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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

FOR

HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

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HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Since joining as Chair of the Trustees in 2020, when Happy Valley Pride was becoming a charity amidst the challenges of the pandemic, I have seen the board/trustees and staff really pull together to plan and deliver ambitious creative programmes annually, whilst continuing to focus on supporting, engaging and championing our local LGBTQIA+ communities.

As the world began moving 'back to normal', the success of our lockdown innovations in programming digital events preserved our reputation for brave and inspiring work, and set the scene for the return of live events. Artistic excellence from national and international artists was also reflected in our programme of local artists from within our community. Renowned poet Jacky Kay agreed to join us as a Patron, which is testimony to the positive relationships we build with the artists we work with.

We consolidated our commitment to local community engagement via our wider programmes, including projects: Mind Your Head, the mental health support programme; and the Youth Engagement Programme involving 12 local schools. Via this we were able to pilot a 'youth takeover' of the Pride Stage at our flagship Saturday event, which has now become a staple of our Pride festival.

Additional funding sources and partners have been sought and found, and we have benefitted from securing more sustained, 3 year funding via our invaluable relationship with Calderdale Council. This has begun to allow us to develop and maintain a basic core, year-round operational base from which to consolidate and continue the organisation's growth.

There have been ongoing challenges facing LGBTQIA+ communities, and we are proud to have maintained and developed more meaningful engagement and support for our more vulnerable communities, in particular young people and trans people.

At the start of this reporting period, we delivered our first full, week-long festival since the start of the pandemic, engaging with established and new volunteers, communities, partners and artists, and by the end of the year we were prepared with another ambitious festival programme to build on past success. Happy Valley Pride originated as a response to homophobia, biphobia and transphobia, and we will continue to meet the challenges ahead with creativity, care and commitment to working with and for our LGBTQIA+ communities.

Jenn Wilson - Chair of Trustees, Happy Valley Pride.

About Happy Valley Pride

The catalyst for starting Happy Valley Pride was a piece of homophobic graffiti seen in the town of Hebden Bridge in the summer of 2015. This was a reminder that we are still fighting for equality, even in one of the most LGBTQIA+ welcoming towns in the UK. We agreed on a mission "To celebrate LGBTQIA+ life in Hebden Bridge and surrounding areas. Promoting equality and diversity to eradicate discrimination, based on sexual orientation and gender identity, through arts, education and engagement."

Since Happy Valley Pride launched in 2016 we have grown exponentially. Activities have included running monthly socials, building our volunteer team, and delivering an annual Pride Arts Festival, quickly cementing ourselves as an alternative Pride. What sets us apart is our grassroots commitment to eradicating discrimination based on gender identity and sexuality through art and education. This has remained a core principle since the beginning, and in 2017 we adopted the tagline 'Be Here, Be You, Be Proud'. As well as the festival we have held events throughout the year, for our local LGBTQIA+ community to socialise and spend time together. Wider community engagement has also grown, with events and campaigns including 'Stand by your trans' and the annual vigil on International Trans Day Of Remembrance each November.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

In 2021, we became a registered charity.

The Charitable Objects were established as: Promoting equality and diversity, and the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity, by:

- raising public awareness of the issues facing LGBTQIA+ people and their families
- fostering understanding between people by celebrating the achievements of LGBTQIA+ people and communities
- advancing education and awareness raising via engagement, teaching and artistic presentations and performances
- producing and promoting publications, lectures, media, events, exhibitions, public advocacy and communication
- association with other organisations and bodies to develop and maximise the effectiveness of our work for LGBTQIA+ people
- staging and promoting LGBTQIA+ events throughout the year, in particular an annual Pride event

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

In August 2022, we were thrilled when Poet Jackie Kay accepted our invitation to join Horse MacDonald, Peter Tatchell and Kate O'Donnell as a Happy Valley Pride Patron.

Our Mind Your Head mental health campaign, in partnership with the Brunswick Centre, went from strength to strength as we were successful with funding to deliver a mental health hub at our 2023 festival, digital sessions, a youth radio drama project, a peer support youth project, counselling sessions and more, which we look forward to reporting on next year.

Our Youth Engagement Project really started to gain momentum as we engaged with 12 schools, 50 teachers and 2,000 young people across the valley.

Key engagement figures between July 2022 - June 2023:

- over 4,000 engaged as live attendees
- 2,000 children, 12 schools and 50 teachers took part in our Youth Engagement Project
- 50 Volunteers involved
- 100 Artists & Creatives commissioned
- over 9,000 social media followers, with total social media engagement by well over 120,000
- over 120 individuals working with us as staff, volunteers and professional artists/creatives

In January 2023 we moved to Hebden Bridge Town Hall, where we have an office at the heart of our community on the first floor. With successful funding including Arts Council England, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Community Foundation for Calderdale, we started planning our biggest festival yet for 2023, which would see us adopt the main area of Calder Holmes Park for the first time, as it was clear in 2022 that we had to find a bigger space due to the demand from our audience. For Trans Day of Visibility 2023, we re-launched our Stand By Your Trans campaign across the valley, which saw widespread praise.

Artistic Events Programme

Summer 2022 saw us return to delivering our full 7-day queer arts festival for the first time since the pandemic.

Our 2022 festival featured:

- our first ever flag and bunting workshop with Handmade Parade, Hebden Bridge
- our month-long art exhibition, Hebden Bridge Town Hall
- Opening Night Spectacular starring Kirsty Newton and Mrs Barbara Nice, Old Gate, Hebden Bridge
- Co-dependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same, Hebden Bridge Picture House
- Jackie Kay: A Life in Protest, Hope Baptist Church, Hebden Bridge
- local talent open mic night called Diversity, with Phatbass Trumpet
- Teatime Disco, Drink, Hebden Bridge
- The Cocoa Butter Club: A Queer Sensation, Trades Club, Hebden Bridge
- Bourgeois and Maurice Live, Trades Club, Hebden Bridge
- Queer DJ night at Nelsons Wine Bar, Hebden Bridge
- Duckie: A Punk Night in Yorkshire, Trades Club, Hebden Bridge
- Iconoclast, Various venues, Todmorden
- The Big Day Out, Calder Holmes Park, Hebden Bridge
- Peter Tatchell: What Next for LGBTQIA+ Rights, Little Theatre, Hebden Bridge
- Walk with Peter Tatchell
- Fabulous Tea Dance, Mytholmroyd Community Centre, Mytholmroyd

Fundraising

With funding from Arts Council England, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Hebden Royd Town Council, Hebden Royd Town Hall, Community Foundation for Calderdale, Rotary Club, Brunswick Centre, sponsorship from many amazing local businesses and generous public donations, Happy Valley Pride was able to continue.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

By June 30th 2022, HVP were awarded 3 years of funding from Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council Cultural Fund as one of Calderdale's 8 Destination Events leading up to Calderdale Year of Culture 2024.

Partnerships

Calderdale Council

Over this period Artistic Director, Tim Whitehead regularly attended Calderdale Council's 'Calderdale Creates' partnership meetings on Zoom to help steer Calderdale's new creative strategy, working alongside the major arts organisations within the borough. This work lead to Calderdale Council naming Happy Valley Pride as one of their eight 'destination events'.

Queer Arts North

Queer Arts North is a network of nine organisations lead by Curious Festival, including Happy Valley Pride, Leeds Playhouse, Northern Stage, Contact Theatre in Manchester and Liverpool's Homotopia Festival. Regular meetings are held to share organisational and artistic practise as well as creating commissioning opportunities for upcoming queer artists.

Handmade Parade

In 2021 we formalised our partnership with Calderdale's Handmade Parade, which led to Handmade Parade helping to decorate our 2021 Big Day Out and the development of our first Community Flag Making Workshop which took place in 2022 and will take place as part of our 2023 festival.

Brunswick Centre

A local hub and resource for LGBTQIA+ people in Calderdale which led to the Mind Your Head Project.

Duckie

Double NPO Duckie is a collective of performance artists that produce a mix of so-called "cultural interventions", such as club nights, new-mode pop, burlesque and performance events, as well as anti-theatre experimentation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Other Activities and Projects

Other year-round events included our Big Night Out featuring Top of the Flops and Swansong in Mud Valley, our Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil, Kirsty's Christmas Singalong and a Vigil for Brianna Ghey. Our partnership with Hebden Bridge Picture House continued with a number of co-presentations including Peter Von Kant, In From the Side, Girls Girls Girls, Blue Kaftan, Blue Jean.

Youth Engagement Programme

Our Youth Engagement Programme engaged with 12 schools, 2,000 children and 50 teachers from across Calderdale who took part in creative programmes exploring all areas of their own and each other's identity.

The key aims of the project were to create a learning experience which allows students to explore children's own and others' identities in a creative way. By expanding knowledge in these areas, we hoped to promote a more positive sense of self image and a more compassionate understanding of others' differences. A creative approach would enhance student engagement and provide more opportunity for skills development beyond the mainstream curriculum. This would tackle issues of bullying in peer groups and offer a foundation for greater inclusivity and representation for all identities.

This led to a 3-week exhibition at Hebden Bridge Town Hall and our first Youth Pride Stage at our Big Day Out, where the children involved with our project helped to programme and produce the opening event of our Pride to thousands in Calder Holmes Park.

Mind Your Head

In December 2020, Happy Valley Pride formed a new partnership with The Brunswick Centre in Halifax, an incredible community resource for LGBTQIA+ people in our area. We wanted to help our community through the pandemic, knowing that members of the LGBTQIA+ community are more susceptible than most to mental health issues. With funding initially from Calderdale Suicide Prevention Group, and later from other local funders, together, we created Mind Your Head - promoting better mental health in Calderdale and beyond, with a digital advice hub and support sessions and activities that have reached over 6,000 people so far.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

HVP People: Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and Patrons

Happy Valley Pride recruited a new Chair, Jenn Wilson, taking our volunteer board up to 8 members as of January 2021. With a range of skills from Events, Marketing, Promotion, School Leadership, Finance, Legal and Project Management, Happy Valley Pride was strongly lead by these 8 volunteers through a period of pandemic-related upheaval and difficulty. By June 2023, we were interviewing for 3 new trustee positions.

We continued with our part-time freelance Youth Engagement Officer, Artistic Director and Company Manager to take the organisation forward.

We had 50 registered volunteers who helped deliver our 2022 festival and carried on toward our 2023 Festival.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
CE024649 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1193168

Registered office
Unit 6
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Trustees
D M Spruce Trustee
R J Whitehead Trustee (resigned 26.10.22)
Ms H C Baron Trustee
M M Struthers Trustee
T J Whitehead Trustee
Ms J A Wilson Trustee
Miss H C Trotter Trustee (resigned 15.7.22)
Ms R Thompson-Davies Trustee
A F Vinall (appointed 12.12.23)
B Young (appointed 12.12.23)
V H Firth (appointed 12.12.23)

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
D M Spruce - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Happy Valley Pride ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Cresswells Accountants

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Date: .....

HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated £	Restricted funds £	Year ended 30.6.23 Total funds £	Period 20.1.21 to 30.6.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	18,757	72,329	21,800	112,886	84,540
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities						
Operational Unrestricted		18,783	64,843	-	83,626	54,051
Operational Restricted		-	-	10,565	10,565	10,032
Total		18,783	64,843	10,565	94,191	64,083
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(26)	7,486	11,235	18,695	20,457
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		300	13,965	6,192	20,457	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		274	21,451	17,427	39,152	20,457

The notes form part of these financial statements

HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	5	360	-	-	360	102
Cash at bank		2,336	26,806	17,428	46,570	24,341
		2,696	26,806	17,428	46,930	24,443
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,422)	(5,356)	-	(7,778)	(3,986)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		274	21,450	17,428	39,152	20,457
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		274	21,450	17,428	39,152	20,457
NET ASSETS		274	21,450	17,428	39,152	20,457
FUNDS	7					
Unrestricted funds					21,724	14,265
Restricted funds					17,428	6,192
TOTAL FUNDS					39,152	20,457

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th June 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for
(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D M Spruce - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Year ended 30.6.23	Period 20.1.21 to 30.6.22
	£	£
Donations	2,097	29,402
Ticket sales	7,335	-
Merchandise & bar sales	9,325	-
Grants	94,129	55,138
	112,886	84,540

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	Year ended 30.6.23	Period 20.1.21 to 30.6.22
	£	£
Arts Council	36,904	13,223
Brunswick Centre	12,100	300
Calderdale MBC	23,625	10,500
National Lottery	-	10,890
Hebden Royd Town Council	4,800	4,700
Community Foundation for Calderdale	15,700	8,025
Volition	-	1,500
Hebden Bridge Town Hall	-	4,000
NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group	-	2,000
Rotary Club of HB	1,000	-
	94,129	55,138

Included in the above grants received is £21,450 that was unspent at year end and relates to the festival held in July 2023.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2023 nor for the period ended 30th June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2023 nor for the period ended 30th June 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Designated	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies	51,875	16,440	16,225	84,540
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Operational Unrestricted	51,575	2,476	-	54,051
Operational Restricted	-	-	10,032	10,032
Total	51,575	2,476	10,032	64,083
NET INCOME	300	13,964	6,193	20,457
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	300	13,964	6,193	20,457

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5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	360	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	102
	360	102

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	6,076	3,206
Accrued expenses	1,702	780
	7,778	3,986

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.22	Net movement in funds	At 30.6.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	300	(26)	274
Designated	13,965	7,485	21,450
	14,265	7,459	21,724
Restricted funds			
Hebden Royd Town Council	1,717	(1,717)	-
Calderdale MBC	2,500	(2,500)	-
Hebden Bridge Town Hall	1,975	(1,975)	-
Community Foundation for Calderdale	-	6,469	6,469
Brunswick Centre	-	10,959	10,959
	6,192	11,236	17,428
TOTAL FUNDS	20,457	18,695	39,152

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18,757	(18,783)	(26)
Designated	72,329	(64,844)	7,485
	91,086	(83,627)	7,459
Restricted funds			
Hebden Royd Town Council	-	(1,717)	(1,717)
Calderdale MBC	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Hebden Bridge Town Hall	-	(1,975)	(1,975)
Community Foundation for Calderdale	9,700	(3,231)	6,469
Brunswick Centre	12,100	(1,141)	10,959
	21,800	(10,564)	11,236
TOTAL FUNDS	112,886	(94,191)	18,695

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	300	300
Designated	13,965	13,965
	14,265	14,265
Restricted funds		
Hebden Royd Town Council	1,717	1,717
Calderdale MBC	2,500	2,500
Hebden Bridge Town Hall	1,975	1,975
	6,192	6,192
TOTAL FUNDS	20,457	20,457

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	51,875	(51,575)	300
Designated	16,440	(2,475)	13,965
	68,315	(54,050)	14,265
Restricted funds			
Hebden Royd Town Council	4,700	(2,983)	1,717
Calderdale MBC	2,500	-	2,500
Hebden Bridge Town Hall	4,000	(2,025)	1,975
NHS Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group	2,000	(2,000)	-
Community Foundation for Calderdale	3,025	(3,025)	-
	16,225	(10,033)	6,192
TOTAL FUNDS	84,540	(64,083)	20,457

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2023.

HAPPY VALLEY PRIDE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Year ended 30.6.23 £	Period 20.1.21 to 30.6.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,097	29,402
Ticket sales	7,335	-
Merchandise & bar sales	9,325	-
Grants	94,129	55,138
	112,886	84,540
Total incoming resources	112,886	84,540
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Rent, rates and water	3,219	1,576
Insurance	892	877
Light and heat	123	114
Telephone	148	-
Advertising	6,568	4,515
Sundries	572	63
Subscriptions	1,227	601
Computer expenses	3,365	5,335
Event expenses	76,547	46,137
Fundraising expenses	500	4,085
	93,161	63,303
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	108	-
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	922	780
Total resources expended	94,191	64,083
Net income	18,695	20,457