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# Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ending March 2022

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The Trustees present their report for the year ending 31st March 2022

## Trustee Details and Reference

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Accounting for Charities SORP FRS102.

### Trustees

The following trustees have served the whole period since registration on 24th September 2021

	Position held/Relevant dates
Helen Rachel Browell	Appointed as Trustee 24/09/21 for 4 years, appointed as chair 24/09/21
Thomas Gallagher	Appointed as Trustee 24/09/21 for 3 years, appointed as secretary and treasurer 24/09/21
Elizabeth Anne Watson	Appointed as Trustee 24/09/21 for 2 years

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**Registered Charity Number:**  
1195921

## Governance

### Governing Document:

R21 is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and governed by it's Constitution.

### Trustee Recruitment:

Under the Constitution, the Board of Trustees exists of no less than three members and no more than six. Initial terms were for four, three and two-year terms with all new trustees being elected for five-year terms, unless appointed as a service user trustee for a one-year term.

### Trustee Benefit:

Trustees of R21 do not receive any benefits from their position. Trustees are entitled to claim expenses related to their duties. During the period no expenses were claimed.

### **Trustee Induction:**

Recruitment is the responsibility of all trustees and induction is the responsibility of the Chair, or can be given to other trustees. During the period no new trustees were recruited or inducted. New trustees will be given a role description and the government's guide to good governance. Trustees are encouraged to take part in training on governance and safeguarding.

### **Trustee Responsibilities:**

The trustees are responsible for the strategic direction of R21, setting its aims and monitoring these. They are also responsible for overseeing its financial health and viability. Day-to-day management is delegated to its team working with the service users.

### **Trustee Sub-Committees:**

R21 currently has no Sub-Committees.

## **Objectives**

### **Objects:**

The objects of R21 are: The relief of need, hardship and distress of persons who have suffered and are suffering from domestic abuse and any children of such persons, or the relief of those who are homeless, or who are in recovery from mental or physical ill-health through the provision of temporary accommodation, support, advice, training and in such other ways as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

### **Mission Statement:**

**"Making all things new".** R21 is in the business of supporting people to make a fresh start. As a Charity built on Christian principles we aim to see people, primarily those who have suffered from domestic abuse, given a chance to rebuild their lives.

### **Public Benefit:**

To achieve our objectives R21 provides services in Northumberland to help improve mental health, well-being, life skills and build towards independent living.

The trustees confirm that the activities relating to this period were carried out in line with its objects. However as this period relates to the first six months of R21's life the activities were entirely based on preparing to house and work with its future service users, based on the most pressing of presented needs. R21 trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty in section four of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining what activities are undertaken by R21.

During the year R21 was formed through a partnership with Hope Church Bedlington, CIO No. 1153786 and by forming another partnership with Green Pastures CBS Ltd exempt charity number XT27103. Along with recruiting a team of volunteers, forming these partnerships and raising some initial funds, R21 also secured its first property to offer supported housing and recruited its first employee to head up the support work.

## Management, Employees and Volunteers

### Employees:

- Amy Reeve was employed on 22 February 2022 as residents Support Worker

No other staff are currently employed by R21.

The Trustees would like to record and acknowledge their gratitude for the enormous contribution Amy has made to the establishment of R21 as a charitable service, and the continued hard work needed to establish working relationships, residents, and service users. We would also like to thank her for her continued commitment and hard work as she supports our first residents and service users.

### Volunteers:

Volunteers are crucial to R21 activities. The Trustees and employees record their gratitude for their time and effort. We had 4 people regularly volunteering during the period, and another 6 people volunteered on a one-off basis. The regular volunteer hours totalled over 100 in this initial period.

## Activities and Achievements

R21 started its first core project: "Acorn Project". These are self-contained properties for families who are fleeing domestic abuse. Support work is carried out against 12 areas of need identified when a new service user takes up residency. R21 is able to support both male and female victims and their children. One referral was received in the period reported on, but the property was not ready to take the referral. Since then 3 properties have been opened and we currently have 2 resident families. We have also started a weekly support group, and social activities and plan to open a community garden.

# Financial Review

**The trustees present their financial review for the period ending 31st March 2022.**

## Opening comments:

As the first operating period for R21 it depended on grants and donations, the largest of which was made by Hope Church Bedlington (CIO no. 1153786). There were a number of individual donations too. Some funds were also raised through small events such as coffee mornings.

The funds were raised with the understanding that a partnership with national charity Green Pastures (Exempt Charity no.XT27103) would be formed enabling a structure for purchasing property and offering supported housing. This in turn would lead to other income streams such as housing benefits.

Total income during the 2021-22 period amounted to £7,783 compared to zero in 2020-21.

During the year grants and donations came from Hope Church Bedlington, Green Pastures and individuals.

Our balance sheet cash balance increased from zero to £5,382. We are yet to set a reserve figure, but once operating will aim for 3 to 6 months of operating costs.

## Progress since the end of the year:

R21 has secured, renovated and kitted out three properties. We have identified two resident families for these properties and are close to identifying the third.

We have registered with Northumberland's Housing Benefit Department and will shortly start receiving rent based on our rent sheet figures.

As we progress the trustees are aiming to produce a three-year financial plan before the next return is due.

## Banking Arrangements

CAF Bank became R21's banker during the period, and currently, R21 uses a cash (current) account.

## Accountants

No registered accountants. R21 took advice from Trust Advice ([www.trustadvice.org.uk](http://www.trustadvice.org.uk)).

Signed on: 02/10/22



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Helen Browell (Chair)

## Independent Examiners Report

Not done for this period as income was under £25,000.

## Statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Income from</b>				
Donations and Legacies	7,783		7,783	0
Investment income	0.01		0.01	0
Other	0		0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,783</b>		<b>7,783</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>				
Charitable activities	2,401	0	2,401	0
Raising funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Movement in funds</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward	0	0	0	0
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>

## Balance Sheet

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets		0	0

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Current Assets		5,382	0
Cash at Bank and in hand		5,382	0
Liabilities		0	0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		5,382	0
Net Assets		5,382	0
Represented by			
General Unrestricted funds		5,382	0
Restricted funds - tangible assets		0	0
Restricted funds		0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>5,382</b>	<b>0</b>

For the year ending March 31st 2022 R21 was exempt from the need for audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, therefore the trustees have not required R21 to obtain an audit.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility to comply with the regulators in relation to the preparation of accounts and have prepared them in accordance with the small company's regime.

The financial statements on pages 11-17 were authorised for issue by the trustees on 02.10.22 and signed on their behalf by

Helen Browell



Chair

Thomas Gallagher



Secretary



## Notes

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### Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) using general accounting standards. R21 is a public benefit entity. The principal accounting policies adopted are as follows:

### Income Resources

Charitable trading activities: Income is included in the period in which the Charity is entitled to its receipt.

### Donations and grants

Income from donations and grants are included in incoming resources when received.

### Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities as received, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered. All support costs are included under "charitable activities" rather than being apportioned between each of the charity's activities (such as printing marketing materials), as such apportionment would result in small, immaterial amounts attributable to non-charitable activities. The cost and time involved in calculating such an apportioned expenditure would vastly outweigh the usefulness of doing so.

### Pension costs

R21 has a pension contribution policy, but with one part-time employee who has so far opted out.

### Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets are depreciated by their estimated useful lives. Items under £50 are not considered, and during this period no items were purchased or received.

### Funds Accounting

R21 has the potential to hold the following funds:

- Unrestricted: Funds to be used with discretion in accordance with the charitable objective of the charity.
- Restricted: These funds have been restricted by the donor to a specific use within the charity's objectives.

## 2: Legal Status

R21 is a Charity Incorporated Organisation. There is no personal liability to the trustees/members in the event of winding up. Its registered office is 30 Front Street West, Bedlington, NE225UB.

## 3: Staff and Pension Costs

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	2022 £	2021 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	240	0
Employers NI	0	0
Pension Costs	0	0
	<b>£240</b>	<b>£0</b>

### 4: Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
<b>Cost</b>	£	£
At 1st April 2021	0	0
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
<b>At 31st March 2022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1st April 2021	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0
Disposals		00
<b>At 31st March 2022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31st March 2021	0	0
<b>At 31st March 2022</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 5: Commitments

R21 has a commitment to lease 2 properties from Green Pastures, a housing charity, that expires in 6 years time. At the time of writing the payments have yet to start. These total £900 a month. They are in line with the market rate for rent and will be paid for through housing benefit from the residents' R21 support.

R21 has a commitment to lease 1 property from Richard Hubbard, a private landlord, for 3 years at £450 a month. Payments started in September 2022, the same month R21 housed its first

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resident. The lease payments will be paid for using housing benefit from the residents the charity supports.

### **8: Movement in restricted funds**

None recorded

### **9: Funders**

Hope Church Bedlington

Green Pastures

### **10: Related Party Transactions**

R21 received no donations from the Trustees in the year 2022. (2021: nil). No payments were made to related parties in the year. (2021: nil)

### **11: Trustee Expenses**

Trustees are entitled to claim expenses related to carrying out their duties. Here will record travel and subsistence expenses. None were recorded (2021: nil).

### **12: Independent Examiners fee:**

None

### **13: Volunteers**

During the year R21 had a team of 6 volunteers supporting the creation of the organisation and the initial set-up phase, as well as other volunteers who helped raise some funds. The charity benefited from these unpaid volunteers and this is not recognised in the financial statements.