



Junction 7

Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2024
Charity No: 1185423



Trustees Annual Report for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

("Accounting and Reporting by Charities") in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity

Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity: Junction 7

Registered Charity number: 1185423

Registered Address: 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ

Principal Operating Address: The ARK 8-9 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ

The Charity's Trustees:	Office held	Term of Office
Simon Day	Chair	20 September 19 – To Present
Ms Jane Day	Honorary Secretary	20 September 19 – To Present
Mrs Gill Stebbings	Treasurer	05 December 19 – To Present
Shaun Mclean	Trustee	04 October 21 – To Present



Bankers:

Barclays: Bank PLC, Jenkins House, Bob Hardisty Drive, Bishop Auckland DL14 7TH

Engage: Engage 1st Floor, Navigation House Belmont Wharf Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1RL

2) STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

2.1 Governing Document

Junction 7 became a registered charity with the Charities Commission on 20th September 20019 under charity number 1185423.

2.2 Organisational Structure

Trustees: Junction 7 is directed by a board of trustees drawn from the local community. Trustees are appointed at the charity's Annual General Meeting.

The board takes responsibility for all policy decisions and the charity's finances. The minutes of board meetings constitute the formal record of proceedings and decisions taken and approved by the trustees.

Financial Oversight: The treasurer of the charity is also a trustee and reports regularly to the trustees as to the charity's ongoing financial status. A trained volunteer carries out much of the day to-day financial management of Junction 7, under the close supervision of the treasurer and a second designated trustee.

Team: The trustees have delegated much of the day-to-day running of the charity and operational decisions to two trained trustees. Team meetings take place monthly (generally with a trustee also present); minutes are kept as a formal record of proceedings.

Volunteers: Junction 7 benefits from the service of approximately 16 volunteers, who are recruited from all sections of the local community. Voluntary team leaders oversee specific areas of operation.

2.3 Risk Management

Risk Register & Policies: The Trustees consider the major risks to which the charity is exposed via a risk register when updating its annual plan. These include internal and external risks that, if occurring, would be likely to affect finance and resources and other aspects of the work of the charity. The trustees are now satisfied that procedures and systems are in place to monitor and control these risks and to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity and in its future operations.



Junction 7 has an appropriate manual for volunteers and clients of the charity which is reviewed annually. This includes policies covering Data Protection, Equal Opportunities, Health & Safety, Safeguarding (Vulnerable Adult and Child Protection) and Complaints.

Financial Procedures: A new Financial Procedures Policy has been implemented, and finances are kept under regular review. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out below and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Registered Charity no. 1185423 Registered in England & Wales

GDPR: Junction 7 takes Data Protection very seriously. We ensure that all our online and office practice are in line with the General Data Protection Regulations which were implemented in May 2018. We review all our policies annually and update them with guidance from Durham Community Action.

The Charity's governing documents are a Trust Declaration adopted on 20th September 2019. There must be a minimum of 3 trustees and a maximum of 7, who are appointed or re-appointed annually. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

All trustees must sign a confidentiality agreement. All trustees give their time and skills voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The Charity is supported by supporters from many walks of life who provide donations of food, assist with food collections, donate financially and act as volunteers. We work closely with the range of agencies in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas and an extended network of local front-line professionals including local Schools, Doctors' surgeries, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Social Services and local churches. Distribution Centres are operated from the Ark 8-9 Silverdale Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ Place.

Objectives and Activities

The prevention or relief of poverty in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Chair of Trustee's Report, Simon Day

Junction 7 – letter from our Trustees

In these days of soundbites and quick news, the number from our Annual Report that really grabs the attention is that in 2023/24 we saw a 36% increase in the number of food parcels that we provided. This does tell a story, but it does not tell the whole story of what Junction 7 accomplished as a charity in the last year.

During a time when almost every newspaper or tv news programme mentioned the term 'Cost of Living Crisis', it was always going to bring challenges for us. However, the first and most important piece of news that I would highlight is that although many people were finding the economic situation very difficult, food donations made to Junction 7 food projects increased during the year.

This came as a bit of a surprise. We expected people to be less able to support our work in these circumstances, but it says much about the kindness of our community that they continued to give generously and sacrificially to help us to support their neighbours in times of emergency and crisis.

The second number that we noticed was that 1156 local households were referred to Junction 7 for the first time. These are people who usually are doing okay – but they had to seek help for the very first time because they could not afford to buy food. We do deal with times of emergency and crisis. Most families only need us for a short time while they can put a plan in place.

More than 3232 clients accessed Junction 7 over this period for various different project Junction 7 offer. We have built solid relationships with various agencies across the Newton Aycliffe and are now able to get immediate help with issues like advice, debt homeless and addiction issues benefit problems.

We have seen such an uptake in the offers for advice that we have entered into relationships with various different partners to help clients who come to Junction 7. Our aim, as it has always been, is to help clients out of situations of crisis and back to a sustainable place. The advice Junction 7 have offered is making a significant difference to many clients who now no longer need the help of our foodbank.

Clients often arrive at our doors feeling the weight of the world on their shoulders. Our hope is that when they leave us that they will feel lighter and more ready and equipped to move forward.

The highlight this year, among many, was hearing the story of one client.

Because of the collaborative work that we are doing with other agencies, this client was able to come in to collect food in his time of crisis. He was able to access support with his benefits as he had been made redundant. He was then able to get help writing his CV and applying for work, and finally, we sourced bus tickets for him to get to his new job until he was paid for the first time.

That was one 'win' amongst many. It was also a reminder of what we do, and that even in a sea of numbers, statistics and headlines, it is the individuals whose lives are impacted in these times and that, with the support of other agencies, can see real times of crisis transformed into times of hope.

Thank you.

"Throughout our report green boxes will appear, these are used to share the voices of clients who come to Junction 7 and have shared their experience with us"

"I'm worried about the cost of living crisis because even part time working I'm struggling to afford bills and to make ends meet. Even trying to limit my outgoings it's the main essentials making money not go far. I worry I won't be able to provide for my kids without foodbanks and other help "

Emergency Food Provision: Junction 7 seeks to alleviate food poverty in and around Newton Aycliffe by providing short term, emergency food for families or individuals in crisis via self-referral partner agencies schools and police.

Beneficiaries come from a broad cross-section of the local community; they include families, young people, and both the unemployed and those in work. Anyone can be referred to Junction 7, regardless of background, belief, race or creed.

Contextual Support: Through Advice Work, close partnership working and effective sign-posting, Junction 7 aims to relieve the immediate physical and psychological pressures caused by food poverty, whilst ensuring that more long-term support is put in place.

Raising Awareness of Food Poverty:

Additionally, Junction 7 aims to raise awareness of the complex issues that surround food poverty and to contribute to research into its causes. In doing so, we aim to improve public understanding of the causes of food poverty, engender greater community cohesion and contribute constructively to public debate (IFAN).

Collectively, these measures aim both to meet immediate local need and to address the wider causes of food poverty, to promote long term change.

Public Benefit

Each year, our trustees review our activities and strategies to ensure that we are effective in reaching those most in need of assistance in the local area, and in meeting our longer term aims. In carrying out this review, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and particularly its supplementary public guidance on the Prevention of Relief of Poverty for the Public Benefit.

Junction 7 Foodbank Works How

- Non-perishable & perishable food is donated by members of the public supermarkets and other food establishments.
- Food is transported to our centre, where it is sorted by date and by type.
- Clients in crisis are assessed by one of our authorised referral agencies and are issued with an appointment time to collect and discuss further on-going support.
- Clients are encouraged to access further sign-posting and support services, as required.

Objectives for the Year

Our objectives for this year are a continuation of work that we have already begun. They are based upon the objectives that we have agreed with Trustees and local food suppliers. This project is aimed at helping to reduce the need for clients to come to foodbanks by offering alternative resources.

These objectives will continue until the end of this Project in 2025:

- a) Develop Participation
- b) Develop Referral Process
- c) Develop our Financial Inclusion
- d) Develop volunteer skills and experience
- e) Develop our operations



Strategies for Achieving the Objectives

a) Participation

We have increased the input of clients with a lived-experience of food poverty. We are doing this with a variety of methods including surveys, interviews and dialogue with referrers. Ultimately, we hope to bring together a group of people with lived experience so that they can share their stories and utilise their experience to help the foodbank adapt to the needs of its users. We hope that this will enhance both the experience of visiting a foodbank and also the support that is available.

b) Referral

We are working most closely with our largest referral partners across Newton Aycliffe to not only understand who is coming to us and why, but also to see how we can create collaborative systems across Newton Aycliffe to offer the very best support to clients who are in need – and offer this help at the earliest opportunity

c) Financial Inclusion

We have developed collaborative, multi-agency work within our Community Hub. We are now able to offer clients far greater support in areas like Benefits advice, debt advice and employment skills. We will continue to work with agencies who can offer support with general cost of living and cost of utilities.

d) Volunteer skills and experience

We now use an online system which allows our volunteers to anonymously share their feelings and experience of their time at Junction 7. The results were very encouraging with our volunteers suggesting that they rated the value of their experience at 9.2 out of 10. This shows how invested and enthusiastic our volunteers are about supporting the overall aim of Junction 7 and serving the community.

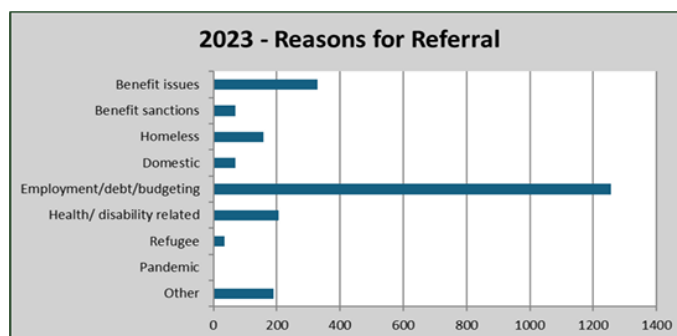
We aim to continue to develop our volunteers by offering training (in areas like valuable conversations with clients and signposting).

e) Operations

With the charity growing at such a rate, we increased our volunteer team in 2023. We added two more volunteer roles these roles were more specific for Junction 7.

During the Summer of 2023 we began negotiating with the Bread & Butter Thing to become a Hub for their project. This new project would allow us to not only develop the food provision that we offer, it will also allow us to expand the Advice Work that is so central to our objectives.





The number of clients presenting because of 'low income' is multi-faceted. This may include working households, those in receipt of benefits or both. It also includes many families who are coping with a long-term health issue. Generally speaking, the number of clients who present and have reported that they are not earning enough money to afford the most basic of essentials has increased dramatically.

The category of 'other' includes issues such as Domestic Violence, School Holiday Meals, those refused a Short-term Benefit Advance or people whose wages have been delayed or unpaid.

Other interesting data from this year:

- a) 2165 unique households received support from Junction 7
- b) The average number of visits per household was less than 3; this shows that we are most commonly working with people in times of 'emergency and crisis' rather than needing long-term support.
- c) During the year 1156 households approached Junction 7 for help for the very first time having never asked for help before. This shows that a growing number of people are struggling to cope with the cost of living and that many people do not have any financial resilience in times of unexpected expense.

*"I am unable to eat three meals a day.
I am unable to pay my fuel bill.
I am in debt.
I am unable to go to the dentist.
I am unable to afford even the smallest of luxuries.
I am no longer able to afford pet insurance"*

"I've moved to a smaller home but my energy bill has gone up x 3! I paid £18,000 to become better educated, only to find I'm still to inexperienced to get full-time work in my field, despite the government saying they need more professionals... and food gets more expensive at the supermarket"

Other News

- We continued to collect food surplus that would have gone to landfill, Junction collected a total of 126,571kg.
- Christmas 2023 saw us involved in various initiatives:
- 116 donations of Christmas Hampers donated. All of these were given to local families.
- This year we received sufficient donations to be able to offer extra items to families at Christmas.
- We are now regularly providing Gas & Electric vouchers which we offer in specific circumstances and can be used to purchase food and other items at supermarkets which allows us more flexibility in helping reduce food poverty. We also occasionally use vouchers to allow families in temporary accommodation to buy a hot meal.
- We supported over 70 children as part as regular youth sessions
- We delivered and supported 50+ clients with hot meals twice a week on behalf of AGE UK
- We supported 66 clients as part of our Prom Dress project
- We delivered our annual Fun Day were 180 local people turned up for the event.
- We continued to support the work of the Western Partnership.
- We support clients with Drug & Alcohol situations
- We still provide our NEFirst Credit Union collection and service point
- Held sessions in J7 Community Garden for other Charities and residents.



"I am worried about how I will feed my two children, age 1 + 3. I am also worried about how I will get them both Christmas presents, let alone the basic essentials like clothes and shoes"

"Never be afraid to admit you need help, please donate what you can! We all need to eat, drink and be warm to be healthy"

"I am worried about the cost of living crisis because prices have almost doubled in my supermarket. I had to buy a kitchen appliance as mine broke and it left me short for food – these people do an amazing job!"

"I'm struggling at the moment due to loss of employment and not getting much money due to my circumstances – so the foodbank is a huge help for people like myself. The volunteers are so kind, helpful and very understanding. So I'm grateful for that. Overall they are doing a great job and I appreciate that so much. Thanks"

Once again, we must record our thanks to everyone who has volunteered during the year. It would be impossible to help as many people as we do without the wonderful team who give their time so freely. Their energy and kindness help create a charity that truly cares for those experiencing poverty.

Policies

Junction 7 has the following policies in place:

- Policy Statement for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults from Abuse
- (Safeguarding)
- Health and Safety: Statement of General Policy
- Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Financial Control Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Confidentiality Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Conflict of interest policy
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Environmental Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Ethical Fundraising and investment policy
- Harassment and Bullying Policy
- health and safety
- ICT Policy
- Junction 7 Safeguarding – DBS (CRB) checking Procedures
- Organisational Risk Assessment
- Recruitment Policy
- Resolution of conflict between trustees Policy and procedure
- Supervision Procedure
- Trustee Recruitment Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy.

Junction 7 is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and has taken steps to ensure that it is fully compliant with the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations. We have a Waste Carriers Licence.

These are reviewed appropriately. In addition, Junction 7 is operated in accordance with our Operating Manual, Food Standards Agency level 5 kitchen rating and Environmental Health.

AIMS FOR 2024

The worsening cost of living crisis presents challenges, and unknown factors make planning difficult. Nonetheless these are our aims for 2023:

- Assess the needs of our clients and provide them with appropriate emergency food parcels.
- Maintain stock of a nutritionally balanced range of food, liaising with other Charities & Suppliers to share excess and address gaps.
- Recruit and train volunteers to engage with clients to establish what their underlying cause of crisis is, identify and refer/signpost to other support agencies.
- In cases of crisis, provide support and advocate for individuals during transition from food bank to benefits.
- Monitor changes in local our local community to ensure the continuation of effective, local provision in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas.
- Continue to seek out new opportunities to address poverty, particularly food poverty, in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas, working with our volunteers, collaborating with new and existing referral agencies, partners, donors and supporters.

The Trustees have agreed:

1. To increase the amount of food donated via Supermarket collections
2. To work with other agencies to ensure families with children on free school meals receive
3. enough food during school holidays and develop a School Holiday Activity Programme.
4. To increase the availability of different items for example fresh food, frozen
5. food and bread via our Foodbank and Community Fridge
6. To increase the number of Agencies to assist with referrals.
7. To Involve the community with new activities

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2023

A professional audit is now required for our Accounts since the income of the charity has risen above the threshold level prescribed by The Charity Commission.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of Junction 7 seek to maintain adequate reserves to ensure that all reasonable day-to-day running costs can be met as and when they fall due, recognising the basic financial principle that the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that solvency is maintained. 'Adequate reserves' is deemed to be sufficient funding for 3 months' of normal expenditure.



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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. 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.

Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will 'continue in existence.

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

Approved by the Trustees on 13/05/2025

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CHARITY NO:- 1185423
APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2023					
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
		£	£	£	£
Notes					
Current Account	2a	27183	-	27183	76520
Current ac (bank c/f)	2b	669	-	669	34528
Cash raised and spent		7307			
Total Receipts					
		35159	-	27853	111,048
PAYMENTS:					
Current Account	3a	33480	-	33480	109,548
TOTAL PAYMENTS		33480			
NET INCOMING /(OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES					
Balances Brought Forward		178.84	-	669.28	34,528
-					
Transfer Between accounts	-		-	-	-
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
		178.84	-	178.84	669.28

The Charity’s operations are classed as continuing operations.

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
ASSETS				
CASH FUNDS:	178.84			
Cash at Bank & (Reserves)	1500			
				2169.28
	1678.84	-	669.28	2169.28
Charity funds:				
General Funds (bank)	178.84			
Restricted Funds	1500			
	1678.84	-	2169.28	30,510
Assets retained for the Charity's own use				
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fee				
	500		500	500

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and documents meet the appropriate legal requirements.

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
£	£	£	£

2. RECEIPTS

a) Donations & Legacies

Current Account.

Learning curve	900	
Age concern		9125
Livin		1351
Junc 7 (fundraising)	350	
Loyalty rewards	1	
P Howell	600	
DCC	5512	
Van (sale)	4764	
Cash	7307	

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	2320			
Donations	2260			
Engage Account.				
Engage J7	22,057 (transfer from Barclays A/C)			
	34490			

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest

PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Current Account.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
RFL Vans	718			
Insurance	956			
HelpMeFund	931			
Junc7 (ENGAGE A/C) transfer spent			18,360.00	
POSTAGE	74			
Storage	12			
PPE	86			

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Comm Garden		177		
Events	89			
Parnaby Inbox	1320			
Food bank		1259		
Vol food	621			
Kids gamp		680		
Age Uk		9125.00		
CAFÉ	102			
Homeless	111			
Men's Group	95			
Utilities	195			
cons	10			
events	60			

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
	£	£	£	
			34981	78,489
Total between accounts			34981	109,488

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fee	500	500
Insurance Costs		
	500	500

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Balance 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
£	£	£	£	£
1500				1500

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts as receipts and payments.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purposes and are available as general funds.

2. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the CIO. No material transactions took place between the organisations and a trustee, or any person connected with them.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks

4. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour to set aside funds unnecessarily.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Junction 7 on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts

which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met.



Paul Charlton A.I. A.

Founder Signed:

A handwritten signature in silver ink, appearing to read "Paul Charlton", is written over a faint, light-colored circular watermark that matches the Clear Way Forward logo.

Dated: 15/05/2025

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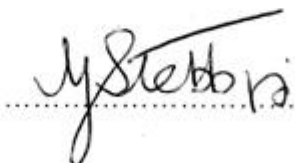
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Jane Day



Gillian Stebbings



Shaun Mclean



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and documents meet the appropriate legal requirements.

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
£	£	£	£

2. RECEIPTS

a) Donations & Legacies

Current Account.

Learning curve	900	
Age concern		9125
Livin		1351
Junc 7 (fundraising)	350	
Loyalty rewards	1	
P Howell	600	
DCC	5512	
Van (sale)	4764	
Cash	7307	

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	2320			
Donations	2260			
Engage Account.				
Engage J7	22,057 (transfer from Barclays A/C)			
	34490			

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest

PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Current Account.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
RFL Vans	718			
Insurance	956			
HelpMeFund	931			
Junc7 (ENGAGE A/C) transfer spent			18,360.00	
POSTAGE	74			
Storage	12			
PPE	86			

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Comm Garden		177		
Events	89			
Parnaby Inbox	1320			
Food bank		1259		
Vol food	621			
Kids gamp		680		
Age Uk		9125.00		
CAFÉ	102			
Homeless	111			
Men's Group	95			
Utilities	195			
cons	10			
events	60			

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
	£	£	£	
			34981	78,489
Total between accounts			34981	109,488

b) Governance Costs

Independent Examiners Fee	500	500
Insurance Costs		
	500	500

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Junction 7

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Balance 01-Apr-24	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
£	£	£	£	£
1500				1500

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts as receipts and payments.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purposes and are available as general funds.

2. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the CIO. No material transactions took place between the organisations and a trustee, or any person connected with them.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks

4. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour to set aside funds unnecessarily.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Junction 7 on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and to prepare accounts

which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have been met.



Paul Charlton A.I. A.

Founder Signed:

A handwritten signature in silver ink, appearing to read "Paul Charlton", is written over a faint, light-colored circular watermark that matches the Clear Way Forward logo.

Dated: 15/05/2025