

# STOMPING GROUNDS NORTH EAST

England & Wales · Charity number 1205717

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-11-14

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FAMILIES FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A FOREST SCHOOL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND.

**Activities:** Establish & maintain Forest School and Nursery settings in a variety of woodland areas in North East England. Deliver Forest School & outdoor learning activities in local woodland to children & young people. Engage communities in outdoor activities which reconnect them with nature Encourage children & their families to further engage in outdoor activities to increase health and wellbeing

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

## Finances

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| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-08-31 | £61,026 | £34,441     | -      | -         |

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## Trustees

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| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Jonathan Peter Joures</b> | Chair | 2026-04-22 |
| Brittany Baggett             |       | 2025-02-06 |
| Rory Whaling                 |       | 2023-09-27 |
| Samantha Orde                |       | 2025-05-14 |
| Sian Elizabeth Jones         |       | 2025-05-14 |
| Simon McLoughlin             |       | 2023-03-30 |

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# Accounts

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**STOMPING GROUNDS NORTH EAST CIO**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the period 14 November 2023 to 31 August 2024**

**Charity number 1205717**

# **STOMPING GROUNDS NORTH EAST CIO**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the period 14 November 2023 to 31 August 2024

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with financial statements of the charity for the period 14 November 2023 to 31 August 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

### **1. Objectives and activities**

We are the largest Forest School Association approved organisation in the UK. We have Therapeutic Forest Accreditation, are Ofsted registered, and have received recognition nationally for the cutting edge work we do, supporting marginalised communities and young people to improve mental and physical wellbeing using therapeutic practices in the outdoors.

We have excellent relationships with a range of other forest schools, therapeutic providers and alternative provisions. Our reputation is that of excellence, expertise, and as leaders in the sector.

Stomping Grounds exists to establish and maintain forest school settings in woodland areas providing opportunities for communities to reconnect with nature & improve their health and wellbeing. We run regular group sessions open to the general public and 1:1 and group sessions for children with additional needs. We also run holiday clubs, an Early Years setting and long term projects providing specialist services to neuro-divergent children & young people. Our work tackles inequality by offering a space for those who have not thrived in a traditional learning environment, this includes care leavers & children who have experienced childhood trauma.

### **2. Achievements and performance**

In 2023 the Stomping Grounds Forest School North East CIC applied to convert to a Registered Charity CIO. Our early years provision Kindergarten means the CIC is an ofsted registered organisation and it meant that we were unable to carry out a formal transfer and instead the Charity Commission agreed to register a new organisation and Stomping Grounds Forest School NE CIC would be closed. As well as the activities of the organisation the first year of the year November 23-Aug 24 has also focussed on the move of the business of the CIC to the Registered Charity CIO.

The charity has been successful in a tender from Gateshead Council for the provision of a Forest School setting at Gateshead Riverside Park as part of the Tyne Derwent Way, UK Government Funded Project.

We were also successful in developing a new organisation website with funding from the Clothworkers Foundation.

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### 3. Public benefit

The Board of Trustees has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

The organisation provides significant public benefit by offering accessible, nature-based education and wellbeing opportunities to people of all ages and abilities. Our programmes are designed to promote physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing through meaningful outdoor experiences.

A core aim of our organisation is to foster an inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of ability, background, or circumstance, feels welcome and supported. Through tailored activities such as bushcraft, environmental education, and team-building exercises, we empower individuals to develop confidence, resilience, and a deeper connection with the natural world. This has proven especially beneficial for children and adults with additional needs, such as autism and hidden disabilities, as we adapt our approaches to meet their unique requirements.

Our programmes also provide vital opportunities for social connection, helping to combat isolation and promote community cohesion. Families, schools, and community groups benefit from shared experiences that inspire collaboration and mutual respect, nurturing a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

Furthermore, we prioritise environmental stewardship by educating participants about sustainability and conservation, encouraging them to become responsible caretakers of the environment. The skills and awareness gained through our activities have a lasting impact, fostering a greater appreciation for the natural world and its benefits.

By creating a safe and inclusive space for exploration, growth, and learning, our forest school enhances the wellbeing of individuals and the wider community, making a meaningful contribution to both people and planet.

### 4. Financial review

Stomping Grounds North East are funded by a variety of income. The total income for the year was £61,026. This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the period 14 November 2023 to 31 August 2024, shows a surplus across all funds of £33,585 (2023: £nil).

The Balance Sheet at 31 August 2024 shows total funds carried forward of £33,585 of which £33,585 are restricted funds, the unrestricted reserves are £0.

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### **Acknowledge Grant funders**

This year we were successful in receiving funding from Gateshead Council's Tyne Derwent Way Project Funded by the UK Government, Community Foundation: Tyne and Wear and Northumberland and the Clothworkers Foundation.

We are extremely grateful for this support and the difference it has made to our organisation and its beneficiaries.

### Reserves policy

The vast majority of the costs of running the organisation is the staff costs required to pay for practitioners, therefore Stomping Grounds aims to build three months of unrestricted reserves, as recommended by the charity commission, to cover the costs of staff redundancy and related costs in case of the dissolution of the organisation. Stomping Grounds currently operates without ongoing liabilities apart from to employees and therefore this accounts for the main factor in relation to reserves.

The organisations aim is to build up three months of staffing costs as reserves. These reserves are needed to maintain the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves are also needed to cover the costs of potential redundancies.

We will look to spend reserves on activities in line with the organisations ethos and in order to forward its aims however we will be mindful of achieving value for money and the need to achieve the most benefit from those reserves for its service users.

Currently the board is in agreement that the current income streams of the organisation are secure and that we are carrying out a range of activities which are vital to the communities we serve therefore we will continue to seek funds to supplement our income from appropriate charitable sources.

## **5. Plans for future periods**

In the coming year, we aim to build on our successes and further our impact by addressing the needs of our community through diverse, high-quality programs. A key priority is to continue providing alternative provision for children on the edge of exclusion or for whom mainstream school is not a good fit. We will also expand our youth offer and enhance the Young Leaders Programme, empowering young people with skills, confidence, and leadership opportunities.

We plan to seek additional charitable funding to grow the Reframing Autism Project, extending its reach to more families in need of essential support. Alongside this, we will offer high-quality holiday childcare to engage children, particularly those from financially vulnerable families, ensuring access to enriching and supportive activities.

To better support families accessing our Kindergarten, we intend to increase the SEND provision in response to the higher-than-average percentage of children requiring this

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assistance. By strengthening our SEND resources, we aim to meet diverse needs effectively and inclusively.

Additionally, we plan to build on the success of the Gateshead Riverside Park Project, ensuring its ongoing impact through the Tyne Derwent Way Scheme. We will assess demand among our users and the broader community to explore new initiatives, including parent-led early years activities, home-school provisions, and settings in other geographic areas.

These plans reflect our commitment to inclusion, sustainability, and responding dynamically to the evolving needs of the children, families, and communities we serve.

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### 6. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

|                                      |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Charity Name                         | Stomping Grounds North East<br>CIO   |  |
| Registered<br>Charity Number         | 1205717  |  |
| Trustees                             | Rebecca Elton<br>Gary Saunders<br>Simon McLoughlin<br>Tina Snowball<br>Rory Whaling                  | Chair Appointed 30 Mar 2023<br>Appointed 30 Mar 2023<br>Appointed 30 Mar 2023<br>Appointed 30 Mar 2023<br>Appointed 27 Sept 2023 |
| Chief Executive<br>Officer / Founder | Sophie Watkinson   |  |
| Registered Office                    | The Bank<br>19 Derwent Street<br>Chopwell<br>Gateshead<br>NE17 7HU                                   |  |
| Independent<br>Examiner              | MW Accounting, Bookkeeping<br>and Training<br>Woodgate House<br>Wood Street<br>Gateshead<br>NE11 9NP |  |
| Bankers                              | Lloyds TSB<br>PO Box 1000<br>Andover<br>BX1 1LT  |  |

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### 7. **Structure, governance and management**

#### Governing documents

Stomping Grounds North East CIO is a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by its constitution, adopted on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and updated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by members of the organisation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are eligible to stand for re-election each year. There is a minimum of three and maximum of 12 trustees at any given time. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to three other members and agree to meet at least four times a year.

Newly appointed trustees are invited to an induction day which includes meeting with the other trustees and the Coordinator to get an overview of the work of the charity, including its constitution and its finances. Part of this day also includes a brief induction with other key staff members. Trustees are given a copy of the constitution and the previous year's annual report and accounts. Should trustee training be required, this is arranged and once a year a development day is held for all trustees and staff.

#### Organisation

The trustees administer the charity and the Coordinator is responsible for managing the work of the charity on a day-to-day basis.

The trustees are aware that the major risk to the organisation is lack of funding. Each quarter the risk is assessed when budgets are compared to actual spend and reserves are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover five months running costs and any possible redundancy costs.

#### Risk management

The management committee has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and for ensuring the consistent quality of the delivery of all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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### 8. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

30/01/2025

Approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:



Rebecca Elton  
Chair

## **STOMPING GROUNDS NORTH EAST**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

For the year ended 31 August 2024

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I report on the financial statements of Stomping Grounds North East for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 18.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

*Michelle Wright*

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Date: 30/01/2025

## STOMPING GROUNDS NORTH EAST

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 August 2024

|   | Notes | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Income from:</u></b>                                    |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Charitable activities   |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Grants and contracts  | 6     | -                          | 61,026                   | <b>61,026</b>      | -                  |
| <b>Total income</b>   |       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>61,026</b>            | <b>61,026</b>      | <b>-</b>           |
| <b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>                                 |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Charitable activities   |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Operation of the charity                                      | 7     | -                          | 34,441                   | <b>34,441</b>      | -                  |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                      |       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>34,441</b>            | <b>34,441</b>      | <b>-</b>           |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) and net<br/>movement of funds</b> |       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>26,585</b>            | <b>26,585</b>      | <b>-</b>           |
| <b><u>Reconciliation of funds</u></b>                         |       |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Total funds brought forward                                   |       | -                          | -                        | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                            |       | <b>-</b>                   | <b>26,585</b>            | <b>26,585</b>      | <b>-</b>           |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.


**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31 August 2024

|   | Notes | £             | Total<br>2024<br>£ | £        | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|-------|---------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <b><u>Current assets</u></b>                          |       |               |                    |          |                    |
| Debtors   | 15    | -             | -                  | -        | -                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              | 14    | 26,685        | -                  | -        | -                  |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                           |       | <b>26,685</b> |                    | <b>-</b> |                    |
| <b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year |       |               |                    |          |                    |
|   | 15    | ( 100 )       | -                  | -        | -                  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       |               | <b>26,585</b>      |          | <b>-</b>           |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       |               | <b>26,585</b>      |          | <b>-</b>           |
| <b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>                |       |               | <b>26,585</b>      |          | <b>-</b>           |
| <b><u>Funds of the charity</u></b>                    |       |               |                    |          |                    |
| Unrestricted income funds                             |       |               | -                  |          | -                  |
| Restricted income funds                               |       |               | 26,585             |          | -                  |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                    |       |               | <b>26,585</b>      |          | <b>-</b>           |

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 30/01/2025

and are signed on its behalf by: Rebecca Elton   
Chair

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

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### 1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### 2 Basis of accounting

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts 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 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Stomping Grounds North East meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### 2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £0 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

### 3 Income

#### 3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

#### 3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

#### 3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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#### **3.4 Volunteer help**

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### **3.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

#### **3.6 Income from membership subscriptions**

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

#### **3.7 Investment gains and losses**

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

#### **3.8 Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

### **4 Expenditure and liabilities**

#### **4.1 Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

#### **4.2 Charitable activities**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of Forest School and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

#### **4.3 Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **4.4 Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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#### **4.5 Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

#### **4.6 Provisions for liabilities**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

### **5 Assets**

#### **5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, the charity does not currently have any tangible fixed assets:

|           |                                   |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Equipment | 25% Straight line over four years |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Analysis of income

|   | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£   | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>6 Charitable activities</b>          |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| <u>Income from grants and contracts</u> |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| Gateshead Council                       | -                          | 45,000                   | <b>45,000</b>        | -                  |
| Community Foundation                    | -                          | 9,326                    | <b>9,326</b>         | -                  |
| Clothworkers Foundation                 | -                          | 6,700                    | <b>6,700</b>         | -                  |
|   | <u>-</u>                   | <u>61,026</u>            | <u><b>61,026</b></u> | <u>-</u>           |

Income was £61,026 (2023: £0) of which £0 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £0) and £61,026 was restricted (2023: £0)

#### Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

|   | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2024<br>£   | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>7 Charitable activities</b>                            |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| <u>Direct costs</u>                                       |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| Wages and salaries  | -                          | 8,409                    | <b>8,409</b>         | -                  |
| Training  | -                          | 2,500                    | <b>2,500</b>         | -                  |
| Project activities  | -                          | 4,944                    | <b>4,944</b>         | -                  |
| Equipment   | -                          | 8,550                    | <b>8,550</b>         | -                  |
| Supervision   | -                          | 3,238                    | <b>3,238</b>         | -                  |
| <u>Support costs</u>                                      |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| Website costs   | -                          | 6,700                    | <b>6,700</b>         | -                  |
| <u>Governance costs</u>                                   |                            |                          |                      |                    |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | -                          | 100                      | <b>100</b>           | -                  |
|   | <u>-</u>                   | <u>34,441</u>            | <u><b>34,441</b></u> | <u>-</u>           |

Expenditure on charitable activities was £34,441 (2023: £0) of which £0 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £0) and £34,441 was restricted (2023: £0)

#### 8 Fees for examination of the accounts

|   | 2024<br>£         | 2023<br>£ |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | <b>100</b>        | -         |
|   | <u><b>100</b></u> | <u>-</u>  |

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2023: £nil)

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#### 9 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

|   | <b>2024</b>  | 2023 |
|---|--------------|------|
|   | <b>£</b>     | £    |
| Salaries and wages                                | <b>7,200</b> | -    |
| Social security costs                             | <b>575</b>   | -    |
| Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan) | <b>360</b>   | -    |
|   | <b>8,135</b> | -    |

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the charity manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £0 (2023: £0).

#### 10 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2023: 0 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

|   | <b>2024</b>   | 2023   |
|---|---------------|--------|
|   | <b>Number</b> | Number |
| The parts of the charity in which the employee's work |               |        |
| Charitable activities                                 | <b>1.0</b>    | 0.0    |
|   | <b>1.0</b>    | 0.0    |

#### 11 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

##### Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

##### Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

#### 12 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charitable company contributes to individual private staff pension schemes. The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity.

#### 13 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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#### 14 Cash at bank and in hand

|                      | 2024          | 2023     |
|----------------------|---------------|----------|
|                      | £             | £        |
| Bank current account | 9,326         | -        |
| Short term deposits  | 17,359        | -        |
|                      | <u>26,685</u> | <u>-</u> |

#### 15 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

|                                     | 2024       | 2023     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
|                                     | £          | £        |
| Accruals                            |            |          |
| Independent examination of accounts | 100        | -        |
|                                     | <u>100</u> | <u>-</u> |

#### 16 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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#### 17 Analysis of charitable funds

##### Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

|                           | Fund<br>balances<br>brought<br>forward<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Fund<br>balances<br>carried<br>forward<br>£ |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |   |                            |                            |                |   |
| General unrestricted fund | -   | -                          | -                          | -              | -   |
| <b>Totals</b>             | -   | -                          | -                          | -              | -   |

##### Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund                      The 'free reserves' of the charity

##### Analysis of movement in restricted funds

|                         | Fund<br>balances<br>brought<br>forward<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Fund<br>balances<br>carried<br>forward<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Restricted funds</b> |   |                            |                            |                |   |
| Gateshead Council       | -   | 45,000                     | ( 21,039 )                 | -              | <b>23,961</b>                               |
| Community Foundation    | -   | 9,326                      | ( 6,703 )                  | -              | <b>2,624</b>                                |
| Clothworkers Foundation | -   | 6,700                      | ( 6,700 )                  | -              | -   |
| <b>Totals</b>           | -   | <b>61,026</b>              | <b>( 34,441 )</b>          | -              | <b>26,585</b>                               |

##### Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gateshead Council       | Gateshead Riverside Project  |
| Community Foundation    | Gateshead Riverside Project  |
| Clothworkers Foundation | To fund website improvements |

#### 18 Capital commitments

As at 31 August 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023 -£nil)

#### 19 Analysis of net assets between funds

|  | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | <b>Total<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | Total<br>2023<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets                  | -                          | -                        | -                           | -                  |
| Cash at bank and in hand               | -                          | 26,685                   | <b>26,685</b>               | -                  |
| Other net current assets/(liabilities) | -                          | ( 100 )                  | <b>( 100 )</b>              | -                  |
|  | -                          | <b>26,585</b>            | <b>26,585</b>               | -                  |

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#### **20 Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 August 2024.

#### **21 Debt**

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 August 2024.

#### **22 Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 14 November 2023 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011.