

The Charity Registration Number is: 1186691

**RESTORATION SHACK
REPORT and ACCOUNTS
5 APRIL 2021**

Restoration Shack
Trustees Annual Report
For the year end 5 April 2021

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2021.

Status

Restoration Shack is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation

Administration Details

Registered Charity Name	Restoration Shack
Registered Charity Number	1186691
Registered Office	86 Ravenscliffe Road Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4HX
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Social Media	@restorationshackfurniture

Trustees	Anna Willcocks (Chair) Claire Bashford Kate Marshall Harold Burton
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Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its CIO constitution document dated 30 March 2019 and was registered with the charity commission on 2 December 2019.

Under the constitution the trustees are appoint for the following terms:

Claire Bashford	for 2 years
Kate Marshall	for 3 years
Anna Willcocks	for 4 years
Harold Burton	for 4 years

Trustees are recruited from those who have an interest in the work of the charity and have skills and abilities to benefit the charity's work. All trustees are briefed in the operation of the charity when appointed.

The director, Linda Williams has day to day responsibility for the running of the charity and is supported by the Trustees. The director reports regularly to the chair of the trustees and provides detailed activity and financial updates during trustee meeting.

Public Benefit

The charity provides a benefit to the public by promoting (i) the rehabilitation of ex-offenders and those at risk of offending, and (ii) promoting social inclusion amongst people suffering with mental health issues.

We provide support to live a more structured life, help to prevent people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the need of those people who are socially excluded and assist them to integrate into society by such means as the trustees think fit, including the provision of education, training, work placement activities, mentoring, advice and practical support with a Christian ethos.

Risk Management

The charity has clearly defined methods for identifying and reporting risk. The trustees are given regular reports on any major risks to which the charity is exposed and they have satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Our charities principle activities are:

Skills Development:	To identify individual needs and to provide training, support and mentoring which will empower and equip them on their journey of development and progression towards work readiness
Volunteering:	To create opportunities for meaningful activities that build confidence, improve self-esteem as well as helping to develop a routine and purpose for those who need structure
Peer Mentoring:	To provide opportunities for appropriate individuals with lived experience, to mentor other participants on a similar journey
Partnership Working:	To work in partnership with third sector, public and private organisations to bring about beneficial change in the lives of individuals and communities and to further the objectives of the charity

Activities and Performance

Background: The registration of Restoration Shack as a charity, was as a result of a pilot project that operated from October 2016 to November 2019, the purpose of which was to explore the viability of the service. We took the learning, feedback and encouraging experiences from our pilot project to help shape our charity which was registered in December 2019.

The charity provides placement, volunteering and training opportunities that supports people on their journey of change. These sessions develop new skills, build confidence and improve self-esteem, as well as helping to develop a routine and purpose for those who need structure in their lives. Peer mentoring is also a significant part of our service. Our pilot project showed the power of individuals with lived experience, coming together offering support and care to others in the workshop who are on a similar journey.

Supporting the transformation of people is our main priority and secondary are the items that we produce. We make new furniture, restore vintage gems and upcycle good quality wooden furniture in an ethical way which is then recycled to those in need. We are keen that our beautifully made/restored furniture is affordable and in the main, we distribute our products through our partner organisations who also work to support vulnerable adults.

Registered Charity: The success of our pilot project and the registration of Restoration Shack as a charity meant that we quickly out-grew our free premises which were generously gifted to us by Walk Ministries.

In January 2020 we identified new premises. The majority of our equipment, raw materials and furniture were put into storage as we began the process of transforming our new space into a workshop which could accommodate 8 trainees at any one time. During this period, we were still working with of our partner organisations however, our support activities were restricted.

Like so many charities, the consequences of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions during 2020/2021, has had a detrimental effect on our newly registered charity. The restrictions meant that we had to stall our work to refurbish the workshop, and because of the vulnerability of our participants, we were unable to continue our activity.

In June 2020, because of various circumstances associated with the pandemic, our new landlord made a decision to sell some of his properties including the workshop. We therefore kept our materials in storage whilst we took time and exercised due diligence in identifying new facilities.

In January 2021 we again identified new premises. Previously, the site was the former Fegg Hayes Pottery, but latterly the site was used as a builder's yard, storing rubble and old building materials. We spent the last 3 months of our financial year renovating the section of space that we rent. We have worked to develop a creative hub to be proud of, one that will add value to the community rather than being an unloved and rundown space. Alongside the renovation of the premises, we have been building relationships with the local community and community organisations. We want to develop a creative space where resident feel a sense of belonging, one that promotes social inclusion and prevents people from becoming socially excluded. We are developing the site so that we are able to support vulnerable adults as well as offering workshop facilities for the local residents.

Although much of our activities were suspended throughout the pandemic, we continued to maintain our strong relationships with existing partners across North Staffordshire. We also developed new relationships with statutory services, particularly in Ault Social Care and with local community groups within our new locality.

Testimonies

Some extracts from testimonies given:

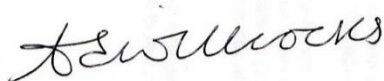
.....*"I had done a bit of furniture restoration in the past, not much but I had a little understanding of it. From this I started volunteering in the workshop, putting my experience I already had into action. When my confidence started to grow through the help of the people around me, I started to learn new skills like staining wood, making furniture out of pallet wood, painting/spraying furniture and although myself doubts has always told me how rubbish I am at stuff, with the motivation from the staff I started to believe that my work was actually good and I started to see it for myself. For me the end result was what made the process worthwhile and with that It also gave me the confidence to show new people what to do, encourage and help them and also do things I thought I would never do personally".....*

.....*"I've suffered with mental health issues from a little girl and I'm now 58yrs and I still suffer with this. I have night terrors and I'm waiting to be tested by a sleep clinic; I've been waiting 17 months and still on the waiting for an appointment. I came along to see what the Restoration Shack does because I'm fascinated in this kind of work and he knew it would help me. I'm now part of the team, I'm not fast but it's great to see each day how far I am moving on. I'm going to be taught how to restore furniture, which I'm really looking forward to".....*

..... *"I've also been allowed to get a bit creative and undertake my own little projects which is really fulfilling and I've learnt so much in such a short space of time. I've become a lot more confident as a person and become a lot happier and can't wait to get in the workshop in a morning. Through working in the workshop and being around people constantly. I've learnt to overcome many things that were challenges and those I'd been putting off, so it's helped me know-end being part of the team. I've learnt to be a lot more comfortable in my skin which has taken all my life to get my head around and always looked unachievable but that boat has been well and truly smashed".....*

This report was approved on 14 January 2022

Signed on behalf of trustees



Anna Willcocks

Chair of Trustees



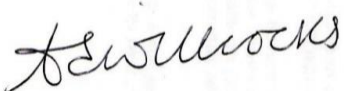
Restoration Shack		1186691
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	06/04/2020	To 05/04/2021

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
DONATIONS & LEGACIES	210	2,000	-	2,210	-
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	4,482	-	-	4,482	-
GRANTS	1,550	-	-	1,550	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,242	2,000	-	8,242	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,242	2,000	-	8,242	-
A3 Payments					
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	5,982	-	-	5,982	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,982	-	-	5,982	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,982	-	-	5,982	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	260	2,000	-	2,260	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	260	2,000	-	2,260	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BANK ACCOUNT	2,260	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,260	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		A. Willcocks	14/01/2022	