



**EAST DURHAM
VETERANS**



**EAST DURHAM VETERANS TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR YEAR END 31/01/2022**

**East Durham Veterans Trust
Legal and Administrative Information**

CEO	Andrew Cammiss
Trustees	Kevin Shaw David Mckenna Grahame Morris Leanne Kennedy
Charity Number	1190445
Registered Office	Dawdon youth & community centre Queen Alexandra Road Seaham County Durham SR7 7NH
Bankers	Natwest 52 Fawcett Street Sunderland Tyne & Wear SR1 1SB

Mental Health Support Program

During the reporting period one of the main focuses has been supporting veterans and their families who are struggling with their mental health. We designed a program that was specifically designed for the veteran community ensuring that we gave full all-round coverage to the veterans and their families.

We have a fully working counselling programme as well as integrating a peer support system with this program. By integrating these two programs together it has given us the opportunity to provide an aftercare program for our service users. This in turn allowed us to ensure that we can continue to support the veterans and their families.

We have had some amazing feedback from our services.

“One year today since my wobble where I was going to end it, if it wasn't for East Durham Veterans Trust I would not be here today”

“Thank you, East Durham Veterans, for saving my life”

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VETERANS AND
FAMILY MEMBERS
THROUGH OUR DOOR
IN THE REPORTING
PERIOD

930

HOURS OF
COUNSELLING
PROVIDED TO
VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES

Social Inclusion

With the veteran community while serving they are used to integrating with one another, they live, work and socialise together. The social inclusion program that we have put together has allowed us to bring back that sense of belonging within the veteran community.



Over the reporting period we had regular coffee mornings as well as breakfast clubs and several interest groups such as model making.



Late in the reporting period we also introduced mates and bates, providing a free meal for the veterans and their families.

We have monthly trips as well as the weekly program. The monthly program included fishing trips on boat and on a pier and monthly family trips.

The family trips had lots of variation ensuring there was something in there for all ages and genders. These included trips to Beamish Museum, Eden Camp, Northumberland Zoo and wild camping to name a few of the trips. We found these troops to be highly successful at providing





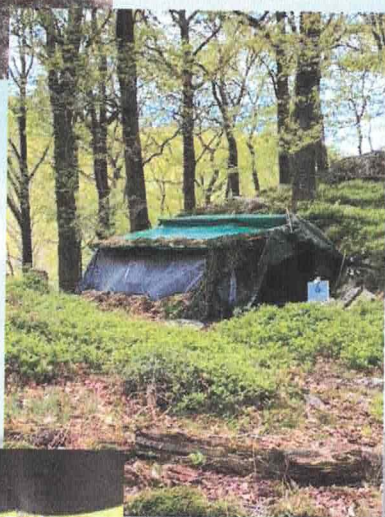
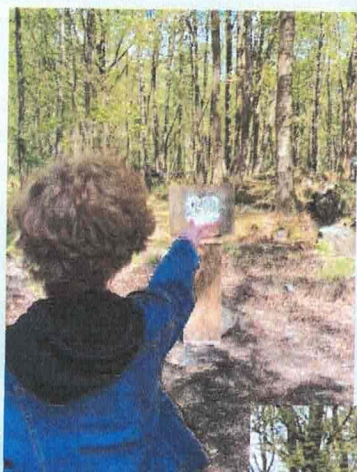
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The weekend turned out to be a fantastic experience, the families took part in camp maintenance, with supervised children making pancakes and bacon for breakfast. We have rifle shooting and axe throwing as the main activities of the weekend. Some members of the group slept in hammocks and took on the instruction of making their own shelters for the hammocks.

Other members of the group were given a unique opportunity when a deer was gifted by the local game, they took on instruction on how to skin and gut the deer which followed a tasting session around the fire.

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Case Management

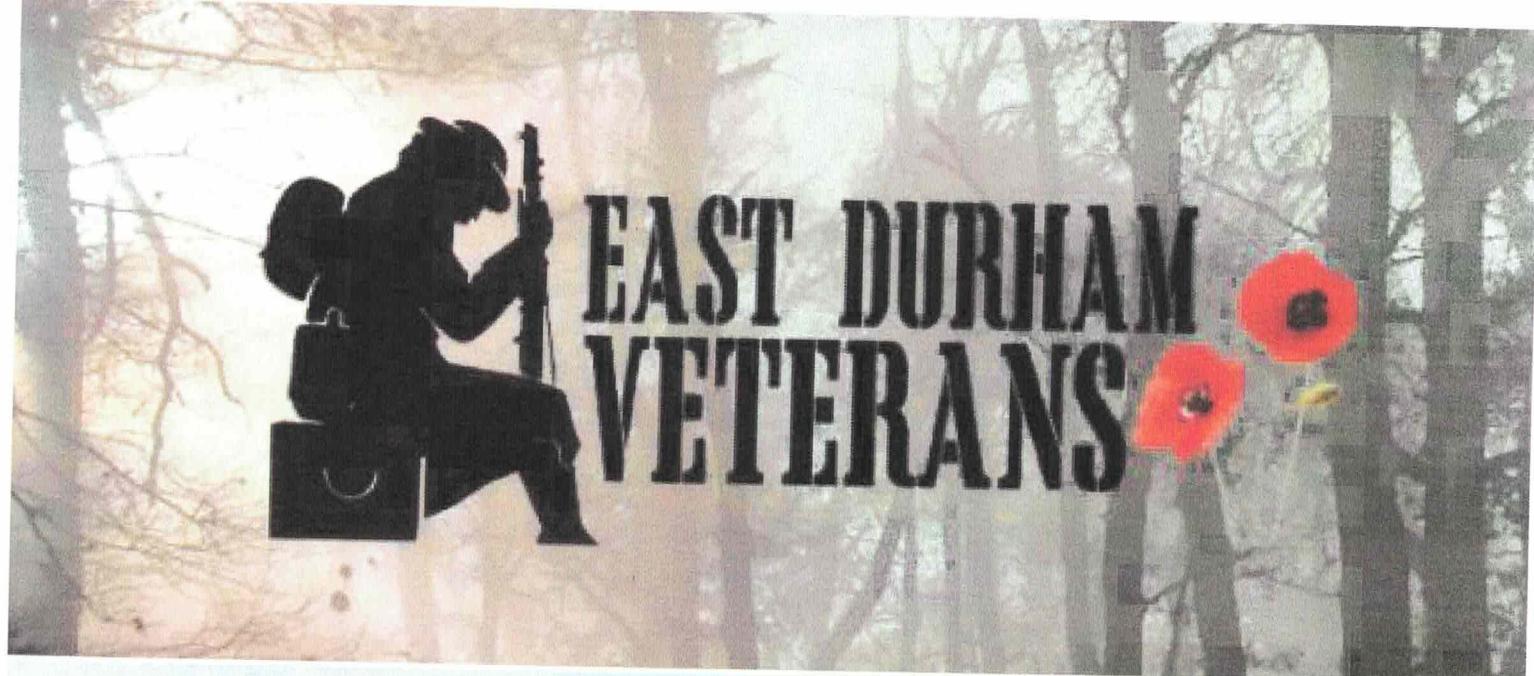
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The first contact a veteran or family member is often an essential part of the work we do. When a veteran or family member has when they are referred into the service it is the veteran's champions who make first contact, and this is where we start to build trust with the service user.

The Veterans Champions are first to build a bond with the veterans that come into the service. The caseworkers build trust and manage any problems that the service users may be struggling with. Over the past year we have built many relationships with organisations that are there to support people and we are proud to say that this has helped us grow and build trustworthy relationships with our veterans and their families.

We have supported service users with: -

- Gas and electric support
- Food vouchers / food parcel
- Furniture
- Support in finding suitable accommodation
- Personal grants, working alongside Gregg's foundation to support individuals and families.
- Mobility needs



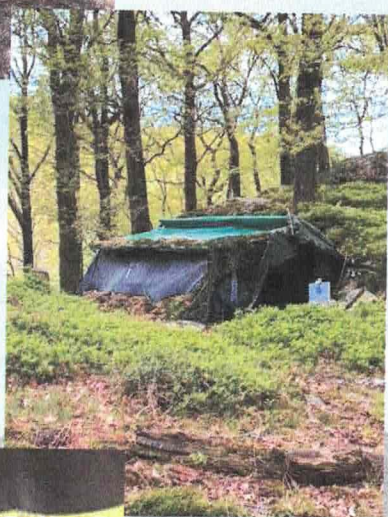
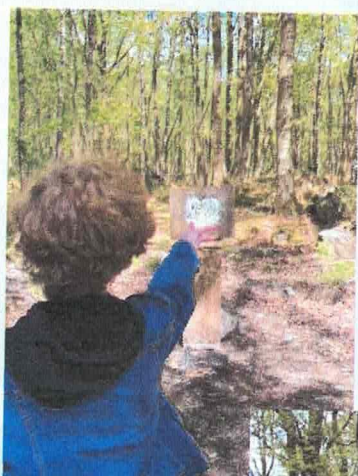
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Veterans Hub Opening

In April we officially opened the veteran's hub, with veterans from the local area attending the grand opening.

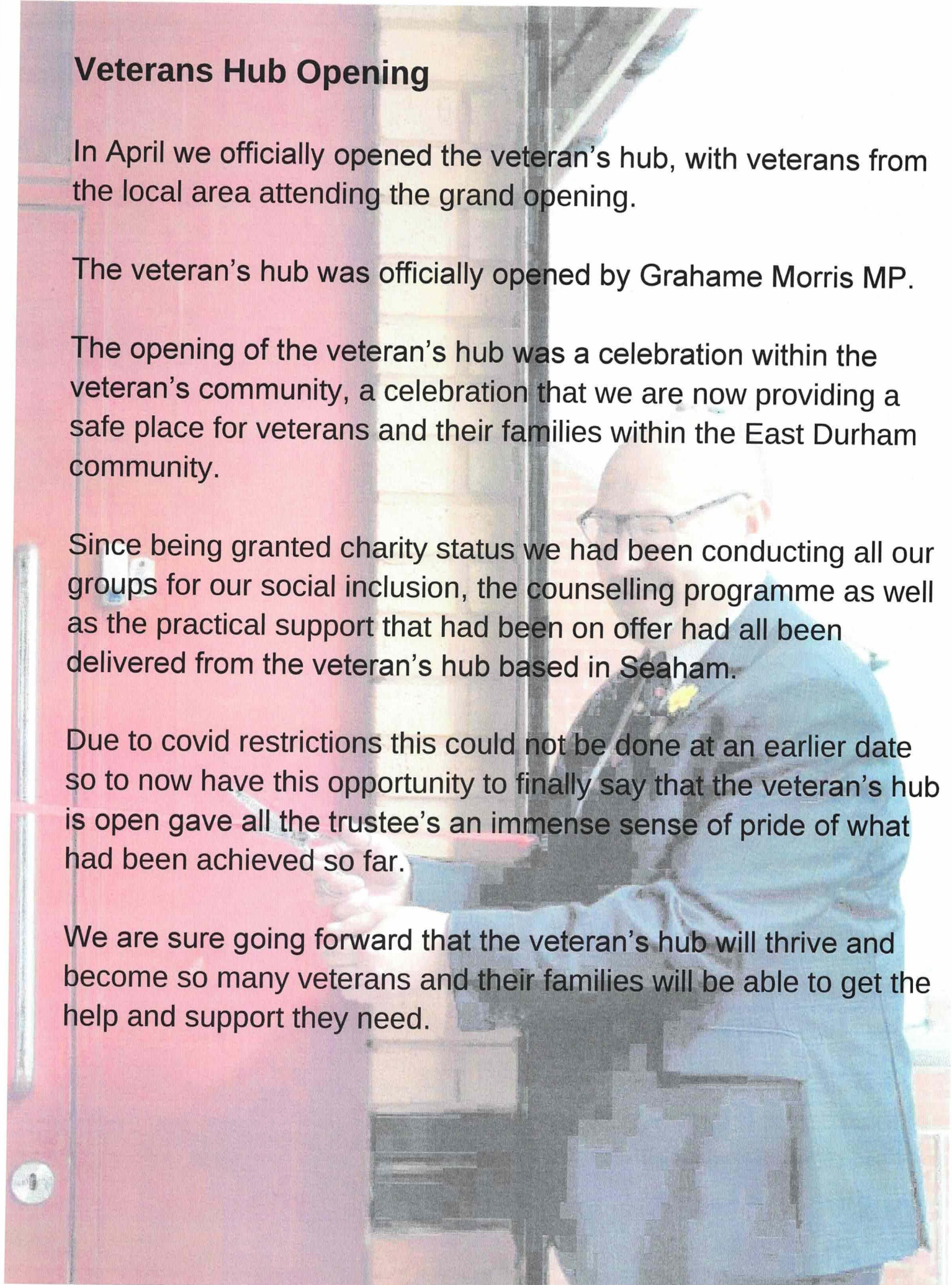
The veteran's hub was officially opened by Grahame Morris MP.

The opening of the veteran's hub was a celebration within the veteran's community, a celebration that we are now providing a safe place for veterans and their families within the East Durham community.

Since being granted charity status we had been conducting all our groups for our social inclusion, the counselling programme as well as the practical support that had been on offer had all been delivered from the veteran's hub based in Seaham.

Due to covid restrictions this could not be done at an earlier date so to now have this opportunity to finally say that the veteran's hub is open gave all the trustee's an immense sense of pride of what had been achieved so far.

We are sure going forward that the veteran's hub will thrive and become so many veterans and their families will be able to get the help and support they need.



PARACHUTE DAY 2021

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER



Parachute Day Fundraiser

Parachute day was our biggest fundraiser of the year.

In August we made our way to Shotton Airfield where we had 32 volunteers take part in a tandem skydive each raising a minimum of £400 some of the volunteers raised over £2000.

As well as the people who volunteered to skydive, we also had fun on the ground, with live music, stalls, raffle and tombola as well as an onsite cafe.

Overall, we had a fantastic day, and we raised an amazing £14,000 after all fees had been paid to the parachute centre.



Christmas Hampers & Veterans Christmas Lunch

We finished the year off with a Christmas lunch and Christmas Hampers for the veteran's community.

On the 18th of December we provided a 3 course Christmas dinner for veterans and their families. The v veterans trust provided 83 Christmas dinners this day. We also had live music for everyone that attended and a visit from Santa and his elves.

Following the Christmas dinner, we also provided several hampers to veterans and their families that we had supported over the year.

This was a fantastic way to end the year that had been fantastic for the people that we were supporting.



East Durham Veterans Trust
Statement of Financial Activities

	31/01/2022 Restricted	31/01/2022 Unrestricted	31/01/2022 Total
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Charitable Income			
Grants	£53,892	£7497	£61,389
Fundraising	£0	£47166.85	£47166.85
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Total	£53,892	£54,633.85	£108,555.85
 Charitable Expenses			
Fundraising Expenses	£0	£12,740.99	£12740.99
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Total	£0	£12,740.99	£12740.99
 Administration Expenses			
Veterans Hub	£0	£9963.35	£9963.35
Staff & Volunteer Training	£0	£1082.80	£1082.80
Merchandise Cost	£0	£4,536.49	£4,536.49
Storage	£0	£1,599.36	£1599.36
Volunteer Cost	£1,827.29	£0	£1827.29
Van Hire	£0	£1,555	£1,555
Smart Recovery	£630	£0	£630
Social Inclusion	£6841.43	£0	£6841.43

Client Grants	£89	£0	£83
External Counselling	£4,885	£0	£4885
Welfare	£974.15	£0	£974.15
Wages	£31214.79	£0	£31214.79
Rent	£6000	£0	£6000

TOTAL	£52,462.01	£31,477.99	£83,940
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Surplus of Funds	£1,429.99	£23,155.86	£24,585.85
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East Durham Veterans Trust
Breakdown of Income

Grants

Date	Third Party	Amount (£)
12/02/2021	Veterans Foundation	£15,000
12/03/2021	Tesco Grants	£500
28/04/2021	Hospital of God	£1,000
18/05/2021	James Knott Foundation	£8,000
27/09/2021	County Durham Community Foundation	£2,000
29/09/2021	Seaham Council	£500
30/09/2021	Durham County Council	£1,000
27/10/2021	Great Annual Savings	£1988
01/11/2021	Postcode Lottery	£13,269
03/12/2021	National Lottery	£7,638
06/12/2021	Rothley Trust	£750
05/01/2022	Morrisons Foundation	£3,744
18/01/2022	Durham County Council	£6,000
Total Grant Income		£61,389

Date	Third Party	Amount (£)
	Fundraising & Donations	47166.85
	Total Grant Income	£61389

Total Income £108,555.85

East Durham Veterans Trust
Balance Sheet

Balance Brought Forward

Business Current A/C	£3,919.09
Business Reserve A/C	£12,425.73

Total	£16,344.82
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Assets

Business Current A/C	£27,074.95
Business Reserve A/C	£13,855.72

Total Assets	£40,930.67
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Liabilities

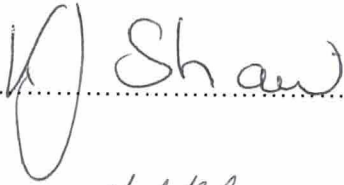
Total Liabilities	£0
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Net Assets	£40,930.67
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Funds

Surplus Funds	£24,585.85
Total Funds	£40,930.67

Chairman Signature

 J Shaw

Date

4/11/22

Trustee Signature



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