

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1199465

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	13793890
Registered	2022-06-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF NEED OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES BY THE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO PROMOTE TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, RECREATION, SUPPORT AND CARE, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE

Activities: Short term accommodation, physical and mental health support, for young adults at risk. Providing them help and guidance for a better life and successful future.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Barnet
- Haringey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£658,873	£619,649	£39,246	0
2023-12-31	£121,068	£123,492	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,170	£25,724	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Baruch Izak	Chair	2021-11-01
Shneur Zalman goldman		2025-09-16
Yoel Schwartz		2021-12-10

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Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

FOR

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

NO ONE LEFT OUT INTHE COLD

LONDON ACCOUNTING
GROUP LTD
5 NORTH END ROAD
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NW11 7RJ



Chair's Message

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The governors (trustees) administer the day - to - day affairs of the charity. None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity.

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Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces. The trustees confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage these risks. All applicable policies are up to date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

13793890 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1199465

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity is established to further those purposes both in the United Kingdom and is recognised as charitable by English Law and in furtherance of the aforementioned objects. The charity's income is from generous public donations and grants.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities for the year.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm their compliance with the duty to have regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives in planning future activities.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

During the year the charity continued to support at risk youth emotionally, physically and educationally. Income from donations and interest aggregated £658,872. Total resources expended were £619,649 resulting in a surplus of £39,224.

Financial review

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which include the free reserves of the charity, at a level which the trustees think appropriate, after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely costs of the charity for the next year. At 31 December 2024 the charity had unrestricted funds aggregating £39,246.

Future plans

The aim is to continue to provide emotional and physical support for vulnerable teens and young adults in order to help them thrive and break out of the dangerous cycle of homelessness and poor mental health.

Independent Examiner's
Report to the Trustees of
A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Mr Samuel Feigenblatt FCCA
London Accounting Group Ltd
5 North End Road
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NW11 7RJ
Date:



A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees

B Izak Teacher
J Matyas Teacher
Y Schwartz Catering Manager

COMPANY SECRETARY

Independent Examiner

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**Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic
report, approved by order of the board of
trustees, as the company directors, on**

10 September 2025

and signed on the board's behalf by:



B Izak - Trustee

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	20,224	-	20,224	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		34,158		34,158	718
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(15,136)	-	(15,136)	(696)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		19,022	-	19,022	22
TOTAL ASSETS LESS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES		39,246	-	39,246	22
NET ASSETS		39,246	-	39,246	22
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	11	39,246	-	39,246	22
TOTAL FUNDS				39,246	22

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on **10 September 2025** and were signed on its behalf by:



B Izak
Trustee

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total Funds £	31.12.23 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	556,304	102,552	658,856	121,068
Investment income	3	17	-	17	-
Total		556,321	102,552	658,873	121,068
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	112,942	-	112,942	-
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	5	394,432	102,552	496,684	115,371
Other		10,023	-	10,023	8,121
Total		517,097	102,552	619,649	123,492
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		39,224	-	39,224	(2,424)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		22	-	22	2,446
Total funds brought forward					
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		39,246	-	39,246	22

The notes form part of these financial statements



A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	39,224	(2,424)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(17)	-
Increase in creditors	14,440	56
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	53,647	(2,368)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 01.01.24	Cash flow	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Net cash	718	33,440	34,158
Cash at bank	718	33,440	34,158
Total	718	33,440	34,158

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	53,647	(2,368)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		53,647	(2,368)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(20,224)	-
Interest received		17	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(20,207)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		33,440	(2,368)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		718	3,086
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		34,158	718

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	At 31.12.24	At 31.12.23
	£	£
Donations	658,856	121,068

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	At 31.12.24	At 31.12.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	17	-

4. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	At 31.12.24	At 31.12.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	112,942	-

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs
	£
Charitable activities	496,684

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance	Other	Governance	Totals
	£	£	costs	
Other resources expended	293	8,290	1,440	10,023

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

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.

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.01.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22	39,224	39,246
TOTAL FUNDS	22	39,224	39,246

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	556,321	(517,097)	39,224
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	102,552	(102,552)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	658,873	(619,649)	39,224

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 01.01.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,446	(2,424)	22
TOTAL FUNDS	2,446	(2,424)	22

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	121,068	(123,492)	(2,424)
TOTAL FUNDS	121,068	(123,492)	(2,424)

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	121,068	-	121,068
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	115,371		115,371
Other	8,121	-	8,121
TOTAL	123,492	-	123,492
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(2,424)		(2,424)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,446	-	2,446
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	22	-	22

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
Additions	17,224	3,000	20,224
NET BOOK VALUE			
EXPENDITURE ON			
At 31 December 2024	17,224	3,000	20,224
At 31 December 2023	-	-	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Other creditors	13,000	-
Accrued expenses	2,136	696
TOTAL FUNDS	15,136	696

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TOTAL FUNDS	2,446	36,800	39,246

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	677,389	(640,589)	36,800
Restricted funds			
Restricted funds	102,552	(102,552)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	779,941	(743,141)	36,800

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT
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STRATEGIC REPORT

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review from the strategic report of the charity.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year the charity continued to support at risk youth emotionally, physically and educationally. Income from investments aggregated £121,068. Total resources expended were £123,492 resulting in net deficit of £2,424.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results of the charity's activities for the year to 31 December 2023 are fully reflected in the attached Financial Statements together with the Notes thereon.

RESERVE POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which include the free reserves of the charity, at a level which the trustees think appropriate, after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely costs of the charity for the next year. At 31 December 2023 the charity had unrestricted funds aggregating £22

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces. The trustees confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage these risks.

All applicable policies are up to date.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The aim is to continue to provide emotional and physical support for vulnerable teens and young adults in order to help them thrive and break out of the dangerous cycle of homelessness and poor mental health.

**A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) (effective January 2015). In preparing the accounts, the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005. Where there is a conflict between the FRSSE and the SORP, the SORP has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 419ff of the SORP.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on 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.

Fund accounting

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

2 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees Expenses

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023.

3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

A list of donations and legacies received are available from the office upon request in writing.

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	3			
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations and legacies		121,068	121,068	28,170
Total Incoming resources		121,068	121,068	28,170
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Costs of charitable activities				
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	115,371	115,371	24,579
Governance costs	5	8,121	8,121	1,145
Total resources expended		123,492	123,492	25,724
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		-2,424	-2,424	2,446
RECONCILIATION FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		2,446	2,446	0
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		22	22	2,446

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	£	2023	£	2022
CURRENT ASSETS		718		3,086	
Cash at hand in bank		718		3,086	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	696		640	2,446
Net Current assets/(liabilities)			22		2,446
NET CURRENT ASSETS			22		2,446
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			22		2,446
TOTAL FUNDS	7		22		2,446

The Charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with all the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Approved by the board of Trustees on: 07 February 2024
And signed on their behalf by:


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Mr B Izak
Trustee

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £		Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES							
Incoming resources from generated funds							
3				Unrestricted funds			
				General fund			
	121,068	121,068	28,170	TOTAL FUNDS	121,068	123,492	-2,424
	121,068	121,068	28,170				
4 Expenditure on charitable activities							
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £				
Advertising	1,800	1,800	0				
Charitable activities	72,390	72,390	5,780				
Grants to Institutions		0	18,799				
Rent	15,757	15,757	0				
Repairs & Maintenance	25,424	25,424	0				
TOTAL	115,371	115,371	24,579				
5 Governance Costs							
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £				
Accountancy fee	696	696	624				
Bank charges		21	21				
Office supplies	180	180	0				
Professional fees	7,245	7,245	500				
	8,121	8,121	1,145				
6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year							
		2023 £	2022 £				
Accruals		696	640				
		696	640				
7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS							
	At 1.1.2023	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.2023				
Unrestricted funds							
General fund	2,446	-2,424	22				
TOTAL FUNDS	2,446	-2,424	22				

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER:
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A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1199465

Accounts

NO ONE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2022

A hand holding a glowing spark, with a trail of white dots and a white circular arc behind it.

**A SPARK
IN THE DARK**

Our aim

Our charitable objective is to provide a **safe space for teenage boys and young men** at risk physically or emotionally and to provide the **support and guidance** they need to help them build happy and successful lives.



Chair's Message

Exactly one year ago, I met a young man called Mike.

He was lost and neglected. He did not trust a soul. As loved as he was and as hard as they tried, not a single person could help him.

I offered for him to come to our workshop that evening. With a loving heart and an open mind, I sat with him and listened. He disclosed his history and relayed how he fell through the cracks of the education system. He wasn't receptive to help from anyone. Not his parents, nor his teachers, friends or extended family. The more he pushed people away, the more troubling his situation became.

He returned week after a week and as he continued opening up we referred him to a highly regarded psychotherapist. She helped him slowly, session by session and gradually helped him to overcome his mental anxieties.

A year has lapsed. Mike has a growing sense of self awareness and is working full time in a

warehouse. He feels good about himself, is confident and has flourished beautifully in such a short timeframe. He still attends therapy sessions to help him overcome trauma and abuse.

He is beginning to trust again.

Mike reminds me of the extent to which our organisation benefits the community.

How many teens are still out there, all alone with no one to confide in?

How many young adults are on our doorsteps, starving physically and emotionally?

How many crave healthy relationships or a social group of caring friends?

And how many have already given up hope?

I am determined to continue to invest all my energies into extending our activities. To reach more needy adolescents.

So no one should be left outside, alone, in the cold.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to be 'B Izak'.

Mr Baruch Izak

What we do

We support teenagers and young adults who find themselves in difficult life situations and have nowhere else to turn.

We also assist adolescents who have fallen through the cracks of their community and education system and have a variety of issues that were not addressed appropriately when they were younger.

We extend support to those suffering from mental health issues, deficiencies in life skills, difficulty gaining employment and many other similar or related issues.



Our trained volunteers offer **one to one mentoring** to guide the boys **towards stable and meaningful lives** as well as 24/7 support to deal with any crises that may arise.

Our services help take these boys out of situations that often involve crime, substance abuse, self-harm and even suicide.

Our range of six projects helps to ensure that each boy is cared for and their **individual needs are met.**

We inspire and encourage the boys to take the necessary steps towards building a stable and purposeful future.



We help them to help themselves.



Home Sweet Home

We provide and supervise a beautifully renovated shelter for young adults who are experiencing homelessness and prepare nutritious meals for them.

They are expected to undertake household chores which fosters a sense of responsibility and gives them the skills and confidence to live independently.

It is important to us that the boys are supervised 24/7. We recruit volunteers and provide them with professional training in order to responsibly attend to the boys.

Mental Health Support

We offer weekly therapy sessions and one to one coaching. These sessions aim to aid the recovery from mental health conditions and trauma.

When very serious issues are left untreated, there are

often incidents of crime and mental health breakdowns that can be dreadful. Our therapists help these boys move away from a life of shoplifting, trauma, abuse, anxiety, lack of self confidence, addiction, self-harm, suicidal thoughts

and other terrible situations.

We give the boys the opportunity to get their lives back on track and live confident, happy and fulfilling lives.

We also run workshops presented

by professionals which cover crucial topics including communication, relationships, stability, parent/child connections, regulating emotions, anger management and other important life skills.



Life Skills

We provide classes and mentoring to the boys to teach them life skills they might be lacking. These include spoken English skills, literacy, computer proficiency, budgeting, getting a driving license,

opening a bank account and many other skills most people take for granted.

Our goal is to support them towards becoming independent, successful and contributing adults.



Weekly Activities & Sports

We get the boys involved in recreational activities, sports and hobbies.

These include trips to supervised leisure centers, biking, golf, nice dinners at a restaurant, safe group parties with music and healthy entertainment.

The boys eagerly look forward to each weekly event. This is a major tool in helping them experience a joyful life without feeling the need to resort to criminal behaviour, drugs or harmful activities and

helps them tremendously with their social and communication skills.





“SUITS ME” initiative

We provide clothes, shoes, toiletries, and other basic necessities to vulnerable boys who don't have family support and can't afford such things for themselves.

Being well dressed has an enormous impact on their self-esteem and confidence and is a major part of getting them on the path towards living independent, happy lives.

Employment

We help boys find satisfying employment suitable to their skills and interests. We liaise with the employers so that they can deal with the boys appropriately and sensitively and we ensure the

workspace is a safe environment.

This is a major step towards their independence and becoming fully rounded, successful and contributing members of the community.



The trustee, who are also the Directors for the purpose of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of trustees and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The governors (trustees) administer the day – to – day affairs of the charity. None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity.

It is not currently the intention of the trustees of the charity to appoint new trustees. Should the situation change in the future, the trustees will apply suitable recruitment training and induction procedures.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity is established to further those purposes both in the United Kingdom and abroad recognised as charitable by English Law and in furtherance of the aforementioned objects.

The charity receives income mainly from its property investments, which it utilises in the provision and distribution of grants and donations.

The charity's principle activity throughout the year was the provision and distribution of donations and grants to organisations, and no change is envisaged in the immediate future.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review from the strategic report of the charity.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year the company continued to pursue its philanthropic objects in support of educational, religious and other charitable organisations. Income from investments aggregated £33,415. Total resources expended were £27,625 resulting in net surplus of £5,790.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial results of the charity's activities for the year to 31 December 2022 are fully reflected in the attached Financial Statements together with the Notes thereon.

RESERVE POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which include the free reserves of the charity, at a level which the trustees think appropriate, after considering the future commitments of the charity and the likely costs of the charity for the next year. At 31 December 2022 the charity had unrestricted funds aggregating £2,466.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

Grants are made to charitable institutions and organisations which accord with the objects of the charity.

The trustees are approached for donations by a wide variety of charitable institutions operating all over England. The trustees consider all requests which they receive and make donations based on the level of funds available.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to manage these risks.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The aim is to continue to provide support in form of grants and donations to educational, religious and other charitable organisation

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES	3		
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Donations and legacies		28,170	28,170
Total Incoming resources		<u>28,170</u>	<u>28,170</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of charitable activities			
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	24,579	24,579
Governance costs	5	1,145	1,145
Total resources expended		<u>25,724</u>	<u>25,724</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		2,446	2,446
RECONCILIATION FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		0	0
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,446</u></u>	<u><u>2,446</u></u>

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,086</u>	
Cash at hand in bank		3,086	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>640</u>	
Net Current assets/(liabilities)			<u>2,446</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>2,446</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,446</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	7		<u><u>2,446</u></u>

The Charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.


The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Section 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 Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with all the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Approved by the board of Trustees on: 03 January 2023

And signed on their behalf by:



Mr B Izaak
Trustee

A SPARK IN THE DARK LTD
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) (effective January 2015). In preparing the accounts, the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in March 2005. Where there is a conflict between the FRSSE and the SORP, the SORP has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 419ff of the SORP.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on 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.

Fund accounting

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

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022

Trustees Expenses

There were no trustees expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

A list of donations and legacies received are available from the office upon request in writing.

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
3	Donations and legacies	28,170	28,170
	Total Incoming resources	28,170	28,170
4 Expenditure on charitable activities			
		Unrestricted Funds	Total funds 2022
		£	£
	Charitable activities	5,780	5,780
	Grants to Institutions	18,799	18,799
	TOTAL	24,579	24,579
5 Governance Costs			
		Unrestricted Funds	Total funds 2022
		£	£
	Accountancy fee	624	624
	Bank charges	21	21
	Professional fees	500	500
		1,145	1,145
6 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
	Accruals		2022 £
			1,320
			1,320
7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		At 1.1.2022	Net movement in funds
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	0	2,466
	TOTAL FUNDS	0	2,466
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
		Incoming resources	Resources Expended
		£	£
	Unrestricted funds		
	General fund	28,170	25,724
	TOTAL FUNDS	28,170	25,724
			Movement in funds
			£
			2,446
			2,446

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