

BAGS FOR STRIFE

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

31 MARCH 2022

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1194111

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 which comply with governing document and applicable law. The charity is a registered charity, number 1194111.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 October 2019).

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the company during the period are as noted on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

Bags for Strife is a CIO Foundation, registered 16th April 2021 as a charity in England and Wales Charity no. 1194111. The charity's day to day operational running is managed by Trustees as the charity becomes established.. The accounts cover the period from registration to 31 March 2022.

Trustees of the charity and key management personnel

The responsible persons for CIO are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1.

The charity considers its key management personnel which comprise of six Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the current Trustees.

Risk review

The Trustees have put in place procedures to mitigate the risks of the charity.

Objectives, activities and public benefit

The object of the CIO is the relief of those in need who have been affected by loss through suicide by providing such support, education and training as the trustees deem appropriate, in particular but not exclusively by

- Educating members of society of the impact of suicide and providing them with the capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in order for them to support those directly affected by loss through suicide, and
- Providing practical support bags to those who have been affected by suicide and adapted accordingly to help with matters such as information to navigate their path through the immediacy of planning a funeral, contact with the coroner, media management, emotional support and advice to help their mental health and resilience both for the immediate and long term.

Bags for Strife is a charity set up by people who have lost loved ones to suicide. They have all experienced blame, anger, guilt and sadness. Now they want to share what helps them, to help those whose journey has just begun.

In establishing the objects and activities, the trustees have had due regard to the charity guidance on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance,

The period to 31 March 2022 saw the trustees confirm the aims of the charity and determine how to deliver on these through partnerships and direct mailing channels. A clear strategy was created which covered aspects such as fundraising, marketing and what our "BAGS" would contain, and who we wanted to work with and where we could position ourselves. By the end of March 2022 we had successfully started our 100 fundraising campaign and agreed to work with Lancashire Police, with our first delivery of "BAGS" to them at the start of the new financial year. We also embarked on talks with other agencies and organisations. The charity received some phenomenal press coverage during the period including being interviewed by BBC breakfast on 2 occasions. The greatest achievement was how many people we were able to help in our short first period and the messages of thanks that we received.

Financial review and reserves

Total income for the year was £51,289 and expenditure was £11,549. At the end of the year the charity had restricted funds carried forward of £9,928 and unrestricted funds of £39,740. The Trustees are reviewing the reserves policy.

Plans for future periods

Following on from our partnership with Lancashire police, the charity is now working with two more police forces and actively in talks with others. We supply to hospitals within Lancashire care trust and are hopeful to expand to other authorities in the near future. We also are working with other charities, with coroner offices and funeral directors across the North West.

This report was approved by the trustees on 26th January 2023..... and signed on their behalf by:



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Angela Allen
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bags for Strife for the period ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8 appended to this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Nicola Mason

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N Mason FCA, DChA

Date: 30/01/2023.....

MHA Moore and Smalley
Chartered Accountants
Preston

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income	Note			
Donations and legacies	2	<u>51,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,289</u>
Total income		<u>51,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,289</u>
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	3	<u>11,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,549</u>
Total expenditure		<u>11,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,459</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,740</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds carried forward		<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,740</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £
Current assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		23,003	-	23,003
Debtors	4	18,034	-	18,034
		<u>41,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,037</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,297)	-	(1,297)
Net current assets		<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,740</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,740</u>
Funds				
Restricted funds		-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	5	39,740	-	39,740
Total funds		<u>39,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,740</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26th January 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



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Angela Allen
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 October 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts are presented in £ rounded to the nearest £.

Bags for Strife meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when receivable.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Fund accounting

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

Cash flow statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP 2019 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Judgements and Key assumptions

There are no judgements or assumptions required as part of the preparation of the accounts.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total funds
	£	£	
Donations	39,981	-	39,981
Corporate donations	8,398	-	8,398
Grant income	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>51,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,289</u>

3 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total funds
	£	£	
Bags and contents	11,315	-	11,315
Support costs	234	-	234
	<u>11,549</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,549</u>

4 Debtors

	2022 £
Accrued income	<u>18,034</u>
	<u>18,034</u>

5 Creditors

	2022 £
Trade creditors	<u>1,297</u>
	<u>1,297</u>

6 Related party transactions

There was no Trustee remuneration in the year and no Trustee expenses were incurred.
There were no related party transactions during the period.