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**Trustees' Annual Report
and
Financial Statements**

For the year ended March 2023

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**The Trustees present their report for the year ending
31st March 2023**

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, reelected 1/10/23
Michael Reeve	Appointed as Trustee 2/10/22 for 5 years

Reference Details

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Independent Examiners:
Not used

Registered Charity Number:
1195921

Governance

Governing Document:

R21 is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and governed by its 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 trustee 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 one new trustee was recruited and 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. This was the first period in the history of R21 that included working with its intended service users. 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 continued to work in partnership with Hope Church Bedlington, CIO No. 1153786 and with Green Pastures CBS Ltd exempt charity number XT27103. Along with recruiting a new team of volunteers, and raising vital funds, R21 also secured its second and third properties to offer supported housing for people fleeing domestic abuse.

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While work within one of our properties has flourished, it became apparent that the other two would not be suitable for people with children. This meant that one property was rented out privately, although since the close of this period has been repurposed for single women with pets, while the other has only taken one resident, after which R21 has sought to change its use.

R21 has trialled using the property for a new type of tenant, taking its first one on in March under the banner of "Sycamore". The Sycamore project is for ex-offenders who need support finding housing, employment and meaningful activity. Currently, this project is struggling to find insurance to cover all areas of liability, and therefore it may not get off the ground as a full project.

Management, Employees and Volunteers

Employees:

- Amy Reeve is employed as a resident's 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 a team of six people regularly volunteering during the period, and other people volunteered on a one-off basis. The regular volunteer hours totalled over 1000. The trustees would like to record and acknowledge their gratitude for the tremendous contribution our volunteers made during the period.

Statistics (Grouped Across Projects)

Attendance

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Number of referrals	7	1	0
Number using service	5	0	0

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

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and their children. Seven referrals were received in the period reported on, and we housed five people, three adults and two children. We have also started a weekly support group, social activities and plan to open a community garden. Our volunteer team also visit a refuge to offer support to residents.

Out of the five residents housed and supported during the year, one successfully moved on into new accommodation.

All residents reported progress in the areas of identified need.

Towards the end of the financial year R21 decided to trial a potential second core project: "Sycamore Project". Potential partners were identified, such as Junction 42, and three individuals were assessed for suitability, with one individual eventually being housed. This individual was rough sleeping and classed as homeless. Since going through this process R21 has decided to put the potential project on hold and focus on the Acorn Project for the time being.

Financial Review for R21

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

Opening comments:

During the operating period for R21 it depended on housing benefit payments, 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 in line with a partnership with national charity Green Pastures (Exempt Charity no.XT27103) who invested in two of the properties we now lease.

Total income during the 2022-23 period amounted to £23,879 compared to £7,783 in 2022-23.

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

Our balance sheet cash balance decreased from £5,382 to £1,582.59.

Progress since the end of the year:

R21 has secured a grant, and received back pay from Housing Benefit. This has greatly increased our cash balance to over £12,000, along with new residents that will attract exempt housing rates from Housing Benefit.

Banking Arrangements

CAF Bank Ltd is R21's banker and currently, R21 uses a cash (current) account.

Accountants

Prepared using QuickBooks

Signed on: 1/10/2023



Helen Browell (Chair)

Independent Examination

As the income was under £25k no formal examination was undertaken. General advice and consultation was taken with a qualified accountant sought in preparation for a more robust examination next year.

Statement of financial activities

As at 31st March 2023

Income and Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from				
Donations and Legacies	10267.63	0	10,267.63	7,783
Service/Fee income	12630.59	0	12,630.59	0
Services	94.24	0	94.24	0
Refunds	879.62	0	879.62	0
Investment income	6.43	500	506.43	0.01
Other				0
Total Income	23,878.51	500	24,378.51	7,783
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	26,224.56	0	26,224.56	2,401
Raising funds	0	0	0	0
Asset Depreciation	484.37	0	484.37	0
Total Resources Expended (see note 13)	26,708.93	0	26,708.93	2401
Net Movement in funds	- 2,830.42	500		5,381.74
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	5,381.74	0	5,381.74	0
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total funds carried forward	2551.32	500	3051.32	5,381.74

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	968.73	0
Current Assets		1,582.59	5,381.74
Cash at Bank and in hand		2,082.59	5,381.74
Liabilities		2,082.59	5,381.74
Net Current Assets	4	3,051.32	5,381.74
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		3,051.32	5,381.74
Net Assets		3,051.32	5,381.74
Represented by			
General Unrestricted funds	13	1,582.59	5,381.74
Tangible assets		968.73	0
Restricted funds		500	0
Total Funds	13	3,051.32	5,381.74

For the year ended March 31st 2023 R21 was exempt from the need for audit under the Charities Act 2011, 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 SORP FRS102

The financial statements on pages 10-16 were authorised for issue by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

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Helen Browell



Chair

Thomas Gallagher



Secretary

Notes

1: 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. For this period the only assets we have are furniture and fittings depreciated by 33% on a straight-line basis.

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.

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3: Staff and Pension Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross Wages and Salaries	3560	240
Employers NI	0	0
Pension Costs	0	0
	3560	240

No employee received emoluments of over £60,000 during the year (2022: nil). No trustee received any remuneration. A connected person was employed and this is detailed in note 9.

4: Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
At 1st April 2022	0	0
Additions	1453.10	1453.10
Disposals	0	0
At 31st March 2023	1453.10	1453.10
Depreciation		
At 1st April 2022	0	0
Charge for the year	484.37	484.37
Disposals		0
At 31st March 2023	484.37	484.37
Net Book Value		
At 31st March 2022	0	0
At 31st March 2023	968.73	968.73

5: Commitments

R21 has a commitment to lease 2 properties from Green Pastures, a housing charity, that expires in 5 years time. 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.

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R21 has a commitment to lease 1 property from a private landlord, for 3 years at £450 a month. Payments started in September 2022, the same month R21 housed its first resident. The lease payments will be paid for using housing benefit from the residents the charity supports.

6: Debtors and Creditors

These accounts are run on a cash basis, and as of 31st March 2023 R21 does not have any debtors or creditors.

7: Movement in restricted funds

£500 incoming in the form of a deposit for a private tenancy, stored at the TDS. No movement during the year

8: Funders

Hope Church Bedlington
Green Pastures

9: Related Party Transactions

R21 received no donations from the Trustees in the year 2023. (2022: nil). During the year Michael Reeve was appointed as a trustee, making Amy Reeve's employment a related party transaction. Michael is removed from all employment-related decisions. Amy was paid £3560 during the year. (2022: £240)

10: Trustee Expenses

Trustees are entitled to claim expenses related to carrying out their duties. None were recorded (2022: nil).

11: Independent Examiners fee:

Zero

12: 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. There was also a small team of volunteers supporting R21 residents, supporting the housing management tasks and also performing outreach in refuge's. The charity benefited from these unpaid volunteers and this is not recognised in the financial statements.

13: Analysis of expenses

	Charitable activities £	Support Costs £	Total Charitable activities £	Fundraising Expenses £	Total £
HR	3560	657.67	4217.67		4217.67
Project costs	2625.59	8625.44	11251.03		11251.03
Office		841.72	841.72		841.72
Leases		8946.09	8946.09		8946.09
IT					
Insurance		894.05	894.05		894.05
depreciation		484.37	484.37		484.37
Governance					
Direct Fundraising Costs					
Sundries		74	74		74
Total	6185.59	20523.34	26708.93		26708.93