

# **Southwark Travellers' Action Group (STAG)**

## **Annual Report 2020 – 21**

**November 2021**

**Registered charity number: 1184614**

**Company number: 09996890**



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# STAG

Southwark Travellers' Action Group (STAG) is a community organisation for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers (GRT) connected to Southwark. STAG has existed since the early 1990s, developing into an independent organisation in early 2016.

## Our Vision

True equality for the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities both in terms of tackling discrimination and prejudice, and in Gypsies, Roma and Travellers being able to lead a traditional way of life if they choose to, whilst having equal access to opportunities and services to maximise their well-being.

## Our Mission

To provide support to the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities to maximise their well-being by focusing on addressing inequalities in the key areas of education, employment, accommodation and health, with the means of doing so being decided by Gypsies, Roma and Travellers themselves. To address the marginalisation of the community by celebrating the unique culture and history of Gypsies and Travellers.

## Chair's Report



After a difficult time without a permanent manager, the Trustees were delighted to welcome Alison Blackwood as the manager of STAG in December 2019. Despite having to deal with the issues caused by the pandemic, Alison has led STAG from strength to strength, providing additional services for the community and helping to stabilise our financial position.

I join Alison in thanking Kathleen for all the support she has continued to provide. Her dedication held the organisation together during the difficult times.

I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees, for helping to develop the vision for STAG and also to express my sadness on the death of one of our number, Garvey Harris who was so committed to the organisation, and social justice.

The community we serve remains one of the most disadvantaged in our society and subject to serious discrimination, including systemic racism. In particular the criminalisation of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people via provisions in the current **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill** on 'unauthorised encampments'

STAG stands with the community in opposition to these provisions, and will join with others to fight discrimination and hate crime. We will continue in the coming year to empower the community around access to decent homes, education and improved financial situations.

**Sally Causer, Chair**

## Manager's Report



2020-21 has been a strange year for STAG. I started work in December 2019 and we went into lockdown in March 2020, when I hadn't had a chance to visit some of our Southwark Traveller sites and get to know many of our clients. With many being digitally excluded, the lockdowns presented a real difficulty for us to try and change to provide the same support that we had in the past. However, with the support of all our staff, Trustees, volunteers, funders and partners we managed to adapt, provide some new services and it was a real

pleasure for me to meet more and more of Southwark's Gypsies and Travellers over the year: first through phone calls and gradually face-to-face. I was particularly glad we received funding from City Bridge Trust and the National Lottery Community Fund so that more of our clients could get online, whether that was to help with school or college work, to do shopping, to look for jobs, claim the benefits they were entitled to or simply to keep them in touch with friends and family.

But I should also thank our usual funders: the Government of Ireland, Southwark Council and Trust for London for their continued support throughout this time and, in particular, our Development Worker, Kathleen Ryan, who despite personal and organisational difficulties kept working and supporting people through all three lockdowns. She continued to provide help and work to reduce inequalities for Gypsies and Travellers throughout this most difficult of years. It was also a huge bonus to us to be able to employ Becky Buchanan as our part-time Youth Engagement Worker in February 2021 and a huge thank you to her for all her work from both me and the young Travellers she got involved in different activities.

And things couldn't have continued without all the work of our Trustees. We were all shocked and saddened when Garvey Harris died from COVID-19 in January 2021 and will so miss his hard work and enthusiasm. We continue to miss him and to celebrate his work for us.

**Alison Blackwood, Manager**

## STAG priorities for 2020 – 21

- **Core work:** Continue to deliver the successful STAG casework support and Women's and Youth Group activities. Build on this work through a review and action plan.
- **Youth activities:** Engage a sessional Youth Worker to further support the Youth Group
- **Planning and redevelopment in Southwark:** Support the community to have a voice in the major redevelopments that will impact on their environment. This will include work on the New Southwark Plan.
- **Representation:** Work with Southwark Council to ensure that the 2019 assessment of the accommodation needs of the GRT community in the borough is referenced in their planning policies and decisions, and to represent the needs of the GT community in the borough's Allocations policy, pitch agreements, licenses and resident engagement work.
- **Raising awareness of GRT culture:** Continue to raise awareness of the issues facing the GRT community and promote an understanding of the different GRT cultures with statutory bodies and local community organisations, through hosting more events that celebrate and raise awareness of GRT culture and by attending more local events and meetings.
- **Partnership working:** Build stronger partnerships with statutory agencies and local community organisations in order to increase access to services for, and tackle disadvantage within, the GRT community.
- **Community involvement:** Involve the GRT community in the governance of STAG and ensure that we can gain feedback and assess the needs of as many of the GT community in Southwark, as possible.
- **Organisational infrastructure:** Improve STAG's organisational capacity through better use of technology (financial management software, a content management system and use of the website and social media).
- **Campaigning and advocacy:** Increase STAG's engagement in local and national consultations and campaigns.
- **Financial stability:** Gain funding from a wider range of funders, and explore fundraising through sponsorship and donations

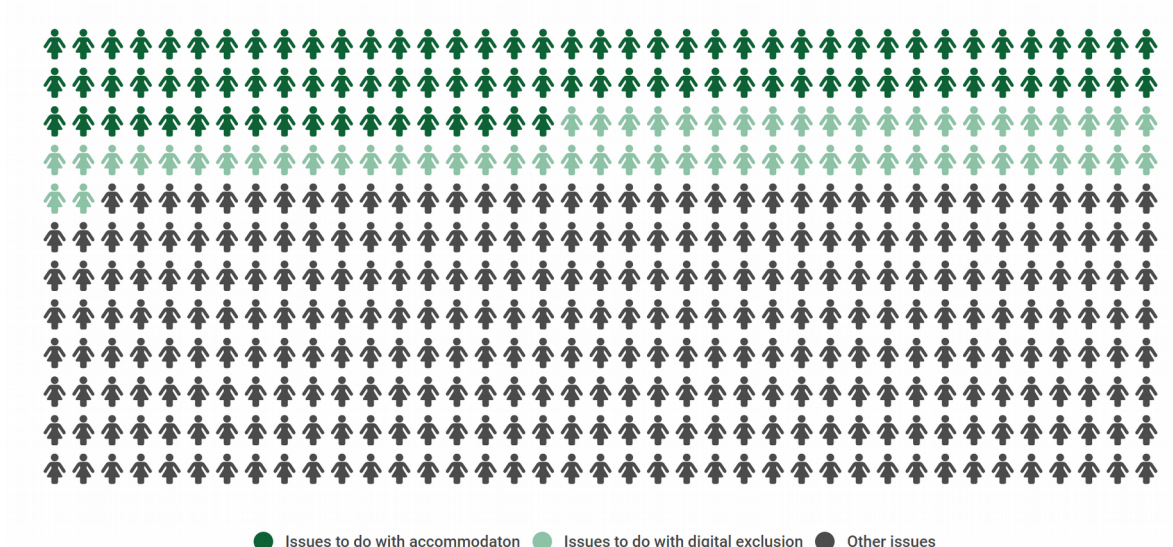


# STAG Social Benefit 2020 – 21

Overall STAG supported 276 Gypsies and Travellers in 2020-21, almost double the 127 supported in 2019-20. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns there was a big change in the services STAG provided and how these were accessed over the year.

## Casework 2020-21

In 2020-21 STAG supported 75 Gypsies and Travellers with 209 different casework issues. 30 of these were new clients. The most common issue remained accommodation (20%), but there was a big increase in casework to help people who were digitally excluded (13%). The majority of this work was done through telephone support, with an increase in support by text, e-mail and WhatsApp also, and, as a result of COVID-19 a dramatic reduction in face-to-face support.



## Women's and Youth Group 2020-21

Because of COVID-19 lockdowns, the STAG Women's and Youth Groups could not meet face-to-face but over the course of the year 11 regular Women's Group members and 15 regular Youth Group members remained in touch through WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

## Communications

Because of COVID-19, STAG started a bimonthly newsletter mailout, which developed into a monthly mailout to 92 Gypsy and Traveller households. We also started a Facebook page which is predominantly followed by Gypsies, Roma and Travellers. By the end of the 2020 – 21 year, it had 188 followers.

## Digital support project

Early in the pandemic STAG received funding from Newcomen Collett Foundation to support three households without laptops and through the Community Calling project to provide 10 households with a smartphone. Based on these initial pilots, STAG applied for COVID-19 funding to support our clients who were digitally excluded. We were successful in gaining funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and City Bridge Trust to develop a programme of equipment provision and technical support by telephone and remote access, which lasted from September 2020 to March 2021. At the end of the project an additional 30 people in 28 households (28 Irish Traveller and 2 English Gypsy) had been provided with equipment (smartphones, laptops, routers and /or booster aerials), set up, and telephone & remote access to support them to use them.

‘I received a laptop from STAG during lockdown to help with my children's schooling. I had one phone and a tablet between three children, 2 of them had morning zoom calls with their teachers and classes that sometimes ran into each others time slots and my eldest had 2 zoom calls a day with her teacher and class. All their work was sent via email and a lot of it was online so when [STAG] got in touch about the laptop I went for it and when it arrived it helped a big time, my eldest is in year 5 so her work was a bit more demanding could attend her zoom calls without a problem and do all her work online and use the tools to do written work. The little ones could use it for purple mash and reading eggs etc.’

## Research, policy and campaigning

### New Southwark Plan

STAG submitted a response to the New Southwark Plan consultation on 26<sup>th</sup> October. We raised particular concerns about the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment and the way it had been used to develop Planning Policy 11: Homes for Gypsies and Travellers. To support Gypsies and Travellers to engage with, and inform, our response, we developed a short ten question survey: 17 surveys were completed through commissioning a qualified Irish Traveller researcher who lived in Southwark to conduct face-to-face (socially distanced) interviews with Irish Travellers on the Brideale Close site, or who were visiting the site, and six through Irish Travellers from Burnhill and Ilderton Road sites and those not living on Southwark sites completing online or telephone surveys. The survey results formed the basis of STAG's response, ensuring 23 Irish Travellers had their voices heard. We also prepared a short template response that was posted out with the newsletter in October and sent by e-mail to our partner organisations and supporters. As a result, 14 consultation responses to the New Southwark Plan mentioned objections to the homes for Gypsies and Travellers Planning Policy and eight of these used the STAG template response (including five

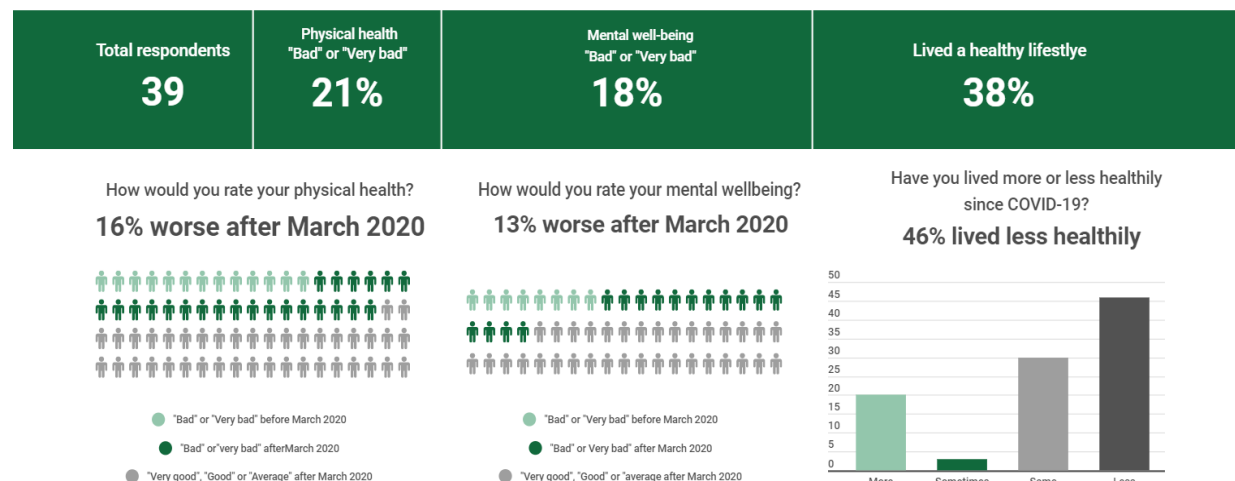
from Irish Travellers with a long-term connection to Southwark) – showing our work had supported 27 Irish Travellers in total to engage in the consultation in some way. As a result of this work we identified that there are Irish Travellers who had moved out of sites in the borough because of overcrowding issues, and Irish Travellers who lived in “bricks and mortar” accommodation in the borough, who wanted to have a pitch on a Southwark site.

STAG submitted a Written Submission to, and provided oral evidence at, the New Southwark Plan Examination in Public on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. We also supported an Irish Traveller from Brideale Close to provide oral evidence at the session. As a result, the Inspectors recommended all four Southwark sites should be safeguarded and the council look at how it will meet the five year need of 27 additional pitches in Southwark.

## Survey

We launched at the end of October 2020 and was completed by 40 Gypsies, Roma and Travellers with a connection to Southwark. This demonstrated the impact COVID-19 had had on health and mental wellbeing, income and employment.

## Impact of COVID-19 on health



## Impact of COVID-19 on income and employment

Total respondents <b>40</b>	Employed <b>17%</b>	Self-employed <b>14%</b>	Unemployed or not working <b>69%</b>
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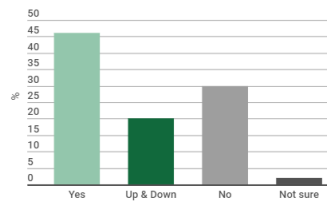
Have you lost your job / work since COVID-19?

**10% lost work or job**



Has the cost of living gone up since COVID-19?

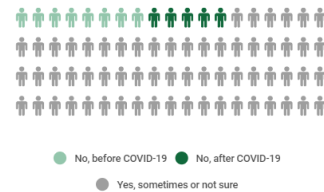
**46% said "Yes"**



Could you manage on your income?

**10% couldn't manage before COVID-19**

**18% couldn't manage after COVID-19**



“We don’t get a lot of opportunity to go travelling as we’re sent away by every town, village and place we go....there’s good and bad in our community like any other community....we all shouldn't be painted with the one brush.”

“I dont feel involved at all by the council, they give no communication at all, they ignore us completely and give no information or feedback on anything at all, I think we’re the only race at the moment thats treated unfairly by the council”

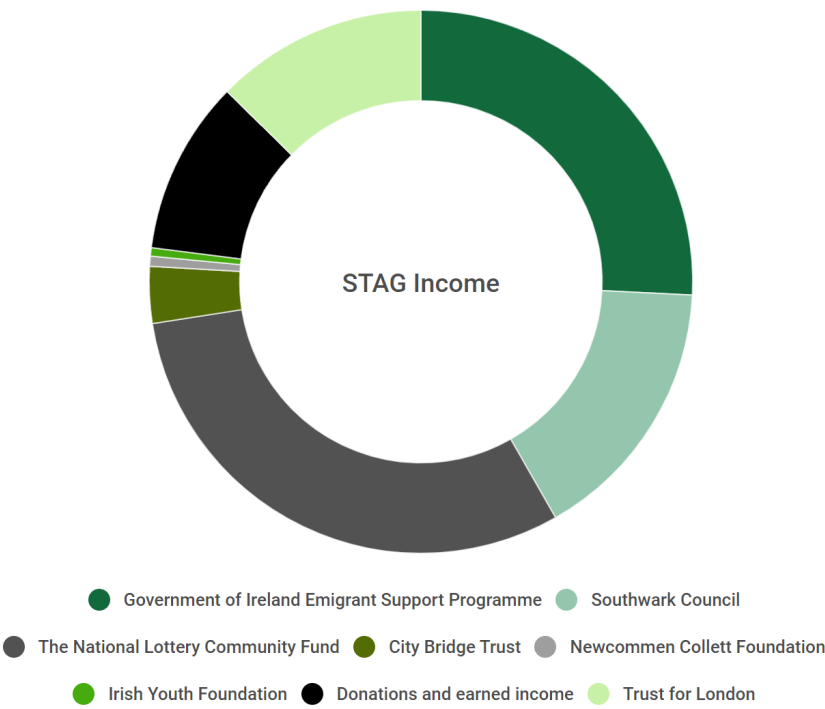
“I appreciate all your [STAG’s] hard work that you are doing for the community and thank you for keeping in touch in these very difficult times.”

“STAG is very good support for Travellers and Gypsies they never fail to help when requested.”

# Finances 2020-21

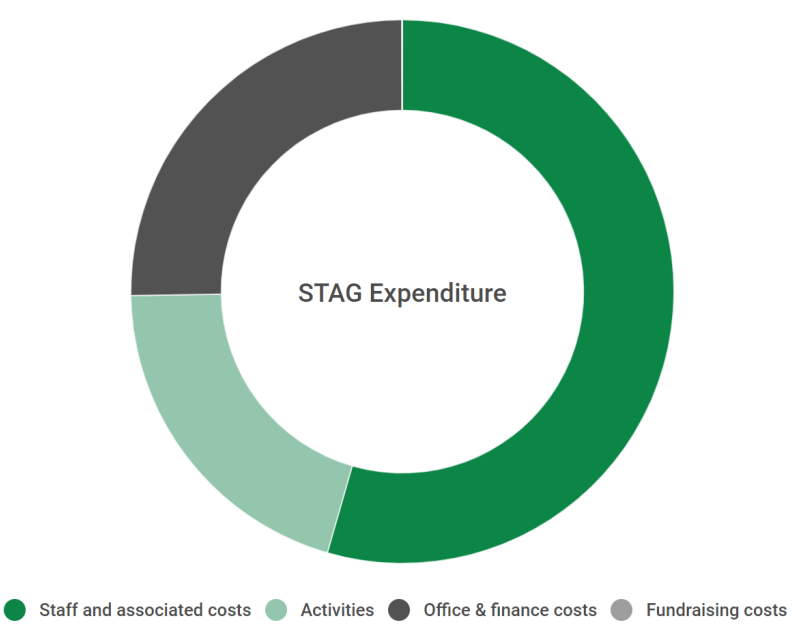
## Income 2020 - 21

Total income was £150, 305 an increase of 88% on 2019-20



## Expenditure 2020-21

Total expenditure was £103,524 an increase of 40% on 2019-20



## Fund balance carried forward

At the end of the financial year 2020-21, STAG carried £67,359 forward.

(£)	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds	2020 Total Funds
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Voluntary Income	15,556	134,749	150,305	79,548
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>15,556</b>	<b>134,749</b>	<b>150,305</b>	<b>79,548</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Charitable Activities	347	102,977	103,324	73,816
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>102,977</b>	<b>103,324</b>	<b>73,816</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	<b>15,209</b>	<b>31,572</b>	<b>46,781</b>	<b>5,900</b>
Fund Balance Brought Forward	15,042	5,536	20,578	14,678
<b>Fund Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>30,251</b>	<b>37,108</b>	<b>67,359</b>	<b>20,578</b>

## Reserves policy

As part of our Financial Management processes, the Board of Trustees has set a target of working towards accumulating and maintaining a reserve fund which represents three months annual operating costs. In the financial year 2020-21 this would amount to £25,881. These reserves would enable STAG to deal with the following contingencies: -

- Reductions in or withdrawal of funding
- In the event of closure, three months running costs to wind up the organisation and pay redundancies, leasehold and other liabilities.

In addition, we wish to set aside the following amounts:

- £5,000 in the event of an increase in premises costs
- £10,000 for unforeseen staffing issues such as the need to provide cover due to sickness, maternity or paternity leave.
- £5,000 fund for replacing essential equipment such as telephones or IT

The total amount of unrestricted reserves to aim for is £45,881 and we are on course to achieve this with an increase from £20,578 to £30,251 over 2020-21.

## STAG: Organisational summary

## **Purpose**

The objects of Southwark Travellers' Action Group (STAG) are specifically restricted to provide for, among members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities:

- The prevention or relief of poverty
- The advancement of education
- The advancement of health
- The advancement of community development
- The advancement of culture
- The promotion of racial harmony and of equality and diversity
- The relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The activities provided in relation to those purposes for the public benefit are:

- One-to-one casework support for Gypsies and Travellers
- Development of and support for a Women's Group
- Development and support for a Youth Group
- Projects that reduce poverty, advance education, improve health and well-being and promote community development amongst Gypsies and Travellers connected to Southwark
- Activities and events that promote the culture and heritage of Gypsies and Travellers to ensure it is more widely understood.
- Activities and events that bring Gypsies and Travellers together that contribute to a community development approach.

## **Contribution made by volunteers**

STAG recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers. This year we would like to thank, in particular Geraldine O'Brien who has provided transport and support throughout the year and, particularly at the beginning of lockdown.

## **Other support**

We would also like to thank Josie O'Driscoll, Ilinca Diaconescu, Lauren Tapp, Jenni Berlin, Chelsea McDonagh and Yvonne MacNamara for their support for STAG's work throughout the year.

## **Type of governing document**

Memorandum & Articles of Association

## **Constituted**

Private company limited by guarantee without share capital

## **Names of Trustees**

Sally Causer – Chair

Catherine Green – Treasurer  
Ian Redding  
Megan Preston  
Jennie Corbett (until May 2021)  
Garvey Harris (until January 2021)

### **Names of staff**

Alison Blackwood – Manager  
Kathleen Ryan – Development Worker  
Becky Buchanan – Youth Engagement Worker (from February 2021)

### **Trustee selection**

The charity may by ordinary resolution:

- (1) Appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director; and
- (2) Determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire.

No person other than a director retiring by rotation may be appointed a director at any general meeting unless:

- (1) He or she is recommended for re-election by the directors; or
- (2) Not less than fourteen not more than thirty-five clear days before the date of the meeting, the charity is given a notice that:
  - (a) Is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting;
  - (b) States the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a director;
  - (c) Contains the details that, if the person were to be appointed, the charity would have to file at Companies House; and
  - (d) Is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed.

All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight clear days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a director other than a director who is to retire by rotation.

The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director.

A director appointed by a resolution of the other directors must retire at the next annual general meeting and must not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation.



## Funders

STAG wants to thank the following funders who supported our work in 2020-21:



## Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade





as well as Newcomen Collett Foundation

## Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signature		
Name	Sally Causer	Catherine Green
Position	Chair	Treasurer
Date	3.11.21	3.11.21

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 09996890**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1184614**

**LONDON ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE  
SOJOURNER TRUTH CENTRE  
161 SUMNER ROAD  
LONDON SE15 6JL**

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD  
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD  
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE / LEGAL INFORMATION**

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD is an incorporated organisation registered as a Private Company limited by guarantee in England and Wales  
Company Number: 09996890.  
Charity Number: 1184614

**GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP is an incorporated organisation governed by the Companies Act 2006 and Memorandum and Articles of Association respectively.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Sally Causer.....Director  
Ian Redding.....Director  
Garvey G Harris.....Director  
Megan Preston.....Director  
Catherine Green.....Treasurer

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

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**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The directors/trustees present their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2021.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The objects of the SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP are specifically restricted to the following:

- To provide for, among members of the Gypsy, Romã and Traveller communities.
- The prevention or relief of poverty,
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- The advancement of health,
- The advancement of community development,
- The advancement of culture,
- The promotion of racial harmony and of equality and diversity,
- The relief of those in need by reason of financial hardship or other disadvantage.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Directors, who are also the trustees of the Company, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice 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 project will continue in operation.

The directors/trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the Company. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Sign.



Catherine Green

Treasurer

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year amounted to £46,781. The retained reserves at 31 March 2021 amounted to £67,359.

The trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risk which SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**RESERVE POLICY**

As part of our financial management process, the Board of trustees has set a target of working towards accumulating and maintaining a reserve fund which represents three months annual operating costs. In the financial year 2020/21 this would amount to £25,881. These reserves would enable STAG to deal with the following contingencies:-

- Reduction in or withdrawal of funding.
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In addition, we wish to set aside the following amounts:

- £5,000.00 in the event of an increase in promises costs.
- £10,000.00 for unforeseen staffing issues such as the need to provide cover due to sickness, maternity or paternity leave.
- 5,000.00 fund for essential equipment such as telephone or IT.

The total of unrestricted reserves we therefore feel would be prudent to aim for is £45881.00.

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The Company keeps a register of fixed assets

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the Company operations for the medium term, and the trustees consider the financial position of the Company to be satisfactory.

**VOLUNTEERS**

SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers.



**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
(A Private Company Limited By Guarantee)  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 03 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

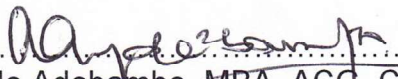
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
  - the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.

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Ade Adebambo, MBA, ACG, CGMA, ACMA  
London Accountancy Practice  
161 Sumner Road  
London SE15 6JL

Date...3/11/2021...

SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	General Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total	Total
		Irish Youth	City Bridge	National	Newcommen	Southwark	Southwark	Govt of Ireland	Trust	Fund	Fund
	Foundation	Trust	Lottery CF	Collett	Council	Council	Cov19	Support Programme	for London		
Incoming Resources											
Voluntary Income	15,556	750	5,070	46,279	900	23,000	1,000	38,750	19,000	150,305	79,548
											168
Total Incoming Resources	15,556	750	5,070	46,279	900	23,000	1,000	38,750	19,000	150,305	79,716
RESOURCES EXPENDED:											
Charitable Activities	347	333	5,070	51,815	900	23,000	1,000	19,513	1,546	103,524	73,816
Total Resources Expended	347	333	5,070	51,815	900	23,000	1,000	19,513	1,546	103,524	73,816
Net Incoming Resources	15,209	417	0	-5,536	0	0	0	19,237	17,454	46,781	5,900
Fund Balance Brought Forward	15042			5,536				0		20,578	14,678
Fund Balance Carried Forward	30,251	417	0	0	0	0	0	19,237	17,454	67,359	20,578

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**FIXED ASSETS**

Office Equipment

	2021	2020
£	£	£
	0	0

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Debtors

0	2,400
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Cash at bank

82,281	30,855
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<b>82,281</b>	<b>82,281</b>	<b>33,255</b>	33,255
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**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Deferred Income

10,000	8,750
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PAYE / Salary / Pensions

2,677
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Creditors & Accruals

4,921	1,250
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14,921	12,677
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<b>67,359</b>	<b>20,578</b>
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**Capital and Reserves**

**Funds**

Unrestricted Fund

30,251	2,091
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Restricted Fund

37,108	18,487
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<b>67,359</b>	<b>20,578</b>
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Approved by the Management Committee

on .....2021

and signed on their behalf by

..... Sally Causer

..... Catherine Green



3.11.2021



## **BALANCE SHEET (Continued)**

**As at 31 March 2021**

The directors who are also trustees consider that for the period ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain the audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 7-9 were approved by the board of directors on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 and signed on its behalf by



.....Chair

**Sally Causer**

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD  
(A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**1. Accounting policies**

**( a ) Basis of preparation**

- (i) These accounts are the Accounts of SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP
- (ii) These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned or incurred, rather than as cash are received or paid.
- (iii) The recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed in the preparation of these accounts

**( b ) Fund Accounting**

- (i) The Company's general fund consists of funds, which the Company may use for its purposes at its discretion.
- (i) The Company's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding.

**( c ) Voluntary Income**

- (i) All voluntary income is included upon receipt.
- (ii) Grants receivable are credited to income immediately

**( d ) Investment Income**

Credit is taken for interest when the interest falls due for payment.

**( e ) Administration Expenditure**

Administration expenditure comprises costs incurred in running the Company. Where applicable, some of these costs have been treated as direct charitable expenditure.

**(f) Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme:**

The Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme approved the grant of £40,000 for the year 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. As this account was prepared for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, there

was therefore a deferred income of £10,000 relating to the Department of Foreign Affairs funding as detailed below

<b>(g) Debtors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wakefield & Tetley Trust	<u>0</u>	<u>2400</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,400</u>
<b>(h) Creditors</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy Fees	1,250	1,250
Other Creditors	3,671	0
PAYE/Pensions	0	2677
Deferred Income – ESP	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8750</u>
	<u>14,921</u>	<u>12,677</u>

(i)

	CASH MOVEMENT 2020-2021				
	BALANCE B/F	INCOME	TOTAL	EXPENSES	BALANCE C/F
	£	£	£	£	£
Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme	-	38,750	38,750	(19,513)	19,237
Southwark Council Common Purpose Grant		23,000	23,000	(23,000)	-
Southwark Council Small Business Grant		14,002	14,002		14,002
Southwark Council COVID 19 Community Fund		1,000	1,000	(1,000)	-
Peoples Health Trust	13,491		13,491		13,491
The National Lottery Community Fund (Award for All)	5,536	46,279	51,815	(51,815)	-
Wakefield & Tetley Trust	266	1	267	(267)	-
Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)		356	356		356
The National Lottery Community Fund		36,470	36,470	(36,470)	-
Human Rights & Equalities Network (HEAR)		600	600		600
Irish Youth Foundation		750	750	(333)	417
City Bridge Trust		5,070	5,070	(5,070)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund		9,809	9,809	(9,809)	-
Newcommen Collett Foundation		900	900	(900)	-
Trust for London		19,000	19,000	(1,546)	17,454
Tudor Trust		500	500		500
Other Income	1,268	114	1,382	(80)	1,302
	<u>20,561</u>	<u>196,601</u>	<u>217,162</u>	<u>(149,803)</u>	<u>67,359</u>



**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD**  
**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021											
	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2021 Total	2020 Total
		Irish Youth Foundation	City Bridge Trust	National Lottery CF	Newcomen Collett	Southwark Council	Southwark Council	Southwark Council	Govt of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme	Trust for London	Fund
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Southwark Council Common Purpose Grant						23,000					23,000
City Bridge Trust			5,070								5,070
The National Lottery Community Fund distributed by City Bridge Trust				36,470							36,470
Govt of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme									38,750		38,750
Southwark Council Small Business Grant	14,002										14,002
Southwark Council Covid 19								1,000			1,000
PG World	97										97
Irish Youth Foundation			750								750
The National Lottery Community Fund				9,809							9,809
Newcomen Collett Foundation					900						900
Trust for London										19,000	19,000
Wakefield & Tetley Trust		1				0					1
Human Rights & Equalities Network		600									600
Tudor Trust		500									500
Charities Aid Foundation		356									356
Fundraising Income											168
	15,556	750	5,070	46,279	900	23,000		1,000	38,750	19,000	150,305
											79,716

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2021 Total	2020 Total	
RESOURCES EXPENDED		Irish Youth Foundation	City Bridge Trust	National Lottery CF	Newcomen Collett	Southwark Council	Southwark Council	Southwark Council	Govt of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme	Trust for London		
	£					£			£		£	£
Charitable Expenditure												
Salaries	52			21093	900	12,330		60	14,640	1,035	50,110	42,124
Ni contribution & Tax				5,678		2,770			3,707	365	12,509	10,441
Employer's Pension Contributions				1,278		2,768				106	4,152	2,911
Sessional Staff				850							850	0
Women's Group Expenses											0	1,380
Staff Training			10	45							55	0
Food/Drinks/Refreshments & Outings												5,612
Rent & Rates			97	624		3730			443		5,094	5,068
Computer Cost			229	2,215				464			2,908	0
Stationery/ Postage/Printing			210	1,489		27					1720	0
Payroll Services				80		282			25		386	343
Volunteer Expenses			1218							50	1268	0
Office/ General Administrative Expenses			115	100							215	580
Bookkeeping-Quick Books			14	14		43			144		215	0
Telephone & Internet Expenses	156		78	781							995	1,461
Membership/Subscriptions	80										80	0
General Activities		333	2914	16,034				477			19758	0
Advertisement			34								34	0
ICO	35										35	35
E-Mail & Website	24			60							84	0
Room Hire			100								100	675
Late Payment Fine												400
Bank Charges			3	24		51			27		105	128
Accountancy Fees				1250							1,250	1,250
Insurance						485					485	519
Other Professional Services			43	20		534			528		1,131	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	347	333	5,070	51,815	900	23,000		1,000	19,513	1,546	103,524	73,816
	15,209	417	0	-5,536	0	0		0	19,237	17,454	46,781	5,900

**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP LTD**  
**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	2021 Total Fund	2020 Total Fund
NOTES				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
	£		£	£
Southwark Council Common Purpose Grant	0	23,000	23,000	23,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	0	46,279	46,279	9,840
Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme	0	38,750	38,750	38,750
Peoples' Health Trust - Womens' Project	0	0	0	5,558
Southwark Council Small Business Grant	14,002	0	14,002	0
Southwark Council COVID 19 Community Fund	0	1,000	1,000	0
City Bridge Trust	0	24,070	24,070	0
Newcomen Collett Foundation	0	900	900	0
Irish Youth Foundation	0	750	750	0
Human Rights & Equalities Network (HEAR)	600	0	600	0
Tudor Trust	500	0	500	0
Charities Aid Foundation	356	0	356	0
PC World	97	0	97	0
Wakefield & Tetley Trust	1	0	1	2,400
Fundraising Income	0	0	0	168
	<b>15,556</b>	<b>134,749</b>	<b>150,305</b>	<b>79,716</b>

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Fund	2021 Total Fund	2020 Total Fund
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Charitable Expenditure</b>	£	£	£	£
Salaries	52	50,058	50,110	42,124
NI contribution & Tax	0	12,509	12,509	10,441
Employer's Pension Contributions	0	4,152	4,152	2,911
Sessional Staff	0	850	850	0
Women's Group Expenses	0	0	0	1,380
Staff Training	0	55	55	0
Food, Drinks, Refreshments & Outings	0	0	0	5,612
Rent & Rates	0	5,094	5,094	5,958
Computer Cost	0	2,908	2,908	5,816
Stationery/Postage/Printing	0	1,726	1,726	0
Payroll Services	0	386	386	343
Volunteer Expenses	0	1,268	1,268	0
Office/ General Administrative Expenses	0	215	215	580
Bookkeeping	0	215	215	0
Telephone & Internet Expenses	156	839	995	1,461
General Activities	0	19,757	19,757	0
Membership/Subscriptions	80	0	80	0
Advertisement	0	34	34	0
e-mail & website	24	60	84	0
Room Hire	0	100	100	675
Late Payment Fine	0	0	0	400
Bank Charges	0	105	105	128
Other Professional Services	0	1,131	1,131	2,262
Accountancy Fees	0	1,250	1,250	1,250
Insurance	0	465	465	519
ICO	35	0	35	35
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>103,177</b>	<b>103,524</b>	<b>73,816</b>



**SOUTHWARK TRAVELLERS' ACTION GROUP  
(A Private Company Limited By Guarantee)  
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 03 / 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

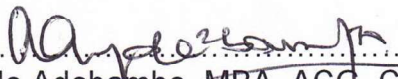
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
  - the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.

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Date...3/11/2021...