax on the basis of its charitable activities.

#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

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

#### 1.11 Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis.



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

### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	25,065	6,108	31,173	30,127	34,827	64,954
Grants receivable	43,601	52,247	95,848	11,500	25,955	37,455
Donated goods and services	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
	<u>73,666</u>	<u>58,355</u>	<u>132,021</u>	<u>41,627</u>	<u>60,782</u>	<u>102,409</u>

During the year Hopespring received government grants through the Covid-19 job retention scheme. The total amount received during the year was £8,155 (2020 : £4,805).

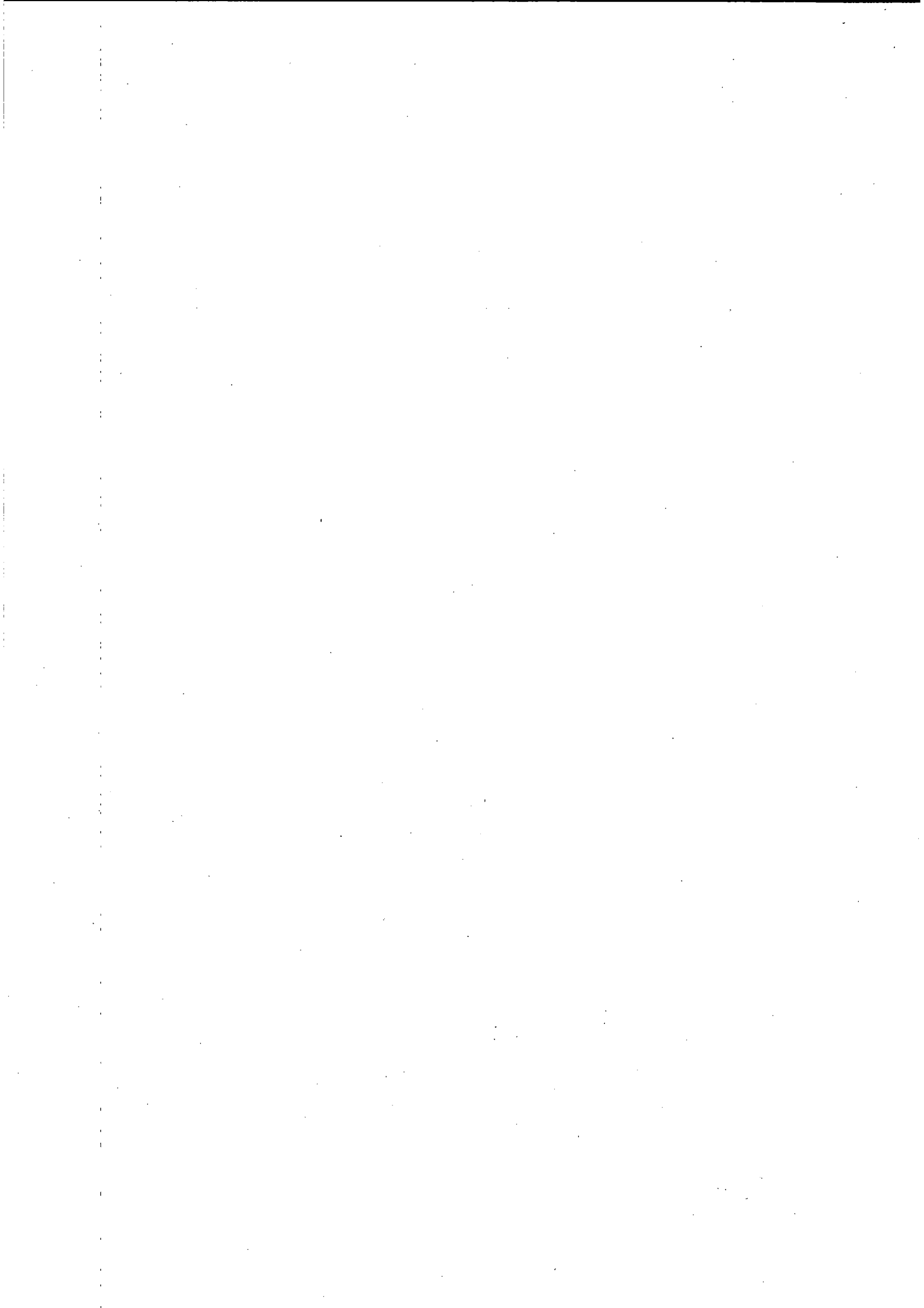
#### Donated goods and services.

During the year Hopespring received 80KG of food per week from Fareshare to pass on to care experienced young people. Due to the quantity and nature of the goods no reliable estimate has been placed on the donation.

During the year the charity also had two vehicles donated which the total value amounts to £5,000 and has been included within the income for the year.

### 3 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2021	Charitable activities 2020
	£	£
Placement and referral income	621,688	313,770
Housing benefit income	2,567	3,948
	<u>624,255</u>	<u>317,718</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	621,688	313,770
Restricted funds	2,567	3,948
	<u>624,255</u>	<u>317,718</u>



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

### 4 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
Staff costs	379,734	146,944
Depreciation and impairment	14,099	6,846
Other staff costs	26,424	29,330
Building and premises	198,293	102,393
Direct activity costs	37,409	36,916
IT and computer costs	7,698	4,100
	<u>663,657</u>	<u>326,529</u>
Share of support costs (see note 5)	5,669	2,298
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	68,356	32,115
	<u>737,682</u>	<u>360,942</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	671,789	285,683
Restricted funds	65,893	75,259
	<u>737,682</u>	<u>360,942</u>

### 5 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Administration and communication	4,337	-	4,337	414	-	414
Payroll and bookkeeping fees	1,332	-	1,332	1,884	-	1,884
Legal and professional fees	-	64,936	64,936	-	30,435	30,435
Independent examiners fees	-	3,420	3,420	-	1,680	1,680
	<u>5,669</u>	<u>68,356</u>	<u>74,025</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>32,115</u>	<u>34,413</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>5,669</u>	<u>68,356</u>	<u>74,025</u>	<u>2,298</u>	<u>32,115</u>	<u>34,413</u>



# HOPESPRING

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

### 6 Trustees

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

None of the trustees incurred any expenses in the current or preceding year.

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Employees	17	7
	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>
Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	337,368	131,872
Social security costs	21,944	5,978
Other pension costs	20,422	9,094
	<u>379,734</u>	<u>146,944</u>

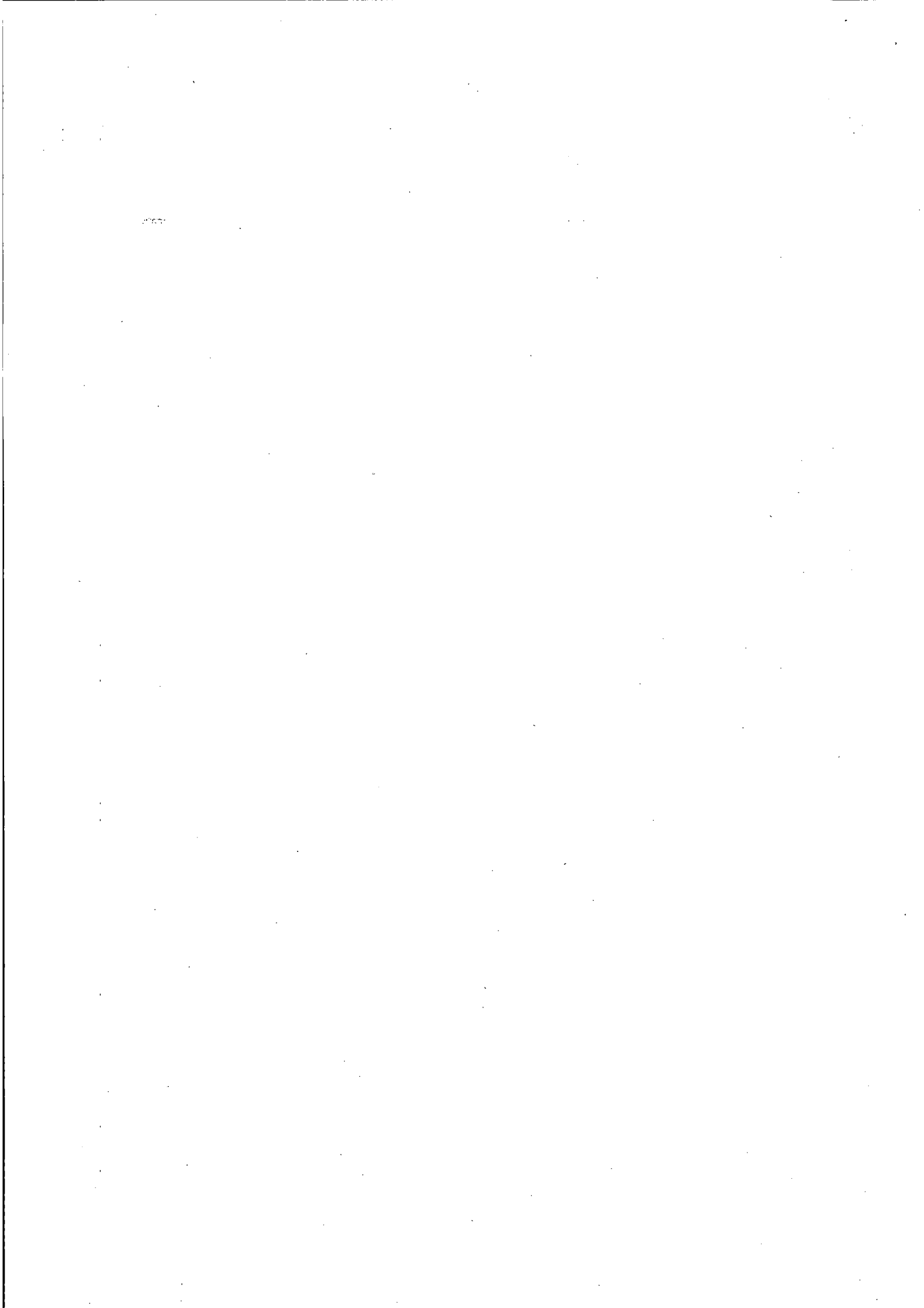
#### Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Strategic Manager, Social Care Manager, Executive Headteacher and Operations Manager. The total employee benefits received by key management were £104,916 (2020 £82,177).

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

### 8 Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from voluntary contributions of time and money. It is estimated that the charity benefited from over 7,500 voluntary hours. The main bulk of this time is contributed from 7 full time volunteers. These volunteers give time towards areas such as but not exclusively fundraising, the running of Hopespring activities and administration. Due to the significant part that volunteers play to the running of the charity and its activities, Hopespring provide rental accommodation for certain volunteers.



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

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2020	14,600	4,919	18,540	-	38,059
Additions	8,373	1,635	3,328	5,000	18,336
At 31 August 2021	22,973	6,554	21,868	5,000	56,395
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 September 2020	2,409	1,032	3,405	-	6,846
Depreciation charged in the year	5,743	1,638	5,467	1,250	14,098
At 31 August 2021	8,152	2,670	8,872	1,250	20,944
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 August 2021	14,821	3,884	12,996	3,750	35,451
At 31 August 2020	12,192	3,887	15,134	-	31,213

### 10 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	28,531	1,279
Prepayments and accrued income	16,551	2,945
	45,082	4,224

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Bank loans	13	12,716	9,857
Other taxation and social security		17,232	-
Deferred income	14	98,980	50,540
Trade creditors		-	2,828
Other creditors		2,559	-
Accruals and deferred income		23,429	2,750
		154,916	65,975

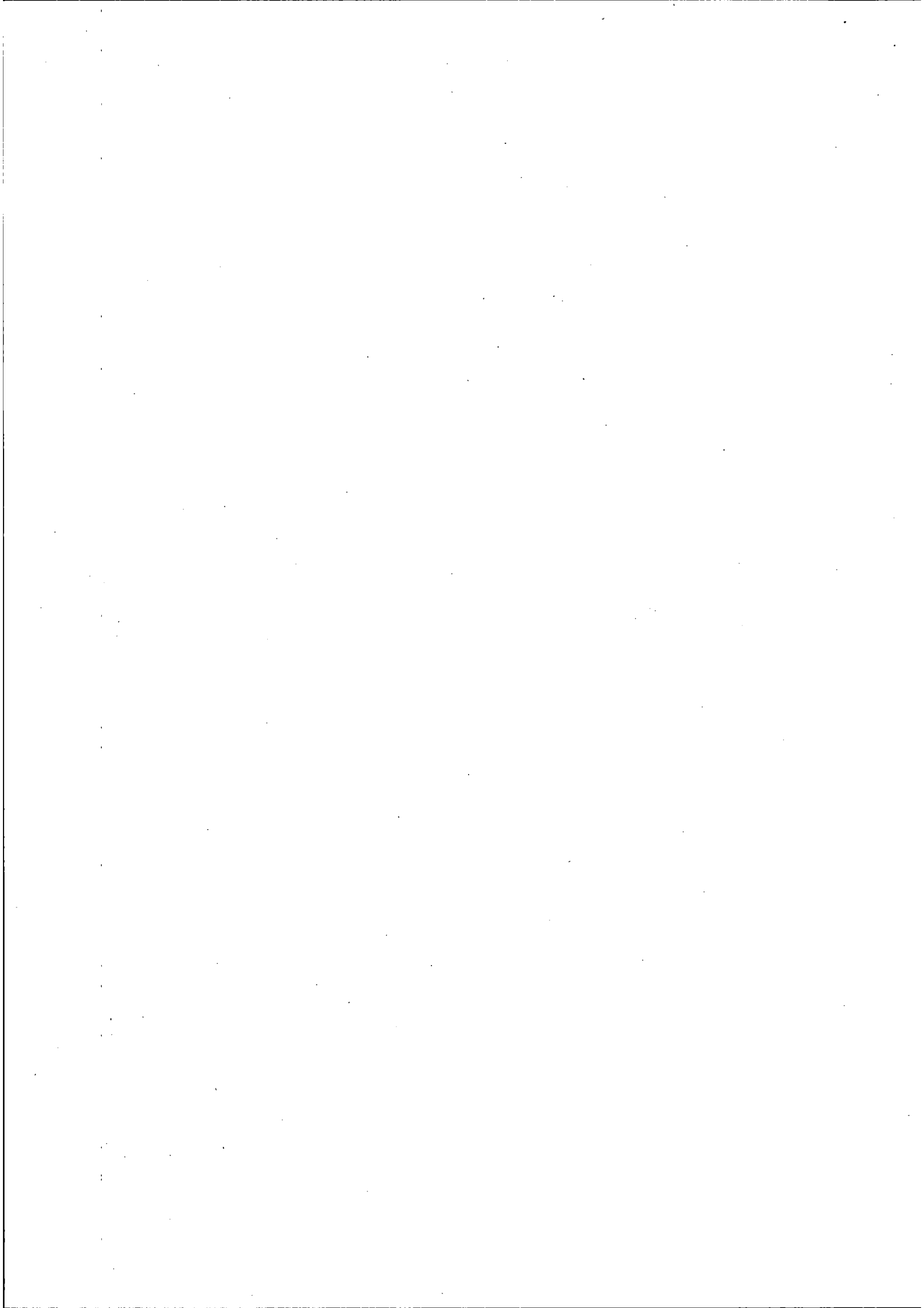


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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

<b>12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans	<b>13</b>	<u>37,480</u>	<u>52,464</u>
<b>13 Loans and overdrafts</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loans		<u>50,196</u>	<u>62,321</u>
Payable within one year		12,716	9,857
Payable after one year		<u>37,480</u>	<u>52,464</u>
<b>14 Deferred income</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other deferred income		<u>98,980</u>	<u>50,540</u>
Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:			
		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deferred income is included within:			
Current liabilities		<u>98,980</u>	<u>50,540</u>
Movements in the year:			
Deferred income at 1 September 2020		50,540	-
Released from previous periods		(50,540)	-
Resources deferred in the year		<u>98,980</u>	<u>50,540</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2021		<u>98,980</u>	<u>50,540</u>

Included in creditors is £98,890 (2020 : £50,540) of deferred income. At the year end invoices had been raised for school places relating to the 2021/22 year. This income, amounting to £83,980 (2020 : £50,540), has been deferred as the entitlement to the income had not yet passed as the service of educational provision has not been carried out at the point of the year end. The remaining £15,000 (2020 : £nil) related to a grant received from Ballinger Trust for expenditure in 2021/22 year and has also been deferred.



# HOPESPRING

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

### 15 Restricted funds

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

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds		
	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 September 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	4,805	(4,805)	-	8,154	(8,154)	-
Mother and Baby Home	20,948	(20,948)	-	10,437	(10,437)	-
Children's Home	2,450	-	2,450	13,474	(15,924)	-
Sunderland School	28,150	(28,150)	-	18,828	(18,828)	-
Newcastle School	16,499	(16,499)	-	1,928	(1,928)	-
Christmas Appeal	6,818	(4,297)	2,521	6,700	(9,221)	-
Covid-19 Support	500	(500)	-	-	-	-
Care experienced support	60	(60)	-	-	-	-
Equipment fund	-	-	-	1,400	(1,400)	-
	<u>80,230</u>	<u>(75,259)</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u>60,921</u>	<u>(65,892)</u>	<u>-</u>

#### Covid-19 Job retention Scheme

Funding received from the UK Government as part of the Covid-19 economic support package. The grants received were only to be used to pay the salaries of those employees whom have been furloughed during the pandemic.

#### Mother and Baby Home

This fund relates to:

- closing fund balances transferred from Bethshan (North East) as part of the transfer for charitable activities when the Mother and Baby Home transferred to Hopespring. At the point of transfer the funds were restricted to Mother and baby Home activities.
- Grant income for day to day running of the home.
- Housing benefit support payments paid directly to the charity relating to the benefit entitlement of the service users.

#### Children's Home

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Children's Home based in Sunderland.

#### Sunderland School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Therapeutic School based in Sunderland.

#### Newcastle School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of the Therapeutic School based in Newcastle.

#### Christmas Appeal

Funds and donations received and restricted from the 2019 and 2020 Christmas Appeal to raise money for Christmas gifts for the cared for children and luxury Christmas hampers for care experienced young people in Sunderland.



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 15 Restricted funds

(Continued)

#### Covid-19 Support

Funds and donations received and restricted for the provision of food for those in need during the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### Care Experienced Support

Funds and donations received and restricted for the provision of food and gift hampers for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.

#### Equipment Fund

Funds received and restricted for the purchase of laptops.

### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	35,451	-	35,451	31,213	-	31,213
Current assets/ (liabilities)	148,121	-	148,121	108,971	4,971	113,942
Long term liabilities	(37,480)	-	(37,480)	(52,464)	-	(52,464)
	<u>146,092</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,092</u>	<u>87,720</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u>92,691</u>

### 17 Operating lease commitments

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	86,338	89,938
Between two and five years	381,963	466,976
	<u>468,301</u>	<u>556,914</u>



# HOPESPRING

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

#### 18 Related party transactions

During the year the charity used the consultancy services of one trustee through their management consultancy business. Lois Gott is one of the directors of Revive Consultancy Limited (Company no. 08162406) who received payments for the consultancy work provided. The total consultancy fee's paid during the year was £24,390 (2020 :£21,710). The payments were made on the legal grounds that the charity constitution allows remuneration to trustees for providing services to the charity outside of the trustee's role. The consultancy service's were authorised by the other acting trustee's at the time.

During the year the charity received income of £7,707 paid rent of £11,866 to Bethan (NorthEast). Tim Dunnett, chair of Bethshan (North East) is the spouse of Joanne Dunnett, a Trustee of Hopespring. In 2020 there was also a transfer of charitable activity from Bethan (North East) resulting in income of £16,500 and expenditure of £44,635 being reflected in the the financial statements of Hopespring in 2020.

Trustee Lois Gott was also paid a salary of £7,969 for her services as CEO. None of this salary was for services as trustee.

Dr Joanne Dunnett was paid £740 for providing some training to all staff. This service was outside her role as trustee.

#### 19 Transfer of charitable activities

Prior to the legal formation of Hopespring as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Hopespring operated as a department under the legal governance structure of Bethshan (North East) charity number 1120015.

Between September and December 2020 the charitable activities which had historically being operating within Bethshan (North East) were transferred to Hopespring.

As part of the transfer arrangement Hopespring repaid a loan which had been taken out by Bethshan (North East) to fund the activities of the Newcastle School. Hopespring paid £nil (2020 : £16,736) to Bethshan (North east) in order to settle the outstanding loan.

The payment is included within charitable expenditure on the Statement of Financial Activities.

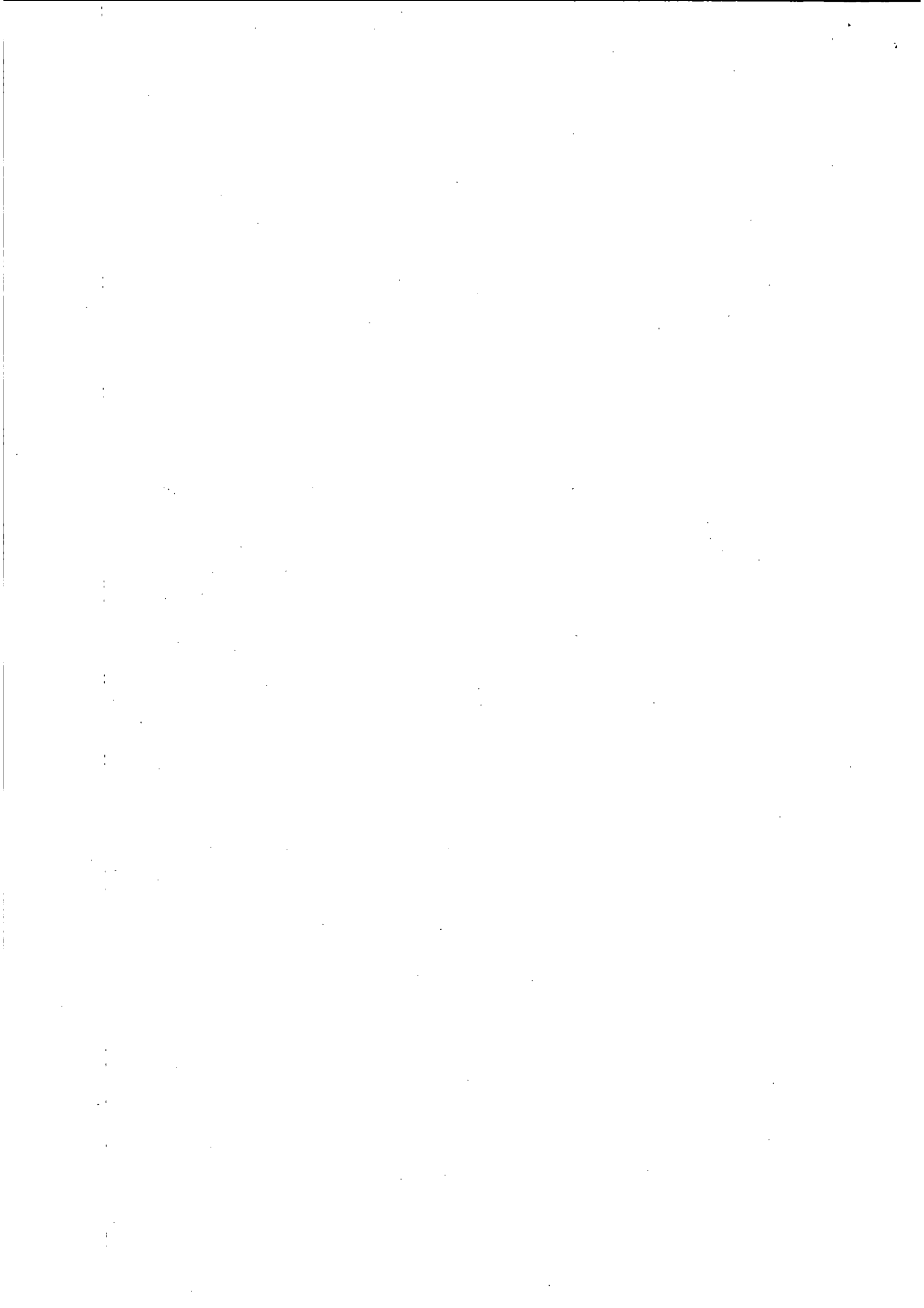
20	Cash generated from operations	2021 £	2020 £
	Surplus for the year	53,401	92,691
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(13)	(25)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	14,099	6,846
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(40,859)	(4,224)
	Increase in creditors	37,642	5,578
	Increase in deferred income	48,440	50,540
	<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>112,710</b>	<b>151,406</b>

# HOPESPRING

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

### 21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 September 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	175,693	82,262	257,955
Loans falling due within one year	(9,857)	(2,859)	(12,716)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(52,464)	14,984	(37,480)
	<u>113,372</u>	<u>94,387</u>	<u>207,759</u>



**HOPESPRING**

England & Wales - Charity number 1183771

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity no. 1183771

# Hopespring

## Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st August 2020



# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

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# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

## Legal and Administrative Information

### Reference

The Charity is called "Hopespring" which is also known as Hopespring Sunderland and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) incorporated on the 7th of June 2019.

**Registered Charity Number** 1183771

**Registered Office** Hopespring  
10 Sea View Road West  
Sunderland  
SR2 9HA

**Date of incorporation** 7th of June 2019

### The Trustees

The trustee's who have served from the 7th of June 2019 until the date this report was approved are:

Lois Gott	<i>Appointed 18/11/2019</i>
Dr Chikezie Okike	<i>Appointed 07/06/2019</i>
Dr Myra Belmont Herbert	<i>Appointed 15/08/2019</i>
Joanne Dunnett	<i>Appointed 07/06/2019</i>
Jenny Finlayson	<i>Appointed 09/06/2019 Resigned 24/09/2019</i>

### Key Management Personnel

Operations Manager  
Strategic Manager  
Social Care Manager  
Executive Head teacher

**Primary Bankers** Lloyds Bank  
54 Fawcett Street  
Sunderland  
Tyne & Wear  
SR1 1SF

**Independent Examiner:** Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants  
125 Main Street  
Garforth  
Leeds  
LS25 1AF

# Hopespring

**Year Ended 31st August 2020**

## **Trustee's Annual Report**

### **Mission Statement**

Hopespring works throughout Tyne and Wear seeking to serve the various Educational, Physical and Mental Health needs of the young people in our region. With a highly committed team of trained staff and full time volunteers, we provide support and care for some of the most vulnerable people in society through our people-based interventions.

### **Principal Objects**

The principal objects of the charity are as follows:

- 1 For the public benefit, the provision of education in particular, but not exclusively, by providing schools for children aged 11 to 16 who in particular, but not exclusively for those are deemed to be vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex, who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from alternative provisions in the North East of England and such other parts of the United Kingdom as the trustees may from time to time think fit.
- 2 For the public benefit, the prevention and/or relief of poverty among people who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the United Kingdom by providing in particular but not exclusively, supported accommodation and transitional support for individuals leaving the care of the local authority.

### **In fulfilment of the principle objects the following activities are undertaken:**

- 1 Therapeutic schools for the most vulnerable and emotionally/behaviourally complex young people who are at risk of, or have already been, excluded from school or from their alternative provision.
- 2 Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation for vulnerable young mothers.
- 3 Support for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.
- 4 Christmas gifts for cared for children in Sunderland.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### Hopespring Therapeutic Schools

Following extensive consultation with Together for Children, we opened a new school to serve the city of Sunderland. Hopespring Sunderland is now registered as an independent school with the Department for Education with places for up to twelve pupils aged 11-16 years who are demonstrating significant therapeutic need, including those who have been excluded from mainstream education and those who are at risk of permanent exclusion.

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## **Trustee's Annual Report**

Our school in Newcastle has continued to expand and has supported 12 young people on roll full-time from 5 different Local Authorities. Staff have worked closely with families, schools, local authorities and supporting agencies to bring transformation to the lives of the young people in our setting.

Both of our schools have successfully supported young people to re-engage with learning, gain recognised qualifications and effectively transition on to further education or employment.

Our Therapeutic Schools have remained open throughout the Coronavirus pandemic, even staying open throughout half-term and summer holidays with staff working voluntarily to support the most vulnerable young people and families who have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

### Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation

Our Mother & Baby Supported Accommodation has continued to provide tailored support and a safe nurturing environment to vulnerable pregnant young women and young mothers in Sunderland. Most of our young mothers are care experienced young people. We have seen amazing outcomes in the lives of many of our mums and their babies and have tailored support for those whose stories don't progress as well.

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, we took in multiple emergency referrals from social services throughout the North East as the pandemic caused young mothers domestic difficulties to exacerbate.

### Support for care experienced young people

Each week we have provided in excess of 80kg of food to Sunderland's Next Steps team to support care experienced young people transitioning into independent living. The donations included fresh vegetables and fruit, healthy ready meals, canned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaning products and other items essential for getting settled into independent living.

### Christmas presents - cared for children

This year we provided 549 good quality Christmas gifts for the cared for children in Sunderland as well as over 100 presents for all those who had been adopted this year. We also gave over 150 luxury Christmas hampers with items donated by Together for Children staff to care experienced young people in Sunderland who have left care and would need Christmas goodies they would not otherwise have had.

Our team was able to raise the much needed funds by carol singing in our local supermarkets and receiving kind donations from the public.

# Hopespring

**Year Ended 31st August 2020**

## **Trustee's Annual Report**

### **Feature Plans**

To open a Residential Childrens Home in Sunderland that accommodates up to three children, from the age of 12 -18, who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees and Management Team have developed the reserves policy to assist in strategic planning and considering how new projects or activities will be funded. This is also used when reviewing the financial year and to inform the budget process in consideration of balanced budgets or if reserves need to be drawn down or built up. The Charity's reserve policy also informs the budget and risk management process by identifying any uncertainty in future income streams and forecasting ahead for the forthcoming five years. The amount held in reserves is also monitored by the Trustees and Leadership Team during the course of the year as part of the charity's budgetary processes. The Trustees have adopted a reserves policy which they consider appropriate to maintain the activities of the charity in case of unforeseen circumstances or a drop in funding.

- 1 To hold an unrestricted funds balance that has a value of no less than three months and no more than 6 months running costs.
- 2 To designate the appropriate fund value required for the Charity to meet all of its contractual obligations in the event it was required to shut down.
- 3 To invest excess unrestricted funds into new or existing charitable activities to further enhance the service provision delivered. Use of unrestricted funds is to be carried out on a priority and needs assessment.
- 4 Restricted funds are to be spent in the time frame and in the manner outlined by the funder or the donor.

At the year end the Charity held more than three months of unrestricted funds. The formation of a designated fund did not take place during the financial year due to the set up and transitional year the Charity has gone through. It is the Board's intention over the medium term to set aside a designated fund for contingency purposes.

### **Governance Structure**

Hopespring is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governance of the Charity is overseen by the trustee's of which there must be a minimum of three members on the board at one time per the constitution. The day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the management team.

Trustee's meetings are held regularly throughout the year to give oversight and direction to the Charity.

Under the requirements of the constitution, in addition to the statutory powers of appointment, a new Trustee may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees passed by a majority of the Trustees for the time being.

# Hopespring

**Year Ended 31st August 2020**

## **Trustee's Annual Report**

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustee's have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Organisations aims and activities. The Trustee's are satisfied that the activities and aims of the Charity meet the guidance of Public Benefit outlined by the Commission.

### **Financial Review**

The year ending 31st of August 2020 marked the first full year of activities undertaken with the organisational structure of Hopespring. The combined activities of the Charity has resulted in an income of £455,000 and expenditure of £362,000 leading to a surplus of £93,000. As part of the Charity's launch a range of generous grants and donations from supporters were given to help provide a firm financial foundation for the Organisation to operate. The total income from Grants and Donations amounted to £102,000 during the year. The provision of grants and donations during the year has put the Charity in a strong financial position to carry out its operations and invest in future activities against the backdrop of economic uncertainty caused by Covid-19 and Brexit.

At the year end the unrestricted funds were £87,719 and the restricted funds were £4,971.

### **Going Concern**

The Trustee's are satisfied that the Charity is a going concern and do not know of any uncertainties regarding the organisations ability to continue operating as a going concern.

### **Approved by the Trustees of Hopespring**

**Name of Trustee:**

Lois Gott

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**Signed on behalf of the Trustees:**

*L. A. Gott.*

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**Date of approval:**

08/12/2020

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# Hopespring

**Year Ended 31st August 2020**

## **Independent Examiners Report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hopespring ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020.

### **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 confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (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 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.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA  
Independent Examiner  
125 Main Street  
Garforth  
Leeds  
LS25 1AF

Date: 09/12/2020

# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

## Statement of Financial Activities

		2020		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and legacies		41,627	60,782	<b>102,409</b>
Charitable activities		313,770	3,948	<b>317,718</b>
Activities for generating income	<b>2</b>	65	-	<b>65</b>
Investment Income		25	-	<b>25</b>
Transfer of charitable activities		-	15,500	<b>15,500</b>
Other Income		19,323	-	<b>19,323</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>374,810</u>	<u>80,231</u>	<u><b>455,041</b></u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Expenditure on charitable activities	<b>4</b>	285,684	75,259	<b>360,943</b>
Expenditure on trading activities	<b>5</b>	1,407	-	<b>1,407</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>287,091</u>	<u>75,259</u>	<u><b>362,350</b></u>
<b>Net income / (expenditure)</b>		<u>87,719</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u><b>92,691</b></u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<b>14</b>	-	-	-
Transfers	<b>14</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>14</b>	<u>87,719</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u><b>92,691</b></u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both companies act and charity SORP reporting requirements.

# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

## Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible Assets	10	31,213
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	11	4,224
Cash at bank and in hand		175,693
		<u>179,917</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>65,975</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>113,942</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>	13	<u>52,464</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>92,691</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	15	<u>92,691</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>		
Restricted funds		4,971
Unrestricted funds	14	87,719
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>92,691</u>

### Directors Responsibilities

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue :

Name of Trustee:

Lois Gott

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

*L. A. Gott.*

Date of approval:

08/12/2020

# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP 2019 FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

#### Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

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

#### Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from supporters are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and the donation is material to the accounts.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the charity is not included in the accounts but is described in the accounts.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

### Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

### Liability Recognition

Abilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

### Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time, estimated useful live of the asset.

Equipment	4 years straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	4 years straight line
Leasehold Improvements	15 years straight line

### Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

### Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### Period Of Accounts

The accounts cover at 15 month period from the 7th of June 2019 through to the 31st of August 2020. Hopespring started operating from the 1st of September 2019.

# Hopespring

Year Ended 31st August 2020

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Donations and legacies</b>			
Donations	26,805	34,827	<b>61,632</b>
Gift Aid	3,322	-	<b>3,322</b>
Donated Goods and Services	-	-	-
Grants	11,500	25,955	<b>37,455</b>
	<u>41,627</u>	<u>60,782</u>	<u><b>102,409</b></u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Placement and Referral Income	313,770	-	<b>313,770</b>
Housing Benefit Income	-	3,948	<b>3,948</b>
	<u>313,770</u>	<u>3,948</u>	<u><b>317,718</b></u>
<b>Activities for generating income</b>			
Online Sales	65	-	<b>65</b>
	<u>65</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>65</b></u>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Bank Interest	25	-	<b>25</b>
	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>25</b></u>
<b>Transfer of charitable activities</b>			
Mother and Baby Home Activity Transfer	-	15,500	<b>15,500</b>
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u><b>15,500</b></u>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Volunteer Rental Income	19,323	-	<b>19,323</b>
	<u>19,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>19,323</b></u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u><b>374,810</b></u>	<u><b>80,231</b></u>	<u><b>455,041</b></u>

### Government Grants

During the year Hopespring received government grants through the Covid-19 job retention scheme. The total amount received during the year was £4,805.21.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Transfer of charitable activities

On the 1st of November 2020 the Mother and Baby Home charitable activity and fund balance transferred from Bethshan (North East) Charity number 1120015.

### 3 Donated goods, facilities and services

During the year Hopespring received 80kg of food per week from Fareshare to pass on and give to care experienced young people. Due to the quantity and nature of the goods no reliable estimate has been placed on the donation.

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities by expenditure type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Administration and Communication	414	-	414
Building and Premises	84,301	18,092	102,393
Depreciation	5,489	1,357	6,846
Direct Activity Costs	32,060	4,856	36,917
IT and Computer	4,100	-	4,100
Professional, Legal and Governance	33,999	-	33,999
Salary and Staff Related Costs	125,320	50,954	176,275
	<u>285,684</u>	<u>75,259</u>	<u>360,943</u>

### 5 Expenditure on trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Hopespring Merchandise and Shop	1,407	-	1,407
	<u>1,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,407</u>

### 6 Volunteers

The charity benefits greatly from voluntary contributions of time and money. It is estimated that the charity benefited from over 10,000 voluntary hours. The main bulk of this time is contributed from 7 full time volunteers. These volunteers give time towards areas such as but not exclusively fundraising, the running of Hopespring activities and administration. Due to the significant part that volunteers play to the running of the charity and its activities, Hopespring provide rental accommodation for certain volunteers.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 7 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	<b>2020</b>
	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial	1,680
Payroll, bookkeeping and reporting services	1,884
	<u>3,564</u>

### 8 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2020</b>
	£
Wages and salaries	131,872
Social security costs	5,978
Employer contributions to pension plans	9,094
	<u>146,944</u>

As part of the transition arrangements of charitable activities moving from Bethshan (North East), it was agreed that Hopespring would cover the staff costs for the few months where the different charitable activities had transferred but the employment of staff had not. The total salary and employment costs recharged to Hopespring during this transition arrangement amounted to £13,601.

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2020</b>
Average Head Count	7

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	<b>2020</b>
More than £60,000	0

### Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Strategic Manager, Social Care Manager, Executive Headteacher and Operations Manager. The total employee benefits received by key management were as follows:

	<b>2020</b>
	£
Key management personnel employee benefit	82,177

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 9 Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration for their service as trustees. The charity did however use consultancy services from one trustee through their management consultancy business. Lois Gott is one of the director's of Revive Consultancy Limited (Company 08162406) who received payments for the consultancy work provided. The total consultancy fee's paid during the year was £21,710. The payments were made on the legal grounds that the charity constitution allows remuneration to trustees for providing services to the charity outside of the trustee's role. The consultancy service's were authorised by the other acting trustee's at that time.

None of the trustee's incurred out of pocket expenses during the year.

### 10 Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Fixtures and Fittings	Leasehold Improvements	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 7 June 2019	-	-	-	-
Additions	18,540	4,919	14,600	<b>38,059</b>
<b>At 31st August 2020</b>	<b>18,540</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>38,059</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 7 June 2019	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	3,405	1,032	2,409	<b>6,846</b>
<b>At 31st August 2020</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>6,846</b>
<b>Carrying Amount</b>				
<b>At 31st August 2020</b>	<b>15,136</b>	<b>3,887</b>	<b>12,191</b>	<b>31,213</b>

### 11 Debtors

	2020
	£
Trade Debtors	1,279
Accrued Income	2,945
	<u>4,224</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>
Accruals	2,749
Deferred Income	50,540
Trade Creditors	2,828
Loans	9,857
	<u>65,975</u>

### Deferred Income Movement

	Opening	Deferred	Released	Closing
	£	£	£	£
Placement and Referral Income	-	50,540	-	<b>50,540</b>

At the year end invoices had been raised for school places relating to the 2020/21 year. This income has been deferred as the entitlement to the income had not yet passed as the service of educational provision had not been carried out at the point of the year end.

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>
Loans	52,464
	<u>52,464</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 14 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	1 Sep 2019	Income	Expenditure	31 Aug 2020
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	-	374,810	(287,091)	<b>87,719</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>374,810</u>	<u>(287,091)</u>	<u><b>87,719</b></u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme	-	4,805	(4,805)	-
Mother and Baby Home	-	20,948	(20,948)	-
Children's Home	-	2,450	-	<b>2,450</b>
Sunderland School	-	28,150	(28,150)	-
Newcastle School	-	16,499	(16,499)	-
Christmas Appeal	-	6,818	(4,296)	<b>2,521</b>
Covid-19 Support	-	500	(500)	-
Care experienced support	-	60	(60)	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,231</u>	<u>(75,259)</u>	<u><b>4,971</b></u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,041</u>	<u>(362,350)</u>	<u><b>92,691</b></u>

#### Covid-19 Job Retention Scheme

Funding received from the UK Government as part of the Covid-19 economic support package. The grants received are only to be used to pay the salaries of those employees whom have been furloughed during the pandemic.

#### Mother and Baby Home

The transfer of the closing funds balance from Bethshan (North East) as part of the transfer for charitable activities when the Mother and Baby Home transferred to Hopespring. At the point of the transfer the funds were restricted the Mother and Baby Home activities.

Grants income for the day to day running of the home.

Housing benefit support payments paid directly to the charity relating to the benefit entitlement of the service users.

	<b>£</b>
Bethshan (North East)	15,500
The William Leech Trust	1,500
Housing Benefit	3,948
	<u>20,948</u>

# Hopespring

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Children's Home

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of a Children's Home based in Sunderland.

### Sunderland School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the set up and running of a Therapeutic School based in Sunderland.

Grants and Donations received and fully spent during the year include:

	£
KeyFund	2,750
Siobhan Dowd Trust	400
The Ballinger Trust	15,000
Sunderland Mayoral Foundation Donation	10,000
	<u>28,150</u>

### Newcastle School

Funds and donations received and restricted for the running of a Therapeutic School based in Newcastle.

Grants and Donations received and fully spent during the year include:

	£
Voluntary donations from supporters	16,499

### Christmas Appeal

Funds and donations received and restricted from the 2019 Christmas Appeal to raise money for Christmas gifts for the cared for children in and luxury Christmas hampers for care experienced young people in Sunderland.

### Covid-19 Support

Funds and donations received and restricted for the provision of food for those in need during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### Care Leavers

Funds and donations received and restricted for the provision of food and gift hampers for care experienced young people transitioning to independent living.

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### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	31,213	-	<b>31,213</b>
Current Assets	174,945	4,971	<b>179,917</b>
Creditors less than 1 year	(65,975)	-	<b>(65,975)</b>
Creditors greater than 1 year	(52,464)		<b>(52,464)</b>
	<u>87,719</u>	<u>4,971</u>	<u><b>92,691</b></u>

### 16 Events after the Reporting Period

After the year end a non-adjusting post balance sheet event took place. At the very end of October 2020 the UK Government announced a further lockdown in England that was expected to last until the start of December 2020 but could be extended further. This event has not materially and directly effected the day to day running of the Charity's activities. However it is expected that the national lockdown will effect the fundraising activities that would normally take place over the Christmas period.

### 17 Related party transactions

During the year there have been a number of related party transactions.

The related parties are as follows:

Bethshan (North East)

Trustee Joanne Dunnett's spouse, Tim Dunnett is the chair of Trustee's for Bethshan (North East). As part of the transfer of charitable activities from Bethshan (North East) to Hopespring the following transactions took place during the year:

	2020
	£
Income	16,500
Expenditure	44,635

### 18 Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2020
	£
No later than 1 year	89,938
Later than 1 year but less than 5 years	466,976
	<u><b>556,914</b></u>

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### 19 Transfer of charitable activities

Prior to the legal formation of Hopespring as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Hopespring operated as a department under the legal and governance structure of Bethshan (North East) charity number 1120015.

Between September and December 2020 the charitable activities which had historically been operating within Bethshan (North East) were transferred into Hopespring.

As part of the transfer arrangement Hopespring repaid a loan which had been taken out by Bethshan (North East) to fund the activities of the Newcastle School. Hopespring paid £16,736 to Bethshan (North East) in order to settle the outstanding loan.

This payment is included within charitable activities expenditure on the Statement of Financial Activity.