

The Wellbank Foundation
Report and Financial Statements
Year to 31 March 2024
Charity Number 1192329

Reference and administrative information

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Approved by the trustees on 8 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2024

Incoming resources

Donation	100,000
Unused grant returned	2,600
Total	102,600

Outgoing resources

Grants	119,387
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Net movement of resources	(16,787)
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Reconciliation of funds

Brought Forward	63,123
Movement	(16,787)
Carried Forward	46,336

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Current Assets

Cash at bank	46,336
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Net Assets	46,336
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Funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds	46,336
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The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts

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The charity receives an annual donation in order to fund any grant requests made during the year. The trustees use their discretion to determine which applications are funded from the available monies.

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All incoming resources are received as soon as the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and that the monetary value of the resources can be determined with certainty.

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Grants are only made to charities when there are sufficient funds in the bank account. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the trustees on 8 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



A Robson

Chair of Trustees

Wellbank Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 March 2024

Incoming resources

Donation	100,000
Unused grant returned	2,600
Total	102,600

Outgoing resources

Grants	119,387
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Net movement of resources	(16,787)
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Reconciliation of funds

Brought Forward	63,123
Movement	(16,787)
Carried Forward	46,336

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Current Assets

Cash at bank	46,336
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Net Assets	46,336
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Funds of the charity

Unrestricted funds	46,336
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Wellbank Foundation

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by



A Robson

Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with SoRP: : Accounting and Reporting by Charities published in 2005 and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 1993.

b) Funds structure

The charity receives an annual donation in order to fund any grant requests made during the year. The trustees use their discretion to determine which applications are funded from the available monies.

c) Recognition of income

All incoming resources are received as soon as the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and that the monetary value of the resources can be determined with certainty.

d) Resources expended

Grants are only made to charities when there are sufficient funds in the bank account. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' remuneration

Trustees are not permitted to receive and have not received any remuneration for their services as per the trust deed.

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body	
ACHA	
Name:	RACHEL AMEY
Signed:	RAMEY
Date:	26.4.24

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

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.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Report to the trustees	
On accounts for the year ended	
Set out on pages	
Charity Name	WELLS BANK FOUNDATION
Charity no (if any)	1192329
31 MARCH 2024	



disclose.

any items that the
examiner wishes to

Give here brief details of

guidance for examiners).

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and

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