

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1208708

Details

Other names STARF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2024-06-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES SUFFERING POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR POOR MENTAL HEALTH IN RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES INCLUDING: [A] GIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ORGANISATIONS FOR PASSING ON TO FAMILIES IN NEED AS ASSESSED BY THEIR WELFARE TEAMS OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS[B] FACILITATING (AND FUNDING WHERE NECESSARY) COUNSELLING SERVICES RELATED TO FINANCIAL MATTERS, DEBT ADVICE AND APPROPRIATE PRACTICAL HELP FOR FAMILIES IN NEED[C] FACILITATING (AND FUNDING WHERE NECESSARY) MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEED AS ASSESSED BY SCHOOL WELFARE TEAMS OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS[D] ADVANCING EDUCATION IN THE AREA OF PARENTING, DEBT MANAGEMENT, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OR SUCH OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE OVERALL OBJECT OF THE CIO.

Activities: Support for local families (Ringwood and Fordingbridge [Hampshire]) in the form of financial grants and advice to enable families and children in need as determined by school staff and welfare teams.

To provide access to support workers, debt advisers and mental health professionals.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Dorset
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£85,648	£74,811	-	-
2024-12-31	£44,254	£39,975	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Francis McCormac	Chair	2025-07-07
Amanda Underwood		2024-01-08
Joanna Russell		2025-01-26
Julia Gaunt		2024-01-08
Peter Vandervelde		2024-09-23
Ryan McShea		2024-01-08

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

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STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Reference and Administration

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Charity Name and Number

Stronger Together Across Ringwood and Fordingbridge

Registered Charity Number 1208708

Correspondence Address

Poulner Baptist Chapel, Hangersley, Hampshire BH24 3HZ

Trustees

Mr Kevin McCormac OBE (Chair)

Mrs Amanda Underwood

Mr Ryan McShea

Mrs Julia Gaunt

Mr Peter Vandervelde

Mrs Joanna Russell

Professional Advisors

Bankers:

Lloyds Bank PLC

Independent Examiner:

Y Salomi, Artema, 1a Kingsbury's Lane, Ringwood BH24 1EL

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Trustees' Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Charity Structure and Governance

Stronger Together Across Ringwood & Fordingbridge (STARF) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution. Initially operating under the umbrella of Poulner Baptist Chapel, STARF became an independent charity on 8 January 2024 and became a registered charity on 18 June 2024.

Vision and Objectives

STARF's vision is to support local families, and its objective is to ensure that all families in Ringwood and Fordingbridge have access to the support they need to be safe and thrive. The charity operates under the belief that no child should face poverty or mental health struggles alone.

Core Activities

STARF focuses on the following key areas to achieve its vision:

- **Reducing family poverty:** Providing a Family Support Adviser to provide advice and financial support to families in hardship including sign-posting towards professionals to support with challenges such as debt management.
- **Healing young minds:** Offering a counselling service to address mental health and other needs among students.
- **Providing practical and educational support:** Facilitating interventions that enhance parenting skills and foster long-term generational change.

STARF also provides ad hoc support and organises activities that are in line with its vision and objectives including for example a Christmas Party for vulnerable children, providing meals in school holidays to children in need. STARF liaises with other charities and institutions to ensure that services and funds are directed efficiently and effectively.

Strategic Direction

STARF's key projects are now established. In the short and medium term STARF aims to enhance the services it delivers as we seek to bring our funding on to a more recurring and sustainable basis. Long-term, the charity aspires to expand its reach and scope of activities and to share its successful model with other communities.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Financial Overview

Results

The Trustees are pleased to report on the second successful year of STARF as an independent charity in which a surplus of £10,837 was recorded. In 2025 STARF has continued with the provision of the Schools Hardship Worker (now Family Support Adviser) to deliver support and advice to families in need in Ringwood and Fordingbridge (in conjunction with Ringwood Foodbank) and has expanded the provision of counselling for children and young people. 56 families have been supported by the Family Support Adviser and 72 children and young people have benefitted from our counselling services.

The measurable impact of the Family Support Adviser and the testimonials from the children/young people, parents and schools in relation to the counselling services is overwhelming.

The Trustees note that the results for 2025 represent a shift in balance of donations from the founders towards individual and business donations and grants. The Trustees are grateful for the ongoing donations of £15,000 in 2025 from our corporate founder, Empower Energy Limited (now Good Energy) whilst recognising that moving to a broader base of funding is key to securing the future. To this end the Trustees will continue in 2026 to build the base of donations from individuals and the network of local businesses known as "STARF20".

The Trustees are keen to increase the scope of STARF's activities but the demand for existing services is greater than the level of support we are able to supply and therefore fund-raising and increased support remains critical.

Reserves Policy

STARF aims to hold sufficient funds to cover its contractual commitments. As at 31 December 2025, STARF held sufficient funds to cover the Family Support Adviser (formerly Schools' Hardship Worker) through to 31 December 2026 and counselling services for the spring and summer terms of 2026. Unallocated reserves stood at £5,142 as at 31 December 2025.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major strategic, operational, and business risks facing the charity. Systems, controls, and policies are in place to mitigate and monitor these risks effectively. The key risks facing STARF are:

Safeguarding: The Trustees are aware of risks around safeguarding especially in the children and young people counselling services offered. To this end STARF has a Designated Safeguarding Lead and Assistant Safeguarding Lead, has invested in a Safeguarding Database and has two Safeguarding policies - the first for general safeguarding issues pertaining to volunteers and the second specific to the counselling team. Our general safeguarding policy states that

- Nobody who is involved in our work should ever experience abuse, harm, neglect or exploitation.
- We all have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all of our beneficiaries, staff and volunteers, to keep them safe and to work in a way that protects them.
- We all have a collective responsibility for creating a culture in which our people not only feel safe, but also able to speak up, if they have any concerns.

The Safeguarding Children Policy aims to ensure that children are effectively safeguarded whilst using the therapeutic services provided by the STARF project. It applies to all therapists and holds as its principle that the welfare of the child is paramount.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Continuity of Funding: The Trustees are cognisant that STARF enters into ongoing financial commitments for a number of months at a time and its funding is not guaranteed. The Trustees have not entered into any financial commitments beyond the cash funds and reserves that STARF holds. The Trustees continue to monitor this.

Claims As with any organisation the Trustees recognise that STARF could be held liable for claims for negligence. The Trustees manage this by using trained and qualified professionals and closely monitoring the performance of those professionals. STARF has a range of policies in place to manage such risks.

Fraud / Cyber Fraud / GDPR The Trustees recognise the risk of fraud including cyber fraud and data protection risks. Access to STARF's bank account is strictly controlled and authority limits and procedures are in place. STARF hold counselling records in a secure database called MyRecord. These counselling and safeguarding records are maintained for a minimum of 7 years or 7 years post the CYP's 18th birthday, whichever is longest. Other than those records STARF does not hold any personal information relating to families and children it supports. STARF works with an external consultant to ensure that systems continue to be compliant, controlled and secure.

Partners and funders

We are delighted to have had the support of a number of partners and funders who, in addition to our founder (Empower Energy, now Good Energy), have made financial contributions and provided support to STARF through 2025. Our key partners are listed on our website, and we cannot list everyone here, but we mention in particular in the context of 2025;

- Peter and Ruth Ellis of Belinda's Bakery who generously continue to provide holiday lunches at their own cost;
- Dr Andrew Turnbull of South Coast Vision for his significant regular monthly donations and Lonsdale Wealth Management for its continued financial support; and
- Poulner Players, David Lloyd Club, Ringwood and Earlcoate Plant Hire who have invited us to attend and fund-raise at their events.

Contracts

STARF relies on key contracts to deliver its services:

1. **Citizens Advice New Forest:** Provides the Family Support Adviser (formerly School Hardship Worker).
2. **Independent Counsellors:** A team of qualified counsellors who provide school-based mental health and emotional support to children and young people.

These contracts are monitored regularly to ensure quality and effectiveness.

Volunteers

STARF is deeply grateful to its volunteers, who generously donate their time to the charity's activities. While the monetary value of their contribution is not quantified, their efforts are invaluable to the charity's operations.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Review of Activities

- **Family Support Adviser Project**

The Family Support Adviser, funded at a cost of approximately £30,000 in 2025 (funded by STARF and Ringwood Foodbank), achieved £153,000 in savings and income generation for clients (actual and expected). Schools provided excellent feedback, underscoring the success of this initiative.

- **Counselling Service**

The counselling project reached 72 children and young people in 2025. The 1-2-1 counselling comprises 10 sessions per participant. Evaluations highlighted significant mental health improvements, including increased school attendance, improved behaviour, and greater confidence and resilience. STARF now offers group counselling which allows more children and young people to benefit from counselling services.

- **Holiday lunches**

In 2025 STARF continued to provide identified children with lunches during school holidays. The retail cost of these lunches was in excess of £3,000 which was funded by Belinda's Bakery.

Trustees

The following individuals served as Trustees in 2025:

- Mr Kevin McCormac OBE (appointed as Trustee and chairperson from 7 July 2025)
- Mrs Amanda Underwood (retired as Chairperson from 7 July 2025)
- Mr Ryan McShea
- Mrs Julia Gaunt
- Mr Peter Vandervelde
- Mrs Joanna Russell (appointed 26 January 2025)

Trustees do not receive payment for their services.

Independent Examination of Accounts

The Trustees have appointed Mr Y Salomi as the independent examiner for STARF's accounts.

Approval of the Report

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th February 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

Peter Vandervelde

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P Vandervelde

Trustee

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Independent Examiners Report****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

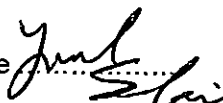
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 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.

Signature  Date 19 FEB 2026

Y Salomi FCCA
Independent Examiner

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Statement of Assets and Liabilities****AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
£		
Cash	57,742	52,941
Assets	2,502	-
Liabilities	(6,819)	(10,354)
Net assets	53,425	42,588
Reserves		
Held for contractual commitments - SHW	14,794	12,624
Held for contractual commitments - Counsellors	33,391	14,460
Committed to specific project	-	2,500
Admin reserve	98	922
Uncommitted reserves	5,142	12,082
Reserves	53,425	42,588
Opening reserves	42,588	-
Surplus	10,837	42,588
Closing reserves	53,425	42,588

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Statement of Income and Expenditure****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

	2025	2024
£		
Income	85,648	116,287
Payments		
Donations to schools	(925)	(24,025)
Schools Hardship Worker	(26,322)	(23,786)
Counsellors	(43,685)	(23,940)
Other expenses	(3,879)	(1,948)
Total costs	(74,811)	(73,699)
Surplus for the year	10,837	42,588

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Accounting Policies****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025****1. Accounting Policies****1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis.

1.2. Income

Income is received by way of donations, gifts and fundraising events and is recognised in the receipts and payments account in the year of receipt.

Gift Aid receipts have been accrued for at the point the claim is regarded as certain.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenses are recognised in the period to which they relate, and the activity takes place.

Liabilities at the year-end are shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

1.4. Taxation

STARF is a registered charity, and the results of its normal activities are not liable to Corporation Tax. The charity is not registered for VAT.

1.5. Fund Accounting

The charity funds are unrestricted, and they are freely available for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes. However, these accounts show the reserves that are allocated to contractual commitments in respect of future services with the residual being referred to as unallocated reserves.

2. Trustees' Expenses

Purchases made on behalf of the charity were reimbursed during the year to the individuals / Trustees against appropriate invoices.

3. Related Party Transactions

None

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Reference and Administration

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charity Name and Number

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Registered Charity Number 1208708

Correspondence Address

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Trustees

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Professional Advisors

Bankers:

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Trustees Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charity Structure and Governance

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Vision and Objectives

STARF's vision is to support local families in crisis and its objective is to ensure that all families in Ringwood and Fordingbridge have access to the support they needed to be safe and thrive. The charity operates under the belief that no child should face poverty or mental health struggles alone.

Core Activities

STARF focuses on four key areas to achieve its vision:

- **Reducing family poverty:** Employing a Hardship Worker to provide advice and financial support to families in hardship.
- **Healing young minds:** Offering a school counselling service to address mental health and other needs among students.
- **Addressing family debt:** Contracting a Debt Coach to reduce the burden of debt on families.
- **Providing practical and educational support:** Facilitating interventions that enhance parenting skills and foster long-term generational change.

STARF also provides ad hoc support and organises activities that are in line with its vision and objectives including for example the provision of Christmas Hampers to identified families and providing meals in school holidays to children in need.

Strategic Direction

Given its recent establishment, STARF's immediate focus is on stabilising its four key projects and securing sustainable funding. Long-term, the charity aspires to expand its reach and scope of activities and to share its successful model with other communities.

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Trustees Annual Report (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Financial Overview

Results

The Trustees are pleased to note a very successful first year as an independent charity in which a surplus of £42,588 was recorded after funding the CAB Hardship Worker for the year (in conjunction with Ringwood Foodbank) and contracting with three counsellors to provide counselling for children and young people. Over 50 families have been supported by the Hardship Worker and 50 children have benefitted from a course of counselling.

The Trustees are mindful that the results for 2024 include (i) a one-off donation of over £43,000 from one of our founders (Poulner Baptist Church) and (ii) over £40,000 through our corporate founder, Empower Energy Limited which is not expected to be repeated at the same level in future years. Therefore, these significant donations in 2024 have provided base funding for STARF and STARF is now seeking to become self-sufficient through applying for relevant grants and through establishing a network of local businesses to provide recurring support - this network is known as "STARF20".

The Trustees are keen to increase the scope of STARF's activities but demand for existing services is already greater than the level of support we are able to supply and therefore fund-raising and increased support is critical at this time.

Reserves Policy

STARF aims to hold sufficient funds and reserves to cover its contractual commitments and as at 31 December 2024 this is the case with unallocated reserves of £12,082.

Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the major strategic, operational, and business risks facing the charity. Systems, controls, and policies are in place to mitigate and monitor these risks effectively.

The key risks facing STARF are:

Safeguarding: The Trustees are aware of risks around safeguarding especially in the Children & Young People counselling services offered. To this end STARF has two safeguarding policies, the first for general safeguarding issues pertaining to volunteers the second specific to the counselling team. Our general safeguarding policy states that

- Nobody who is involved in our work should ever experience abuse, harm, neglect or exploitation.
- We all have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all of our beneficiaries, staff and volunteers, to keep them safe and to work in a way that protects them.
- We all have a collective responsibility for creating a culture in which our people not only feel safe, but also able to speak up, if they have any concerns.

The Children & Young People Safeguarding Policy aims to ensure that children are effectively safeguarded whilst using the therapeutic services provided by The STARF Project. It applies to all therapists and holds as its principle that the welfare of the child is paramount.

Continuity of Funding: The Trustees are cognisant of the fact that STARF enters into ongoing financial commitments for a number of months at a time and its funding is not guaranteed. The Trustees have not entered into any financial commitments beyond the cash resources and reserves that STARF holds and the Trustees continue to monitor this.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Claims As with any organisation the Trustees recognise that STARF could be held liable for claims for negligence. The Trustees manage this by using trained and qualified professionals and closely monitor the performance of those professionals. STARF has a range of policies in place to manage such risks.

Fraud / Cyber Fraud / GDPR The Trustees recognise the risk of fraud including cyber fraud and data protection risks. Access to STARF's bank account is strictly controlled and authority limits and procedures are in place. STARF does not hold any personal information relating to families and children it supports. STARF is working with an external consultant to ensure that systems continue to be compliant, controlled and safe.

Partners and funders

We are delighted to have had the support of a number of partners and funders who, in addition to our founding partners (Empower Energy and Poulner Baptist Church), have made financial contributions and provided support to STARF through 2024. Our key partners are listed on our website, and we cannot list everyone here, but we mention in particular in the context of 2024;

- Peter and Ruth Ellis of Belinda's Bakery who generously provide holiday lunches at their own cost;
- Dr Andrew Turnbull of South Coast Vision and Ianthe Slinger of Letchers Solicitors for their significant regular monthly donations;
- Ringwood & Fordingbridge Business Community and supporting members such as Lonsdale Wealth Management; and
- Ringwood Musical and Dramatic Society, David Lloyd Club, Ringwood and Earlcoate Plant Hire who have invited us to attend and fund-raise at their events.

Contracts

STARF relies on key contracts to deliver its services:

1. **Citizens Advice New Forest:** Provides the School Hardship Worker.
2. **Independent Counsellors:** A team of three qualified counsellors offers school-based mental health and other support.

These contracts are monitored regularly to ensure quality and effectiveness.

Volunteers

STARF is deeply grateful to its volunteers, who generously donate their time to the charity's activities. While the monetary value of their contribution is not quantified, their efforts are invaluable to the charity's operations.

Review of Activities

- **Hardship Worker Project**

The Hardship Worker, funded at a cost of £30,000 in 2024, achieved £150,000 in savings and income generation for beneficiaries. Schools provided excellent feedback, underscoring the success of this initiative.

- **Counselling Service**

The counselling project reached 30 children and young people, offering 10 sessions per participant. Evaluations highlighted significant mental health improvements, including increased school attendance, improved behaviour, and greater confidence and resilience.

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Trustees Annual Report (continued)

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Review of Activities (continued)

- **Under 1's Club**

STARF partnered with Ringwood Town Council to fund an under 1's club which has attendance of 20 families per week and growing. It is aimed at providing parenting and socialisation skills to address the decline in young children's ability to integrate into school.

- **Holiday lunches**

In 2024 STARF enabled identified children to be provided with lunches during school holidays. The retail cost of these lunches was in excess of £3,000.

Trustees

The following individuals served as Trustees for the period 8 January 2024 to 31 December 2024:

- Mrs Amanda Underwood
- Mr Ryan McShea
- Mrs Julia Gaunt
- Mr Peter Vandervelde (appointment 23 September 2024)

Trustees do not receive payment for their services.

Independent Examination of Accounts

The Trustees have appointed Mr Y Salomi as the independent examiner for STARF's accounts.

Approval of the Report

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 7 April 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

PRA Vandervelde

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P Vandervelde
Trustee

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Independent Examiners Report****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner.

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). 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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 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.

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16-April-25

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Statement of Income and Expenditure****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

	2024
Income	116,287
Payments	
Donations to schools	(24,025)
Schools Hardship Worker	(23,786)
Counsellors	(23,940)
Other expenses	(1,948)
Total costs	(73,699)
Surplus for the year	42,588

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Statement of Assets and Liabilities****AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

£	
Cash	52,942
Liabilities	(10,354)
Net assets	42,588
Reserves	
Held for contractual commitments - SHW	12,624
Held for contractual commitments - Counsellors	14,460
Committed to specific project (CAP Ferndown)	2,500
Admin reserve	922
Uncommitted reserves	12,082
Reserves	42,588
Opening reserves	-
Surplus	42,588
Closing reserves	42,588

STRONGER TOGETHER ACROSS RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE**Accounting Policies****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024****1. Accounting Policies****1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis.

1.2. Income

Income is received by way of donations, gifts and fundraising events and is recognised in the receipts and payments account in the year of receipt.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenses are recognized in the period to which they relate, and the activity takes place.

Liabilities at the year-end are shown on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

1.4. Taxation

STARF is a registered charity, and the results of its normal activities are not liable to Corporation Tax. The society is not registered for VAT.

1.5. Fund Accounting

The charity funds are unrestricted, and they are freely available for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes. However, these accounts show the reserves that are allocated to contractual commitments in respect of future services with the residual being referred to as unallocated reserves.

2. Trustees' Expenses

Purchases made on behalf of the charity were reimbursed during the year to the individuals / Trustees against appropriate invoices.

3. Related Party Transactions

None