

I Choose Freedom Charity

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Activities

Objects: The object of the Company is to promote the welfare of those who experience or have experienced domestic abuse and their children (hereinafter referred as 'clients') by:3.1 providing access to temporary refuge in safe accommodation where clients can find protection from threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional);3.2 providing skilled practical help, advice and emotional support to enable clients to return to independent living. Such help may include support and advice to other family members or significant associates where this is thought to be material in promoting the future well-being of clients. To offer resettlement service where applicable and services for children;3.3 influencing, contributing and encouraging the development of public policy and good practice relevant to domestic abuse, including fostering and promoting co-operation between other persons and bodies at local and national level, and participating in relevant activities; and3.4 educating the public in the causes and effects of domestic abuse.

Activities: I Choose Freedom is a charity that provides refuge and a path to freedom for survivors of domestic abuse. We have three refuges that house women and children. As part of our Refuge for All project,

we also offer self-contained units to support any survivor.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,549,256	£1,463,902	£1,069,517	26
2024-03-31	£1,322,624	£1,398,057	£984,163	27
2023-03-31	£1,539,476	£1,141,173	£1,059,596	23
2022-03-31	£999,677	£865,770	£661,293	18
2021-03-31	£922,786	£692,785	£527,386	11

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philipsia Greenway	Chair	2024-09-06
Carolyne Njoki KINYANJUI		2021-07-26
Charlene Booth		2022-12-10
David Hallam		2024-09-06
Hilary Ann Edwards		2021-09-21
Jane Elizabeth Healey		2025-02-17
Katy Curtis		2024-09-06
Sally Jane Stimpson		2019-03-19

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Annual
Review
2024/2025

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Our Vision

A world where
domestic abuse
no longer exists



Our Mission

For all victims
and survivors of
domestic abuse to
receive the support
they need, when
they need it

Our Values
Respect
Inclusion
Trust
Empowerment



Our Aim For Survivors To

Have control over their own lives and the opportunity to make informed choices



Be involved in decisions about every aspect of the service they receive



Be treated with respect, compassion and dignity



Have their diversity respected and have equal rights and opportunities



Chair of Trustees Report

Supporting survivors of domestic abuse is difficult and traumatic work, made more challenging as commissioners are trying to meet local needs and having to make decisions as to where their funding is directed. With Emma, our new CEO completing her first full year in post we are immensely proud to be in a relatively stable position as we complete this financial year.

The recruitment of our full-time fundraiser, Louise, has also proved to have been an invaluable asset to the organisation this year. The cost of living increase and the current housing crisis has impacted our survivors, sector and services. Greater economic challenges make it even harder to leave an abuser. Survivors are not only facing domestic abuse but also housing, mental health and immigration disadvantages.

Our staff work incredibly hard to offer support at a time other services are being cut back or withdrawn. In the face of our cost challenges and funding pressures for those who commission our service, our staff and volunteers continue to work tirelessly with passion and determination to be there for survivors who need help. I am proud that the work being done stands out because of the deeply ingrained desire to empower survivors to rebuild their lives.



Sally Stimpson
Chair of Trustees

The Board have recruited a further three new trustees with specific skills that we were missing. This now means that we have a team who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our diverse and growing organisation. We continue to ensure we always have a Board Member who has lived experience to enable us to understand the journey of a survivor through refuge. As chair, I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm that the Board brings, not only to myself but to I Choose Freedom. Once again, I would like to celebrate the incredible progress that I Choose Freedom has made this year and thank our CEO, staff, volunteers, trustees, fundraisers and donors, who have helped to make it happen.

CEO Report

My first year as CEO has been focused on stabilising the charity and looking at our longer-term plans including developing our strategy for 2025 - 2028 which will be shared in Winter 2025.

This year saw the implementation of our innovative project Opening Doors, which is a scheme we have created to help survivors get back into employment. The project involves us working in collaboration with a professional CV writer who provides guidance and support to survivors living in refuge around CV writing, coaching sessions for interview preparation and a voucher to purchase appropriate clothing for interview. The first year of the pilot has been a huge success seeing survivors who were struggling to even get shortlisted for interview back into secure employment. This project was shaped by survivors whose voices told us that this was a barrier in coming to refuge and a difficulty they faced after leaving refuge.

For many years we have been aware of the issues that survivors encounter at Family Court. We have continued to advocate for survivor's voices to be heard and listened to, as they have shared that they have not been believed, their children's voices have not been heard, and perpetrators have successfully used 'Parental Alienation' as a way of manipulating the courts into granting contact. Along with the distress that this causes both the survivor and their children, some decisions made by the Family Courts have increased the risk of harm to the children themselves. We have worked closely over the last year with the charity 'Rights of Women' to improve outcomes for survivors of domestic abuse within the family courts. This has involved training court staff and exploring the physical considerations within the court setting.

At I Choose Freedom, we campaign around football to raise awareness with football audiences as there is a link between reports of domestic abuse and big football games. The studies that exist mainly compare prevalence of domestic abuse (as recorded by police or other emergency services) on the days that football games take place against prevalence on non-match days. Significant data from World



Emma Bray
CEO
I Choose Freedom

Cups and from local matches has been analysed with all of these studies, however limited in number, showing what appears to be a link between domestic abuse and football. The evidence consistently shows a correlation between the occurrence of certain football matches and increased reports of domestic abuse on match days. Percentage increases vary depending on the study, with increases ranging from 28% to a shocking 139%.

At I Choose Freedom we saw referrals almost double in the first two weeks of the Euros in 2024. This year we have collaborated with premier league club Fulham FC to tackle domestic abuse on a wider scale.

Over the next year our commitment remains to strengthening and diversifying our services to ensure that we are targeting and meeting any unmet needs of survivors and reducing barriers that we know adult and child survivors face when coming into and leaving refuge.

I am incredibly grateful to the Board, the staff team, our volunteers and donors for the ongoing support that enables our doors to remain open so that we can continue our life saving services.

Head of Services Report

I'm Zoe Snelgrove, Head of Services at I Choose Freedom.

At the start of the year, my focus was on strengthening and improving our service for all survivors who make the courageous decision to come to refuge. This journey is never an easy one and it is our responsibility to ensure that every individual who arrives at I Choose Freedom is met with compassion, safety and respect from the very first moment.

A key area of development this year has been embedding empowerment across all our provisions. In practice, this has meant building a team of skilled, reflective practitioners who are trained to the highest standards to deliver trauma-informed and person-centred support. Our approach places survivors at the heart of every decision, ensuring that each person's voice is heard and their choices are honoured.

Our goal has been to create a stable, calm and nurturing environment – one that provides the safety and space survivors need to begin their healing journey. Within this environment, we want survivors to rediscover hope, identify new goals and rebuild confidence in their future.

We have worked tirelessly to tailor our support to the needs of every adult and child who comes into refuge. By focusing on inclusivity, empowerment and individual growth, we continue to strengthen our culture of care – one that recognises the unique experiences of each survivor and provides the foundations for lasting change.

As we look ahead to the coming year, our focus remains on growth, sustainability and deepening the quality of the support we provide. We will continue to invest in our staff team, ensuring they have the skills, resilience and resources needed to deliver exceptional, trauma-informed care.



Zoe Snelgrove
Head of Services,
I Choose Freedom

We are also committed to strengthening our partnerships and amplifying the voices of survivors – ensuring their experiences continue to shape and guide our services. Looking forward, I Choose Freedom will keep striving to create environments where every survivor, adult and child alike, can rebuild their lives, regain their confidence and move towards a future defined not by trauma, but by hope, safety, and empowerment.



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Jo Millward MSc
Head of Safer
Communities
Community Protection
& Emergencies Directorate
Surrey County Council



I've seen first-hand the incredible impact I Choose Freedom has on adults and children escaping domestic abuse. Their compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to safety and empowerment make them an essential part of our work to build safer communities across Surrey.

What really stands out to me is their forward-thinking approach. They don't just respond to the needs of survivors—they anticipate them. Their Refuge for All service is a brilliant example of this, offering inclusive, tailored support that breaks down barriers and creates safe, welcoming spaces for anyone needing help.

I also deeply value the way they support survivors to rebuild their independence, especially through employment. Helping survivors regain confidence, develop skills, and find pathways back into work is life-changing—and I Choose Freedom does this with care, expertise, and a genuine belief in every woman's potential.



I Choose Freedom offer compassion and hope to each survivor and family reaching them from unimaginable circumstances.

Keeping the voice of the survivor central, they are also powerful advocates in the campaign to end violence against women and girls. I am honoured and humbled to have played a small part in supporting Emma and the team in their vital work.

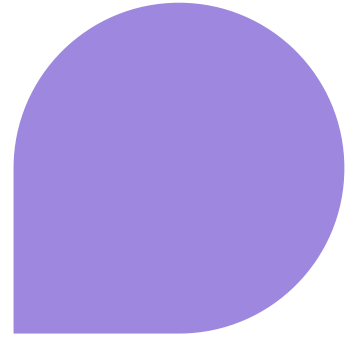


Cllr Ruth Ritter
Ward Cllr for Earlswood
and Whitebushes
Reigate and Banstead
Borough Council



Women in refuge

We received 1056 referrals in total for our services between the 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025. On average we had to turn away eight survivors and their families for each room space that became available. We helped 138 adults and 141 children this year. We were unable to help 918 survivors in need.



Maxgate

Another great year advocating for families fleeing their homes due to domestic abuse.

At I Choose Freedom our advocacy begins from the moment the survivor picks up the phone to ask for support. The families receive emotional and practical support from the time they make their decision to come to the refuge all the way until they are ready to live independently and start their new life free from abuse and fear.

The survivor's safety is at the heart of every conversation and interaction their Domestic Abuse Refuge Advocate (DARA) has with them. Our aim is to end domestic abuse for women and children and to ensure safeguarding is put in place while with us in refuge.

The DARA has many conversations with the survivor to assess their needs and priorities to tailor their support and achieve the best possible outcome from their journey in the refuge. DARAs walk alongside the survivors to empower them and help them gain confidence to make decisions about their future.

Some women arrived with uncertain immigration status and no recourse to public funds due to the abuse and control to which they were subjected. Their DARA supports them through referral to immigration solicitors to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain and gain access to public funds. We have celebrated some survivors gaining Indefinite Leave to Remain whilst still in the refuge. This has enabled security, stability and reassurance that they will be able to take care of themselves and their children in the UK where they can live safely and independently.

DARAs have supported survivors with dealing with the effects of economic abuse by referring them to relevant organisations who have helped them establish the extent of their situation and find solutions to minimise the impact on their lives.

Our survivors have faced many challenging situations whilst in the refuge from attending courts to struggling to find secure, safe and suitable accommodation when they are ready to move on. Their DARA ensures that they feel supported and strong enough to deal with these situations by guiding and encouraging them through the process.

DARAs have advocated heavily for survivors to make sure that their voice is heard and listened to.

Some survivors signed up and completed courses in preparation for their jobs in the future. They also worked with CV writers to prepare for job interviews.

For many of our survivors, English is not their first language which can be a big disadvantage in day-to-day life, but they are keen to improve their

language skills by attending classes. Thanks to our volunteers, we have been able to facilitate English lessons on site.

We have been able to provide arts and crafts sessions which have been very popular with our women. Some of them said that they had never been able to do anything just for themselves and enjoyed the creativity and focus being on them.

The women and staff celebrated various events and religious holidays and had fun sharing each other's culture and traditions.

Staff and the survivors organised an International Women's Day and Mother's Day party in celebration of all the women in our lives.

As a charity, I Choose Freedom embraces diversity and ensures that every survivor feels appreciated and valued.

Sam, Service Manager at Maxgate



"I want to thank all of you for your help with me and my children and helping us get out of the situation we was in and keeping us safe. You saved us. Thankyou.
(Survivor)



Women in refuge

Hill House

Advocacy remains at the core of what we do. Each survivor arriving at I Choose Freedom is supported by a dedicated Domestic Abuse Refuge Advocate (DARA). These advocates work tirelessly to ensure that survivor's voices are heard, whether that involves navigating welfare systems, securing future housing or accessing essential health and social care services.

In addition to this individual advocacy, we have continued to develop a broader range of therapeutic pathways. While counselling remains available, creative approaches such as art therapy have given survivors more options for emotional support that can be tailored to their individual needs. The clothing room has also played a role in advocacy by empowering women and children to make their own choices, a small but powerful step towards restoring independence.

Our engagement in regional networks and DARAs attendance at local meetings, ensures that I Choose Freedom is not only informed by wider developments but is also contributing to them. This active involvement strengthens our ability to advocate for survivors at a systemic level, ensuring their experiences and needs are represented in conversations around policy and practice.

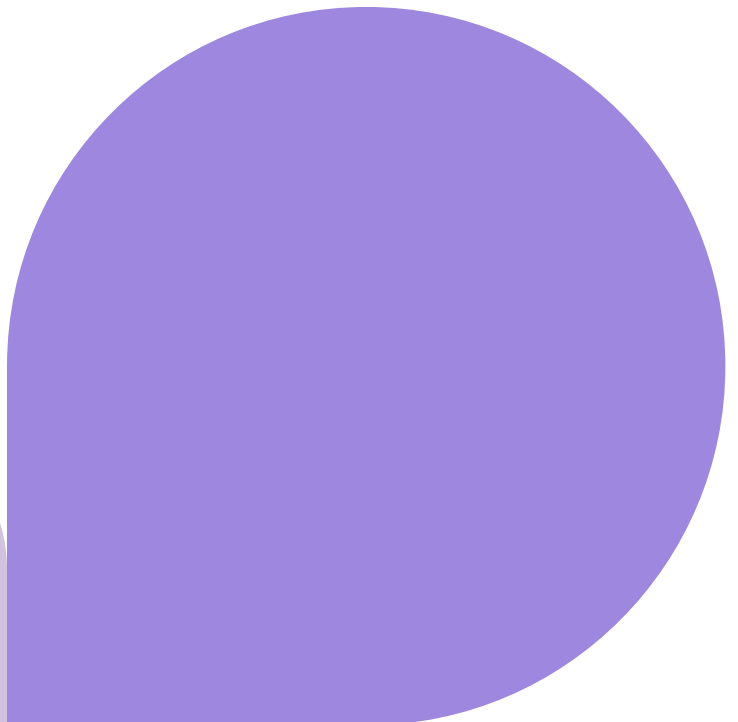
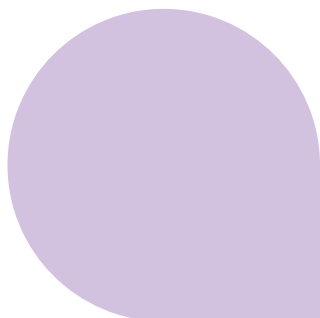
Building partnerships, creating opportunities, and widening access to community resources has been a key focus this year. A local church has generously provided free singing lessons and English classes, which have been a real confidence boost for our survivors who have attended. These opportunities have offered far more than skill-building: they have created social connections, reduced isolation and supported language development. A local arts and cultural organisation has offered creative workshops and we are continuing discussions with them about securing additional free or subsidised sessions. Practical support has also come from businesses, who have donated food and childcare items, helping to ease financial pressures on families during difficult times.

In addition, the Opening Doors project has provided a structured pathway for survivors seeking to return to work or gain new employment skills. These sessions are available to survivors currently in refuge or those who have recently left, and there is flexibility for group or one-to-one support, delivered remotely where necessary. This initiative not only equips survivors with practical skills to pursue employment but also improves their confidence. By engaging in this way, survivors can feel empowered, supported and better prepared to take their next steps after refuge.

Joanna, Service Manager at Hill House



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Children in refuge

Another incredible year in refuge has come round again.

At I Choose Freedom we carry out a holistic approach in supporting the children in our care. We are there to play alongside them as they journey through refuge and start a new life.

We have been working closely with many children who have fled their unsafe homes to a place of safety. The children are greeted at the door or sometimes picked up at the local train station, with big smiles and a warm and friendly welcome. They come with very little, sometimes still in their school uniform, as their mum has grabbed the opportunity to flee straight from school pick up or under the pretence of the school run.

We try to make the house as welcoming as possible, with welcome packs in their rooms containing toys, cuddly teddy bears and books and colouring. This is to show they are cared for and thought about and to provide a welcome distraction while mum unpacks and settles into the room.

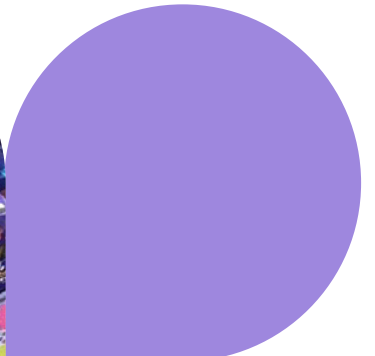
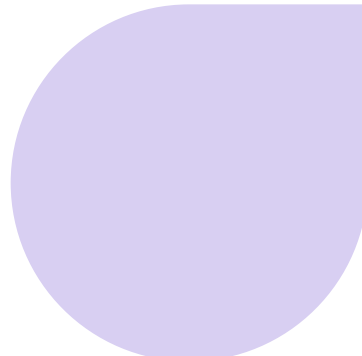
We endeavour to create routine, structure, warmth and safety as soon as possible. We spend time with the children building trusting relationships. Showing them what that looks like by modelling positive behaviours with safe adults.

Working with mum we support with school and/or nursery applications. Reaching out to charities for school uniform and new shoes to make sure the children do not stand out on their first day. Working closely with the designated safeguarding leads at the school so they have an

understanding around domestic abuse and how to fully support the children.

As well as education, Children Advocates help with dental, GP and optician appointments. This might be something a mum has never done before, and we advocate for the children's health while they are with us.

We celebrate birthdays and religious celebrations. Occasional trips out and seasonal parties are always great fun bringing children and women together for craft and food. We have had many of these throughout the year.



“From the beginning, everyone was helpful, kind and caring, and I’m very thankful for their support that they gave me in time of need. Their support give me comfort and hope in the time of great difficulty.”

Picture (left) was created by a 4-year-old boy showing him with his family at the Sea Life centre at Chessington.

Children in refuge (cont.)

Spring Party

We celebrated the Spring half term with activities and lots of sticking and chocolate! We are always so well thought of around this time and, thanks to our amazing network of supporters, the children and women receive plenty of eggs to enjoy.

The Rotary Club were very kind to support us with a trip out to Chessington World of Adventures. Fun was had on the coach with singing and laughter on the way there. Followed by lots of happy sleeping children on the way back.

Summer activities

The 6 weeks holidays are filled with lots of activities and fun. We try to arrange as many different pastimes as we can. From outdoor pursuits, cooking, gardening, craft and picnics.

These activities are not only for the children but the mums and women too. Supporting bonding and attachment and creating happy spaces they can enjoy together. The women enjoy painting and craft as much as the children. It is a wonderful sight to see them relaxing and laughing.

Autumnal Party

Autumnal Party was great fun with staff dressing up and eating pizza.

Winter Party

brought Father Christmas and a wonderful grotto. The nearer it gets to Christmas the more talk of presents and Father Christmas is heard.

"How will he know where to find us?" "Does Father Christmas come to refuge?" "Will Father Christmas know we've moved?"

The great news is that we can tell the children, "Yes, Father Christmas does come to refuge and knows exactly where you are!"

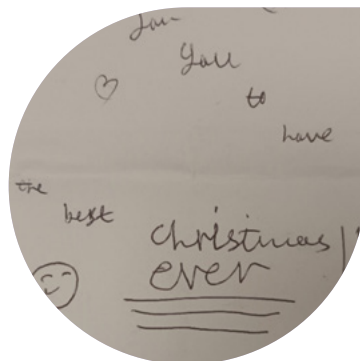
As we get closer to Christmas, Mums will come to us with concerns and worries over being able to provide their children with presents. Many women in refuge aren't financially able to provide Christmas presents. For some children, they've never had a visit from Father Christmas,

"Father Christmas never comes, Daddy says it's because I'm naughty".

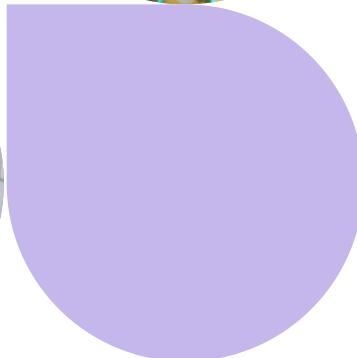
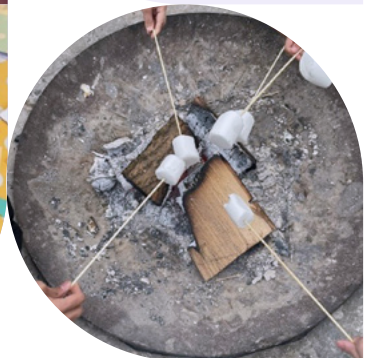
With the help and support from extremely kind members of the public, companies and charities we can deliver the mothers with presents they can put under the Christmas tree this year. We are so thankful for the amazing support provided and we go all out to provide a safe and happy Christmas for the families.

Spread Some Sunshine provided us with a Priory Farm trip. The families got to experience meeting Father Christmas and toasting marshmallows, while drinking hot chocolate.

Our children help us to create Christmas cards to thank our wonderful supporters over the year.



Message was from an 8-year-old girl thanking us for her presents this year.



Children in refuge (cont.)

Mothers day

Mothers day is celebrated with a bag of goodies for all the women and a handmade card. We make sure all the women feel special at this time, whether they are a mum or not, whether they have their children with them or at this time they are elsewhere.

A mums parenting support group is regularly run to support the mum. Sharing their stories with no judgement helps them feel less alone. Introducing parenting skills and ideas together can help them support each other and overcome difficulties together. They do this over a cuppa and a plate of biscuits.

Work around safe relationships and BIG emotions is carried out supporting children's self-esteem and awareness of acceptable and unacceptable behaviours. Assisting the children to work together while living together and to embrace differences.

Play therapy and creative arts counselling is offered to the children from 4 to 18 years old. Those that may struggle to find their words can use play and creativity to work through muddled thoughts and feelings. They may play out an argument in the doll house or a teenager may recreate their feelings out of clay. Both processing consciously and unconsciously what they have been through and what has brought them

to refuge. Working with a therapeutic objective every week with a safe trusted adult supports the children and young people to work through their confusion, explore and understand the world around them

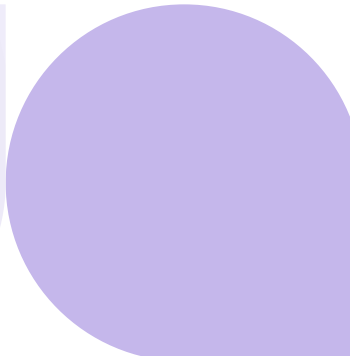
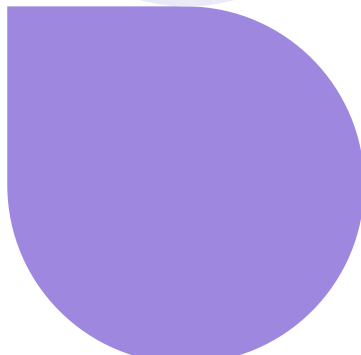
When a 14-year-old girl was invited to think about how she had felt about coming to counselling vs now, she wrote nervous and then exciting.

She was happy for this to be shared with other children and teenagers who might be feeling

worried or apprehensive about starting therapy. (She provided permission for her work to be shared)

Goodbyes come after 6 months. In the time they have been with us we hope to have supported a greater attachment and empowered families ready to take on the next step. These children are extremely vulnerable and have a greater risk of struggles in the future. We hope through their journey in refuge they have learnt who they can turn to if they need help

in the future and understand that domestic abuse is not their fault. Much of their future is still unknown but we hope that together their family unit is stronger, and they are ready to go forward and transition into their new life.



"I would be chained if I did not come here. I would be sacrificing my life, feel depressed, I would not do anything for myself. I lived in past but after coming here, I learnt to enjoy life. It helped me build my confidence and strength. Now I look forward to bright future. I want to do something for myself now. I know I can fight any difficulty... If I compare my past with my present, like the life I was living with the life after I came here, it changed a lot."

Refuge Accommodation for All (RAFA) Report

The Refuge for All service (RAFA) offers safe accommodation and specialist support to survivors of domestic abuse who may experience barriers in accessing communal refuges. This includes, but is not limited to, men, LGBTQ+ survivors, Gypsy Roma Traveller survivors, older women, and women whose health needs make shared accommodation unsuitable.

When I Choose Freedom first launched RAFA, it was in response to a clear gap in provision across the country. Many survivors told us they had nowhere safe to turn because existing options did not meet their needs. Working with Surrey County Council, we created self-contained spaces designed to remove those barriers.

By March 2025, RAFA continued to provide eight dedicated units. Six of these are for single people, alongside one property for a parent with one child, and a larger home that can accommodate a parent with up to five children. These properties remain in high demand, reflecting the urgent need for flexible, inclusive refuge.

Over the past year, our focus has been on embedding the service and extending our network of specialist partners.

We now have stronger links with agencies such as Galop, Mankind, local community wellbeing organisations, faith groups, debt advice charities, and health professionals. This joined-up approach means survivors can access the right help at the right time, without

having to repeat their story.

We have also placed more emphasis on raising awareness. Members of the team have delivered presentations at Job Centres and council services and have taken part in a range of voluntary sector networking events. The RAFA LGBTQ+ Professionals Forum, which meets quarterly, has continued to grow and now draws in a wider pool of practitioners across Surrey. It has become a valuable platform for sharing ideas and shaping more inclusive services.

Representation within our team is an ongoing strength. Having staff who identify as LGBTQ+ has enabled us to offer a genuine “by and for” approach that builds trust and understanding. Survivors have told us that this makes a meaningful difference to their experience of refuge.

Beyond providing accommodation, RAFA aims to support people to rebuild their lives. Over the past year, clients have been helped to access gyms, education and training, apprenticeships, and employment. Families have been supported to settle

into schools and nurseries in new areas, creating stability and a sense of belonging.

During this period, the service received 218 referrals and accepted 17 clients. This included 5 men underlining the importance of having a dedicated pathway for those who are too often left out of refuge provision.

Looking forward, RAFA will continue to strengthen its partnerships, broaden awareness of the barriers survivors face, and champion the message that safe accommodation should be accessible to all, regardless of gender, sexuality, or background.



Resettlement Report

The Resettlement service is a core part of our support package at I Choose Freedom and this past year. It has played an integral part in supporting survivors who resettled in Surrey after leaving refuge. Even with the support of our service while at refuge, many of our clients face struggles, barriers and complications once they leave refuge. With increasing cuts to funding and support across services, the resettlement service has provided invaluable support for many of our clients. The service has responded

to the relevant and current needs of our clients facing serious issues. The challenges faced by our clients include but are not limited to housing insecurity, financial instability and an overwhelming feeling of social isolation. Unresolved immigration, ongoing court cases with the family courts and difficulties with managing bills or paying debts. In the face of all these issues often the difference between having access to resettlement support or not, could mean that a family does

or does not return to their danger areas or alleged perpetrator(s).

Our resettlement service is ever changing, innovative and creative in its attempts to combat the needs of our clients and the barriers they face when navigating life after refuge. It offers practical support, such as, supporting with getting clients and their children into employment or education, referrals into specialist debt services, support with school applications, support with attaining legal aid solicitors

to support with ongoing court cases, co-creating budget plans and ensuring that our clients' voices are being heard in relation to permanent housing. Resettlement service also offers emotional support in various forms - this includes face to face check-in, regular phone check-ins and attending local social clubs with clients to help build community ties. This has been especially important in light of ongoing current issues like the housing crisis and the political climate regarding immigration.

Case study

P left refuge with her son last year and was supported through the resettlement service. P was a carer in the nursing home in her local community before fleeing to refuge. P was keen to return to work and expand her education and skill set. With our encouragement and support P applied for an access to nursing course once she has resettled into her new home, we were able to support her to swiftly get her son back into full time education in her new area which allowed her time to complete coursework and study full time. Our service offered practical solutions by applying for funding for a laptop for P and offered emotional support, checking in and providing motivation when P was feeling discouraged. P has now been given two conditional offers at two separate Universities to attend and begin her chosen degree in September 2025.

This is a testament to how integral the resettlement service can be to the journey of a client. Supporting a client to realise and achieve goals they hadn't thought possible before fleeing to refuge. The aim of this service is to walk alongside clients in their journey to freedom and independence, provide fresh perspectives and offer new options that they may have thought unthinkable in the past. This can range from simply finding new safe social connections to returning to education or employment. Whatever their goals and visions are for their future, we are there to support and empower every step of the way.

**On leaving the resettlement service
87% of adults reported an increase
in feeling confident enough to
advocate for themselves.**

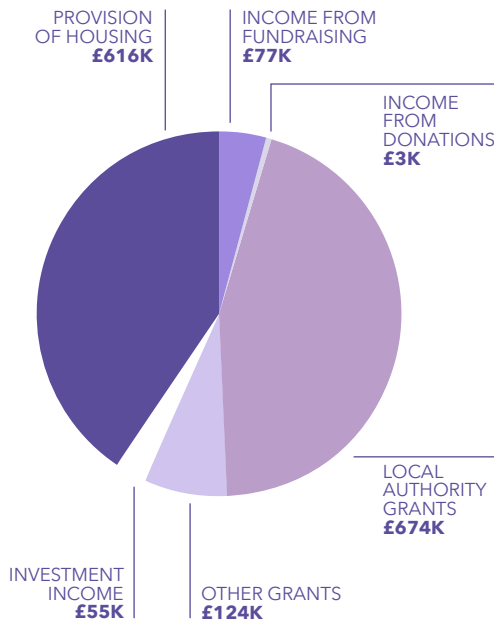
Donations, Grants and Fundraising

To enable I Choose Freedom to continue supporting as many survivors of domestic abuse as possible, as a charity we are dependent on the organisations and individuals who support us.

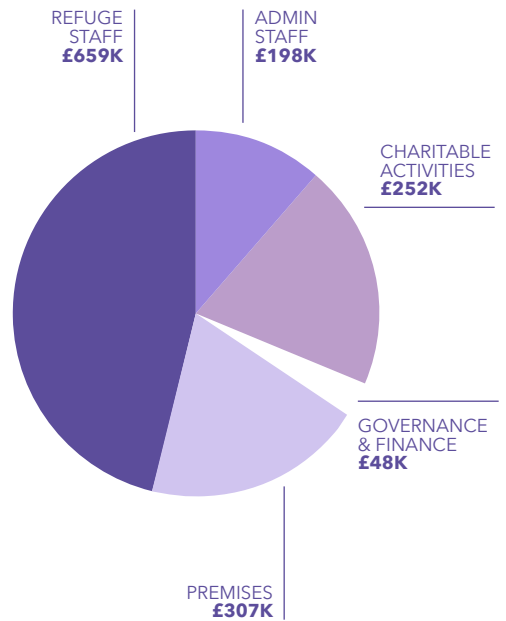
Our main funders are Surrey County Council. Without their support we would not be able to deliver our current services and the continued growth of the organisation.

We are enormously grateful to them.

Breakdown of income
in the financial year 2024 - 2025:



Breakdown of costs associated
in the financial year 2024 - 2025:



We would also like to thank everyone who has raised funds or donated, no matter how large or small. Every penny we receive helps to further our efforts to support survivors of domestic abuse and provide opportunities for them to have greater control over their lives. Our supporters and donors from the past year include those shown below and many more.

- Berkshire Asset Management
- Jenny Wren
- CWU South East Regional Committee
- The Alchemy Foundation
- Howden Joinery Ltd
- Joseph Limited
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- Bryden Johnson
- St Faiths Trust
- Bunzl Family Charitable Fund



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Future Plans

Our intention is to continue to enable any adult and child to begin the recovery process from their experience of domestic abuse, by offering a high standard of refuge accommodation which provides:

A safe and welcoming place for all survivors of domestic abuse

Good standards of accommodation and on-site facilities for families, and especially children

Individual support plans

Emotional support

Resettlement support

Therapeutic intervention

Assistance in applying for re-housing

Practical help for survivors

Assistance in claiming benefits

Support to get into employment/education

Liaison with health services

Advice regarding activities within the area, including faith organisations, clubs, groups, paid or voluntary work, etc.

Structured group work to allow service users to understand domestic abuse, regain their self-esteem and avoid a similar situation in the future.

To ensure our service is inclusive and diverse and supports every survivor regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, disability or religion



Increase public awareness of domestic abuse

Identify and target unmet needs

Secure sustainable funding

Reduce existing barriers for survivors

Financial Review

During the year total income was £1,549,256 (2024: £1,322,624); the final result of the year was a surplus of £85,354 (2024: £75,433 deficit).

Reserves policy

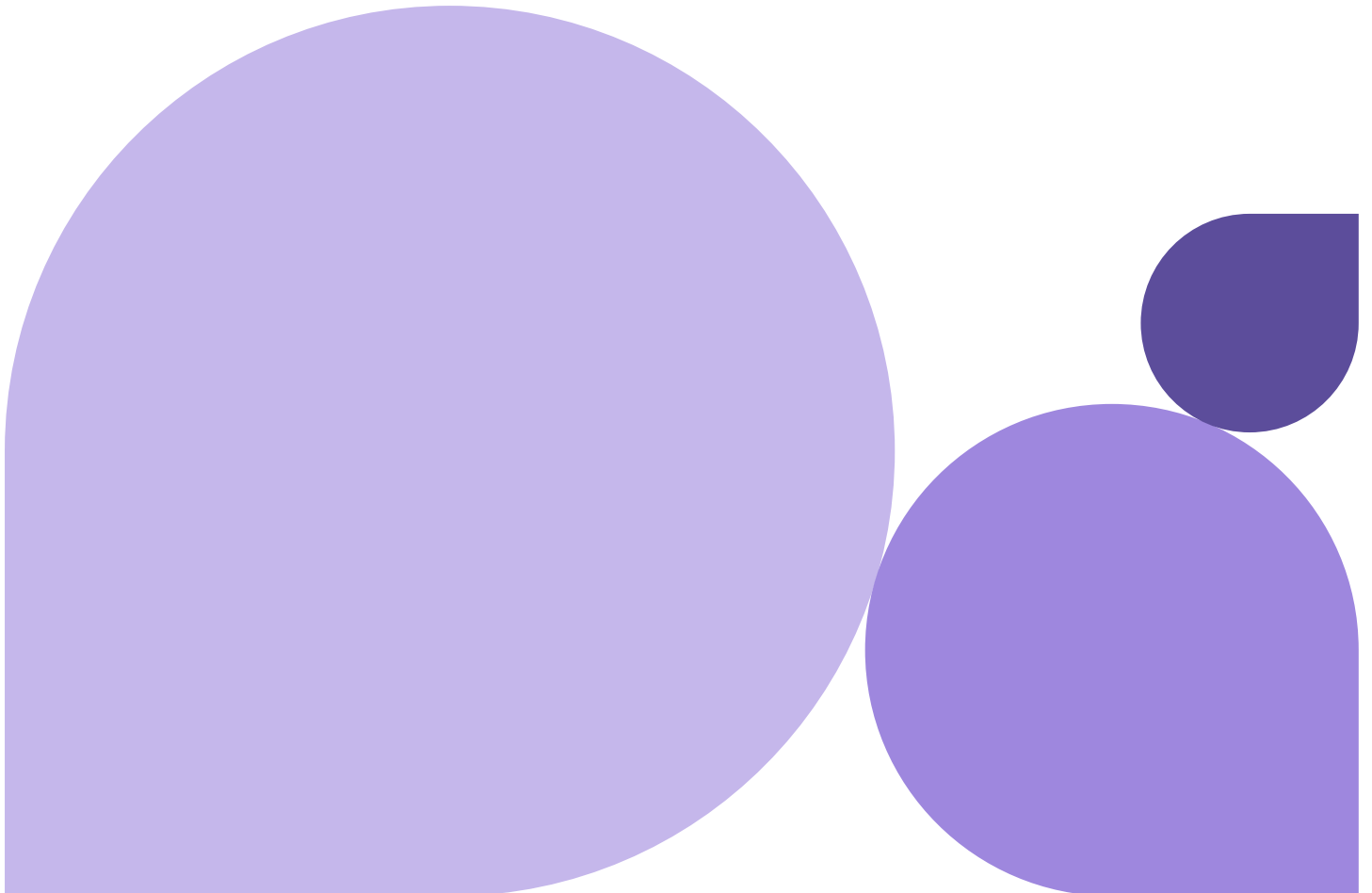
The Board of Trustees has examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be equal to six months operating costs.

Unrestricted reserves are held for the following purposes:

1. To maintain services through periods of reduced funding and cash flow;
2. To develop new projects;
3. To pay redundancy and recruitment costs; and
4. To respond to adverse incidents.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £1,069,517 (2024: £984,163) of which £327,586 (2024: £340,262) were unrestricted general funds; £400,000 (2024: £400,000) were designated general funds and £341,931 (2024: £243,901) were restricted funds.

ICF holds reserves to protect against drops in income and to allow ICF to take advantage of new opportunities.



Structure & Governance

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

I Choose Freedom (ICF) is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are recruited from those who have supported the organisation or through recognised channels such as the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Reach which undertakes national recruitment for voluntary organisations. Personal contacts and local organisations are also sources of directors.

The induction programme for directors (trustees) includes information from directors and staff, trustee training courses, as well as Surrey DA awareness and safeguarding training. Relevant printed material is also given including ICF documentation and national publications.

All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity are set out in note 9 to these financial statements. ICF recognises that a diverse, skilled and committed group of directors is essential for the effective governance and management of the charity. Recruitment of new directors is the responsibility of existing directors.

Organisational Structure

The management committee meets on ten occasions during the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. They also monitor performance and compliance with requirements of stakeholders. The CEO attends each meeting on a non-voting basis, with input from other staff members as requested.

The CEO assumes responsibility for the provision of service, and for meeting the monitoring and evaluation requirements of stakeholders. The Head of Services assumes responsibility for the day to day operations and reports to the CEO. The lines of accountability, support and supervision are well established within the organisation ensuring good practice in delivering a high-quality service.

ICF is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and is part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Management Board which links with the Surrey Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group.

Key management personnel

The directors comprise the Board of Directors, who are the charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of the remuneration of key management personnel and trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts.

Remuneration for CEO is set by the trustees using a benchmarking process and is reviewed annually.

The NCVO's Code of Governance and Charity Commission's Essential Duties of a Trustee were discussed in detail.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Committee comprises directors of the company, who are also trustees under charity law. Committee members are elected at a Board meeting and normally serve for three years.

A committee member may serve for three years, and then be available for re-election for a further three years. They would not normally be eligible for re-election after two full terms until one year has elapsed, but this may be waived if it would not be in the interests of the Company for the services of the member to be lost by requiring the member to stand down.

Committee members are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the secretary and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the charity nor any of the directors presently have such interests but any such interests would be disclosed should they arise.

Structure & Governance (cont.)

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Committee has considered the risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. We recognise the importance of effective risk management and have developed a risk management plan to identify, assess and manage risks to ensure the charity's resilience and continued success. This will be reviewed quarterly at the Trustee Meetings.

Procedures are in place to protect staff, volunteers and service users. These procedures are regularly reviewed

to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Committee has assessed the relevant safeguarding risks and have decided that all Directors undergo a DBS check every three years.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of I Choose Freedom Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which

give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose

with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Williams & Co Epsom LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the January 2025 Trustee Meeting

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on

17 December 2025

and signed on its behalf by:

Sally Stimpson

Mrs S J Stimpson
Trustee

Trustees

Ms S Gregory
Consultant
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms M King
Head Of Risk
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms K Curtis
Finance Director
(appointed 6.9.24)

Mrs S J Stimpson
Maternity
Safeguarding Specialist

Mrs H A Edwards
Project Director
Corporate Events

Ms C N Kinyanjui
Person With Lived
Experience

Ms C Booth
Legacy Marketing
Manager
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms J Healey
Retired HR Manager
(appointed 18.2.24)

Ms P Greenway
Director of People
& Improvement
(appointed 6.9.24)

Mr D Hallam
Retired CEO/
Business Owner
(appointed 6.9.24)

Company secretary

Ms C.N. Kinyanjui
(appointed 01/03/24)

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Registered charity number 289508

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Independent Auditors Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of I Choose Freedom charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to ongoing concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements

and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Independent Auditors Report (cont)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Our assessment of the financial statements susceptibility to material misstatement, including how fraud may occur, included a review of the sales process and ensuring timing of income was in accordance with accounting standards. The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed

included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the rationale in relation to any significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside of the normal course of business.

- Our tests were designed to ensure income was correctly reported in the correct accounting period and at the right level with significant testing of deferred income. In addition, given the significant balances held at bank, we sought third party verification of bank balances and carried out testing of these balances against pre and post balance sheet entries.
- We have tested controls over payment authorisations and sample payments from the bank to ensure all major items are properly accounted for.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

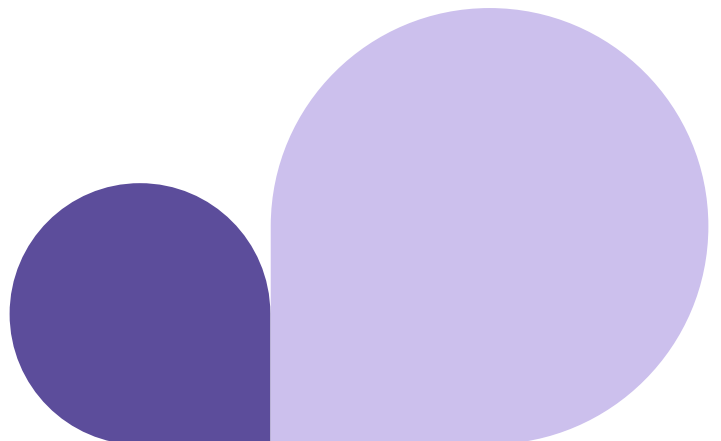
Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Henry Williams
 (Senior Statutory Auditor)
 for and on behalf of
 Williams & Co Epsom LLP
 8-10 South Street
 Epsom
 Surrey
 KT18 7PF
 Date: 17 December 2025



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 to be signed by auditors



Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	2,936	213	3,149	21,104
Charitable activities	4				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		15,001	782,990	797,991	681,470
Investment income	3	55,281	-	55,281	6,128
Other income		692,835	-	692,835	613,922
Total		766,053	783,203	1,549,256	1,322,624
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		768,415	695,487	1,463,902	1,398,057
Net income /(expenditure)		(2,362)	87,716	85,354	(75,433)
Transfers between funds	15	(10,315)	10,315	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,677)	98,031	85,354	(75,433)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		740,263	243,900	984,163	1,059,596
Total funds carried forward		727,586	341,931	1,069,517	984,163

Balance Sheet

31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	10,835	44,573	55,408	65,792
Current assets					
Debtors	13	37,044	-	37,044	36,150
Cash at bank and in hand		764,768	297,358	1,062,126	976,326
		801,812	297,358	1,099,170	1,012,476
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(85,061)	-	(85,061)	(94,105)
Net current assets		716,751	297,358	1,014,109	918,371
Total assets less current liabilities		727,586	341,931	1,069,517	984,163
Net assets		727,586	341,931	1,069,517	984,163
Funds					
	15				
Unrestricted funds				727,586	740,263
Restricted funds				341,931	243,900
Total funds				1,069,517	984,163

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

17 December 2025

and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs S J Stimpson - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	32,726	(17,602)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		32,726	(17,602)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,207)	(2,034)
Interest received		55,281	6,128
Net cash provided investing activities		53,074	4,094
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		85,800	(13,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		976,326	989,834
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		1,062,126	976,326

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Reconciliation of net income /(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	85,354	(75,433)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	12,590	13,722
Interest received	(55,281)	(6,128)
Increase in debtors	(893)	(16,053)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(9,044)	66,290
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	32,726	(17,602)

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	976,326	85,800	1,062,126
Total	976,326	85,800	1,062,126

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1 January 2015 rather than the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

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.

Income (including rents and contributions) is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions

attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from 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.

Bank and Building Society interest are accounted for on the basis of monies receivable in the year.

Resources expended

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.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the charity including amounts paid to the independent examiner.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

1. Accounting policies (cont)

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost

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.

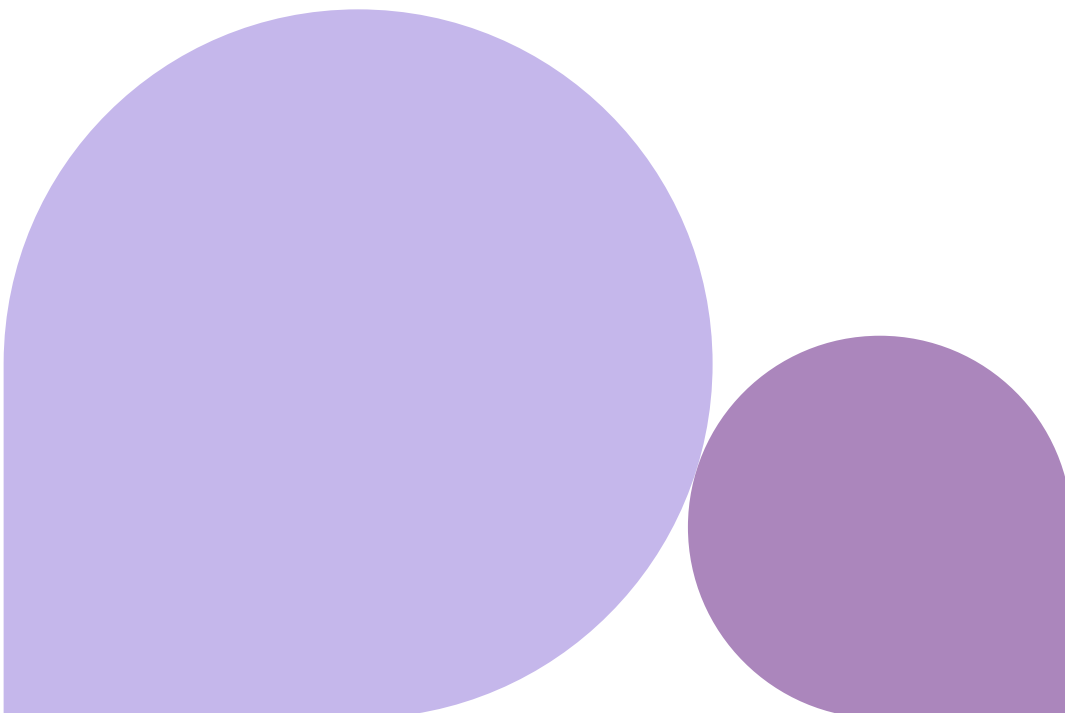
Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
2. Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,149	21,104
3. Investment income		
Deposit account interest	55,281	6,128
4. Income from charitable activities		
Grants	Activity	
	Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	797,991
		681,470
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
	Local Authority Grants	26,550
	Housing Related Support Grant	644,562
	Optivo Grant	15,000
	St Faiths Trust	1,500
	Wisley	20,000
	Community Foundation for Surrey	7,000
	PCC Grants	-
	Farnham Round Table	-
	C Elliss	3,750
	Rotary Club	-
	Charles Safapour	-
	Kids Out	160
	Lifetime Chances	4,210
	Raven Housing	-
	Carried forward	722,732
		631,170

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

4. Income from charitable activities (cont)

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Brought forward	715,732	631,170
Next Step Nursing	-	1,500
Pauline Bourne	6,450	25,200
Meryl Gray	-	2,600
Pattenmakers	12,000	2,000
Epsom College	-	5,000
Shanly Foundation	-	2,000
The Bob Trust	-	10,000
The Charles Lewis Foundation	-	2,000
52 Lives	600	-
Allison Raeside	313	-
B&Q Foundation	7,500	-
Beck Fitzgerald	500	-
Bryden Johnson	2,000	-
Bunzl Family Charitable Fund	500	-
Cosoraf	210	-
David Michael Watson Smith	500	-
Farnham Lions	1,500	-
Farnham Town Council	2,000	-
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	2,500	-
Horley Lions Club	6,120	-
Mothers Union at Church of the Good Shepherd	132	-
O3E	250	-
Schroder Charity Trust	5,000	-
Skipton Building Society	3,000	-
Spread Some Sunshine	250	-
St Nicholas Shopping Centre	934	-
Surrey Freemasonry	1,000	-
Surrey Hills Morris Minor Club	150	-
Tesco Stronger Starts	3,000	-
The Alchemy Foundation	1,000	-
The Hobson Charity	5,600	-
The Haley Charitable Trust	2,000	-
Hurst Lea Foundation	9,750	-
Redhill Redstone Rotary Club	500	-
	797,991	681,470

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

5. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Cost £	Support cost (See note 6) £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	1,412,306	51,596	1,463,902

6. Support costs

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	726	50,870	51,596

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:	31.3.25 <i>Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse</i> £	31.3.24 <i>Total activities</i> £
Bank charges	726	741
Auditors' remuneration	4,740	4,620
Accountancy and legal fees	42,719	33,108
Subscriptions	3,411	2,434
	<u>51,596</u>	<u>40,903</u>

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Depreciation - owned assets	12,591	13,722
Other operating leases	136,351	71,382

8. Auditors' remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,740	4,620
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9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

10. Staff costs

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	772,513	781,338
Social security costs	68,360	64,075
Other pension costs	15,874	16,986
	<u>856,747</u>	<u>862,399</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Administration	7	5
Refuge Workers	19	22
	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

11. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	21,104	-	21,104
Charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	15,000	666,470	681,470
Investment income	6,128	-	6,128
Other income	613,922	-	613,922
Total	656,154	666,470	1,322,624
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	539,880	858,177	1,398,057
Net income/(expenditure)	116,274	(191,707)	(75,433)
Transfers between funds	(2,828)	2,828	-
Net movement in funds	113,446	(188,879)	(75,433)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	626,816	432,780	1,059,596
Total funds carried forward	740,262	243,901	984,163

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	101,138	59,166	160,304
Additions	-	2,207	2,207
Disposals	-	(11,601)	(11,601)
At 31 March 2025	101,138	49,772	150,910
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	55,538	38,974	94,512
Charge for year	6,990	5,601	12,591
Eliminated on disposal	-	(11,601)	(11,601)
At 31 March 2025	62,528	32,974	95,502
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	38,610	16,798	55,408
At 31 March 2024	45,600	20,192	65,792

13. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,547	9,474
Accruals	11,824	11,222
Prepayments	17,673	15,454
	37,044	36,150

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	40,271	30,735
Social security and other taxes	19,992	25,172
Other creditors	15,851	13,607
Accrued expenses	7,229	8,249
Deferred government grants	1,718	16,342
	85,061	94,105

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 in funds £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	337,411	(2,362)	(10,315)	324,734
Contingency Reserve	400,000	-	-	400,000
Renewals Fund	2,852	-	-	2,852
	740,263	(2,362)	(10,315)	727,586
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	49,099	118,891	(1)	167,989
PCC Victim Transition Fund	3,340	(3,340)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	-	61	-	61
Children's Fund	-	1,500	-	1,500
Masons Shed	2,196	(366)	-	1,830
Therapy Cabin	28,767	(4,795)	-	23,972
SCC HH Support Grant	861	(216)	-	645
PCC IT Grant	977	(244)	-	733
Caterham School Transition	61	(61)	-	-
Vinci CCT fund	3,200	(800)	-	2,400
Wisley Foundation	2,158	(539)	-	1,619
C Elliss Equipment	12,665	(2,098)	-	10,567
Gift fund	70	3,546	-	3,616
NRPF	36,949	5,710	-	42,659
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	157	(9,531)	9,797	423
HH Masons Play Area	2,560	(320)	-	2,240
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	3,018	(822)	-	2,196
RBBC Household Support Fund	2,288	(2,544)	256	-
Lifetime Chances	-	10	-	10
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,948	(9,649)	(12)	1,287
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	26,371	(26,371)	-	-
Mildred Jackson Fund	22,758	4,154	(2)	26,910
Kerslake PT Fund	2,175	(1,680)	-	495
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	1,282	-	(1,282)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	25,000	(21,250)	-	3,750
Children's Advocate Salary	5,000	(5,262)	262	-
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	2,000	(1,248)	-	752
Skipton Building Society	-	258	-	258
Horley Lions Club	-	481	-	481
Pattenmakers Adults Fund	-	592	641	1,233
Pattenmakers Childrens Fund	-	690	641	1,331
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	-	(16)	16	-
O3E	-	(1)	1	-
MXG/MAR Restricted	-	331	-	331
HH Restricted	-	1,999	-	1,999
B&Q Foundation	-	5,051	-	5,051
SCC Opening Doors	-	10,088	-	10,088
Tesco - Arts & Crafts	-	500	-	500

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
Tesco Welcome Pack	-	2	(2)	-
The Hobson Charity Limited	-	5	-	5
The Wisley Foundation - Opening Door Project	-	20,000	-	20,000
SCC - Welcome Pack	-	5,000	-	5,000
	243,900	87,716	10,315	341,931
Total funds	984,163	85,354	-	1,069,517

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	766,052	(768,414)	(2,362)
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	336,081	(217,190)	118,891
RBBC	21,600	(21,600)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	(3,340)	(3,340)
Psychotherapy Fund	33,520	(33,459)	61
Children's Fund	2,310	(810)	1,500
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(4,794)	(4,795)
SCC HH Support Grant	(1)	(215)	(216)
PCC IT Grant	-	(244)	(244)
Caterham School Transition	-	(61)	(61)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(800)	(800)
Wisley Foundation	1	(540)	(539)
C Elliss Equipment	1	(2,099)	(2,098)
Gift fund	4,962	(1,416)	3,546
NRPF	29,120	(23,410)	5,710
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	185,000	(194,531)	(9,531)
HH Masons Play Area	-	(320)	(320)
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	(1)	(821)	(822)
RBBC Household Support Fund	2,200	(4,744)	(2,544)
Lifetime Chances	4,210	(4,200)	10
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	-	(9,649)	(9,649)
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	-	(26,371)	(26,371)
Mildred Jackson Fund	6,300	(2,146)	4,154
Kerslake PT Fund	-	(1,680)	(1,680)
Caroline Ellis 2024	3,750	(25,000)	(21,250)
Children's Advocate Salary	26,251	(31,513)	(5,262)
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	-	(1,248)	(1,248)
RBBC DA Funding Grant	13,750	(13,750)	-
The Alchemy Foundation	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skipton Building Society	3,000	(2,742)	258
SCC HSF	26,900	(26,900)	-
Horley Lions Club	1,120	(639)	481
Pattenmakers Adults Fund	1,000	(408)	592
Pattenmakers Childrens Fund	1,000	(310)	690
Farnham Lions	1,500	(1,500)	-
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	2,500	(2,516)	(16)
O3E	250	(251)	(1)
MXG/MAR Restricted	882	(551)	331
HH Restricted	13,899	(11,900)	1,999
B&Q Foundation	7,500	(2,449)	5,051
SCC Opening Doors	20,000	(9,912)	10,088

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Tesco - Arts & Crafts	500	-	500
Tesco Welcome Pack	2,500	(2,498)	2
The Hobson Charity Limited	5,600	(5,595)	5
The Wisley Foundation - Opening Door Project	20,000	-	20,000
SCC - Welcome Pack	5,000	-	5,000
	783,204	(695,488)	87,716
Total funds	1,549,256	(1,463,902)	85,354

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	199,618	116,815	20,978	337,411
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	100,000	400,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	(123,806)	-
Renewals Fund	3,392	(540)	-	2,852
	626,816	116,275	(2,828)	740,263
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	258	48,840	1	49,099
PCC Victim Transition Fund	5,704	(2,364)	-	3,340
Psychotherapy Fund	2,240	(2,240)	-	-
Children's Fund	1,419	(1,782)	363	-
Masons Shed	2,562	(366)	-	2,196
Therapy Cabin	33,561	(4,794)	-	28,767
SCC HH Support Grant	1,147	(286)	-	861
PCC IT Grant	1,303	(326)	-	977
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,580	(1,580)	-	-
Caterham School Transition	1,500	(1,439)	-	61
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	1,296	-
Vinci CCT fund	4,267	(1,067)	-	3,200
Wisley Foundation	2,877	(719)	-	2,158
C Elliss Equipment	15,897	(3,232)	-	12,665
Gift fund	285	(215)	-	70
NRPF	17,729	19,220	-	36,949
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	282,807	(282,650)	-	157
Leathersellers IT Security	48	-	(48)	-
HH Masons Play Area	3,058	(517)	19	2,560
Georgia Treweek transition fund	6,944	(6,941)	(3)	-
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	4,813	(1,795)	-	3,018
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	6,393	(7,562)	1,169	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	1,388	900	-	2,288
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	917	31	10,948
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	25,000	1,371	-	26,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	-	22,758	-	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	-	2,175	-	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	-	1,282	-	1,282
Caroline Ellis 2024	-	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	-	2,000	-	2,000
	432,780	(191,708)	2,828	243,900
TOTAL FUNDS	1,059,596	(75,433)	-	984,163

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	656,154	(539,339)	116,815
Renewals Fund	-	(540)	(540)
	656,154	(539,879)	116,275
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	457,323	(408,483)	48,840
RBBC	21,000	(21,000)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	(2,364)	(2,364)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(2,240)	(2,240)
Children's Fund	1,045	(2,827)	(1,782)
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	-	(4,794)	(4,794)
PCC Childrens Grant	14,546	(14,546)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	1	(287)	(286)
PCC IT Grant	-	(326)	(326)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
Caterham School Transition	-	(1,439)	(1,439)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	(1,296)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(1,067)	(1,067)
Wisley Foundation	-	(719)	(719)
C Elliss Equipment	-	(3,232)	(3,232)
Gift fund	3,625	(3,840)	(215)
NRPF	29,120	(9,900)	19,220
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	(282,650)	(282,650)
HH Masons Play Area	-	(517)	(517)
Georgia Treweek transition fund	-	(6,941)	(6,941)
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	120	(1,915)	(1,795)
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	(7,562)	(7,562)
SCC Fuel costs	30,000	(30,000)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	20,241	(19,341)	900
Lifetime Chances	3,199	(3,199)	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	11,200	(10,283)	917
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	6,250	(4,879)	1,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	25,200	(2,442)	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	2,600	(425)	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	2,000	(718)	1,282
Epsom College Advocate salaries	5,001	(5,001)	-
Shanly Children's Advocate Salary	1,999	(1,999)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	2,000	-	2,000
	666,470	(858,178)	(191,708)
Total funds	1,322,624	(1,398,057)	(75,433)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	199,618	114,453	10,663	324,734
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	100,000	400,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	(123,806)	-
Renewals Fund	3,392	(540)	-	2,852
	626,816	113,913	(13,143)	727,586
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	258	167,731	-	167,989
PCC Victim Transition Fund	5,704	(5,704)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	2,240	(2,179)	-	61
Children's Fund	1,419	(282)	363	1,500
Masons Shed	2,562	(732)	-	1,830
Therapy Cabin	33,561	(9,589)	-	23,972
SCC HH Support Grant	1,147	(502)	-	645
PCC IT Grant	1,303	(570)	-	733
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,580	(1,580)	-	-
Caterham School Transition	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	1,296	-
Vinci CCT fund	4,267	(1,867)	-	2,400
Wisley Foundation	2,877	(1,258)	-	1,619
C Elliss Equipment	15,897	(5,330)	-	10,567
Gift fund	285	3,331	-	3,616
NRPF	17,729	24,930	-	42,659
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	282,807	(292,181)	9,797	423
Leathersellers IT Security	48	-	(48)	-
HH Masons Play Area	3,058	(837)	19	2,240
Georgia Treweek transition fund	6,944	(6,941)	(3)	-
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	4,813	(2,617)	-	2,196
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	6,393	(7,562)	1,169	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	1,388	(1,644)	256	-
Lifetime Chances	-	10	-	10
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	(8,732)	19	1,287
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-	-
Mildred Jackson Fund	-	26,912	(2)	26,910
Kerslake PT Fund	-	495	-	495
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	-	1,282	(1,282)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	-	3,750	-	3,750
Children's Advocate Salary	-	(262)	262	-
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	-	752	-	752
Skipton Building Society	-	258	-	258
Horley Lions Club	-	481	-	481
Pattenmakers Adults Fund	-	592	641	1,233
Pattenmakers Childrens Fund	-	690	641	1,331
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	-	(16)	16	-
O3E	-	(1)	1	-
MXG/MAR Restricted	-	331	-	331
HH Restricted	-	1,999	-	1,999

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£
B&Q Foundation	-	5,051	-	5,051
SCC Opening Doors	-	10,088	-	10,088
Tesco - Arts & Crafts	-	500	-	500
Tesco Welcome Pack	-	2	(2)	-
The Hobson Charity Limited	-	5	-	5
The Wisley Foundation - Opening Door Project	-	20,000	-	20,000
SCC - Welcome Pack	-	5,000	-	5,000
	432,780	(103,992)	13,143	341,931
Total funds	1,059,596	9,921	-	1,069,517

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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	1,422,206	(1,307,753)	114,453
Renewals Fund	-	(540)	(540)
	1,422,206	(1,308,293)	113,913
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	793,404	(625,673)	167,731
RBBC	42,600	(42,600)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	(5,704)	(5,704)
Psychotherapy Fund	33,520	(35,699)	(2,179)
Children's Fund	3,355	(3,637)	(282)
Masons Shed	-	(732)	(732)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(9,588)	(9,589)
PCC Childrens Grant	14,546	(14,546)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	-	(502)	(502)
PCC IT Grant	-	(570)	(570)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
Caterham School Transition	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	(1,296)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(1,867)	(1,867)
Wisley Foundation	1	(1,259)	(1,258)
C Elliss Equipment	1	(5,331)	(5,330)
Gift fund	8,587	(5,256)	3,331
NRPF	58,240	(33,310)	24,930
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	185,000	(477,181)	(292,181)
HH Masons Play Area	-	(837)	(837)
Georgia Treweek transition fund	-	(6,941)	(6,941)
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	119	(2,736)	(2,617)
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	(7,562)	(7,562)
SCC Fuel costs	30,000	(30,000)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	22,441	(24,085)	(1,644)
Lifetime Chances	7,409	(7,399)	10
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	11,200	(19,932)	(8,732)
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	6,250	(31,250)	(25,000)
Mildred Jackson Fund	31,500	(4,588)	26,912
Kerslake PT Fund	2,600	(2,105)	495
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	2,000	(718)	1,282
Epsom College Advocate salaries	5,001	(5,001)	-
Shanly Children's Advocate Salary	1,999	(1,999)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	28,750	(25,000)	3,750
Children's Advocate Salary	31,251	(31,513)	(262)
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	2,000	(1,248)	752
RBBC DA Funding Grant	13,750	(13,750)	-
The Alchemy Foundation	1,000	(1,000)	-
Skipton Building Society	3,000	(2,742)	258
SCC HSF	26,900	(26,900)	-
Horley Lions Club	1,120	(639)	481
Pattenmakers Adults Fund	1,000	(408)	592

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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 £
Pattenmakers Childrens Fund	1,000	(310)	690
Farnham Lions	1,500	(1,500)	-
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	2,500	(2,516)	(16)
O3E	250	(251)	(1)
MXG/MAR Restricted	882	(551)	331
HH Restricted	13,899	(11,900)	1,999
B&Q Foundation	7,500	(2,449)	5,051
SCC Opening Doors	20,000	(9,912)	10,088
Tesco - Arts & Crafts	500	-	500
Tesco Welcome Pack	2,500	(2,498)	2
The Hobson Charity Limited	5,600	(5,595)	5
The Wisley Foundation - Opening Door Project	20,000	-	20,000
SCC - Welcome Pack	5,000	-	5,000
	1,449,674	(1,553,666)	(103,992)
Total funds	2,871,880	(2,861,959)	9,921

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Transfers between funds

Transfers represent amounts transferred to the individual restricted funds from general funds to provide additional funding for the particular project(s) in the year.

The purpose of the individual restricted funds is set out below:

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Fund

This represents the working capital of the Refuge.

Contingency Reserve

Although some insurance is in place, the Directors regard it as essential to hold a contingency reserve should the above revenue be curtailed.

Renewals Fund

There is a continuing need for replacement furnishings and garden equipment which will be financed by this reserve.

Restricted Funds

Children's fund

This fund has been set up to provide activities and facilities for the children during their stay in the Refuge. It is funded from donations and fundraising.

New Shed

This restricted fund was given to enable us to set up a garden project. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Therapy Cabin

This grant was received to provide a new Therapy cabin. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Psychotherapy Fund

This fund has been set up to provide Adolescent Therapy sessions.

Vinci CCTV Fund

This grant was given to set up a CCTV system for security reasons.

C Elliss Equipment

This grant was given to provide new play equipment at the refuge.

Gift fund

This fund was set up to provide Christmas gifts and support items to the women and children at the refuge.

Diversity and Inclusion Fund

This grant was given to help make the refuge and its activities more inclusive for its residents.

Wisley Welcome Pack Fund

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

SCC Fuel costs

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis.

RBBC Household Support Fund

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis.

Caroline Ellis Court Fund

This grant was given to support residents in court proceedings.

Lifetime Chances

This grant is provided to meet one-off expenses for residents' personal development and life achievement.

Mildred Jackson Fund

This grant is provided to support residents travel costs.

Kerslake PT Fund

This grant was given to provide physical therapy and wellness services for residents.

Pattenmakers Fund

This grant is given to purchase shoes for residents and children.

Caroline Ellis 2024

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge.

Children's Advocate Salaries

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge.

MM TV Fund

This grant is provided to purchase new TVs for the refuge.

RBBC DA Funding

This grant is provided to support residents of Reigate and Banstead who are experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse, to include those in refuge support.

The Alchemy Foundation

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Skipton Building Society

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

SCC Household support fund

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis.

Horley Lions Club

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

Farnham Lions

This grant was provided to purchase sports and play equipment for children at the refuge.

Gatwick Airport Community Trust

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

O3E

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

B&Q Foundation

This grant was provided to purchase household items for residents to use at the refuge.

SCC Opening Doors Project

This grant was given to provide funding to help residents with career and personal development beyond the refuge.

Tesco - Arts & Crafts

This grant was provided to purchase arts and crafts items for children at the refuge.

Tesco Welcome Pack

This grant was given to help purchase items when residents arrive at the refuge.

The Hobson Charity Limited

This grant was provided to purchase household items for residents to use at the refuge.

The Wisley Foundation - Opening Door Project

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SCC Welcome Pack

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16. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,149	21,104
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	55,281	6,128
Charitable activities		
Grants	797,991	681,470
Other income		
Resident's Contributions	59,896	52,897
Housing Benefit & Rent Income	555,854	503,891
Fundraising Income	77,085	57,134
	692,835	613,922
Total incoming resources	1,549,256	1,322,624
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Wages	772,513	781,338
Social security	68,360	64,075
Pensions	15,874	16,986
Other operating leases	136,351	71,382
Rates and water	13,317	7,779
Insurance	5,215	5,051
Light and heat	37,606	13,182
Telephone	15,634	14,176
Postage and stationery	3,100	3,971
Sundries	10,976	11,257
Travel	4,869	4,978
Computer & IT	21,357	22,974
Repairs & Renewals	35,674	16,540
Cleaning & Waste	7,127	5,696
Bad debts	25	210
Training	5,694	9,886
Vouchers & Fundraising	7,869	709
Charitable Activities	238,155	293,243
Improvements to property	6,990	6,990
Fixtures and fittings	5,600	6,731
	1,412,306	1,357,154
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	726	741
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	4,740	4,620
Accountancy and legal fees	42,719	33,108
Subscriptions	3,411	2,434
	50,870	40,162
Total resources expended	1,463,902	1,398,057
Net (expenditure)/income	85,354	(75,433)

Case study

"When I arrived at the refuge I was frightened and uncertain about my future. I had no idea where I was going or what to expect.

However, meeting [my Advocate] changed everything. Her warmth and kindness put me at ease. She took me to a place I never imagined. A beautiful welcoming environment, complete with a welcome pack and all the necessities I needed. In that moment I was overwhelmed with emotion, unable to believe.

Beyond providing shelter, she reassured me about my immigration status, guided me through all the necessary paperwork, and ensured I had all the crucial information to move forward. She didn't just do her job she truly cared. That kind of compassion is something which I will never forget.

Every member of the I Choose Freedom team was incredibly supportive. The refuge became my home when I had nowhere else to go. And now after overcoming those difficult times, I have regained my independence, secured my job again, and feel free once more.

I will forever be grateful for the care, kindness, and hope you all gave me. With heartfelt thanks for unwavering support from I Choose Freedom.

I often find myself thinking about how different my life would have been if I hadn't come to the refuge when I was at my lowest, I felt lost, frightened and unsure of what the future held. I had no where to turn, and the uncertainty was overwhelming.

If I hadn't found refuge at I Choose Freedom, I can't imagine where I would be today. I was given a safe place to heal, rebuild, and find my strength again. The support I received from the entire team changed my life in ways I never thought possible.

The guidance, reassurance, and genuine care I experienced helped me regain control over my life. I was not just given shelter, I was given hope, dignity, and a chance to get back on my feet again.

My message to all survivors is to never lose hope, fight for your right."

"If I hadn't found refuge at I Choose Freedom, I can't imagine where I would be today."

Set up a regular donation!

£10



For just £10 a month you can help ensure we have enough toiletries to put in our welcome packs for when survivors arrive with very little or often nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

£15



For £15 a month you can help us give each survivor a voucher for the local supermarket so that every new resident can have a hot meal on their first night in refuge

£20



For £20 a month you can help us treat our survivors to exciting days out! Trips to the cinema, to the leisure centre, maybe even a theme park!

You can set up a monthly gift via our JustGiving page

www.justgiving.com/ichoosefreedom



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I Choose Freedom

“You can do anything here, we are like your family including all the staff. The staff take care of you, you just forget about things you faced in past. You don't think it's just a refuge, it's like your home.”





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How do I get help?

For general help and advice call
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Helpline on: 0808 2000 247

www.ichoosefreedom.co.uk

I Choose Freedom Charity

England & Wales - Charity number 289508

Accounts



Annual
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Our Vision

A world where
domestic abuse
no longer exists



Our Mission

For all victims
and survivors of
domestic abuse to
receive the support
they need, when
they need it

Our Values
Respect
Inclusion
Trust
Empowerment



Our Aim For Survivors To

Have control over their own lives and the opportunity to make informed choices

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Be involved in decisions about every aspect of the service they receive

~

Be treated with respect, compassion and dignity

~

Have their diversity respected and have equal rights and opportunities



Chair of Trustees Report

Unfortunately, the need for refuge for survivors of domestic abuse has not decreased over the past year with I Choose Freedom still having to turn away on average eight survivors and their families for each refuge space available and once again I have witnessed the remarkable resilience of our staff and volunteers and their unwavering support for the adults and children we are here to help.

After 14 years, Charlotte Kneer MBE stepped down from her role as I Choose Freedom's Chief Executive in March. We are all grateful to Charlotte for her commitment to helping survivors of domestic abuse and for the vital role she played in building the organisation. I am delighted to share that Emma Armstrong is I Choose Freedom's new Chief Executive. Emma has worked at the charity for many years bringing a wealth of experience and a commitment to continue to develop a strong and strategic organisation and a drive for diversity and equality. Her passion, and outstanding leadership has already been noted by the staff and Board and we are very excited to have her lead the way in next phase of I Choose Freedom's journey. As we step into our 40th year, we are evaluating our strategy and priorities for the coming years ahead. After having almost tripled in size over the past four years, we are focused on continuing to deliver safe accommodation and a high quality service to all survivors who come into the refuge and to help facilitate their onward journey. Everyone at I Choose Freedom remains committed to ensure that every survivor and child who needs our help gets it and that survivors' voices are listened to.



Sally Stimpson
Chair of Trustees

Given the challenges that many charities are facing I would also like to recognise the amazing response of our supporters this year. Their financial support has been vital in allowing us to deliver the high level of service we take great pride in.

Following a skills audit the Board has successfully recruited three new members, each bringing different knowledge and experience. This ensures we have a broad range of expertise to lead our diverse and growing organisation. The Board also continues to reflect the community we serve. We always ensure we have a Board Member who has lived experience with an I Choose Freedom refuge.

Their insight enables us to really understand the journey of being a survivor in refuge accommodation and how we can continue to improve.

For now, I want to celebrate the incredible progress that I Choose Freedom has made this year and thank our Chief Executive, staff, volunteers, fundraisers, donors and fellow trustees who have helped make it happen.

CEO Report

I'm Emma Armstrong the new CEO of I Choose Freedom. I started working at I Choose Freedom in 2013 as a play therapist providing therapeutic intervention to the children in refuge. Over the following years I moved into management, being responsible for service delivery and safeguarding. As a survivor myself I've always had a passion for tackling domestic abuse. It is important to me that survivors know that there is help available and, more importantly, light at the end of the tunnel. We play a critical role in providing that hope in a time of need. Having worked at the charity for

11 years, I am excited to be stepping into the role of CEO.

I work alongside the most amazing team who work tirelessly every day to make a difference and help those who come through our doors. We pride ourselves on creating a welcoming homely environment for our survivors and their children. Over the next year we plan on using the voices of survivors to continue to shape and improve the service we run going forward, with a hope to identify and bridge the gap between any unmet needs and reduce the challenges survivors of domestic abuse face.



Emma Armstrong
CEO
I Choose Freedom

Everyone has a part to play in tackling domestic abuse and reducing domestic homicides. I'm proud to be leading the next chapter of I Choose Freedom's journey, and will do it with the enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication it deserves with the voice of our survivors at the heart of what we do.

I would like to thank the Board, our volunteers and our donors who play a critical role in our success and make the work we do possible.



Campaigning

I Choose Freedom regularly appear on national mainstream media; We continue to have a strong media presence via national platforms including TV, radio, and newspaper articles, raising awareness of the need for refuges and the challenges that survivors of domestic abuse face. This media coverage helps drive change and ultimately improves the outcomes for survivors.

Training

I Choose Freedom have provided training to companies, government agencies and third sector organisations. We create bespoke packages to raise awareness of domestic abuse, the signs to look out for and how employers can support their employees. We can assist with writing policies and creating internal processes. Domestic abuse is a topic that has risen up the HR agenda and we are able to assist companies to ensure they are meeting the needs of their employees.

Support for women



Support for children



Refuge accommodation for all



Resettlement



Campaigning



Training



Nicola Dawes DL
Chief Executive



At Stripecy Stork, we see firsthand how deeply domestic abuse affects families and children within our community.

It is both heartwrenching and motivating, driving us to do more. We are proud to partner with the incredible team at I Choose Freedom. Their passion, dedication, and ability to bring together services to support families in crisis is truly inspiring. Together, we are making a difference for those who need it most.



I Choose Freedom deliver their vital role for survivors and families with compassion, professionalism, and clarity.

They provide hope, dignity and respect in the darkest times imaginable and a practical pathway to ongoing freedom. I have enormous gratitude and admiration for Emma and all of her team and am incredibly proud to support their essential work.



Mary Creswell DL
His Majesty's Vice
Lord-Lieutenant
of Surrey



Women in refuge

We received 816 referrals in total for our services between the 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024. On average we had to turn away eight survivors and their families for each room space that became available. We helped 114 adults and 154 children this year.

When a woman arrives at the refuge, they are welcomed by the team and shown around by their Domestic Abuse Refuge Advocate (DARA). Their DARA will talk them through safety precautions in and around the property such as CCTV and door codes. We will help make safe any technology including mobile phones, laptops etc.

All rooms are set up with a welcome pack which includes new bedding, towels, cooking items, toiletries, cleaning products and toys for the children. Each room has a food cupboard stocked with some essentials including tea, coffee, milk, tinned foods and cereal. Women are often overwhelmed when they see all that has been provided and it can be a big relief helping ease the pressure to go to town to purchase items as well as the financial burden to pay for the items.

The first 48 hours are crucial to ensuring the women's immediate

needs are met, to feel supported and that we understand what it has taken for them to seek help and get to the refuge.

All women are assigned a 'buddy' when they arrive, a current resident who can show them around the local town, to the supermarkets and provide guidance in the house during the first few evenings when staff are not on site.

DARAs check on the physical and mental health needs of the women and will meet with them daily during their first week. Following the initial weeks of induction, they will meet with their advocate every week.

These meetings offer a safe space for the women to talk freely, for their advocate to offer emotional and practical advice and offer a space to get to know the women better, allowing an opportunity to personalise their support at refuge. Depending on their mental health needs, their DARA will create a support plan with them solely around their wellbeing needs which include helpline numbers, text services, local hubs and phone apps as points of reference. DARAs support with securing immigration advice and applying for all necessary benefits,



provide help to set up a new bank account, registering with a local GP and referring to Community Debt Advice team. All women are supported in approaching their council of choice for housing assistance.

A Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment Assessment (DASH) is completed to explore their domestic abuse history, and this enables the advocate to ensure they have a better understanding of the abuse they have experienced and help assess their risk factors to ensure all action has been taken to guarantee their safety. This information helps to inform the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) which DARAs attend with the consent of their survivor. Women attend a weekly house meeting which is led by the advocates to encourage and support the women whilst living in refuge, this session includes building on skills that empower our survivors to find their voice and confidence again.

Advocates also facilitate the Freedom Programme which provides women with a deeper understanding of the tactics used by their perpetrators to control them. Weekly counselling is also provided by an independent counsellor.

DARAs will support the process of seeking counselling in an alternative language, if required. We also offer personal trainer sessions, art classes and learning English. This all contributes to supporting the women's mental health and wellbeing.

Towards the end of their six-month stay, advocates support the women to move to the next chapter of their journey. It can be a difficult time, adjusting to change again after having found safety at the refuge.

When clients leave the refuge, advocates will continue to support the women and their families as they move on with their lives. The future is bright and positive for survivors



showing a life after abuse is possible. On leaving the refuge 90% of women reported that they felt more empowered.

Throughout the year DARAs and volunteers host events for the women to celebrate with each other such as International Women's Day, Mother's Day as well as seasonal events such as summer parties, and to celebrate Diwali and Christmas. Everyone enjoys the activities that are arranged, from decorating tote bags with their own inspirational messages to making festive wreaths to hang on their doors.



I really enjoyed the tote bag making, as someone who enjoys arts and crafts, I found it a really mindful and enjoyable especially at the time my anxiety and worry levels are high it gave me distraction and I felt relaxed.



Children in refuge

This year we helped 154 children. This is a nearly 20% increase from last year

Advocacy is at the heart of working with children in refuge. With a compassionate and empathetic approach, we work closely with the children the moment they walk through the door. It's important to create a safe, warm and inclusive refuge where the children can begin to heal.

The children will come with a range of challenges and trauma-related behaviours. Although they have stepped out of crisis, they are still in a major transitional phase. They are safe but the environment is very different to all they have known and so they feel unsafe and confused.

Welcome packs are placed in their room upon arrival, with a cuddly toy to provide a little comfort and games bring a welcome distraction. It shows that they are cared about and they will be excited to unpack their bags or boxes of goodies, especially since many come with very little, leaving their toys behind.

"We had so many exciting things on our beds when we arrived - toys, books, pencils, things for school. It filled me with happiness."

Boy, 9 and half years old

We are very fortunate to be able to provide vouchers for local entertainment, the leisure centre and soft play. These vouchers are given to the families on arrival and enable them to do some fun activities while they wait for school places and settle into refuge life.

"I'm really looking forward to going to *. Mum has booked it for Saturday, and we are going to go to the arcades and cinema."**

Girl, 8 years old

When life is unpredictable, the children live in constant fear and will be on high alert - on guard, nervous or worried. It is therefore important to reassure them with routines and boundaries that support a safe environment.

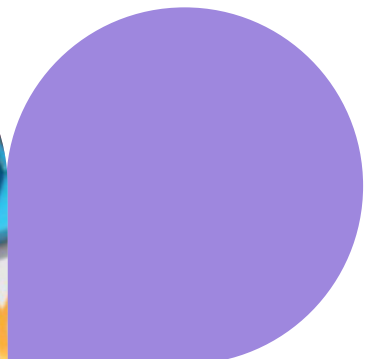
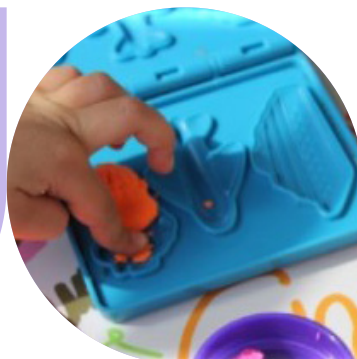
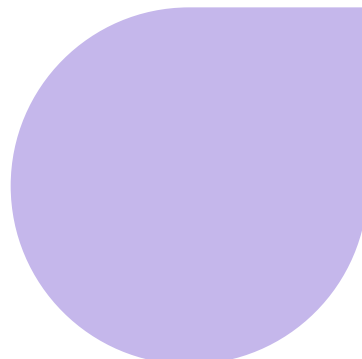
When the mothers are in their meetings with their DARA, the children come to the playroom. There can be a range of behaviours displayed; some have separation anxiety and are easily distressed when leaving mum, others will bound into the room, seeking connection, and looking for a distraction.

The playroom is often full of fun and laughter, different games, and activities. The joy of squishing Play Doh or getting messy is important developmentally for younger children as well as for self-esteem building.

"It is exciting and happy in the playroom; I like making new friends."

Girl, 8 years old

It's important that we celebrate the children's birthdays. We support mothers with gifts for their



Thank you for looking after me when my mum has her talks with her DARA. I love coming into the playroom and colouring and playing with the playdoh. Playing UNO with my friend is great too."

Children in refuge (cont.)

children's birthdays through a charity partner and a present will also be given from the staff team which we fundraise for.

"Birthday gifts really took a weight off me and stopped me worrying he would feel like his birthday was different this year."

Over the summer, we have had trips to Chessington World of Adventures and Butlins, made possible from the support of donations and charitable partners. Seasonal parties are always great fun, bringing the children and women together for craft activities and food.

"I loved eating fish and chips at Bognor."

"Santa came! He found us!"

Girl, 6 years old

Garden activities and pizza parties during the school holidays are not only for the children but for their mothers too, helping to support attachment and bonding.

A parenting support group is regularly run to support mothers to learn and overcome struggles together. Sharing their stories with no judgement helps them to feel understood and less alone. Introducing parenting skills and techniques within the group helps them to learn together, enabling them to support each other in turn.

Children Advocates will work closely with outside agencies to support not only the child but the mother too. Health concerns and appointments are clarified and supported whether with GP, Health Visitor or Midwife. Our Children Advocates also support with applications to nursery, school or college and when needed, the correct uniform found so children do not

feel out of place on their first day. Partnership working is vital when advocating and supporting the child. Mothers are encouraged to book dental and optician appointments, perhaps something they have never done before.

"I was so happy when I got my new school, I made friends and had someone to play football with."

Boy, 9 years old

Helping Hands sessions are offered to increase a child's understanding of feeling safe, exploring feelings and emotions, and helping to develop their self-esteem. The session addresses challenging issues around personal space, safety planning and awareness of acceptable and unacceptable behaviours, not only in others but also in themselves.

Therapeutic interventions are offered to the children from 4 to 18 years old. Children and young people may struggle to find the words to explore and explain what has happened to them. Play and creative arts therapy is used to work through muddled thoughts and feelings in a creative way. It provides a safe outlet to explore their experiences which have brought them to refuge. By drawing a place where they feel safe, helping them to find a quote which has strong meaning for them or sculpting in clay, these can all have a powerful connection to their unconscious. Teenagers may have missed poignant developmental milestones

and can regress safely in the therapy room, sometimes playing at a much younger level or with younger toys that may not seem appropriate outside the therapy room. By playing and creating, our children and young people can let themselves go, to be free, without judgement.

"Therapy has really helped, I'm more confident and can see hope in the future. Although I still have some anxiety, I know this is normal and I know how to deal with this"

Girl, 18 years old.

The future is unknown for the children who arrive with us and those who have experienced domestic abuse have a greater risk of harm in the future, whether it maybe physical, emotional, neglect or harm. We aim to empower these families to improve their wellbeing, so that when they move out of the refuge, they are able to take newly learnt skills with them to support their safe transition into a new life.

"I love coming to play therapy, I play and * watches and helps me find a way when I can't do something "**

Girl, 7 years old

Refuge Accommodation for All (RAFA) Report

The Refuge for All service, also known as RAFA supports survivors of domestic abuse who face barriers to accessing shared single-sex refuge accommodation. This includes men, the LGBTQ+ community and Gypsy Roma Traveller communities. After recognising that there is limited provision across the country for survivors that face barriers to shared accommodation, I Choose Freedom approached Surrey County Council for support in providing self-contained accommodation for these survivors.

I Choose Freedom's RAFA service has grown from four units at the end of March 2023 to eight units by the end of March 2024. These units include six units for single service users and two further units; one providing accommodation for an adult and one child and a further property that can accommodate an adult and up to five children.

The RAFA service team have worked throughout the year to establish and strengthen links with external agencies who are able to provide specialist support for survivors. This includes, but not limited to, Gallop, Mankind, outreach services, local community wellbeing services, religious communities, specialist debt support agencies, and health professionals.

The RAFA team work to raise awareness in the communities that we support; we maintained our presence at Pride in Surrey,

and RAFA were shortlisted for the 'Support or Health Service of the Year' at the Pride in Surrey Awards in February.

In addition, we have delivered awareness-raising presentations at local Job Centres and councils, and attended thirdsector networking events throughout the year. We have supported clients to access gyms, college courses, apprenticeships, and employment, and are forging strong links with schools and nurseries in areas of Surrey that are new to I Choose Freedom.

I Choose Freedom have staff in the RAFA team who identify as LGBTQ+, which enables us to provide a 'by and for' service for survivors from those communities. We also have a RAFA LGBTQ+ professionals forum which meets quarterly and provides a platform for LGBTQ+ professionals across Surrey to share ideas for networking/linking services together to improve outcomes for our service users.

This year the RAFA service team took 125 referrals, and 17 clients were accepted. This included four men (one being a 16 year old boy in refuge with his mother) and six survivors from the LGBTQ+ community.



"Maybe words won't help me express what's in my heart, because of your support, assistance and good humane treatment and good constructive communication you make the best staff ever at I Choose Freedom RAFA, in order to ensure my protection and support in all aspects especially since I was in dire need of this after my very bad circumstances I went through.

Thank you from my heart for your help, support and giving words of praise. I don't have words fulfil or expressions of thanks to describe how grateful I am to you. Now I am now feeling safe and look forward to the future with optimism."

Resettlement Report

Our resettlement service has played a significant part of our support package over the past year. The service was created to support survivors resettling in Surrey after leaving one of our refuges. Prior to the conception of this service, many of our survivors faced numerous difficulties despite having a successful stay at refuge. These struggles at times derailed the journey of our clients and in some cases could have resulted

in them returning to their danger area because of the need for familiarity and the uncertainty they faced in their new environments without adequate support. Barriers and complications they faced included financial instability, housing insecurity, unresolved immigration, ongoing family court cases, difficulties with managing bills or paying debts, social isolation, and an overwhelming uncertainty of how to settle into their

new environment without the support they had become used to while at refuge.

The resettlement service continues to tackle these issues to support our former clients and their children in making the transition from refuge life to independent living smoother. Innovative methods have been used to combat many of these barriers which include practical support,

supporting survivors into employment by providing funds for appropriate interview clothes, helping their children into local schools, support with debt matters and advocating for survivors in relation to permanent housing. The resettlement service also offers emotional support in various forms – this includes face to face check-ins, weekly phone check-ins and attending local social clubs with clients to help them build community ties.

Case study

V resettled in the local community earlier this year and was supported through the resettlement service. She was supported with applying for jobs and gained employment as a Personal Assistant for a director of a local organisation.

V felt so encouraged by her advocate that she began to offer peer-led support to other clients leaving refuge. Creating safe social connections plays a vital role in the success of a survivor's journey to freedom. It creates stability and eliminates feelings of isolation. V has been patient, kind, reassuring them about their journey, supporting with them becoming accustomed

to independent living and providing a listening ear where possible. She is now in the process of applying to volunteer with us in her free time as she would like to build up her advocacy and support skills as this is what she would like to do in the future.

This highlights how beneficial the resettlement service has been. The experience of leaving refuge and no longer having daily support with an assigned support worker can provide challenges for survivors, which is why the aim of this service is to alleviate any potential or further barriers they may face in their journey to freedom.

The resettlement service has supported 10 women and 17 children this year. On leaving the resettlement service 93% of survivors reported improved ability to hold a tenancy. 93.75% of survivors reported improved mental health. 100% of survivors reported being more confident/more empowered.

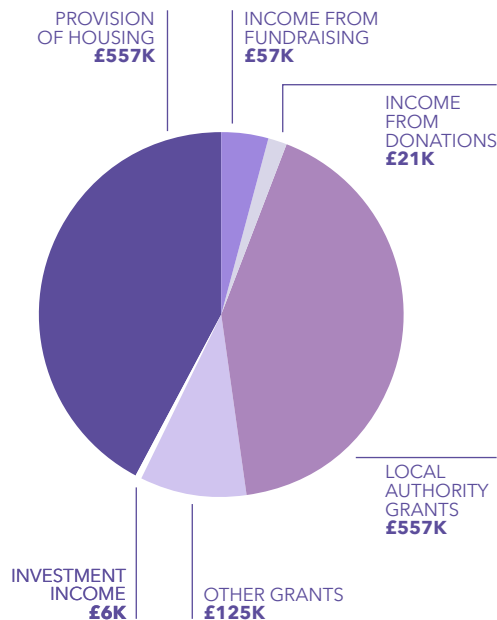


Donations, Grants and Fundraising

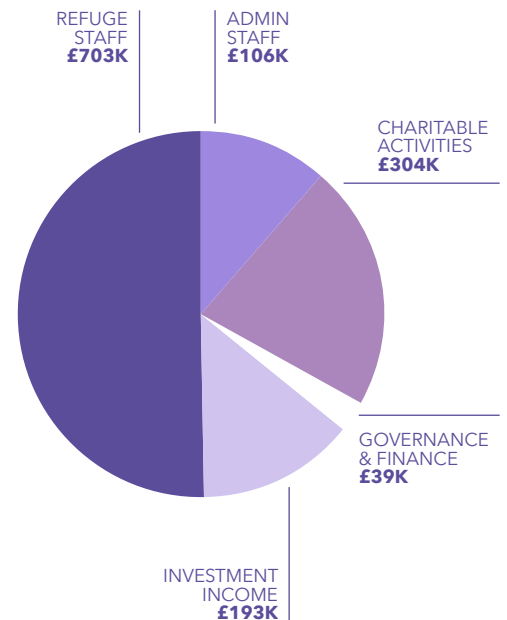
To enable I Choose Freedom to continue supporting as many survivors of domestic abuse as possible, as a charity we are dependent on the organisations and individuals who support us.

Our major funders are Surrey County Council, Reigate and Banstead Council, the Department for Levelling Up, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Without their support we would not be able to deliver our current services and the continued growth of the organisation. We are enormously grateful to them.

Breakdown of income
in the financial year 2023 – 2024:



Breakdown of costs associated
in the financial year 2023 – 2024:



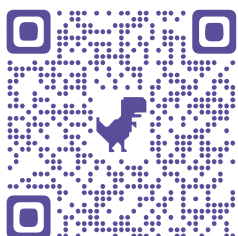
We would also like to thank everyone who has raised funds or donated, no matter how large or small. Every penny we receive helps to further our efforts to support survivors of domestic abuse and provide opportunities for them to have greater control over their lives. Our supporters and donors from the past year include those shown below and many more.

- Surrey County Council (SCC) and Individual Councillors
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Reigate & Banstead Borough Council (RBBC)
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey
- Women's Aid
- Shanly Foundation
- Wisley Foundation
- Community Foundation for Surrey

- Charles Lewis Foundation
- Lifetime Chances
- Farnham Parochial Charity
- Pauline Bourne
- Kerslake Robshaw Foundation
- The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers
- Kids Out
- Farnham Round Table
- Reigate Rotary Club
- Epsom College
- Next Step Nursing

- A Bourne & P Jackson
- St Faiths Trust
- The Bob Trust
- Caroline Elliss
- Farnham Round Table
- Raven Housing Education Project
- Bryden Johnson
- Dischma Charitable Trust
- Diversity Project
- Farnham Masonic Lodge
- Friends of the Garibaldi
- Linkam

- Loseley Christian Trust
- Martin Firmo
- Reigate Evening WI
- Royal Albert Edward Masonic Lodge
- S K Preston
- Soroptimists International of East Grinstead
- South Surrey Masters Lodge
- WM Castle Lodge Farnham



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A day in the life of... a Senior Children's Advocate and Play and Creative Arts Therapist.

I am in a unique position that I hold a dual role within the organisation. I am a therapist alongside being a children's advocate. From the moment a child or young person arrives I am dedicated to supporting them and guiding them to my best ability, always advocating for their needs. It's a new day, I enter the security gate and I'm met with some mums who are supporting each other to walk into town for some shopping. They are jostling prams and buggies and talking about the weather and what they could cook together later.

Walking into the main house, I punch in the access code, and I'm greeted by a mum and child who are waiting outside my playroom door with some queries about school applications. My desk sits in the playroom, and I make my way through toys and games kindly donated by well-wishers. An ex-client had popped by and dropped off some items her child has grown out of as they want to give back.

I scan my emails looking for any safeguarding priorities, which may have come in since yesterday. An email from the Inclusion Officer from a child's previous school has come in with the safeguarding information. I take time to read this, highlighting important risk assessing information. There is time to make a phone call, and I speak with the

designated safeguarding lead at the local school where the child is currently attending, updating her on information she requires to be able to fully safeguard the child while at school.

I check my calendar and there is a child protection conference with Children Services later in the day that I am required to attend. I make sure that my notes are up to date and that I have the relevant information, together with the achievements and difficulties the family are currently going through.

A Health Visitor is coming in to see a family who

arrived last week, I need to meet with them to give them an update and overview on the health needs of the children. As I close my calendar, there is a knock at the door and the children flood in for crèche as the women's' house meeting is taking place. There is a toddler who is upset about leaving their mum for the first time, so I hold them to provide comfort. Other children go straight to their favorite toys and the Play Doh is being passed around. There are some older teenagers who are still waiting for their school place who

sit at one of the bigger tables, playing Uno together talking about the evening before and what they watched together on TV.

The meeting finishes and a mum stays behind with me when collecting her child, she's worried about their behavior and doesn't know what to say to them about why they are at the refuge. Their child keeps asking about dad, along with hitting out at mum. Mum struggles to finish her sentence as she begins to cry.



To my ever proactive support worker, I can't thank you enough for your unwavering support. Your belief in me has given me the strength to keep pushing forward.

A Day in the life of... (cont.)

She is offered a chair; we sit down and spend some time talking about how she can talk to her daughter. I offer some techniques and coping strategies. I speak to her about therapy and mum is keen for her daughter to start. We agree a time to chat again about this.

It's time to head to the therapy room as its time for individual play therapy. First, I see a 6 year old boy, who chooses to do some painting. He pours all the colors together making a gloopy dark mixture. He talks about anger and sadness as he pushes the paint around the paper.

Once his session is over, it's a quick turnaround before a 14 year old girl comes in, she goes over to the sand and picks out some symbols to represent how she's feeling and her family dynamic. She talks about hating her dad for putting them "here" and not wanting to start a new school.

The sessions are finished and as I pack up to leave for the day, a child appears asking me to help her with shoelace, another asks when the playroom will be open again and shares a sweet with me. I move through the house saying my goodbyes. The lounge is full of children while the mums prepare their dinner, there is chatting and laughter.

I think about when I first met some of these families and how they've grown over their time with us. Finding their voices, no longer scared of making noise. I walk to my car remembering to make sure all doors are closed

and locked behind me. I'm already thinking about tomorrow. There's a fancy dress party in the house and I'll be coming as a frog! There's also a house move tomorrow, and we'll have one family move out and a new family move in. No two days are the same and I embrace the busy and ever-changing environment.

I'm honored to be a little part of our families' healing journey.



Every support the organisation supported me with was superb; the good accommodation, weekly allowance, voucher, bus pass, gifts, counselling session, drop in session, Freedom programme, food club, Immigration support, mention but a few, has empowered me and given me the second chance to strive."

My journey during and after the refuge.

I vividly remember the evening I fled to refuge. On that day, I arrived at the refuge carrying nothing but the heavy burden of uncertainty. I was 15 weeks pregnant and accompanied by my two boys, aged 10 and 15. At that time, the future seemed daunting and unclear, and the fear of the unknown gripped me.

Upon our arrival, the refuge provided us with extensive support. They ensured we had food for the first week, clothing for all of us, and preparations for the arrival of my unborn baby. The refuge also supported us through the Immigration process, which was particularly challenging for our future. Their emotional support was extraordinary. I was treated as a person in need of compassion and understanding, rather than just a case number. The staff and volunteers were our pillars of strength, guiding us through those initial turbulent months. When it was time for my baby to be born, a staff member even acted as my birth partner, which meant the world to me. The refuge provided everything my baby needed, making our recovery much easier.

After six months, we moved to temporary accommodation. However, the transition wasn't easy, and about a year after the move, my mental health began to suffer. It was then that I sought support from Emma, who became a beacon of assistance to me.

Through the refuge, I was able to receive 14 counselling sessions, which played a crucial role in my healing journey.

I expressed a desire to return to school and pursue a career in social work, but I lacked the necessary resources, such as a laptop. Once again, Emma and the refuge provided laptops for both me and my children, opening doors to education and future opportunities.

With this newfound support, I began my educational journey, beginning with studies in mathematics and English. I then went on to college

to pursue a Level 3 Access to Higher Education Diploma in Social Work. Today, I am proud to say that I am in my second year of university, working towards a degree in Social Work. This past summer was particularly transformative, as we moved into our permanent home, a place that feels like a dream come true, a sanctuary where my children and I can thrive.

During the summer, I successfully applied for



a job as a Housing Support Officer. I thoroughly enjoy working in this role, as it allows me to help others in need and bring hope to their lives. Additionally, I am a member of the board of trustees at the refuge, which enables me to support other women walking a similar path, offering them the empathy and encouragement that once liked me.

As for my children, they have flourished beyond my expectations. My eldest son, G, adapted to a new school under

difficult circumstances and achieved remarkable GCSE results with five 7s. Despite starting his A-levels under such unique circumstances, he excelled in college, earning a distinction and merit, and is now preparing to study Occupational Therapy at university.

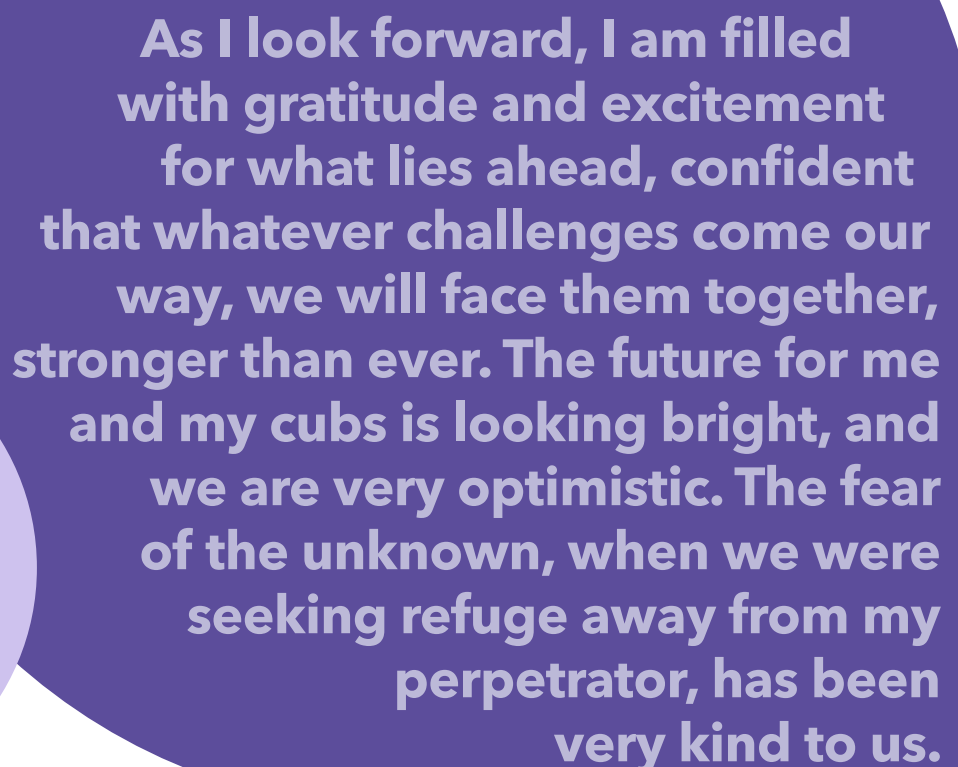
My second son benefited greatly from the refuge's play therapy, which helped him process the emotions tied to our past experiences a year after leaving the refuge. Now in

Year 10, he enjoys playing basketball and football and continues to be a source of joy for his friends and teachers alike.

Then there's my little girl, H, who was born while we were still at the refuge. She started reception this September with the kind of optimism only a child can possess, proud to be a big, brave girl.

Reflecting on our journey, the transition from fear to a secure future feels nothing short of miraculous. The refuge was the anchor that held us steady amidst the

storm, and I am ever grateful for their unwavering support. Today, our future is bright and filled with endless possibilities. The refuge not only provided us with safety but also empowered us to rebuild our lives with dignity and hope.



As I look forward, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead, confident that whatever challenges come our way, we will face them together, stronger than ever. The future for me and my cubs is looking bright, and we are very optimistic. The fear of the unknown, when we were seeking refuge away from my perpetrator, has been very kind to us.

Future Plans

Our intention is to continue to enable any adult and child to begin the recovery process from their experience of domestic abuse, by offering a high standard of refuge accommodation which provides:

A safe and welcoming place for all survivors of domestic abuse

Good standards of accommodation and on-site facilities for families, and especially children

Individual support plans

Emotional support

Therapeutic intervention

Assistance in applying for re-housing

Practical help for survivors

Assistance in claiming benefits

Support to get into employment/education

Liaison with health services

Advice regarding activities within the area, including faith organisations, clubs, groups, paid or voluntary work, etc.

Structured group work to allow service users to understand domestic abuse, regain their self-esteem and avoid a similar situation in the future.

To ensure our service is inclusive and diverse and supports every survivor regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, disability or religion



Increase public awareness of domestic abuse

Increase external training

Secure sustainable funding

Reduce existing barriers for survivors

Financial Review

During the year total income was £1,322,624 (2023: £1,539,426); the final result of the year was a deficit of £75,433 (2023:£398,303 surplus).

Reserves policy

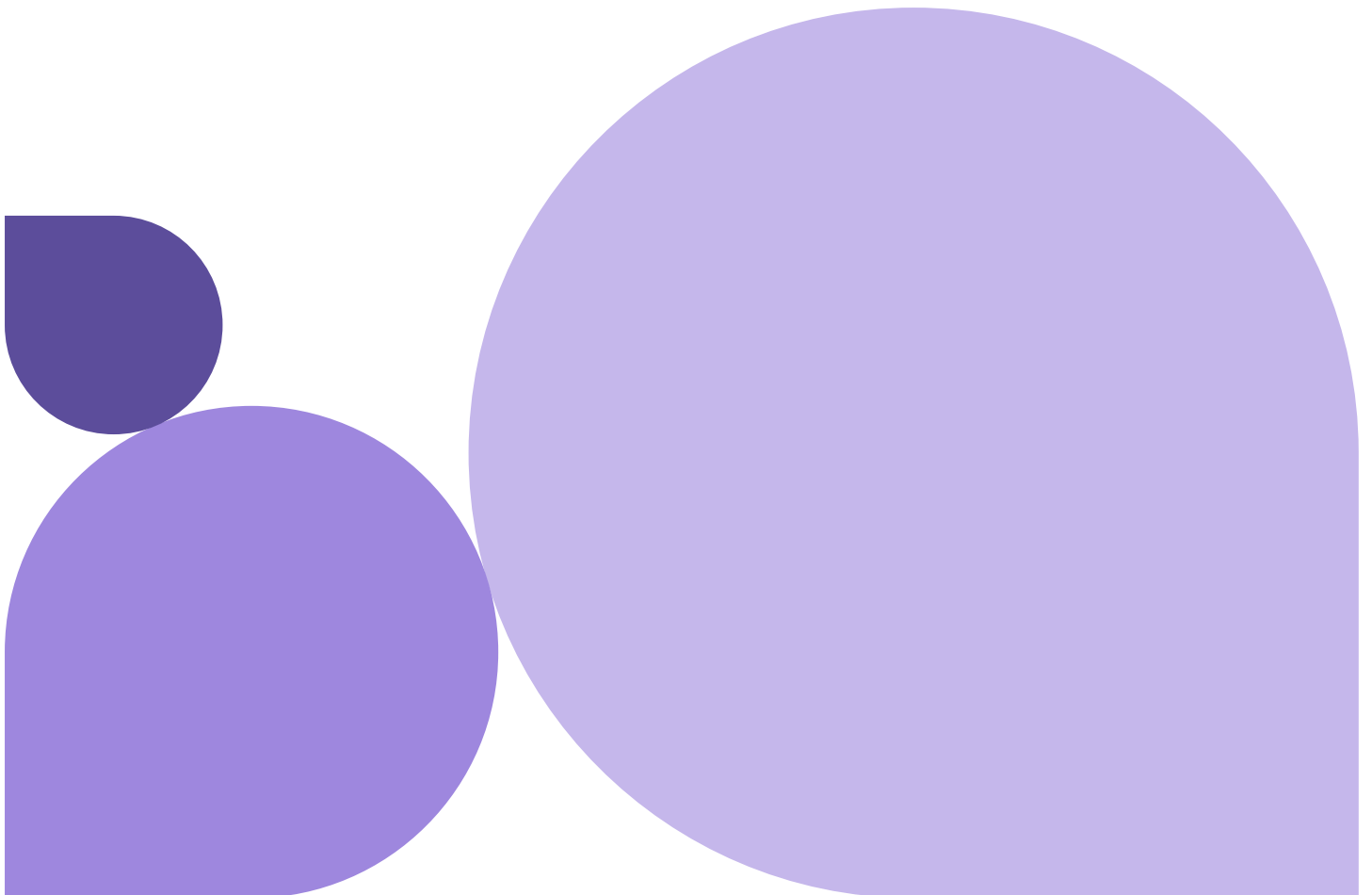
The Board of Trustees has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be equal to six months operating costs. The trustees are mindful of their responsibilities, in particular with the recent expansion of the refuge accommodation.

Unrestricted reserves are held for the following purposes:

1. To maintain services through periods of reduced funding and cash flow;
2. To develop new projects;
3. To pay redundancy and recruitment costs; and
4. To respond to adverse incidents.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £984,163 (2023: £1,059,596) of which £340,262

(2023: £326,819) were unrestricted general funds; £400,000 (2023: £300,000) were designated general funds and £243,901 (2023: £432,777) were restricted funds. ICF holds reserves to protect against drops in income and to allow ICF to take advantage of new opportunities.



Structure & Governance

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

I Choose Freedom (ICF) is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are recruited from those who have supported the organisation or through recognised channels such as the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Reach which undertakes national recruitment for voluntary organisations. Personal contacts and local organisations are also sources of directors.

The induction programme for directors (trustees) includes information from directors and staff, trustee training courses, as well as Surrey DA awareness and safeguarding training. Relevant printed material is also given including ICF documentation and national publications.

All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity are set out in note 9 to these financial statements. ICF recognises that a diverse, skilled and committed group of directors is essential for the effective governance and management of the charity. Recruitment of new directors is the responsibility of existing directors.

Organisational Structure

The management committee meets on ten occasions during the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. They also monitor performance and compliance with requirements of stakeholders. The CEO attends each meeting on a non-voting basis, with input from other staff members as requested.

The CEO assumes responsibility for the provision of service, and for meeting the monitoring and evaluation requirements of stakeholders. The Head of Services assumes responsibility for the day to day operations and reports to the CEO. The lines of accountability, support and supervision are well established within the organisation ensuring good practice in delivering a high-quality service.

ICF is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and is part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Management Board which links with the Surrey Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group.

Key management personnel

The directors comprise the Board of Directors, who are the charity's Trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of the remuneration of key management personnel and trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 9 to the accounts.

Remuneration for CEO is set by the trustees using a benchmarking process and is reviewed annually.

The trustees have undertaken governance training to ensure a clear understanding of their responsibility to the Refuge and its stakeholders. The NCVO's Code of Governance and Charity Commission's Essential Duties of a Trustee were discussed in detail.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Committee comprises directors of the company, who are also trustees under charity law. Committee members are elected at a Board meeting and normally serve for three years.

A committee member may serve for three years, and then be available for re-election for a further three years. They would not normally be eligible for re-election after two full terms until one year has elapsed, but this may be waived if it would not be in the interests of the Company for the services of the member to be lost by requiring the member to stand down.

Committee members are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the secretary and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the charity nor any of the directors presently have such interests but any such interests would be disclosed should they arise.

Structure & Governance (cont.)

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Committee has considered the risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. We recognise the importance of effective risk management and have developed a risk management plan to identify, assess and manage risks to ensure the charity's resilience and continued success. This will be reviewed quarterly at the Trustee Meetings.

Procedures are in place to protect staff, volunteers and service users. These procedures are regularly reviewed

to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Committee has assessed the relevant safeguarding risks and have decided that all Directors undergo a DBS check every three years.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of I Choose Freedom Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which

give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose

with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Williams & Co Epsom LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the January 2025 Trustee Meeting

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on

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and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs S J Stimpson
Trustee

Trustees

Mrs K E Halliwell
Solicitor
(resigned 01/03/24)

Mrs S P A Renaut
Accountant
(resigned 19/09/23)

Mrs S Sengupta
Management
Consultant
(resigned 23/04/23)

Mrs S J Stimpson
Nurse

Mrs H A Edwards
Project Director
Corporate Events

Ms C N Kinyanjui
Ex-Service User

Ms C Booth
Senior Project Manager
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms S Gregory
Consultant
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms M King
Head Of Risk
(appointed 10.12.22)

Company secretary

Mrs K Halliwell
Ms C.N. Kinyanjui
(appointed 01/03/24)

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Independent Auditors Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of I Choose Freedom charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024

which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit

of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to ongoing concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the

financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the

Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Independent Auditors Report (cont)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Our assessment of the financial statements susceptibility to material misstatement, including how fraud may occur, included a review of the sales process and ensuring timing of income was in accordance with accounting standards. The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit

procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the rationale in relation to any significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside of the normal course of business.

- Our tests were designed to ensure income was correctly reported in the correct accounting period and at the right level with significant testing of deferred income. In addition, given the significant balances held at bank, we sought third party verification of bank balances and carried out testing of these balances against pre and post balance sheet entries.
- We have tested controls over payment authorisations and sample payments from the bank to ensure all major items are properly accounted for.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Henry Williams

(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Williams & Co Epsom LLP
8-10 South Street
Epsom
Surrey
KT18 7PF

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	21,104	-	21,104	17,493
Charitable activities	4				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		15,000	666,470	681,470	1,009,788
Investment income	3	6,128	-	6,128	502
Other income		613,922	-	613,922	511,693
Total		656,154	666,470	1,322,624	1,539,476
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		539,880	858,177	1,398,057	1,141,173
Net income /(expenditure)		116,274	(191,707)	(75,433)	398,303
Transfers between funds	15	(2,828)	2,828	-	-
Net movement in funds		113,446	(188,879)	(75,433)	398,303
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		626,816	432,780	1,059,596	661,293
Total funds carried forward		740,262	243,901	984,163	1,059,596

Balance Sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	12,647	53,145	65,792	77,480
Current assets					
Debtors	13	36,150	-	36,150	20,097
Cash at bank and in hand		785,571	190,755	976,326	989,834
		821,721	190,755	1,012,476	1,009,931
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(94,105)	-	(94,105)	(27,815)
Net current assets		727,616	190,755	918,371	982,116
Total assets less current liabilities		740,263	243,900	984,163	1,059,596
Net assets		740,263	243,900	984,163	1,059,596
Funds					
	15				
Unrestricted funds				740,263	626,816
Restricted funds				243,900	432,780
Total funds				984,163	1,059,596

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

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and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs S J Stimpson - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement

		31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(17,602)	88,702
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(17,602)	88,702
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,034)	(31,856)
Interest received		6,128	502
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		4,094	(31,354)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		(13,508)	57,348
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		989,834	932,486
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		976,326	989,834

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

1. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(75,433)	398,303
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	13,722	15,401
Interest received	(6,128)	(502)
Increase in debtors	(16,053)	(2,327)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	66,290	(322,173)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	(17,602)	88,702

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	989,834	(13,508)	976,326
	<u>989,834</u>	<u>(13,508)</u>	<u>976,326</u>
Total	989,834	(13,508)	976,326

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and with the

Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 rather than the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

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.

Income (including rents and contributions) is recognised when the charity has entitlement

to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from 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.

Bank and Building Society interest are accounted for on the basis of monies receivable in the year.

Resources expended

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.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the charity including amounts paid to the independent examiner.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

1. Accounting policies (cont)

Tangible fixed assets

Improvements to property	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost

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.

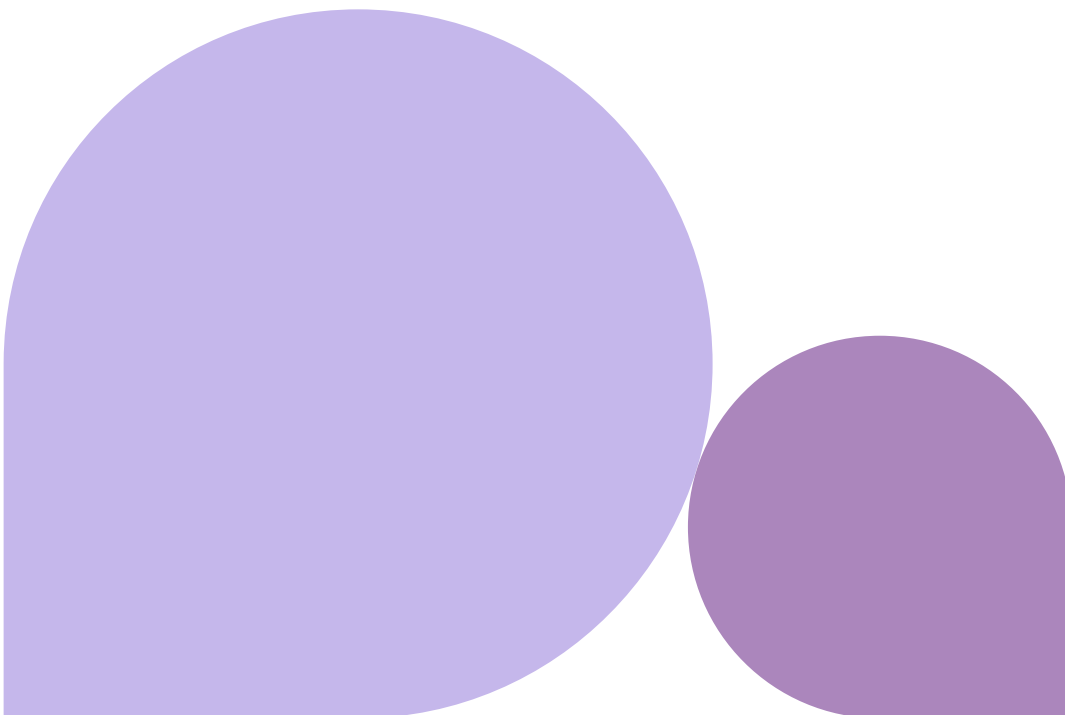
Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
2. Donations and legacies		
Donations	21,104	17,493
3. Investment income		
Deposit account interest	6,128	502
4. Income from charitable activities		
Grants	Activity	
	Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	681,470
		1,009,788
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
	Local Authority Grants	30,240
	Housing Related Support Grant	526,445
	Optivo Grant	15,000
	St Faiths	1,500
	Wisley	11,200
	Leather Sellers	-
	Community Foundation	5,000
	PCC Grants	14,546
	Caterham School	-
	Farnham Round Table	400
	C Elliss	21,250
	Christopher Critchlow	-
	Linda Bywaters	-
	Monique King	-
	Rotary Club	300
	Charles Safapour	625
	D & K Vanrenen	-
	John Lewis Partnership	-
	Kids Out	465
	Mrs H Williams	-
	Surrey Provincial Archmasons	-
	Georgia Treweek	-
	Astellas	-
	Lifetime Chances	3,199
	Anonymous	-
	Raven Housing	1,000
	Next Step Nursing	1,500
	Pauline Bourrne	25,200
	Meryl Gray	2,600
	The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers	2,000
	Epsom College	5,000
	Shanly Foundation	2,000
	The Bob Trust	10,000
	The Charles Lewis Foundation	2,000
		681,470
		1,009,788

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

5. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Cost £	Support cost See note 6 £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	1,357,154	40,903	1,398,057

6. Support costs

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	741	40,162	40,903

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:	31.3.24 <i>Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse</i> £	31.3.23 <i>Total activities</i> £
Bank charges	741	1,057
Auditors' remuneration	4,620	1,890
Accountancy and legal fees	33,108	29,683
Subscriptions	2,434	1,745
	<u>40,903</u>	<u>34,375</u>

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Depreciation - owned assets	13,722	15,401
Other operating leases	71,382	50,630

8. Auditors' remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,620	1,890
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9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

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

Trustees' expenses

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

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

10. Staff costs

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	781,338	625,712
Social security costs	64,075	49,750
Other pension costs	16,986	12,596
	<u>862,399</u>	<u>688,038</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Administration	5	6
Refuge Workers	22	17
	<u>27</u>	<u>23</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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11. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	17,076	417	17,493
Charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	25,000	984,788	1,009,788
Investment income	502	-	502
Other income	511,581	112	511,693
Total	554,159	985,317	1,539,476
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	412,546	728,627	1,141,173
Net income	141,613	256,690	398,303
Transfers between funds	(67,177)	67,177	-
Net movement in funds	74,436	323,867	398,303
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	552,383	108,910	661,293
Total funds carried forward	626,819	432,777	1,059,596

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 april 2023	101,138	57,132	158,270
Additions	-	2,034	2,034
At 31 march 2024	101,138	59,166	160,304
Depreciation			
At 1 april 2023	48,548	32,242	80,790
Charge for year	6,990	6,732	13,722
At 31 march 2024	55,538	38,974	94,512
Net book value			
At 31 march 2024	45,600	20,192	65,792
At 31 march 2023	52,590	24,890	77,480

13. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade debtors	9,474	4,059
Accruals	11,222	6,524
Prepayments	15,454	9,514
	36,150	20,097

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Trade creditors	30,735	13,712
Social security and other taxes	25,172	-
Other creditors	13,607	8,650
Accrued expenses	8,249	4,561
Deferred government grants	16,342	892
	94,105	27,815

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	199,618	116,815	20,978	337,411
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	100,000	400,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	(123,806)	-
Renewals Fund	3,392	(540)	-	2,852
	626,816	116,275	(2,828)	740,263
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	258	48,840	1	49,099
PCC Victim Transition Fund	5,704	(2,364)	-	3,340
Psychotherapy Fund	2,240	(2,240)	-	-
Children's Fund	1,419	(1,782)	363	-
Masons Shed	2,562	(366)	-	2,196
Therapy Cabin	33,561	(4,794)	-	28,767
SCC HH Support Grant	1,147	(286)	-	861
PCC IT Grant	1,303	(326)	-	977
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,580	(1,580)	-	-
Caterham School Transition	1,500	(1,439)	-	61
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	1,296	-
Vinci CCT fund	4,267	(1,067)	-	3,200
Wisley Foundation	2,877	(719)	-	2,158
C Elliss Equipment	15,897	(3,232)	-	12,665
Giv fund	285	(215)	-	70
NRPF	17,729	19,220	-	36,949
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	282,807	(282,650)	-	157
Leathersellers IT Security	48	-	(48)	-
HH Masons Play Area	3,058	(517)	19	2,560
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	6,944	(6,941)	(3)	-
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	4,813	(1,795)	-	3,018
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	6,393	(7,562)	1,169	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	1,388	900	-	2,288
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	917	31	10,948
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	25,000	1,371	-	26,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	-	22,758	-	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	-	2,175	-	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	-	1,282	-	1,282
Caroline Ellis 2024	-	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	-	2,000	-	2,000
	432,780	(191,708)	2,828	243,900
TOTAL FUNDS	1,059,596	(75,433)	-	984,163

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	656,154	(539,339)	116,815
Renewals Fund	-	(540)	(540)
	656,154	(539,879)	116,275
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	457,323	(408,483)	48,840
RBBC	21,000	(21,000)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	(2,364)	(2,364)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(2,240)	(2,240)
Children's Fund	1,045	(2,827)	(1,782)
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	-	(4,794)	(4,794)
PCC Childrens Grant	14,546	(14,546)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	1	(287)	(286)
PCC IT Grant	-	(326)	(326)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
Caterham School Transition	-	(1,439)	(1,439)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,296)	(1,296)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(1,067)	(1,067)
Wisley Foundation	-	(719)	(719)
C Elliss Equipment	-	(3,232)	(3,232)
Giv fund	3,625	(3,840)	(215)
NRPF	29,120	(9,900)	19,220
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	(282,650)	(282,650)
HH Masons Play Area	-	(517)	(517)
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	-	(6,941)	(6,941)
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	120	(1,915)	(1,795)
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	(7,562)	(7,562)
SCC Fuel costs	30,000	(30,000)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	20,241	(19,341)	900
Lifetime Chances	3,199	(3,199)	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	11,200	(10,283)	917
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	6,250	(4,879)	1,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	25,200	(2,442)	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	2,600	(425)	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	2,000	(718)	1,282
Epsom College Advocate salaries	5,001	(5,001)	-
Shanly Children's Advocate Salary	1,999	(1,999)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	2,000	-	2,000
	666,470	(858,178)	(191,708)
Total funds	1,322,624	(1,398,057)	(75,433)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	174,145	142,650	(117,177)	199,618
Contingency Reserve	250,000	-	50,000	300,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	-	123,806
Renewals Fund	4,432	(1,040)	-	3,392
	552,383	141,610	(67,177)	626,816
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	28,465	(55,477)	27,268	256
RBBC	-	(1,995)	1,995	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	5,704	-	5,704
Psychotherapy Fund	3,110	(870)	-	2,240
Children's Fund	3,529	(2,110)	-	1,419
Masons Shed	2,928	(366)	-	2,562
Therapy Cabin	38,356	(4,795)	-	33,561
PCC Childrens Grant	5,155	(9,737)	4,582	-
SCC HH Support Grant	1,530	(383)	-	1,147
PCC IT Grant	1,737	(434)	-	1,303
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,694	(114)	-	1,580
Caterham School Transition	-	1,500	-	1,500
Nationwide Transition Fund	116	(419)	303	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	(6,932)	(68)	-
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,318)	1,318	-
Vinci CCT fund	5,689	(1,422)	-	4,267
Wisley Foundation	4,193	(1,441)	125	2,877
C Elliss Equipment	-	15,897	-	15,897
Giv fund	-	285	-	285
Household Support fund RBBC	305	-	(305)	-
SCC White Goods HH	657	(604)	(53)	-
NRPF	-	48,556	(30,827)	17,729
RBWA Name change fund	4,446	(6,581)	2,135	-
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	222,103	60,706	282,809
Leathersellers IT Security	-	48	-	48
HH Masons Play Area	-	3,058	-	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	-	6,949	(5)	6,944
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	-	4,813	-	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	6,393	-	6,393
RBBC Household Support Fund	-	1,388	-	1,388
Lifetime Chances	-	(3)	3	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	-	25,000	-	25,000
	108,910	256,693	67,177	432,780
Total funds	661,293	398,303	-	1,059,596

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	554,159	(411,509)	142,650
Renewals Fund	-	(1,040)	(1,040)
	554,159	(412,549)	141,610
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	411,807	(467,284)	(55,477)
RBBC	21,000	(22,995)	(1,995)
PCC Victim Transition Fund	16,891	(11,187)	5,704
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(870)	(870)
Children's Fund	4,320	(6,430)	(2,110)
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(4,794)	(4,795)
PCC Childrens Grant	19,393	(29,130)	(9,737)
SCC HH Support Grant	(1)	(382)	(383)
PCC IT Grant	-	(434)	(434)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(114)	(114)
Caterham School Transition	1,500	-	1,500
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	(419)	(419)
PF Charitable Transition	-	(6,932)	(6,932)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,318)	(1,318)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(1,422)	(1,422)
Wisley Foundation	(1)	(1,440)	(1,441)
C Elliss Equipment	20,001	(4,104)	15,897
Giv fund	4,055	(3,770)	285
SCC White Goods HH	-	(604)	(604)
NRPF	58,240	(9,684)	48,556
RBWA Name change fund	111	(6,692)	(6,581)
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	312,286	(90,183)	222,103
Leathersellers IT Security	5,000	(4,952)	48
HH Masons Play Area	5,000	(1,942)	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	10,343	(3,394)	6,949
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	6,000	(1,187)	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	8,000	(1,607)	6,393
SCC Fuel costs	23,400	(23,400)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	20,000	(18,612)	1,388
Lifetime Chances	2,973	(2,976)	(3)
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	-	10,000
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	985,317	(728,624)	256,693
Total funds	1,539,476	(1,141,173)	398,303

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	174,145	259,465	(96,199)	337,411
Contingency Reserve	250,000	-	150,000	400,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	(123,806)	-
Renewals Fund	4,432	(1,580)	-	2,852
	552,383	257,885	(70,005)	740,263
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	28,465	(6,637)	27,269	49,097
RBBC	-	(1,995)	1,995	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	3,340	-	3,340
Psychotherapy Fund	3,110	(3,110)	-	-
Children's Fund	3,529	(3,892)	363	-
Masons Shed	2,928	(732)	-	2,196
Therapy Cabin	38,356	(9,589)	-	28,767
PCC Childrens Grant	5,155	(9,737)	4,582	-
SCC HH Support Grant	1,530	(669)	-	861
PCC IT Grant	1,737	(760)	-	977
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,694	(1,694)	-	-
Caterham School Transition	-	61	-	61
Nationwide Transition Fund	116	(419)	303	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	(6,932)	(68)	-
Optivo internal decorating	-	(2,614)	2,614	-
Vinci CCT fund	5,689	(2,489)	-	3,200
Wisley Foundation	4,193	(2,160)	125	2,158
C Elliss Equipment	-	12,665	-	12,665
Giv fund	-	70	-	70
Household Support fund RBBC	305	-	(305)	-
SCC White Goods HH	657	(604)	(53)	-
NRPF	-	67,776	(30,827)	36,949
RBWA Name change fund	4,446	(6,581)	2,135	-
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	(60,547)	60,706	159
Leathersellers IT Security	-	48	(48)	-
HH Masons Play Area	-	2,541	19	2,560
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	-	8	(8)	-
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	-	3,018	-	3,018
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	(1,169)	1,169	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	-	2,288	-	2,288
Lifetime Chances	-	(3)	3	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	-	10,917	31	10,948
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	-	26,371	-	26,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	-	22,758	-	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	-	2,175	-	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	-	1,282	-	1,282
Caroline Ellis 2024	-	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	-	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	-	2,000	-	2,000
	108,910	64,985	70,005	243,900
Total funds	661,293	322,870	-	984,1636

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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	1,210,313	(950,848)	259,465
Renewals Fund	-	(1,580)	(1,580)
	1,210,313	(952,428)	257,885
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	869,130	(875,767)	(6,637)
RBBC	42,000	(43,995)	(1,995)
PCC Victim Transition Fund	16,891	(13,551)	3,340
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(3,110)	(3,110)
Children's Fund	5,365	(9,257)	(3,892)
Masons Shed	-	(732)	(732)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(9,588)	(9,589)
PCC Childrens Grant	33,939	(43,676)	(9,737)
SCC HH Support Grant	-	(669)	(669)
PCC IT Grant	-	(760)	(760)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(1,694)	(1,694)
Caterham School Transition	1,500	(1,439)	61
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	(419)	(419)
PF Charitable Transition	-	(6,932)	(6,932)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(2,614)	(2,614)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(2,489)	(2,489)
Wisley Foundation	(1)	(2,159)	(2,160)
C Elliss Equipment	20,001	(7,336)	12,665
Giv fund	7,680	(7,610)	70
SCC White Goods HH	-	(604)	(604)
NRPF	87,360	(19,584)	67,776
RBWA Name change fund	111	(6,692)	(6,581)
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	312,286	(372,833)	(60,547)
Leathersellers IT Security	5,000	(4,952)	48
HH Masons Play Area	5,000	(2,459)	2,541
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	10,343	(10,335)	8
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	6,120	(3,102)	3,018
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	8,000	(9,169)	(1,169)
SCC Fuel costs	53,400	(53,400)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	40,241	(37,953)	2,288
Lifetime Chances	6,172	(6,175)	(3)
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	21,200	(10,283)	10,917
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	31,250	(4,879)	26,371
Mildred Jackson Fund	25,200	(2,442)	22,758
Kerslake PT Fund	2,600	(425)	2,175
Pattenmakers Shoe Fund	2,000	(718)	1,282
Epsom College Advocate salaries	5,001	(5,001)	-
Shanly Children's Advocate Salary	1,999	(1,999)	-
Caroline Ellis 2024	25,000	-	25,000
Children's Advocate Salary	5,000	-	5,000
Charles Lewis Foundation TV fund	2,000	-	2,000
	1,651,787	(1,586,802)	64,985
Total funds	2,862,100	(2,539,230)	322,870

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Transfers between funds

Transfers represent amounts transferred to the individual restricted funds from general funds to provide additional funding for the particular project(s) in the year.

The purpose of the individual restricted funds is set out below:

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Fund

This represents the working capital of the Refuge.

Contingency Reserve

Although some insurance is in place, the Directors regard it as essential to hold a contingency reserve should the above revenue be curtailed.

Renewals Fund

There is a continuing need for replacement furnishings and garden equipment which will be financed by this reserve.

Restricted Funds

Children's fund

This fund has been set up to provide activities and facilities for the children during their stay in the refuge. It is funded from donations and fundraising.

Psychotherapy Fund

This fund has been set up to provide Adolescent Therapy sessions.

Caterham School - Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government of the United Kingdom

The Ministry has granted three funds to contribute to the set up of the new refuge, and salary costs and therapy for the residents.

Vinci CCTV Fund

This grant was given to set up a CCTV system for security.

C Elliss Equipment

This grant was given to provide new play equipment at the refuge.

Gift fund

This fund was set up to provide Christmas gifts and support items to the women and children at the refuge.

Household Support fund RBBC

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

HH Masons Play Area

This grant was given to make improvements to the children's play area at the refuge.

Georgia Treeweek Transition Fund

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Diversity and Inclusion Fund

This grant was given to help make the refuge and its activities more inclusive for its residents

Wisley Welcome Pack Fund

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Creating Healthy CommuniHes Community Support Programme

This grant was given to provide supportive drop in sessions available to the local community

SCC Fuel costs

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis

RBBC Household Support Fund

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis

Caroline Ellis Court Fund

This grant was given to support residents in court proceedings

Lifetime Chances

This grant is provided to meet one-off expenses for residents' personal development and life achievement.

Mildred Jackson Fund

This grant is provided to support residents travel costs.

Kerslake PT Fund

This grant was given to provide physical therapy and wellness services for residents

Pattenmakers Shoe Fund

This grant is given to purchase shoes for residents

Epsom College Advocate Salaries

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge

Shanly Children's Advocate Salaries

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge

Caroline Ellis 2024
This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge

Children's Advocate Salaries

This grant is provided to support the cost of the DA advocate roles within the refuge

Charles Lewis Foundation TV Fund

This grant was provided to buy new TV's at one of the refuge sites

RBBC DA Funding

This grant is provided to support residents of Reigate and Banstead who are experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse, to include those in refuge support.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (cont)

16. Related party disclosures

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

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Set up a regular donation!

£10



For £10 a month you can help ensure we have enough toiletries to put in our Welcome Packs for our new survivors! This makes huge transition of coming to refuge a little bit easier

£15



For £15 a month you can help us give each survivor a voucher for the local supermarket so that every new resident can have a hot meal on their first night in refuge

£20



For £20 a month you can help us treat our survivors to exciting days out! Trips to the cinema, to the leisure centre, maybe even a theme park!

You can set up a monthly gift via our JustGiving page

www.justgiving.com/ichoosefreedom



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Ichoosefreedomcharity



I Choose Freedom

“The refuge was the anchor that held us steady amidst the storm, and I am ever grateful for their unwavering support. Today, our future is bright and filled with endless possibilities. The refuge not only provided us with safety but also empowered us to rebuild our lives with dignity and hope”





How to get in touch?

For any queries email us on:
info@ichoosefreedom.co.uk

How do I get help?

For general help and advice call
the National Domestic Abuse
Helpline on: 0808 2000 247

www.ichoosefreedom.co.uk

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Our Vision

A world where
domestic abuse
no longer exists



Our Mission

For all victims
and survivors of
domestic abuse to
receive the support
they need, when
they need it

Our Values
Respect
Inclusion
Trust
Empowerment



**Our Aim
for survivors to**

Have control over their own lives and the opportunity to make informed choices



Be involved in decisions about every aspect of the service they receive



Be treated with respect, compassion and dignity



Have their diversity respected and have equal rights and opportunities

Chair of Trustees Report

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) estimates that 5.0% of adults (6.9% women and 3.0% men) aged 16 years and over experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2022; this equates to an estimated 2.4 million adults (1.7 million women and 699,000 men). Needless to say, this has been another incredibly busy year with an ever-increasing demand on our service. We have received a total of 558 requests for space. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the staff and volunteers at I Choose Freedom. As we have continued to expand the service we offer survivors who are fleeing domestic abuse they continue to work tirelessly to support our service users with resilience and determination.

Following on from the pandemic, opening a third refuge and new refuge places for the RAFA project; we are now able to offer refuge accommodation to 38 adults and 65 children. With the continued drive and commitment from our CEO, Charlotte, and the support of the Trustees, I Choose Freedom has been able to expand to support the increase in requests. At the end of last year we announced a new Refuge Accommodation for All

Project (RAFA). This came as a result of a county wide needs assessment which identified gaps in provision for many victims, including but not limited to, men and the LGBTQIA+ community. We have successfully recruited and trained a committed team who are working solely in the RAFA project to support these service users and their children. We now have 7 separate accommodations across Surrey. We are in the process of securing an eighth property which will be online soon. As with any new project, setting up these properties has presented the staff involved with many challenges but the success has already been proven by the testimonials provided by the service users and I would like to commend the staff on their achievement and thank Surrey County Council for their support in recognising the need and providing funding for this project.

This past year we were delighted to have not only been short listed but to win the 2022 Charity Governance Award for COVID Response: Embracing Opportunity and Harnessing Risk for Long Term Change. The award was in relation to the opening of a new refuge during the pandemic which with the combination of the



Sally Stimpson
Chair of Trustees

vision, drive and energy of the staff along with the response and support from the Trustees who were able to steer the governance around taking the risk to do so given such a short time frame.

Our CEO, Charlotte Kneer was also recognised in the Queens Jubilee Honours List and was awarded an MBE for her Services to Domestic Abuse in Surrey. Charlotte's passion and commitment along with a personal drive for justice, diversity and equality has long been recognised by many of us so we were thrilled she had been chosen to receive this award.

We have had some changes to our Board of Trustees this year and would like to thank Anastasia Mihailidou who has worked tirelessly for 6 years bringing her expertise of governance to the board and also Julia Zorkova who has been a valued member for the past 7 years. The Board has successfully recruited three new members who

bring knowledge and experience to ensure we have a broad range of disciplines to lead our diverse and growing organisation. The Board also reflects the community we serve. We always ensure we have a Board Member who has lived at an I Choose Freedom refuge. Their insight enables us to really understand where we need to improve.

To the CEO, staff, volunteers, trustees, fundraisers and donors, I would like to thank you all for everything you have done to support the organisation. What has been achieved in the past year is only possible because of the incredible people who are part of I Choose Freedom.



CEO Report

Once again I am incredibly proud of the year we have had. The team support survivors with a passion that is unrivalled. Each one of us daily asks ourself "would I live in our refuges?" and if the answer is no then we immediately make changes.

We have continued to improve our support and advocacy; with each adult and child at the very centre of the work we do. The new projects in resettlement and Refuge Accommodation for all are testament to our desire to support every survivor in every way they need. We couldn't operate without the input

of our volunteers and I am so grateful for the incredible work they do. I am equally proud of our national voice in the media and our campaigning. Although we are small, we are mighty! This year we have been working with the Home Office to improve the outcomes in the criminal justice system. We have worked with the Lead Family Court Judge in Surrey on an innovative campaign to transform the Family Court response. We have worked closely with Probation and this focus will continue while we strive to shape a better response for survivors. There are many more campaigns that have been successful and each win



Charlotte Kneer MBE DL
CEO
I Choose Freedom

is a win for those that use our services and for survivors nationally. My hope for the future is to end domestic abuse by creating a culture shift in the way we respond to survivors and perpetrators of abuse, to make it societally unacceptable to abuse.

To end victim blaming and tackle misogyny. Lofty goals but with our incredible team of The Board, the staff and volunteers anything is possible.

Campaigning

I Choose Freedom regularly appear on national main stream media; BBC, Channel 4, Sky TV, The Independent, The Times, The Sun, The Guardian and local and International media outlets. We have forged strong relationships with journalists who trust us to give a grass roots overview of what is really happening for survivors of domestic abuse. This media coverage drives change and ultimately improves the outcomes for survivors.

I Choose Freedom works closely with politicians from all parties including; Jeremy Hunt MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer , Jess Phillips MP Shadow Minister for Domestic Violence and Safeguarding and Claire Coutinho MP Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. These relationships are important in informing the heart of Government about necessary change for survivors. I Choose Freedom were closely involved with the development of the Domestic Abuse Act, the groundbreaking legislation which has seen important changes for survivors.

Training

I Choose Freedom have provided training to Companies, Government agencies and 3rd sector organisations. We create bespoke packages to raise awareness of domestic abuse, the signs to look out for and how employers can support their employees. We can assist with writing policies and creating internal processes. Domestic Abuse is a topic that has risen up the HR agenda and we are able to assist companies to ensure they are meeting the needs of their employees.



Support for women

Support for children

Refuge accommodation for all

Resettlement

Campaigning

Training



*Lady Toulson
CBE DL*



**"I Choose Freedom"
is a rare, heart warming
effective charity.**

Compassionate and practical in its approach to all it serves. It gives strong hope and realism for enduring freedom to all who have shown the immense courage needed to contact the charity. It has proved to be a 'life saver'.



Domestic abuse respects no boundaries. Tragically, it will affect one in three women and girls over the course of their lifetimes.

Having known Charlotte and I Choose Freedom for several years now, I have always felt nothing but total admiration for all they do.

They have provided support and sanctuary for countless women and children fleeing unimaginable pain and I am incredibly proud of their work in East Surrey.



*Claire
Coutinho MP
Secretary of State
for Energy Security
and Net Zero
Member of
Parliament
for East Surrey*



Children in refuge

At I Choose Freedom we carry out a holistic approach to support the children in our care. From the moment a family arrives, children's advocates will work closely with the children and the mothers. Many children have fled quickly and had to travel long distances so they are not able to bring any toys with them. Welcome packs including toys and story books are placed in their rooms. Making sure they have something just for them on arrival helps bring a little comfort.

The children have come from a home life full of fear and unpredictability. Therefore, we endeavour to create routine, structure, warmth and safety as soon as possible. We support them to begin to feel safe and secure in their surroundings and find reassurance in knowing what to expect each day. Welcoming play sessions and fun activities are arranged, which also enables their mothers to engage in meetings and counselling. We celebrate birthdays and religious occasions. With the support of generous donations we are able to offer trips out to the farm, cinemas, parks and the seaside.

Advocates liaise with health, education, children's services and family support centres; working collaboratively with outside agencies to ensure all the children's needs are advocated for. Nursery, school, or college places are applied for and while the child waits for their offer, we support with finding the correct uniform, so they feel a sense of belonging on the first day. It is important that school have a good understanding of domestic abuse and we have an open dialogue with them, to ensure greater support for the children.

Mothers are offered a parenting support group designed to help them bond, learn, and overcome difficulties. Sharing their stories in a small nurturing group with other parents helps them feel understood and that they are not alone. We support families with healthy eating ideas and explain the importance of dental hygiene. Helping Hands sessions are offered to increase a child's understanding of feeling safe, exploring feelings and developing their self-esteem.

Play therapy is provided and allows the children to express themselves in their own way, especially if they are struggling to understand how they are feeling, or are finding it hard to put their experiences into words. Children who have fled domestic abuse will respond in different ways, but most will feel frightened and confused. It is not unusual to see aggressive play in the early days or nurturing play with the dolls, as the children begin to work through and process what they have seen and heard.

Children affected by domestic abuse are victims in their own right. Growing up in a violent and toxic home can have a hugely damaging and long - lasting impact on children. We strive to give them the support they need so when the families move on, we see a stronger family unit, empowered to take the next steps in their journey out of Refuge.

On leaving us 93% of children reported they felt happier than when they had entered the refuge



This year we supported 129 in refuge accommodation



Refuge Accommodation for All Report (RAFA)

Why was the project started?

I Choose Freedom were a refuge provider, providing support for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. I Choose Freedom recognised that there was limited provision across the country for survivors of domestic abuse who had barriers to accessing shared single sex refuge accommodation. This included males, the LGBTQ+ community and the Gypsy Roma travelling communities.

I Choose freedom approached Surrey County Council to support them in providing self-contained accommodation for these survivors of domestic abuse. Surrey County Council awarded funding for this project starting with four units. This has now grown to 6 units for single service users and two further units, one providing accommodation for an adult and one child and a further property that can accommodate an adult and up to three children.

What work was done prior to launching the project

The Service Manager, for the project worked with external professionals to ensure staff were trained and able to provide specialist support for service users accessing this project. This included Gallop, Mankind, Women's Traveller movement, outreach services and health professionals.

I Choose Freedom have realised that service users in self-contained units need more support to avoid them feeling isolated therefore two further advocates have been recruited and due to the properties being able to accommodate children, a children's advocate has also been recruited. One of the team identifies as LGBTQ+ which enables I Choose Freedom to provide a "by and for" service for survivors from those communities.

Clients supported

Up until 31st March 2023 the RAFA project had 25 referrals into the project and 4 clients were accepted. This included 2 males one who identified from the LGBTQ+ community. Since March 2023 with three more properties available and one that we hope will be available from October 2023 a further 7 service users have been supported including two who identify from the trans community and one who identified as non-binary.



On leaving the refuge 89% of adults reported improved understanding of domestic abuse and red flags to be aware of in the future



This refuge totally changed my life

Resettlement Report

This service supports survivors resettling in Surrey after leaving refuge. Survivors face many difficulties after leaving refuge, this includes but isn't limited to, financial instability, housing insecurity, unresolved immigration, ongoing court cases where the alleged perpetrator is seeking contact,

difficulties with managing bills or paying debts, social isolation, and an overwhelming uncertainty of what the next steps are. The resettlement service aims to support ex-service users and their children in making the transition from refuge life to independent living smoother. It offers practical support, such as getting survivors and their

children into employment or education, referral into specialist debt services, school applications, support with attaining legal aid solicitors to support with ongoing court cases, co-creating budget plans and ensuring that our survivors voice is being heard in relation to permanent housing. It also offers emotional

support, this includes face to face check-in, weekly phone check ins, encouraging attendance at local social clubs and attending initial visits to local community groups, religious spaces or somewhere that the women feel they want to connect with.

On leaving the refuge 85% of adults reported improved mental health

A big success this year has been the lunch and connect drop-in which runs fortnightly. This club is held in the local community for women who are in refuge or have left refuge and want a space to socialise. Sessions are designed to combat the rising issue of social isolation that we identified in our clients after leaving refuge. Some of the activities that we have run include, art therapy sessions, vision boards, paint by numbers, a variety of arts and crafts sessions, make-up tutorial sessions, summer picnics and a trip to Brighton. At each session women are also able to enjoy a hot lunch together.



This year the resettlement service has supported 17 women and 29 children.



Donations, Grants and Fundraising

To enable I Choose Freedom to continue with supporting as many survivors of domestic abuse as possible we, as a charity, are dependent on the organisations and individuals who support us.

Our major funders are Surrey County Council, Reigate and Banstead Council, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Without

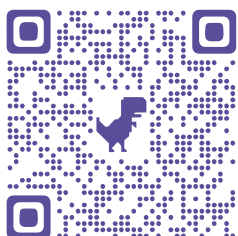
their support we would not be able to continue with the current service and the continued growth of the organisation and we are enormously grateful to them.

We would like to thank everyone who has fund raised or donated, no matter how large or small to I Choose Freedom. Every penny we receive helps to further our efforts to help survivors of domestic abuse. Our donators include the below and many more.

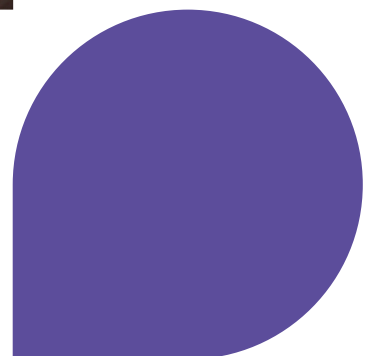
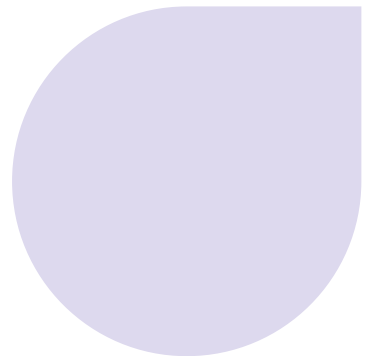
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 Nutfield Parochial Church - St Peter & St Paul's
 Nutfield WI
 Red Brick Road
 Redhill Redstone
 Rotary Club

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 Sharphorne Carol Party
 Soroptomists
 St Faiths Trust
 Surrey Freemasons
 The Mishcon Family Charitable Trust
 The Pattenmakers Co Charitable Foundation
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Future Plans

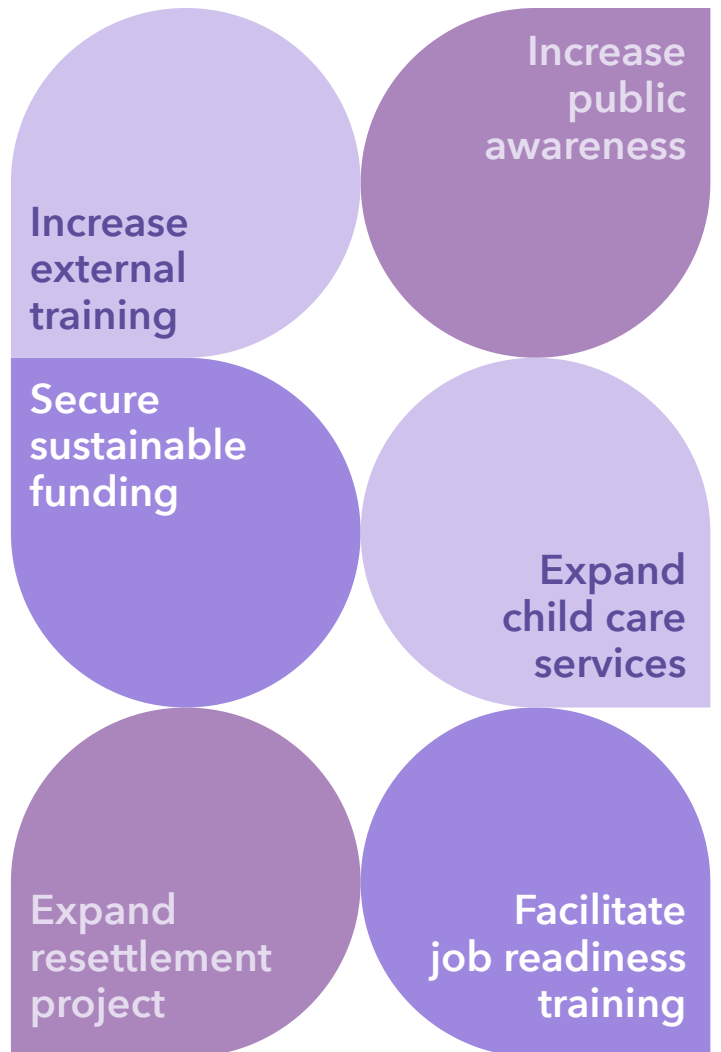
Our intention is to continue to enable any adult and child to begin the recovery process from their experience of domestic abuse, by offering a high standard of refuge accommodation which provides:

- A safe place to be for all service users
- Welcoming and accepting attitude to all
- Good standards of accommodation and on-site facilities for families, and especially children
- Individual support plans
- Assistance in applying for re-housing
- Practical help for service users who have a court hearing
- Assistance in claiming benefits
- Liaison with health services

Advice regarding activities within the area, including faith organisations, clubs, groups, paid or voluntary work, etc.

Structured group work to allow service users to understand domestic abuse, regain their self-esteem and avoid a similar situation in the future.

To ensure our service is inclusive and diverse and supports every survivor regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, disability or religion



Financial Review

During the year total income was £1,539,426 (2022: £999,677), the final result of the year was a surplus of £398,303 (2022: £133,907).

Reserves policy


The Board of Trustees has examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be equal to six months operating costs. The trustees are mindful of their responsibilities, in particular with the recent expansion of the refuge accommodation.

Unrestricted reserves are held for the following purposes:

1. To maintain services through periods of reduced funding and cash flow;
2. To develop new projects;
3. To pay redundancy and recruitment costs; and
4. To respond to adverse incidents.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £1,059,596 (2022: £661,293) of which £326,819 (2022: £302,383) were unrestricted general funds; £300,000 (2022: £250,000) were designated general funds and £432,777 (2022: £108,910) were restricted funds.

ICF holds reserves to protect against drops in income and to allow ICF to take advantage of new opportunities.



I have become the best version of myself. I have evolved in such a way that I was not even aware of. But I like my evolved self I am independent, strong, believing, giving, caring and loving

Structure & Governance

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

I Choose Freedom is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are recruited from those who have supported the organisation or through recognised channels such as the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Reach which undertakes national recruitment for voluntary organisations. Personal contacts and local organisations are also sources of directors.

The induction programme for directors (trustees) includes information from directors and staff, trustee training courses, as well as Surrey DA awareness and safeguarding training. Relevant printed material is also given including ICF documentation and national publications.

All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity are set out in note 8 to these financial statements. ICF recognises that a diverse, skilled and committed group of Directors is essential for the effective governance and management of the charity. Recruitment of new Directors is the responsibility of existing Directors.

Organisational Structure

The management committee meets on ten occasions during the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. They also monitor performance and compliance with requirements of stakeholders. The CEO attends each meeting on a non-voting basis, with input from other staff members as requested.

The CEO assumes responsibility for the provision of service, and for meeting the monitoring and evaluation requirements of stakeholders. The Head of Services assumes responsibility for the day to day operations and reports to the CEO. The lines of accountability, support and supervision are well established within the organisation ensuring good practice in delivering a high-quality service.

ICF is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and is part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Management Board which links with the Surrey Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group.

Key management personnel

The directors comprise the board of directors, who are the Charity's trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of the remuneration of key management personnel and trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 8 to the accounts.

Remuneration for CEO is set by the trustees using a benchmarking process and is reviewed annually.

The trustees have undertaken governance training to ensure a clear understanding of their responsibility to the Refuge and its stakeholders. The NCVO's Code of Governance and Charity Commission's Essential Duties of a Trustee were discussed in detail. A SWOT analysis was conducted highlighting areas of excellence and areas in need of attention which in turn, has assisted with succession planning.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Committee comprises directors of the company, who are also trustees under charity law. Committee members are elected at a Board Meeting and normally serve for three years.

A committee member may serve for three years, and then be available for re-election for a further three years. They would not normally be eligible for re-election after two full terms until one year has elapsed, but this may be waived if it would not be in the interests of the Company for the services of the member to be lost by requiring the member to stand down.

Committee members are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the secretary and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the charity nor any of the directors presently have such interests but any such interests would be disclosed should they arise.

Structure & Governance (cont)

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Committee has considered the risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. There is a comprehensive risk framework in place which is formally reviewed quarterly and updated at board meetings to reflect significant changes.

Procedures are in place to protect staff, volunteers and service users. These procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Committee has assessed the relevant safeguarding risks and have decided that all Directors undergo a DBS check every three years.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of I Choose Freedom Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of

the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy

at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Williams & Co Epsom LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the October 2023 Trustee Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on

and signed on its behalf by:

Sally Stimpson

Mrs S J Stimpson
Trustee

Trustees

Mrs K E Halliwell
Solicitor

Mrs A Mihailidou
Charity Consultant
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Mrs S P A Renaut
Accountant

Mrs S Sengupta
Management
Consultant

Mrs S J Stimpson
Nurse

Mrs H A Edwards
Project Director
Corporate Events

Ms C N Kinyanjui
Ex-Service User

Ms C Booth
Project Manager
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms S Gregory
Consultant
(appointed 10.12.22)

Ms M King
Head Of Risk
(appointed 10.12.22)

Company secretary

Mrs A Mihailidou
Mrs K Halliwell
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Independent Auditors Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of I Choose Freedom Charity (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the

trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Once I arrived at refuge I was met with a warm welcome by my support worker from I Choose Freedom who took me to the place I'd be staying for 6 months, I arrived with cupboards full of food and words full of kindness which is something I've never experienced before. At that point the candle was put out, relit and I knew it was going to be the fresh start I needed, the fresh start that would change my life.

Independent Auditors Report (cont)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mark Williams
(Senior Statutory Auditor)



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for and on behalf of
Williams & Co Epsom LLP

8-10 South Street
Epsom
Surrey KT18 7PF

Date:

01 November 2023
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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and legacies	2	17,076	417	17,493	33,400
Charitable activities	4				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		25,000	984,788	1,009,788	514,469
Investment income	3	502	-	502	83
Other income		511,581	112	511,693	451,725
Total		554,159	985,317	1,539,476	999,677
Expenditure on					
Charitable activities	5				
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		412,546	728,627	1,141,173	865,770
Net income		141,613	256,690	398,303	133,907
Transfers between funds	15	(67,177)	67,177	-	-
Net movement in funds		74,436	323,867	398,303	133,907
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		552,383	108,910	661,293	527,386
Total funds carried forward		626,819	432,777	1,059,596	661,293

Balance Sheet

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	14,828	62,652	77,480	61,025
Current assets					
Debtors	13	20,097	-	20,097	17,770
Cash at bank and in hand		619,706	370,128	989,834	932,486
		639,803	370,128	1,009,931	950,256
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(27,815)	-	(27,815)	(349,988)
Net current assets		611,988	370,128	982,116	600,268
Total assets less current liabilities		626,816	432,780	1,059,596	661,293
Net assets		626,816	432,780	1,059,596	661,293
Funds					
	15				
Unrestricted funds				626,816	552,383
Restricted funds				432,780	108,910
Total funds				1,059,596	661,293

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

01 November 2023

and were signed on its behalf by:

Sally Stimpson

Mrs S J Stimpson - Trustee

Cash Flow Statement

		31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	88,702	462,411
Net cash provided by operating activities		88,702	462,411
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(31,856)	(24,412)
Interest received		502	83
Net cash used in investing activities		(31,354)	(24,329)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		57,348	438,082
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		932,486	494,404
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		989,834	932,486

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement

1. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	398,303	133,907
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	15,401	11,816
Interest received	(502)	(83)
Increase in debtors	(2,327)	(12,111)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(322,173)	328,882
Net cash provided by operations	88,702	462,411

2. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	932,486	57,348	989,834
	932,486	57,348	989,834
Total	932,486	57,348	989,834

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and with the Financial

Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS

102) effective 1 January 2015 rather than the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

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.

Income (including rents and contributions) is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from 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.

Bank and Building Society interest are accounted for on the basis of monies receivable in the year.

Resources expended

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.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the charity including amounts paid to the independent examiner.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

1. Accounting policies (cont)

Tangible fixed assets

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

Tangible fixed assets

Improvements to property	10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

I look forward for the first time in my existence to being fully in control of my life, seeing what beauty life brings and my future. I will never forget once I achieve my dreams that without I Choose Freedom's help I may never have got there and I'll forever be grateful

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
2. Donations and legacies		
Donations	17,493	33,400
3. Investment income		
Deposit account interest	502	83
4. Income from charitable activities		
Grants		
Activity		
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	1,009,788	514,469
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Local Authority Grants	49,000	26,575
Housing Related Support Grant	805,312	366,064
Optivo Grant	15,000	18,199
Wisley	10,000	7,318
Leather Sellers	15,000	11,750
Nationwide	-	10,000
Children In Need	-	20,164
PCC Grants	36,285	19,394
Caterham School	1,500	-
Elizabeth Charitable Trust	-	1,000
Farnham Round Table	750	600
Reg Haley	-	1,000
Mark Benevolent Fund	-	5,430
Making Herstory	-	2,500
PF Charitable Trust	-	7,000
Vinci Fund	-	7,000
C Elliss	45,000	5,000
Andrew Burgess	-	5,000
Dormans Evening Womens Institute	-	475
Christopher Critchlow	850	-
Linda Bywaters	1,400	-
Monique King	1,000	-
Rotary Club	320	-
Charles Safapour	2,500	-
D & K Vanrenen	365	-
John Lewis Partnership	1,000	-
Kids Out	140	-
Mrs H Williams	20	-
Surrey Provincial Archmasons	5,000	-
Georgia Treweek	10,343	-
Astellas	6,000	-
Lifetime Chances	2,973	-
Anonymous	30	-
	1,009,788	514,469

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

5. Charitable activities costs

	Direct Cost £	Support cost See note 6 £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	1,106,798	34,375	1,141,173

6. Support costs

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	1,057	33,318	34,375

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:	31.3.23 Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse £	31.3.22 Total activities £
Bank charges	1,057	1,050
Auditors' remuneration	1,890	-
Accountancy and legal fees	29,683	25,703
Subscriptions	1,745	1,752
	34,375	28,505

7. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Depreciation - owned assets	15,401	11,817
Other operating leases	50,630	52,725

8. Auditors' remuneration

Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	1,890	-
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9. Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

10. Staff costs

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	625,712	452,443
Social security costs	49,730	36,831
Other pension costs	12,596	9,149
	<u>688,038</u>	<u>498,423</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Administration	6	4
Refuge Workers	17	14
	<u>23</u>	<u>18</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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11. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from			
Donations and legacies	33,400	-	33,400
Charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	107,079	407,390	514,469
Investment income	83	-	83
Other income	451,725	-	451,725
Total	592,287	407,390	999,677
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	426,887	438,883	865,770
Net income/(expenditure)	165,400	(31,493)	133,907
Transfers between funds	(21,241)	21,241	-
Net movement in funds	144,159	(10,252)	133,907
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	408,225	119,161	527,386
Total funds carried forward	552,384	108,909	661,293

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures & fittings £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1 april 2022	82,842	43,572	126,414
Additions	18,296	13,560	31,856
At 31 march 2023	101,138	57,132	158,270
Depreciation			
At 1 april 2022	41,443	23,946	65,389
Charge for year	7,105	8,296	15,401
At 31 march 2023	48,548	32,242	80,790
Net book value			
At 31 march 2023	52,590	24,890	77,480
At 31 march 2022	41,399	19,626	61,025

13. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade debtors	4,059	6,141
Accruals	6,524	3,246
Prepayments	9,514	8,383
	20,097	17,770

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade creditors	13,712	16,691
Other creditors	8,650	4,524
Accruals and deferred income	-	316,954
Accrued expenses	4,561	11,819
Deferred government grants	892	-
	27,815	349,988

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

15. Movement in funds

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	174,145	142,650	(117,177)	199,618
Contingency Reserve	250,000	-	50,000	300,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	-	123,806
Renewals Fund 4,432	(1,040)	-	3,392	
	552,383	141,610	(67,177)	626,816
Restricted funds				
Surrey County Council	28,465	(55,477)	27,268	256
RBBC	-	(1,995)	1,995	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	5,704	-	5,704
Psychotherapy Fund	3,110	(870)	-	2,240
Children's Fund	3,529	(2,110)	-	1,419
Masons Shed	2,928	(366)	-	2,562
Therapy Cabin	38,356	(4,795)	-	33,561
PCC Childrens Grant	5,155	(9,737)	4,582	-
SCC HH Support Grant	1,530	(383)	-	1,147
PCC IT Grant	1,737	(434)	-	1,303
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	1,694	(114)	-	1,580
Caterham School Transition	-	1,500	-	1,500
Nationwide Transition Fund	116	(419)	303	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	(6,932)	(68)	-
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,318)	1,318	-
Vinci CCT fund	5,689	(1,422)	-	4,267
Wisley Foundation	4,193	(1,441)	125	2,877
C Elliss Equipment	-	15,897	-	15,897
Gift fund	-	285	-	285
Household Support fund RBBC	305	-	(305)	-
SCC White Goods Hill House	657	(604)	(53)	-
NRPF	-	48,556	(30,827)	17,729
RBWA Name change fund	4,446	(6,581)	2,135	-
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	222,103	60,706	282,809
Leathersellers IT Security	-	48	-	48
HH Masons Play Area	-	3,058	-	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	-	6,949	(5)	6,944
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	-	4,813	-	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities				
Community support programme	-	6,393	-	6,393
RBBC Household Support Fund	-	1,388	-	1,388
Lifetime Chances	-	(3)	3	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	-	25,000	-	25,000
	108,910	256,693	67,177	432,780
Total funds	661,293	398,303	-	1,059,596

15. Movement in funds (cont)

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	554,159	(411,509)	142,650
Renewals Fund	-	(1,040)	(1,040)
	554,159	(412,549)	141,610
Restricted funds			
Surrey County Council	411,807	(467,284)	(55,477)
RBBC	21,000	(22,995)	(1,995)
PCC Victim Transition Fund	16,891	(11,187)	5,704
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(870)	(870)
Children's Fund	4,320	(6,430)	(2,110)
Masons Shed -	(366)	(366)	
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(4,794)	(4,795)
PCC Childrens Grant	19,393	(29,130)	(9,737)
SCC HH Support Grant	(1)	(382)	(383)
PCC IT Grant -	(434)	(434)	
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(114)	(114)
Caterham School Transition	1,500	-	1,500
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	(419)	(419)
PF Charitable Transition	-	(6,932)	(6,932)
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,318)	(1,318)
Vinci CCT fund	-	(1,422)	(1,422)
Wisley Foundation	(1)	(1,440)	(1,441)
C Elliss Equipment	20,001	(4,104)	15,897
Gift fund	4,055	(3,770)	285
SCC White Goods Hill House	-	(604)	(604)
NRPF	58,240	(9,684)	48,556
RBWA Name change fund	111	(6,692)	(6,581)
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	312,286	(90,183)	222,103
Leathersellers IT Security	5,000	(4,952)	48
HH Masons Play Area	5,000	(1,942)	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	10,343	(3,394)	6,949
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	6,000	(1,187)	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	8,000	(1,607)	6,393
SCC Fuel costs	23,400	(23,400)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	20,000	(18,612)	1,388
Lifetime Chances	2,973	(2,976)	(3)
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	-	10,000
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	25,000	-	25,000
	985,317	(728,624)	256,693
Total funds	1,539,476	(1,141,173)	393,303

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,419	165,967	(71,241)	174,145
Contingency Reserve	200,000	-	50,000	250,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	-	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	(568)	-	4,432
	408,225	165,399	(21,241)	552,383
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	5,938	(9,465)	3,527	-
Surrey County Council	-	28,465	-	28,465
RBBC	-	(2,570)	2,570	-
St Faiths Trust	8,008	(8,008)	-	-
DCLG - Translation	1,147	(1,147)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	5,102	(1,992)	-	3,110
Children's Fund	3,785	(256)	-	3,529
Masons Shed	3,294	(366)	-	2,928
Therapy Cabin	43,150	(4,794)	-	38,356
PCC Childrens Grant	7,982	(2,827)	-	5,155
SCC HH Support Grant	24,500	(22,970)	-	1,530
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	9,134	(9,134)	-	-
PCC IT Grant	-	(1,148)	2,885	1,737
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,121	(427)	-	1,694
Caterham School Transition	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Masons Washing Machines	-	5,430	(5,430)	-
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	116	-	116
PF Charitable Transition	-	7,000	-	7,000
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,976)	1,976	-
Vinci CCT fund	-	5,689	-	5,689
Wisley Foundation	-	4,193	-	4,193
C Elliss Equipment	-	(2,154)	2,154	-
Household Support fund RBBC	-	305	-	305
SCC White Goods Hill House	-	657	-	657
NRPF	-	(3,559)	3,559	-
RBWA Name change fund	-	(5,554)	10,000	4,446
	119,161	(31,492)	21,241	108,910
Total funds	527,386	133,907	-	661,293

15. Movement in funds

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	592,286	(426,319)	165,967
Renewals Fund	-	(568)	(568)
	592,286	(426,887)	165,399
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	20,164	(29,629)	(9,465)
Surrey County Council	282,737	(254,272)	28,465
RBBC	20,999	(23,569)	(2,570)
St Faiths Trust	-	(8,008)	(8,008)
DCLG - Translation	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(1,992)	(1,992)
Children's Fund	2,600	(2,856)	(256)
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	-	(4,794)	(4,794)
PCC Childrens Grant	19,394	(22,221)	(2,827)
SCC HH Support Grant	-	(22,970)	(22,970)
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	(9,134)	(9,134)
PCC IT Grant	-	(1,148)	(1,148)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(427)	(427)
Caterham School Transition	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Masons Washing Machines	5,430	-	5,430
Nationwide Transition Fund	10,000	(9,884)	116
Hill House Therapy Room	2,500	(2,500)	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	-	7,000
Optivo internal decorating	3,199	(5,175)	(1,976)
Vinci CCT fund	7,000	(1,311)	5,689
Wisley Foundation	7,318	(3,125)	4,193
SCC Maxgate dining tables	1,000	(1,000)	-
C Elliss Equipment	5,000	(7,154)	(2,154)
Gift fund	5,475	(5,475)	-
Household Support fund RBBC	5,575	(5,270)	305
Maxgate Sofas	1,000	(1,000)	-
SCC White Goods Hill House	1,000	(343)	657
NRPF	-	(3,559)	(3,559)
RBWA Name change fund	-	(5,554)	(5,554)
	407,391	(438,883)	(31,492)
Total funds	999,677	(865,770)	133,907

15. Movement in funds (cont)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	Transfer between funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,419	308,617	(188,418)	199,618
Contingency Reserve	200,000	-	50,000	250,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	-	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	(1,608)	-	3,392
	408,225	307,009	(88,418)	626,816
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	5,938	(9,465)	3,527	-
Surrey County Council	-	(27,012)	27,268	256
RBBC	-	(4,565)	4,565	-
St Faiths Trust	8,008	(8,008)	-	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	-	5,704	-	5,704
DCLG - Translation	1,147	(1,147)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	5,102	(2,862)	-	2,240
Children's Fund	3,785	(2,366)	-	1,419
Masons Shed	3,294	(732)	-	2,562
Therapy Cabin	43,150	(9,589)	-	33,561
PCC Childrens Grant	7,982	(12,564)	4,582	-
SCC HH Support Grant	24,500	(23,353)	-	1,147
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	9,134	(9,134)	-	-
PCC IT Grant	-	(1,582)	2,885	1,303
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,121	(541)	-	1,580
Caterham School Transition	5,000	(3,500)	-	1,500
Masons Washing Machines	-	5,430	(5,430)	-
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	(303)	303	-
PF Charitable Transition	-	68	(68)	-
Optivo internal decorating	-	(3,294)	3,294	-
Vinci CCT fund	-	4,267	-	4,267
Wisley Foundation	-	2,752	125	2,877
C Elliss Equipment	-	13,743	2,154	15,897
Gift fund	-	285	-	285
Household Support fund RBBC	-	305	(305)	-
SCC White Goods Hill House	-	53	(53)	-
NRPF	-	44,997	(27,268)	17,729
RBWA Name change fund	-	(12,135)	12,135	-
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	-	222,103	60,706	282,809
Leathersellers IT Security	-	48	-	48
HH Masons Play Area	-	3,058	-	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	-	6,949	(5)	6,944
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	-	4,813	-	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	-	6,393	-	6,393
RBBC Household Support Fund	-	1,388	-	1,388
Lifetime Chances	-	(3)	3	-
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000
Caroline Ellis Court Fund	-	25,000	-	25,000
	119,161	225,201	88,418	432,780
Total funds	527,386	532,210	-	1,059,596

15. Movement in funds (cont)

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	1,146,445	(837,828)	308,617
Renewals Fund	-	(1,608)	(1,608)
	592,286	(426,887)	165,399
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	20,164	(29,629)	(9,465)
Surrey County Council	694,544	(721,556)	(27,012)
RBBC	41,999	(46,564)	(4,565)
St Faiths Trust	-	(8,008)	(8,008)
PCC Victim Transition Fund	16,891	(11,187)	5,704
DCLG - Translation	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(2,862)	(2,862)
Children's Fund	6,920	(9,286)	(2,366)
Masons Shed	-	(732)	(732)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(9,588)	(9,589)
PCC Childrens Grant	38,787	(51,351)	(12,564)
SCC HH Support Grant	(1)	(23,352)	(23,353)
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	(9,134)	(9,134)
PCC IT Grant	-	(1,582)	(1,582)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(541)	(541)
Caterham School Transition	1,500	(5,000)	(3,500)
Masons Washing Machines	5,430	-	5,430
Nationwide Transition Fund	10,000	(10,303)	(303)
Hill House Therapy Room	2,500	(2,500)	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	(6,932)	68
Optivo internal decorating	3,199	(6,493)	(3,294)
Vinci CCT fund	7,000	(2,733)	4,267
Wisley Foundation	7,317	(4,565)	2,752
SCC Maxgate dining tables	1,000	(1,000)	-
C Elliss Equipment	25,001	(11,258)	13,743
Gift fund	9,530	(9,245)	285
Household Support fund RBBC	5,575	(5,270)	305
Maxgate Sofas	1,000	(1,000)	-
SCC White Goods Hill House	1,000	(947)	53
NRPF	58,240	(13,243)	44,997
RBWA Name change fund	111	(12,246)	(12,135)
SCC Inclusion Refuge restricted	312,286	(90,183)	222,103
Leathersellers IT Security	5,000	(4,952)	48
HH Masons Play Area	5,000	(1,942)	3,058
Georgia Treeweek transition fund	10,343	(3,394)	6,949
Diversity and Inclusion Fund	6,000	(1,187)	4,813
Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme	8,000	(1,607)	6,393
SCC Fuel costs	23,400	(23,400)	-
RBBC Household Support Fund	20,000	(18,612)	1,388
Lifetime Chances	2,973	(2,976)	(3)
Wisley Welcome Pack Fund	10,000	-	10,000
	1,392,708	(1,167,507)	225,201
Total funds	2,539,153	(2,006,943)	532,210

15. Movement in funds (cont)

Transfers between funds

Transfers represent amounts transferred to the individual restricted funds from general funds to provide additional funding for the particular project(s) in the year.

The purpose of the individual restricted funds is set out below:

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Fund

This represents the working capital of the Refuge.

Contingency Reserve

Although some insurance is in place, the Directors regard it as essential to hold a contingency reserve should the above revenue be curtailed.

New House Fund

This fund has been set aside for the initial set up costs that will be incurred when an additional property has been made available.

Renewals Fund

There is a continuing need for replacement furnishings and garden equipment which will be financed by this reserve.

SCC Inclusion Fund

This fund has been set aside for the running costs that will be incurred on the Inclusion Refuge project.

Restricted Funds

Children's fund

This fund has been set up to provide activities and facilities for the children during their stay in the Refuge. It is funded from donations and fundraising.

New Shed

This restricted fund was given to enable us to set up a garden project. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Therapy Cabin

This grant was received to provide a new Therapy cabin. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Psychotherapy Fund

This fund has been set up to provide Adolescent Therapy sessions.

PCC - IT Grant

This grant was given to help purchase new IT equipment for the refuge.

St Faiths - Hill House Equipment

This grant was given to contribute towards purchasing essential equipment for the new site.

Caterham School - Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Washing Machines

This fund has been set up to purchase washing machines for the refuge.

MHCLG

The Ministry has granted three funds to contribute to the setting up of the new refuge, and salary costs and therapy for the residents.

Nationwide Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Hill House Therapy Room

This grant was given to help furnish the therapy room at the new refuge.

PF Charitable Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Vinci CCTV Fund

This grant was given to set up a CCTV system for security reasons.

Wisley Foundation

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

RBWA Name Change Fund

This fund was set up to cover costs of changing the name of the charity, funded by the charity itself.

C Elliss Equipment

This grant was given to provide gym equipment at the refuge.

Gift fund

This fund was set up to provide Christmas gifts and support items to the women and children at the refuge.

Household Support fund RBBC

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Maxgate Sofas

This grant was given to provide new sofas at the refuge.

SCC White Goods HH

This grant was given to purchase new white goods for the refuge.

Leathersellers IT Security

This grant was given to improve security provision at the refuge.

HH Masons Play Area

This grant was given to make improvements to the children's play area at Hill House.

Georgia Treeweek transition fund

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Diversity and Inclusion Fund

This grant was given to help make the refuge and its activities more inclusive for its residents.

Wisley Welcome Pack Fund

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Creating Healthy Communities Community support programme

This grant was given to provide supportive drop in sessions available to the local community.

SCC Fuel costs

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis.

RBBC Household Support Fund

This grant was provided to support residents with housing costs during the cost of living crisis.

Caroline Ellis Court Fund

This grant was given to develop a court information pack for survivors.

Lifetime Chances

This grants is provided to meet one-off expenses for residents' personal development and life achievement.

16. Related party disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (cont)

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	17,493	33,400
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	502	83
Charitable activities		
Grants	1,009,788	514,469
Other income		
Resident's contributions	46,934	40,020
Housing benefit & rent income	399,175	344,602
Fundraising income	65,584	67,103
	511,693	451,725
Total incoming resources	1,539,476	999,677
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Wages	625,712	452,443
Social security	49,730	36,831
Pensions	12,596	9,149
Other operating leases	50,630	52,725
Rates and water	7,308	7,221
Insurance	4,829	4,206
Light and heat	15,536	19,391
Telephone	14,711	13,281
Postage and stationery	3,927	6,155
Sundries	12,471	9,824
Travel	4,158	6,050
Computer & IT	26,919	17,376
Repairs & renewals	24,559	48,790
Cleaning & waste	8,437	6,389
Bad debts	141	-
Training	11,392	4,460
Vouchers & fundraising	8,250	7,136
Charitable activities	210,091	124,022
Improvements to property	7,105	5,275
Fixtures and fittings	8,296	6,541
	1,106,798	837,265
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	1,057	1,050
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	1,890	-
Accountancy and legal fees	29,683	25,703
Subscriptions	1,745	1,752
	33,318	27,455
Total resources expended	1,141,173	865,770
Net income	398,303	133,907

I Choose Freedom Charity

England & Wales - Charity number 289508

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01806055 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 289508

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Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
for
I Choose Freedom Charity
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

Mulberry & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
& Chartered Tax Advisers
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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

TRUSTEES	Mrs K E Halliwell Solicitor Mrs A Mihailidou Charity Consultant Mrs S P A Renaut Accountant Mrs S Sengupta Management Consultant Mrs S J Stimpson Nurse Mrs J Zorkova Ex Service User (resigned 30.9.21) Mrs H A Edwards Project Director Corporate Events (appointed 30.9.21) Ms C N Kinyanjui Ex-Service User (appointed 1.7.21)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Mrs A Mihailidou
REGISTERED OFFICE	Po Box 54 Reigate Surrey RH2 0AZ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	01806055 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	289508
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mulberry & Co Chartered Certified Accountants & Chartered Tax Advisers 9 Pound Lane Godalming Surrey GU7 1BX
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank Plc 11 High Street Horley Surrey RH6 7BJ

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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 March 2022. 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).

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision, values and objectives

Our goal is to end domestic abuse by increasing public awareness, providing education to professional services and external providers, both locally and nationally, and to continue to provide excellent services and support to survivors starting with a safe and supportive place for women and children to re-start a life free of abuse. Domestic abuse is a gendered crime which is deeply rooted in the societal inequality between men and women. It is a form of gender-based violence, violence "directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately." (CEDAW, 1992).

Our values are: Respect, Inclusion, Trust, Empowerment.

Our service user charter states that women using services should:

- Have the greatest control over their own lives and have the opportunity to make informed choices;
- Have the opportunity to be involved in decisions about every aspect of the service they receive from individual treatment to local and national policy;
- Be treated with respect and dignity;
- Have their diversity respected and have equal rights and opportunities.

In addition, we are conscious of the many social, educational and faith needs of our service users both women and children. We believe that we must offer a holistic service and give assistance in meeting these needs, either from RBWA or from other sources within the area.

As part of our objective in supporting women in the refuge, each resident has a key worker who draws up a support plan with the woman, identifying and meeting her individual needs. The format of these support plans has been revised in consultation with clients, as we are committed to involving them on all possible levels.

We liaise with a range of other agencies Health, Education, Social Services and Housing Departments as well as other voluntary organisations in order to provide the best support for women and their children.

A monthly professionals meeting is held at the refuge where agency updates are shared, and the progress of each family is discussed and the need for particular agency involvement.

Achievements and performance

This has been another busy year, with great demand for our service. When a vacancy occurs, it is logged onto the Routes to Support website and during the past year, our listings have generated 601 responses (an increase of 180.5% over the previous year) asking for safe accommodation. The increased demand since the start of the pandemic has been significant.

Pandemic Response:

The beginning of this financial year marked the 2nd year of the Covid 19 pandemic. The new refuge opened as an immediate response to the pandemic, with the help of DLUHC, Surrey County Council, the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Community Foundation for Surrey, initially provided space for 7 families. We always intended to increase that number and by June 2021, a year after first opening, we were at full capacity in the new refuge with 19 women and up to 36 children. This involved recruiting and training a new team and restructuring the organisation.

Rail to Refuge:

As a direct result of the Channel 4 documentary, a scheme was created by Rail providers where anyone needing to get to a refuge could travel there free by train. This scheme was rolled out across the UK and has been extended, now looked at as a global initiative. We are very proud of this tangible outcome resulting from the documentary. To date, this scheme has helped over 3000 people including over 800 children.

Campaigns:

We have participated in campaigns relating to: The Domestic Abuse Act 2021, National Stalking Register and Children who live in refuge being included as a priority category for education.

Diversity and Inclusion:

- We continue to be one of the only refuges nationwide who accept boys up to the age of 18 in our communal women's refuges.

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- We are fully accessible for clients with disabilities.
- Thanks to funding from Surrey County Council we were able to recruit two team members from marginalised and minoritized communities who provide a "by and for" service to women from those communities.
- We have also been able to support women with No Recourse to Public Funds from a dedicated fund supplied by Surrey County Council
- In partnership with Surrey County Council we are pleased to announce a new refuge project which will offer four new refuge spaces, fully supported, for anyone that needs them in dispersed, not communal, settings. This came as a result of a county wide needs assessment which identified gaps in provision for many victims including, but not limited to, LGBTQIA+ community, Men and members of Gypsy Roma Traveller communities. This project is expected to be in operation by August 2022.

We continue our involvement in several initiatives aimed at increasing awareness, including:

- Emma Armstrong, Head of Services, has developed a training programme to raise awareness of the harms of domestic abuse. This programme has been delivered nationwide to participants including: Joseph, Barclays, Surrey Police and many other Professionals in Surrey
- Emma Armstrong partnered with SafeLives to deliver training to Legal Professionals. This training identifies Coercive and Controlling behaviour and teaches the need for a trauma informed approach in the Family Court
- RBWA have, also, opened their doors to local schools / headteachers to educate them on life in refuge and how they can best support children from here
- Helping hands sessions have been run for the children including inviting a police officer on site and safety awareness workshops

The continued visibility of our CEO, Charlotte Kneer in national media and effective use of social media, continues to increase visibility and has helped generate significant amount of donations. In June 2021, Charlotte was honoured to be made Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey.

The feedback from the women in the refuge is very important for evaluating the service we provide. An exit questionnaire is given to the women to be returned to the Chair. Due to the lockdown restrictions the trustees have not been able to run the customary outcome interviews with women.

Activities - Women

There are 6.5 full time Domestic Abuse Refuge Advocates onsite at the refuges, dedicated to working with the women. Women arrive traumatised and bewildered, therefore intensive emotional support is crucial. This continues throughout her entire stay at our refuges.

Welcome Pack

When a family arrives at the Refuge we provide brand new items that include but is not limited to bedding, toiletries, crockery and food items. This is to ensure that the families have everything to meet their basic needs. The families can take these items with them when they move on from the refuge.

Freedom Programme

RBWA run The Freedom Programme at the refuges. All women attend this 6-week programme whilst resident. The programme teaches women about domestic abuse and helps them to understand their experience and what effects it will have had on their children. This programme is critical in helping women avoid entering another abusive relationship after refuge. It is delivered by refuge staff who have been trained in delivering the programme. The FP training is also run for all new staff employed with RBWA.

Counselling

All women at RBWA are offered weekly counselling. Time with their counsellor is spent safely exploring the trauma experienced and finding ways to help them move forward with their life.

Support

Emotional and practical support is offered to the clients from the day of arrival and until 3 months after they have left RBWA and been rehoused in an area of safety. The aim of all our work at RBWA is to empower women to live a life free from domestic abuse.

Activities - Children

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RBWA have worked hard to continue to fund the children's service at the refuges and are very fortunate to have five dedicated children's advocates, one of whom is a certified practitioner of play therapy. We also offer sessions with an external play therapist and art therapist onsite at the refuges. There are dedicated playrooms at the refuges.

Play therapy

Play therapy is a therapeutic intervention that uses creative mediums to help a child express and process the trauma experienced. Providing a safe environment and budding a trusting relationship with the therapist is crucial for healing.

Group children's therapy sessions

Group therapy sessions are offered to help raise awareness on a number of important topics including safety, DA, confidence and self-esteem. Reducing feelings of isolation and supporting the children to make friendships is a key outcome we aim to achieve.

Access to Education

RBWA works tirelessly to ensure that children are found new schools at the earliest, as we recognize the importance of education. RBWA supports the children to access tutoring while waiting for a school place and ensures that the transition to a new school goes as smoothly as possible. Financial support is provided to the mums to purchase new school uniform items for each child.

1:1 trips

School aged children get to enjoy one to one attention on a trip of their choice. This is a 6 hour trip which involves them taking part in an activity such as bowling, going to the cinema or horse riding. The child gets to choose everything about the trip giving them a sense of independence and allowing them to 'be a child'.

Group outings

RBWA raised funds to enable them to be able to take families out on local outings/trips. The emphasis is on creating happy memories for the families, building bonds and providing the family an opportunity to have fun together.

Adolescent trauma therapy

RBWA raised funds to provide adolescent trauma therapy. The need for this service has become clear as there are no statutory services providing this therapy. At RBWA we recognise that teenagers are impacted severely by living with domestic abuse and it is a priority to provide them with tailored therapeutic support.

Activities - Raising awareness and influencing policy through media

We were featured on media including:

BBC News

The Sun

Channel 4

The Independent

BBC Radio Surrey

Grants and Fundraising

We have had a very successful financial year in terms of grants and fundraising. We would like to thank the following people but recognise that many more individuals and organisations have fundraised, organised events and supported us. To each and every one of our supporters, thank you so much.

- Surrey County Council and Individual Councillors
- DLUHC
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey
- Nationwide Building Society
- Leathersellers
- Bernard Derber
- Various Masonic Chapters
- Soroptomists
- WI groups
- St Faiths Trust
- Caterham School
- The Wisley Foundation
- Onjali Rauf

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- Red Brick Road
- Lucy Clark
- Caroline Elliss
- Fleet Afternoon Town Women's Group
- Martin and Andrea Bangs
- Mike and Jane Hill
- Reg Haley and Lynda Bywaters

Volunteers

We currently have 10 volunteers. Volunteers duties include but are not limited to tutoring for children, teaching English to women, support for creches, support to attend court cases, translation services and support for women to access the local community. We also have 2 ex residents who volunteer for us.

Financial review

During the year total income was £999,677 (2021: £922,786), the final result of the year was a surplus of £133,907 (2021: £230,001).

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be equal to six months operating costs.

Unrestricted reserves are held for the following purposes

1. To maintain services through periods of reduced funding and cash flow;
2. To develop new projects;
3. To pay redundancy and recruitment costs; and
4. To respond to adverse incidents.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £661,293 (2021: £527,386) of which £302,383 (2021: £208,227) were unrestricted general funds; £250,000 (2021: £200,000) were designated general funds and £108,910 (2021: £119,159) were restricted funds.

RBWA holds reserves to protect against drops in income and to allow RBWA to take advantage of new opportunities. It is a policy of RWBA to hold three months of usual expenditure as a general reserve. This equates to circa £200-£250k.

Future Plans

Our intention is to enable women and children to begin the recovery process from their experience of domestic violence, by offering a refuge meeting high standards by providing:

- A safe place to be for women and children
- Welcoming and accepting attitude to all
- Good standards of accommodation and On-site facilities for families, and especially children
- Individual support plans for women and children
- Assistance in applying for re-housing
- Practical help for women who have court hearings
- Assistance in claiming benefits
- Liaison with health services
- Advice regarding activities within the area, including faith organisations, clubs, groups, paid or voluntary work, etc.
- Structured group work to allow women to understand domestic abuse, regain their self-esteem and avoid a similar situation in the future.
- In addition to these, we will continue to extend support to vulnerable women in light of the COVID 19 pandemic

Our longer term strategic vision is to improve our sustainability by increasing unrestricted funds through fundraising and donations so that we can increase our refuge provision and replicate the current blueprint of services.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

RBWA is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are recruited from those who have supported the organisation or through recognised channels such as the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Reach which undertakes national recruitment for voluntary organisations. Personal contacts and local organisations are also sources of directors.

The induction programme for directors (trustees) includes information from directors and staff, trustee training courses, as well as Surrey DA awareness and safeguarding training. Relevant printed material is also given including RBWA documentation and national publications.

All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity are set out in note 8 to these financial statements. RBWA recognises that a diverse, skilled and committed group of Directors is essential for the effective governance and management of the charity. Recruitment of new Directors is the responsibility of existing Directors.

Organisational Structure

The management committee meets on ten occasions during the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. They also monitor performance and compliance with requirements of stakeholders. The CEO attends each meeting on a non-voting basis, with input from other staff members as requested.

The CEO assumes responsibility for the provision of service, and for meeting the monitoring and evaluation requirements of stakeholders. The Services Manager assumes responsibility for the day to day operations and reports to the CEO. The lines of accountability, support and supervision are well established within the organisation ensuring good practice in delivering a high-quality service.

RBWA is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and is part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Management Board which links with the Surrey Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group.

Key management personnel

The directors comprise the board of directors, who are the Charity's trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of the remuneration of key management personnel and trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 8 to the accounts.

Remuneration for CEO is set by the trustees using a benchmarking process and is reviewed annually.

The trustees have undertaken governance training to ensure a clear understanding of their responsibility to the Refuge and its stakeholders. The NCVO's Code of Governance and Charity Commission's Essential Duties of a Trustee were discussed in detail. A SWOT analysis was conducted highlighting areas of excellence and areas in need of attention which in turn, has assisted with succession planning.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

The Committee comprises directors of the company, who are also trustees under charity law. Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting and normally serve for three years. The committee may fill a casual vacancy for the period up to the next AGM, when the member concerned shall retire and shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

A committee member may serve for three years, and then be available for re-election for a further three years. They would not normally be eligible for re-election after two full terms until one year has elapsed, but this may be waived by the AGM if it would not be in the interests of the Company for the services of the member to be lost by requiring the member to stand down.

Committee members are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the secretary and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the charity nor any of the directors presently have such interests but any such interests would be disclosed should they arise.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

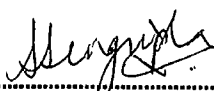
The Committee has considered the risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. There is a comprehensive risk framework in place which is formally reviewed quarterly and updated at board meetings to reflect significant changes.

Procedures are in place to protect staff, volunteers and service users. These procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Committee has assessed the relevant safeguarding risks and have decided that all Directors undergo a DBS check every three years.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs S Sengupta - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
I Choose Freedom Charity**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of I Choose Freedom Charity ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 registered member of FCCA CTA 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.



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7 November 2022

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	33,400	-	33,400	67,292
Charitable activities					
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		107,079	407,390	514,469	641,999
Investment income	3	83	-	83	13
Other income		451,725	-	451,725	213,482
Total		<u>592,287</u>	<u>407,390</u>	<u>999,677</u>	<u>922,786</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		-	-	-	15,120
Charitable activities					
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	5	426,887	438,883	865,770	677,665
Total		<u>426,887</u>	<u>438,883</u>	<u>865,770</u>	<u>692,785</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		165,400	(31,493)	133,907	230,001
Transfers between funds	14	(21,241)	21,241	-	-
Net movement in funds		144,159	(10,252)	133,907	230,001
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		408,225	119,161	527,386	297,385
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>552,384</u></u>	<u><u>108,909</u></u>	<u><u>661,293</u></u>	<u><u>527,386</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	10,352	50,673	61,025	48,430
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	17,770	-	17,770	5,659
Cash at bank and in hand		874,249	58,237	932,486	494,404
		892,019	58,237	950,256	500,063
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(349,988)	-	(349,988)	(21,107)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		542,031	58,237	600,268	478,956
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		552,383	108,910	661,293	527,386
NET ASSETS		552,383	108,910	661,293	527,386
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				552,383	408,225
Restricted funds				108,910	119,161
TOTAL FUNDS				661,293	527,386

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.


The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 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.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30/10/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs S Sengupta - Trustee

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I Choose Freedom Charity**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	462,411	193,983
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>462,411</u>	<u>193,983</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(24,412)	(53,946)
Interest received		83	13
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(24,329)</u>	<u>(53,933)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			
		438,082	140,050
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period			
		<u>494,404</u>	<u>354,354</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period			
		<u>932,486</u>	<u>494,404</u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		31.3.22	31.3.21
		£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)		133,907	230,001
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		11,816	5,861
Interest received		(83)	(13)
Increase in debtors		(12,111)	(1,343)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		328,882	(40,523)
Net cash provided by operations		<u>462,411</u>	<u>193,983</u>
2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	494,404	438,082	932,486
	<u>494,404</u>	<u>438,082</u>	<u>932,486</u>
Total	<u>494,404</u>	<u>438,082</u>	<u>932,486</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

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.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 rather than the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming resources

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.

Income (including rents and contributions) is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from 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.

Bank and Building Society interest are accounted for on the basis of monies receivable in the year.

Resources expended

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.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the charity including amounts paid to the independent examiner.

Tangible fixed assets

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

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	33,400	67,292
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	83	12
Interest receivable - trading	-	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>83</u>	<u>13</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Grants	Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	514,469	641,999

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Local Authority Grants	26,575	114,248
Housing Related Support Grant	366,064	87,000
Optivo Grant	18,199	-
St Faiths	-	43,710
SCCR	-	1,000
Wisley	7,318	-
Leather Sellers	11,750	22,500
Community Foundation	-	58,561
Nationwide	10,000	10,000
Children In Need	20,164	39,931
PCC Grants	19,394	76,669
Caterham School	-	5,000
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government	-	177,880
Douglas Bradley	-	2,500
East Surrey Chapter	-	3,000
Elizabeth Charitable.Trust	1,000	-
Farnham Round Table	600	-
Reg Haley	1,000	-
Mark Benevolent Fund	5,430	-
Making Herstory	2,500	-
PF Charitable Trust	7,000	-
Vinci Fund	7,000	-
C Elliss	5,000	-
Andrew Burgess	5,000	-
Dormans Evening Womens Institute	475	-
	<u>514,469</u>	<u>641,999</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	837,265	28,505	865,770

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	<u>1,050</u>	<u>27,455</u>	<u>28,505</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22 Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse £	31.3.21 Total activities £
Bank charges	1,050	1,172
Accountancy and legal fees	25,703	13,278
Subscriptions	1,752	670
	<u>28,505</u>	<u>15,120</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Depreciation - owned assets	11,817	5,860
Other operating leases	<u>52,725</u>	<u>32,085</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trustees' expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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9. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	452,443	306,196
Social security costs	36,831	22,193
Other pension costs	9,149	5,794
	<u>498,423</u>	<u>334,183</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Administration	4	3
Refuge Workers	14	8
	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	67,292	-	67,292
Charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	25,366	616,633	641,999
Investment income	13	-	13
Other income	213,482	-	213,482
Total	<u>306,153</u>	<u>616,633</u>	<u>922,786</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	15,120	-	15,120
Charitable activities			
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	87,349	590,316	677,665
Total	<u>102,469</u>	<u>590,316</u>	<u>692,785</u>
NET INCOME	203,684	26,317	230,001
Transfers between funds	<u>(22,610)</u>	<u>22,610</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	181,074	48,927	230,001

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	227,153	70,232	297,385
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>408,227</u>	<u>119,159</u>	<u>527,386</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	82,842	19,160	102,002
Additions	-	24,412	24,412
At 31 March 2022	<u>82,842</u>	<u>43,572</u>	<u>126,414</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	36,167	17,405	53,572
Charge for year	5,276	6,541	11,817
At 31 March 2022	<u>41,443</u>	<u>23,946</u>	<u>65,389</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>41,399</u>	<u>19,626</u>	<u>61,025</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>46,675</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>48,430</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Trade debtors	6,141	479
Accruals	3,246	-
Prepayments	8,383	5,180
	<u>17,770</u>	<u>5,659</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	16,691	17,177
Other creditors	4,524	2,130
Accruals and deferred income	316,954	-
Accrued expenses	11,819	1,800
	<u>349,988</u>	<u>21,107</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,419	165,967	(71,241)	174,145
Contingency Reserve	200,000	-	50,000	250,000
New House Fund	123,806	-	-	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	(568)	-	4,432
	<u>408,225</u>	<u>165,399</u>	<u>(21,241)</u>	<u>552,383</u>
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	5,938	(9,465)	3,527	-
Surrey County Council	-	28,465	-	28,465
RBBC	-	(2,570)	2,570	-
St Faiths Trust	8,008	(8,008)	-	-
DCLG - Translation	1,147	(1,147)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	5,102	(1,992)	-	3,110
Children's Fund	3,785	(256)	-	3,529
Masons Shed	3,294	(366)	-	2,928
Therapy Cabin	43,150	(4,794)	-	38,356
PCC Childrens Grant	7,982	(2,827)	-	5,155
SCC HH Support Grant	24,500	(22,970)	-	1,530
St Faith's Hill House Equipment				
	9,134	(9,134)	-	-
PCC IT Grant	-	(1,148)	2,885	1,737
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,121	(427)	-	1,694
Caterham School Transition	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Masons Washing Machines				
	-	5,430	(5,430)	-
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	116	-	116
PF Charitable Transition	-	7,000	-	7,000
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,976)	1,976	-
Vinci CCT fund	-	5,689	-	5,689
Wisley Foundation	-	4,193	-	4,193
C Elliss Equipment	-	(2,154)	2,154	-
Household Support fund RBBC	-	305	-	305
SCC White Goods Hill House	-	657	-	657
NRPF	-	(3,559)	3,559	-
RBWA Name change fund	-	(5,554)	10,000	4,446
	<u>119,161</u>	<u>(31,492)</u>	<u>21,241</u>	<u>108,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>527,386</u>	<u>133,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,293</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	592,286	(426,319)	165,967
Renewals Fund	-	(568)	(568)
	<u>592,286</u>	<u>(426,887)</u>	<u>165,399</u>
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	20,164	(29,629)	(9,465)
Surrey County Council	282,737	(254,272)	28,465
RBBC	20,999	(23,569)	(2,570)
St Faiths Trust	-	(8,008)	(8,008)
DCLG - Translation	-	(1,147)	(1,147)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(1,992)	(1,992)
Children's Fund	2,600	(2,856)	(256)
Masons Shed	-	(366)	(366)
Therapy Cabin	-	(4,794)	(4,794)
PCC Childrens Grant	19,394	(22,221)	(2,827)
SCC HH Support Grant	-	(22,970)	(22,970)
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	-	-
PCC IT Grant	-	(9,134)	(9,134)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	(1,148)	(1,148)
Caterham School Transition	-	(427)	(427)
Masons Washing Machines	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Nationwide Transition Fund	5,430	-	5,430
Hill House Therapy Room	10,000	(9,884)	116
PF Charitable Transition	2,500	(2,500)	-
Optivo internal decorating	7,000	-	7,000
Vinci CCT fund	3,199	(5,175)	(1,976)
Wisley Foundation	7,000	(1,311)	5,689
SCC Maxgate dining tables	7,318	(3,125)	4,193
C Elliss Equipment	1,000	(1,000)	-
Gift fund	5,000	(7,154)	(2,154)
Household Support fund RBBC	5,475	(5,475)	-
Maxgate Sofas	5,575	(5,270)	305
SCC White Goods Hill House	1,000	(1,000)	-
NRPF	1,000	(343)	657
RBWA Name change fund	-	(3,559)	(3,559)
	-	(5,554)	(5,554)
	<u>407,391</u>	<u>(438,883)</u>	<u>(31,492)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>999,677</u>	<u>(865,770)</u>	<u>133,907</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,153	159,876	(122,610)	79,419
Contingency Reserve	130,000	-	70,000	200,000
New House Fund	50,000	43,806	30,000	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	-	-	5,000
	<u>227,153</u>	<u>203,682</u>	<u>(22,610)</u>	<u>408,225</u>
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	4,546	1,392	-	5,938
Surrey County Council	-	(10,331)	10,331	-
RBBC	-	(2,361)	2,361	-
St Faiths Trust	-	8,008	-	8,008
SCC Refurbishment	5	(5)	-	-
SCC Victim Transition	250	(250)	-	-
CF Victim Transition	1,591	(1,591)	-	-
DCLG - Translation	1,509	(362)	-	1,147
Psychotherapy Fund	5,102	-	-	5,102
Children's Fund	7,077	(3,292)	-	3,785
Masons Shed	600	2,694	-	3,294
Tandridge Lottery Grant	50	(50)	-	-
Therapy Cabin	49,502	(6,352)	-	43,150
PCC Childrens Grant	-	7,982	-	7,982
SCC HH Support Grant	-	24,500	-	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	-	-	-
	-	9,134	-	9,134
PCC IT Grant	-	(4,488)	4,488	-
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	2,121	-	2,121
Caterham School Transition	-	5,000	-	5,000
Masons Washing Machines	-	-	-	-
	-	(5,430)	5,430	-
	<u>70,232</u>	<u>26,319</u>	<u>22,610</u>	<u>119,161</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>297,385</u>	<u>230,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>527,386</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	262,346	(102,470)	159,876
New House Fund	43,806	-	43,806
	<u>306,152</u>	<u>(102,470)</u>	<u>203,682</u>
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	39,934	(38,542)	1,392
Surrey County Council	86,999	(97,330)	(10,331)
RBBC	21,000	(23,361)	(2,361)
St Faiths Trust	18,709	(10,701)	8,008
PCC Victim Transition Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
SCC Refurbishment	-	(5)	(5)
SCC Victim Transition	-	(250)	(250)
CF Victim Transition	-	(1,591)	(1,591)
DCLG - Translation	-	(362)	(362)
Children's Fund	-	(3,292)	(3,292)
Masons Shed	3,000	(306)	2,694
Tandridge Lottery Grant	-	(50)	(50)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(6,351)	(6,352)
MHCLG Salary shortfall grant	38,000	(38,000)	-
Hill House MHCLG	113,880	(113,880)	-
MHCLG Therapy Grant	26,000	(26,000)	-
CF Surrey Hill House Furniture	58,561	(58,561)	-
PCC Childrens Grant	19,394	(11,412)	7,982
PCC Refuge 12 week support grant	43,200	(43,200)	-
Nationwide Hill House support grant			
	10,000	(10,000)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	90,383	(65,883)	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment			
	25,000	(15,866)	9,134
SCC Flooring			
	1,000	(1,000)	-
PCC IT Grant	11,575	(16,063)	(4,488)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,500	(379)	2,121
Caterham School Transition	5,000	-	5,000
Masons Washing Machines			
	-	(5,430)	(5,430)
	<u>616,634</u>	<u>(590,315)</u>	<u>26,319</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>922,786</u>	<u>(692,785)</u>	<u>230,001</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,153	325,843	(193,851)	174,145
Contingency Reserve	130,000	-	120,000	250,000
New House Fund	50,000	43,806	30,000	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	(568)	-	4,432
	<u>227,153</u>	<u>369,081</u>	<u>(43,851)</u>	<u>552,383</u>
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	4,546	(8,073)	3,527	-
Surrey County Council	-	18,134	10,331	28,465
RBBC	-	(4,931)	4,931	-
SCC Refurbishment	5	(5)	-	-
SCC Victim Transition	250	(250)	-	-
CF Victim Transition	1,591	(1,591)	-	-
DCLG - Translation	5,109	(1,509)	-	-
Psychotherapy Fund	5,102	(1,992)	-	3,110
Children's Fund	7,077	(3,548)	-	3,529
Masons Shed	600	2,328	-	2,928
Tandridge Lottery Grant	50	(50)	-	-
Therapy Cabin	49,502	(11,146)	-	38,356
PCC Childrens Grant	-	5,155	-	5,155
SCC HH Support Grant	-	1,530	-	1,530
PCC IT Grant	-	(5,636)	7,373	1,737
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	1,694	-	1,694
Nationwide Transition Fund	-	116	-	116
PF Charitable Transition	-	7,000	-	7,000
Optivo internal decorating	-	(1,976)	1,976	-
Vinci CCT fund	-	5,689	-	5,689
Wisley Foundation	-	4,193	-	4,193
C Elliss Equipment	-	(2,154)	2,154	-
Household Support fund RBBC	-	305	-	305
SCC White Goods Hill House	-	657	-	657
NRPF	-	(3,559)	3,559	-
RBWA Name change fund	-	(5,554)	10,000	4,446
	<u>70,232</u>	<u>(5,173)</u>	<u>43,851</u>	<u>108,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>297,385</u>	<u>363,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>661,293</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	854,632	(528,789)	325,843
New House Fund	43,806	-	43,806
Renewals Fund	-	(568)	(568)
	<u>898,438</u>	<u>(529,357)</u>	<u>369,081</u>
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	60,098	(68,171)	(8,073)
Surrey County Council	369,736	(351,602)	18,134
RBBC	41,999	(46,930)	(4,931)
St Faiths Trust	18,709	(18,709)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
SCC Refurbishment	-	(5)	(5)
SCC Victim Transition	-	(250)	(250)
CF Victim Transition	-	(1,591)	(1,591)
DCLG - Translation	-	(1,509)	(1,509)
Psychotherapy Fund	-	(1,992)	(1,992)
Children's Fund	2,600	(6,148)	(3,548)
Masons Shed	3,000	(672)	2,328
Tandridge Lottery Grant	-	(50)	(50)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(11,145)	(11,146)
MHCLG Salary shortfall grant	38,000	(38,000)	-
Hill House MHCLG	113,880	(113,880)	-
MHCLG Therapy Grant	26,000	(26,000)	-
CF Surrey Hill House Furniture	58,561	(58,561)	-
PCC Childrens Grant	38,788	(33,633)	5,155
PCC Refuge 12 week support grant	43,200	(43,200)	-
	10,000	(10,000)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	90,383	(88,853)	1,530
St Faith's Hill House Equipment			
	25,000	(25,000)	-
SCC Flooring			
	1,000	(1,000)	-
PCC IT Grant	11,575	(17,211)	(5,636)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,500	(806)	1,694
Caterham School Transition	5,000	(5,000)	-
Masons Washing Machines			
	5,430	(5,430)	-
Nationwide Transition Fund	10,000	(9,884)	116
Hill House Therapy Room	2,500	(2,500)	-
PF Charitable Transition	7,000	-	7,000
Optivo internal decorating	3,199	(5,175)	(1,976)
Vinci CCT fund	7,000	(1,311)	5,689
Wisley Foundation	7,318	(3,125)	4,193

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

SCC Maxgate dining tables	1,000	(1,000)	-
C Elliss Equipment	5,000	(7,154)	(2,154)
Gift fund	5,475	(5,475)	-
Household Support fund RBBC	5,575	(5,270)	305
Maxgate Sofas	1,000	(1,000)	-
SCC White Goods Hill House	1,000	(343)	657
NRPF	-	(3,559)	(3,559)
RBWA Name change fund	-	(5,554)	(5,554)
	<u>1,024,025</u>	<u>(1,029,198)</u>	<u>(5,173)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,922,463</u>	<u>(1,558,555)</u>	<u>363,908</u>

Transfers between funds

Transfers represent amounts transferred to the individual restricted funds from general funds to provide additional funding for the particular project(s) in the year.

The purpose of the individual restricted funds is set out below:

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Fund

This represents the working capital of the Refuge.

Contingency Reserve

Although some insurance is in place, the Directors regard it as essential to hold a contingency reserve should the above revenue be curtailed.

New House Fund

This fund has been set aside for the initial set up costs that will be incurred when an additional property has been made available.

Renewals Fund

There is a continuing need for replacement furnishings and garden equipment which will be financed by this reserve.

Website Reserve

This fund was created to pay for the set up of a website. This has now all been spent.

SCC Inclusion Fund

This fund has been set aside for the initial set up and running costs that will be incurred on the Inclusion Refuge project.

Restricted Funds

BBC Children in Need

This grant is to provide the three year salary for 2 Child Support Workers and related costs.

Children's fund

This fund has been set up to provide activities and facilities for the children during their stay in the Refuge. It is funded from donations and fundraising

DCLG Translation

This is a one off grant towards the costs of translation

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds - continued

New Shed

This restricted fund was given to enable us to set up a garden project. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Therapy Cabin

This grant was received to provide a new Therapy cabin. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Psychotherapy Fund

This fund has been set up to provide Adolescent Therapy sessions.

PCC - IT Grant

This grant was given to help purchase new IT equipment for the refuge

St Faiths - Hill House Equipment

This grant was given to contribute towards purchasing essential equipment for the new site.

Caterham School - Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Washing Machines

This fund has been set up to purchase washing machines for the refuge.

MHCLG

The Ministry has granted three funds to contribute to the setting up of the new refuge, and salary costs and therapy for the residents.

Nationwide Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Hill House Therapy Room

This grant was given to help furnish the therapy room at the new refuge.

PF Charitable Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Vinci CCTV Fund

This grant was given to set up a CCTV system for security reasons.

Wisley Foundation

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

RBWA Name Change Fund

This fund was set up to cover costs of changing the name of the charity, funded by the charity itself.

SCC Maxgate dining tables

This grant was given to provide new dining tables at the refuge.

C Elliss Equipment

This grant was given to provide new play equipment at the refuge.

Gift fund

This fund was set up to provide Christmas gifts and support items to the women and children at the refuge.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds - continued

Household Support fund RBBC

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Maxgate Sofas

This grant was given to provide new sofas at the refuge.

SCC White Goods HH

This grant was given to purchase new white goods for the refuge.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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England & Wales - Charity number 289508

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01806055 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 289508

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 March 2021
for**

**Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

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Chartered Certified Accountants
& Chartered Tax Advisers
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Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

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**Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

TRUSTEES	Mrs K E Halliwell (Solicitor) Mrs A Mihailidou (Charity Consultant) Mrs S P A Renaut (Accountant) Mrs S Sengupta (Management Consultant) Mrs S J Stimpson (Nurse) Mrs J Zorkova (Ex Service User)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Mrs A Mihailidou
REGISTERED OFFICE	Po Box 54 Reigate Surrey RH2 0AZ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	01806055 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	289508
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mulberry & Co Chartered Certified Accountants & Chartered Tax Advisers 9 Pound Lane Godalming Surrey GU7 1BX
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank PLC 11 High Street Horley Surrey RH6 7BJ

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

RBWA is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is governed according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Directors are recruited from those who have supported the organisation or through recognised channels such as the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Reach which undertakes national recruitment for voluntary organisations. Personal contacts and local organisations are also sources of directors.

The induction programme for directors (trustees) includes information from directors and staff, trustee training courses, as well as Surrey DA awareness and safeguarding training. Relevant printed material is also given including RBWA documentation and national publications.

All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses claimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to these financial statements. RBWA recognises that a diverse, skilled and committed group of Directors is essential for the effective governance and management of the charity. Recruitment of new Directors is the responsibility of existing Directors.

Induction and training of new trustees

The Committee comprises directors of the company, who are also trustees under charity law. Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting and normally serve for three years. The committee may fill a casual vacancy for the period up to the next AGM, when the member concerned shall retire and shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

A committee member may serve for three years, and then be available for re-election for a further three years. They would not normally be eligible for re-election after two full terms until one year has elapsed, but this may be waived by the AGM if it would not be in the interests of the Company for the services of the member to be lost by requiring the member to stand down.

Committee members are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the secretary and in accordance with the charity's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises. Neither the charity nor any of the directors presently have such interests but any such interests would be disclosed should they arise.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational Structure

The management committee meets on ten occasions during the year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policies of the organisation. They also monitor performance and compliance with requirements of stakeholders. The CEO attends each meeting on a non-voting basis, with input from other staff members as requested.

The CEO assumes responsibility for the provision of service, and for meeting the monitoring and evaluation requirements of stakeholders. The Services Manager assumes responsibility for the day to day operations and reports to the CEO. The lines of accountability, support and supervision are well established within the organisation ensuring good practice in delivering a high-quality service.

RBWA is a member of the Women's Aid Federation of England and is part of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Management Board which links with the Surrey Domestic Abuse Commissioning Group.

Key management personnel

The directors comprise the board of directors, who are the Charity's trustees, and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis. All directors give of their time freely and no director received remuneration in the year. Details of the remuneration of key management personnel and trustees' expenses are disclosed in note 5 to the accounts.

Remuneration for CEO is set by the trustees using a benchmarking process and is reviewed annually.

The trustees have undertaken governance training to ensure a clear understanding of their responsibility to the Refuge and its stakeholders. The NCVO's Code of Governance and Charity Commission's Essential Duties of a Trustee were discussed in detail. A SWOT analysis was conducted highlighting areas of excellence and areas in need of attention which in turn, has assisted with succession planning.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Committee has considered the risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. There is a comprehensive risk framework in place which is formally reviewed quarterly and updated at board meetings to reflect significant changes.

Procedures are in place to protect staff, volunteers and service users. These procedures are regularly reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Committee has assessed the relevant safeguarding risks and have decided that all Directors undergo a DBS check every three years.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our vision, values and objectives

Our goal is to end domestic abuse by increasing public awareness, providing education to professional services and external providers, both locally and nationally, and to continue to provide excellent services and support to survivors starting with a safe and supportive place for women and children to re-start a life free of abuse. Domestic abuse is a gendered crime which is deeply rooted in the societal inequality between men and women. It is a form of gender-based violence, violence "directed against a woman because she is a woman or that affects women disproportionately." (CEDAW, 1992).

Our values are: Respect, Inclusion, Trust, Empowerment.

Our service user charter states that women using services should:

- Have the greatest control over their own lives and have the opportunity to make informed choices;
- Have the opportunity to be involved in decisions about every aspect of the service they receive from individual treatment to local and national policy;
- Be treated with respect and dignity;
- Have their diversity respected and have equal rights and opportunities.

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In addition, we are conscious of the many social, educational and faith needs of our service users both women and children. We believe that we must offer a holistic service and give assistance in meeting these needs, either from RBWA or from other sources within the area.

As part of our objective in supporting women in the refuge, each resident has a key worker who draws up a support plan with the woman, identifying and meeting her individual needs. The format of these support plans has been revised in consultation with clients, as we are committed to involving them on all possible levels.

We liaise with a range of other agencies Health, Education, Social Services and Housing Departments as well as other voluntary organisations in order to provide the best support for women and their children.

A monthly professionals meeting is held at the refuge where agency updates are shared, and the progress of each family is discussed and the need for particular agency involvement.

Achievements and performance

This has been another busy year, with great demand for our service. When a vacancy occurs, it is logged onto the Routes to Support website and during the past year, our listings have generated 333 responses (an increase of 150% over the previous year) asking for safe accommodation.

Pandemic Response:

At the start of the financial year we had just entered the first lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our CEO, Charlotte Kneer, was convinced an increase in domestic abuse cases would follow. Given the national shortage of refuge spaces, Charlotte realised that there was a need to quickly generate additional refuge provision. Pre pandemic, for every space RBWA provided, 3 families were being turned away. Charlotte approached Surrey County Council with a proposal to provide short term extra spaces which was immediately accepted. Shortly thereafter, RBWA were offered a large, disused building and by June 15th a new refuge was set-up and operational. We furnished the building with the help of grants from the MHCLG, Community Foundation for Surrey and were also fortunate to secure start-up funding from Surrey County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey. We initially accommodated 7 families at the new refuge with the aim that we would expand that to 19 families if we could secure extra funding and recruit new staff. We were proved correct over the course of the financial year with the number of referrals per space increasing to 9. This is a national issue and one which we continually campaign to improve. The teams at all three of our refuges have continued to operate through the pandemic with the priority always being the full support of women and children. No doubt, coupled with the expansion, RBWA have saved many lives this financial year.

We would like to make a special mention of Dave Hill CBE who sadly passed away shortly after we opened our new refuge. Dave was instrumental in helping us set up the refuge in his role as Director of Children's Services at Surrey County Council. Dave will always be in our thoughts for his lifesaving work.

During this year we have had no changes in our board of trustees' membership. In a year characterised by uncertainty and a global crisis, the dedication and stability of the board, along with the experience and skills trustees bring, have been a real asset for RBWA.

Following on from the continuous media coverage, and domestic abuse crisis that the pandemic has brought to light, we are making an even greater impact to give voice to domestic abuse victims at a national level.

Our CEO, Charlotte Kneer has played a crucial role as an advocate for Domestic Abuse victims through her continued contribution to the Domestic Abuse Bill. This has helped secure the most desired elements of this landmark legislation due to be implemented in 2021.

Rail to Refuge:

As a direct result of the Channel 4 documentary in the previous financial year, a scheme was created by Rail providers where anyone needing refuge could travel free by train to get there. This scheme was rolled out across the UK and has been extended. The scheme is now being looked at as a global initiative. We are very proud of this tangible outcome resulting from the documentary.

Court of Appeal:

Emma Armstrong, Head of Services, supported an ex-resident to have her family law case heard in the Court of Appeal. It is the first time in 20 years that a case like hers has been heard there and some landmark changes in the way domestic abuse cases are dealt with in the Family Court were made as a result of this case.

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We are very proud of Emma for her tenacity in never giving up for this ex-resident and although the resident had left, Emma continued to support her for years.

We continue our involvement in several initiatives including:

1. Continuing to raise awareness in Surrey about the harms of domestic abuse and notably have delivered successful training to NHS staff around paediatric safeguarding and training to family court staff including Judges, Legal Professionals and CAFCASS to help shape how child contact and DA cases are handled
2. RBWA have, also, opened their doors to local schools / headteachers to educate them on life in refuge and how they can best support children from here
3. Helping hands sessions have been run for the children including inviting a police officer on site and safety awareness workshops
4. In the pursuit of increasing awareness, staff have written case studies on relevant issues faced by victims of domestic abuse

The continued visibility of our CEO, Charlotte Kneer in national media and effective use of social media, continues to increase visibility and has helped generate significant amount of donations

We have been fortunate in continuing to be funded by BBC Children in Need, by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and by Surrey County Council. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) has again supported several of our projects. These include the 1-1 Saturday sessions for children, additional family therapy sessions and the transition fund.

We have had visits / meetings with various VIP's including:
Jess Phillips, Shadow Minister for Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse
HRH The Duchess of Cornwall
HRH the Earl and Countess of Wessex
Claire Countinho MP
Lord Lieutenant of Surrey

The feedback from the women in the refuge is very important for evaluating the service we provide. An exit questionnaire is given to the women to be returned to the Chair. Due to the lockdown restrictions the trustees have not been able to run the customary outcome interviews with women.

Activities - Women

There are three full time Domestic Abuse Refuge Advocates onsite at the refuges, dedicated to working with the women. Women arrive traumatised and bewildered so intensive emotional support is key, this continues throughout her entire stay.

Transition fund

When a family arrives in refuge we provide brand new items that include but is not limited to bedding, toiletries, crockery and food items. This is to ensure that the families have everything to meet their basic needs. The families can take these items with them when they move on from the refuge.

Freedom Programme

RBWA run The Freedom Programme at the refuges. All women attend this 6-week programme whilst resident. The programme teaches women about domestic abuse and helps them to understand their experience and what effects it will have had on their children. This programme is critical in helping women avoid entering another abusive relationship after refuge. It is delivered by refuge staff who have been trained in delivering the programme. We have added 2 additional sessions to the end of the programme which includes a session on self-esteem and confidence and one on coping with change. These 2 sessions are facilitated by a work coach. The FP training is also run for all new staff employed with RBWA.

Counselling

The women at RBWA are offered weekly counselling. Time with their counsellor is spent safely exploring the trauma experienced and finding ways to help them move forward with their life. .

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Support

Emotional/Practical and Financial support is offered to the clients from the day of arrival and until 3 months after they have left RBWA and been rehoused in an area of safety. The aim of all our work at RBWA is to empower women to live a life free from domestic abuse.

Activities - Children

RBWA have worked hard to continue to fund the children's service at the refuge and are very fortunate to have two dedicated children's advocates, one of whom is a trainee play therapist. Another advocate is also a qualified play therapist/filial therapist which enables RBWA to offer therapeutic services onsite. There are dedicated playrooms at the refuges.

Access to Education

RBWA work tirelessly to ensure that children are found new schools asap as they recognize the importance of education. RBWA support the children to access tutoring whilst waiting and ensure that the transition to a new school goes as smoothly as possible. RBWA offer financial support to purchase new school uniform items for each child.

Play therapy

Play therapy is a therapeutic intervention that uses creative mediums to help a child express and process the trauma experienced. Providing a safe environment and building a trusting relationship with the therapist is crucial for healing.

Group children's therapy sessions

Group therapy sessions are offered to help raise awareness on a number of important topics including safety, DA, confidence and self-esteem. Reducing feelings of isolation and supporting the children to make friendships is very important.

1:1 trips

School aged children get to enjoy some one to one attention on a trip of their choice. This is a 6 hour trip which involves them taking part in an activity such as bowling, going to the cinema or horse riding. The child gets to choose everything about the trip giving them a sense of independence and allowing them to 'be a child'.

Group outings

RBWA fundraise to enable them to be able to take families out on local outings/trips. The emphasis is on creating happy memories for the families, building bonds and providing the family an opportunity to have fun together.

Adolescent trauma therapy

RBWA have fundraised to provide an adolescent trauma therapist. The need for this service has become clear as there are no statutory services providing this therapy. At RBWA we recognise that teenagers are impacted severely by living with domestic abuse and it was a priority to provide them with tailored therapeutic support.

Activities - Raising awareness and influencing policy

Notable Campaigns:

- OECD film and Podcast featuring our CEO, Charlotte Kneer. Talking about global policy recommendations for ending violence against women.
- Channel 4 News and Dispatches. Three short films about opening the new refuge, Rail to Refuge and operating a refuge through a pandemic.
- Sunday Times. A feature about refuge provision in the UK and what needs to change.
- Times Radio Leading by Example. An interview with Charlotte Kneer about inspiring your team.
- Joseph, the leading fashion house, did a campaign about remarkable women for International women's Day. Charlotte Kneer was one of three women the campaign focused on.

We were also featured on other media including:

BBC News
ITV News
Channel 5 News
The Sun
The Independent
The Guardian
Thomson Reuters
Talk Radio
BBC Radio Surrey

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In your area
Get Surrey

Fundraising

We have had a very successful financial year in terms of grants and fundraising. This has been particularly welcome as we opened a new refuge. It will help us fund the project and enable us to expand the number of families we are able to support in the coming years. We would like to thank the following people but recognise that many more individuals and organisations have fundraised, organised events and supported us. To each and every one of our supporters, thank you so much.

Surrey County Council
MHCLG
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
BBC Children in Need
Office of the Police and crime Commissioner for Surrey
Community Foundation for Surrey
Nationwide Building Society
Leathersellers
Bernard Derber
Various Masonic Chapters
Yamaha Europe
Soroptomists
WI Groups
St Faiths Trust
Caterham School
Charles Lewis Foundation
Steadberry
The Open Lab
The Wisley Foundation

Volunteers

We currently have 13 volunteers. Volunteers duties include but are not limited to tutoring for children, teaching English to women, support for creches, support to attend court cases, translation services and support for women to access the local community. We also have 2 ex residents who volunteer for us..

Financial review

During the year total income was £922,786 (2020: £490,447), the final result of the year was a surplus of £230,001 (2020: a surplus of £127,868). This surplus will be used in the following two financial years to fund the new refuge.

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the Charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be equal to six months operating costs.

Unrestricted reserves are held for the following purposes

1. To maintain services through periods of reduced funding and cash flow;
2. To develop new projects;
3. To pay redundancy and recruitment costs; and
4. To respond to adverse incidents.

At the year end the charity held total reserves of £527,386 (2020: £298,385) of which £208,227 (2020: £42,153) were unrestricted general funds; £200,000 (2020: £185,000) were designated general funds and £119,159 (2020: 70,232) were restricted funds.

RBWA holds reserves to protect against drops in income and to allow RBWA to take advantage of new opportunities. It is a policy of RWBA to hold six months of usual expenditure as a general reserve. This equates to circa £180-£200k.

Future Plans

Our intention is to enable women and children to begin the recovery process from their experience of domestic violence, by offering a refuge meeting high standards by providing:

1. A safe place to be for women and children
 2. Welcoming and accepting attitude to all
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

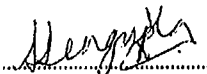
OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

3. Good standards of accommodation and On-site facilities for families, and especially children
4. Individual support plans for women and children
5. Assistance in applying for re-housing
6. Practical help for women who have court hearings
7. Assistance in claiming benefits
8. Liaison with health services
9. Advice regarding activities within the area, including faith organisations, clubs, groups, paid or voluntary work,
10. Structured group work to allow women to understand domestic abuse, regain their self-esteem and avoid a similar situation in the future.
11. In addition to these, we will be looking to extend support to vulnerable women in light of the emerging COVID-19 pandemic

Our longer term strategic vision is to improve our sustainability by increasing unrestricted funds through fundraising and donations so that we can increase our refuge provision and replicate the current blueprint of services.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23/07/21 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs S Sengupta - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages ten to twenty five.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also the 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 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.

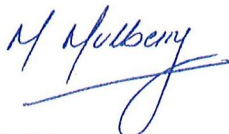
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

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 registered member of FCCA CTA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Mark Mulberry
FCCA CTA
Mulberry & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
& Chartered Tax Advisers
9 Pound Lane
Godalming
Surrey
GU7 1BX

Date: 23/07/2021

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	67,292	-	67,292	35,701
Investment income	3	13	-	13	22
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse	4	25,366	616,633	641,999	267,871
Other incoming resources		<u>213,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,482</u>	<u>186,853</u>
Total incoming resources		306,153	616,633	922,786	490,447
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Supporting & accommodating victims of domestic abuse		87,349	590,316	677,665	357,550
Governance costs	5	<u>15,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,120</u>	<u>5,029</u>
Total resources expended		102,469	590,316	692,785	362,579
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS					
		203,684	26,317	230,001	127,868
Gross transfers between funds	13	<u>(22,610)</u>	<u>22,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		181,074	48,927	230,001	127,868
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		227,153	70,232	297,385	169,517
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>408,227</u>	<u>119,159</u>	<u>527,386</u>	<u>297,385</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

**Balance Sheet
At 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	1,985	46,445	48,430	345
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	5,659	-	5,659	4,316
Cash at bank and in hand		421,687	72,717	494,404	354,354
		<u>427,346</u>	<u>72,717</u>	<u>500,063</u>	<u>358,670</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(21,106)	(1)	(21,107)	(61,630)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>406,240</u>	<u>72,716</u>	<u>478,956</u>	<u>297,040</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		408,225	119,161	527,386	297,385
NET ASSETS		<u>408,225</u>	<u>119,161</u>	<u>527,386</u>	<u>297,385</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				408,225	227,153
Restricted funds				119,161	70,232
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>527,386</u>	<u>297,385</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

**Balance Sheet - continued
At 31 March 2021**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

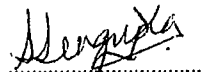
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/07/21 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs S Sengupta - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The accounts have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015 rather than the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Income (including rents and contributions) is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from 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.

Bank and Building Society interest are accounted for on the basis of monies receivable in the year.

Resources expended

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the charity including amounts paid to the independent examiner.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	67,292	35,701
	<u>67,292</u>	<u>35,701</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	12	22
Interest receivable - trading	1	-
	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>

4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Grants	641,999	267,871
	<u>641,999</u>	<u>267,871</u>

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021****4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued**

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Local Authority Grants	114,248	16,000
Housing Related Support Grant	87,000	87,000
Optivo Grant	-	16,604
St Faiths	43,710	1,000
SCCR	1,000	1,000
Food & Fun	-	1,542
Leather Sellers	22,500	11,750
Community Foundation	58,561	15,000
Nationwide	10,000	49,502
Hurst Lea Psychotherapy Grant	-	5,000
Children In Need	39,931	37,079
PCC Grants	76,669	24,394
Tandridge Lottery	-	2,000
Caterham School	5,000	-
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government	177,880	-
Douglas Bradley	2,500	-
East Surrey Chapter	3,000	-
	<u>641,999</u>	<u>267,871</u>

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Subscriptions	670	255
Accountancy	7,848	2,515
Legal fees	5,430	1,891
Bank & Credit Card Charges	1,172	368
	<u>15,120</u>	<u>5,029</u>

6. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	5,860	115
Other operating leases	32,085	48,059
Other pension costs	5,794	3,844
	<u>43,739</u>	<u>52,018</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>200</u>	<u>189</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	306,196	139,238
Social security costs	22,193	12,704
Other pension costs	5,794	3,844
	<u>334,183</u>	<u>155,786</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Administration	3	2
Refuge Workers	8	6
	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	31,237	16,820	48,057
Additions	51,605	2,340	53,945
At 31 March 2021	<u>82,842</u>	<u>19,160</u>	<u>102,002</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	30,892	16,820	47,712
Charge for year	5,275	585	5,860
At 31 March 2021	<u>36,167</u>	<u>17,405</u>	<u>53,572</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>46,675</u>	<u>1,755</u>	<u>48,430</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>345</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>345</u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	479	4,316
Other debtors	5,180	-
	<u>5,659</u>	<u>4,316</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	17,177	5,331
Other creditors	3,930	56,299
	<u>21,107</u>	<u>61,630</u>

12. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Expiring:		
Within one year	32,085	48,059
Between one and five years	136,907	136,907
In more than five years	41,126	57,237
	<u>210,118</u>	<u>242,203</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	42,153	159,876	(122,610)	79,419
Contingency Reserve	130,000	-	70,000	200,000
New House Fund	50,000	43,806	30,000	123,806
Renewals Fund	5,000	-	-	5,000
	<u>227,153</u>	<u>203,682</u>	<u>(22,610)</u>	<u>408,225</u>
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	4,546	1,392	-	5,938
Surrey County Council	-	(10,331)	10,331	-
RBBC	-	(2,361)	2,361	-
St Faiths Trust	-	8,008	-	8,008
SCC Refurbishment	5	(5)	-	-
SCC Victim Transition	250	(250)	-	-
CF – Victim Transition	1,591	(1,591)	-	-
DCLG - Translation	1,509	(362)	-	1,147
Pyschotherapy Fund	5,102	-	-	5,102
Children's Fund	7,077	(3,292)	-	3,785
Masons Shed	600	2,694	-	3,294
Tandridge Lottery Grant	50	(50)	-	-
Therapy Cabin	49,502	(6,352)	-	43,150
PCC Childrens Grant	-	7,982	-	7,982
SCC HH Support Grant	-	24,500	-	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	9,134	-	9,134
PCC IT Grant	-	(4,488)	4,488	-
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	2,121	-	2,121
Caterham School Transition	-	5,000	-	5,000
Masons Washing Machines	-	(5,430)	5,430	-
	<u>70,232</u>	<u>26,319</u>	<u>22,610</u>	<u>119,161</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>297,385</u>	<u>230,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>527,386</u>

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	262,346	(102,470)	159,876
New House Fund	43,806	-	43,806
	<u>306,152</u>	<u>(102,470)</u>	<u>203,682</u>
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	39,934	(38,542)	1,392
Surrey County Council	86,999	(97,330)	(10,331)
RBBC	21,000	(23,361)	(2,361)
St Faiths Trust	18,709	(10,701)	8,008
PCC Victim Transition Fund	2,500	(2,500)	-
SCC Refurbishment	-	(5)	(5)
CF - Victim Transition	-	(1,591)	(1,591)
Children's Fund	-	(3,292)	(3,292)
Masons Shed	3,000	(306)	2,694
Tandridge Lottery Grant	-	(50)	(50)
Therapy Cabin	(1)	(6,351)	(6,352)
MHCLG Salary shortfall grant	38,000	(38,000)	-
Hill House MHCLG	113,880	(113,880)	-
MHCLG Therapy Grant	26,000	(26,000)	-
CF Surrey Hill House Furniture	58,561	(58,561)	-
PCC Childrens Grant	19,394	(11,412)	7,982
PCC Refuge 12 week support grant	43,200	(43,200)	-
Nationwide Hill House support grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	90,383	(65,883)	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	25,000	(15,866)	9,134
SCC Flooring	1,000	(1,000)	-
PCC IT Grant	11,575	(16,063)	(4,488)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,500	(379)	2,121
Caterham School Transition	5,000	-	5,000
SCC Victim Transition	-	(250)	(250)
DCLG - Translation	-	(362)	(362)
Masons Washing Machines	-	(5,430)	(5,430)
	<u>616,634</u>	<u>(590,315)</u>	<u>26,319</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>922,786</u>	<u>(692,785)</u>	<u>230,001</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	22,990	70,600	(51,437)	42,153
Contingency Reserve	112,221	-	17,779	130,000
New House Fund	10,000	-	40,000	50,000
Renewals Fund	657	-	4,343	5,000
Website	9,681	-	(9,681)	-
	<u>155,549</u>	<u>70,600</u>	<u>1,004</u>	<u>227,153</u>
Restricted Funds				
BBC Children in Need	5,138	(592)	-	4,546
SCC Refurbishment	-	5	-	5
SCC Victim Transition	250	-	-	250
Garden Fund	55	-	(55)	-
CF - Victim Transition	-	1,591	-	1,591
DCLG - Translation	1,544	(35)	-	1,509
Pyschotherapy Fund	902	4,200	-	5,102
Wisley - Victim Transition	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Children's Fund	130	6,947	-	7,077
Apples & Pears	949	-	(949)	-
Masons Shed	-	600	-	600
Tandridge Lottery Grant	-	50	-	50
Therapy Cabin	-	49,502	-	49,502
	<u>13,968</u>	<u>57,268</u>	<u>(1,004)</u>	<u>70,232</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>169,517</u>	<u>127,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>297,385</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	331,872	(261,272)	70,600
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	37,079	(37,671)	(592)
Surrey County Council	11,000	(11,000)	-
RBBC	5,000	(5,000)	-
1:1 Outings	9,586	(9,586)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
SCC Refurbishment	1,000	(995)	5
Family Therapy Grant	9,808	(9,808)	-
St Faith's Christmas Fund	500	(500)	-
CF - Victim Transition	6,000	(4,409)	1,591
DCLG - Translation	-	(35)	(35)
Pyschotherapy Fund	5,000	(800)	4,200
Wisley - Victim Transition	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Children's Fund	7,500	(553)	6,947
Community Foundation Salaries	9,000	(9,000)	-
Masons Shed	600	-	600
Tandridge Lottery Grant	2,000	(1,950)	50
Therapy Cabin	49,502	-	49,502
	<u>158,575</u>	<u>(101,307)</u>	<u>57,268</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>490,447</u>	<u>(362,579)</u>	<u>127,868</u>

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	22,990	230,476	(174,047)	79,419
Contingency Reserve	112,221	-	87,779	200,000
New House Fund	10,000	43,806	70,000	123,806
Renewals Fund	657	-	4,343	5,000
Website	9,681	-	(9,681)	-
Restricted funds				
BBC Children in Need	5,138	800	-	5,938
Surrey County Council	-	(10,331)	10,331	-
RBBC	-	(2,361)	2,361	-
St Faiths Trust	-	8,008	-	8,008
SCC Victim Transition	250	(250)	-	-
Garden Fund	55	-	(55)	-
DCLG - Translation	1,544	(397)	-	1,147
Pyschotherapy Fund	902	4,200	-	5,102
Wisley - Victim Transition	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Children's Fund	130	3,655	-	3,785
Apples & Pears	949	-	(949)	-
Masons Shed	-	3,294	-	3,294
Therapy Cabin	-	43,150	-	43,150
PCC Childrens Grant	-	7,982	-	7,982
SCC HH Support Grant	-	24,500	-	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	-	9,134	-	9,134
PCC IT Grant	-	(4,488)	4,488	-
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	-	2,121	-	2,121
Caterham School Transition	-	5,000	-	5,000
Masons Washing Machines	-	(5,430)	5,430	-
	13,968	83,587	21,606	119,161
TOTAL FUNDS	169,517	357,869	-	527,386

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	594,218	(363,742)	230,476
New House Fund	43,806	-	43,806
	<u>638,024</u>	<u>(363,742)</u>	<u>274,282</u>
Restricted funds			
BBC Children in Need	77,013	(76,213)	800
Surrey County Council	97,999	(108,330)	(10,331)
RBBC	26,000	(28,361)	(2,361)
St Faiths Trust	18,709	(10,701)	8,008
1:1 Outings	9,586	(9,586)	-
PCC Victim Transition Fund	7,500	(7,500)	-
SCC Refurbishment	1,000	(1,000)	-
Family Therapy Grant	9,808	(9,808)	-
St Faith's Christmas Fund	500	(500)	-
CF – Victim Transition	6,000	(6,000)	-
Pyschotherapy Fund	5,000	(800)	4,200
Children's Fund	7,500	(3,845)	3,655
Community Foundation Salaries	9,000	(9,000)	-
Masons Shed	3,600	(306)	3,294
Tandridge Lottery Grant	2,000	(2,000)	-
Therapy Cabin	49,501	(6,351)	43,150
MHCLG Salary shortfall grant	38,000	(38,000)	-
Hill House MHCLG	113,880	(113,880)	-
MHCLG Therapy Grant	26,000	(26,000)	-
CF Surrey Hill House Furniture	58,561	(58,561)	-
PCC Childrens Grant	19,394	(11,412)	7,982
PCC Refuge 12 week support grant	43,200	(43,200)	-
Nationwide Hill House support grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
SCC HH Support Grant	90,383	(65,883)	24,500
St Faith's Hill House Equipment	25,000	(15,866)	9,134
SCC Flooring	1,000	(1,000)	-
PCC IT Grant	11,575	(16,063)	(4,488)
Douglas Bradley Residents Tech	2,500	(379)	2,121
Caterham School Transition	5,000	-	5,000
SCC Victim Transition	-	(250)	(250)
DCLG - Translation	-	(397)	(397)
Wisley - Victim Transition	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Masons Washing Machines	-	(5,430)	(5,430)
	<u>775,209</u>	<u>(691,622)</u>	<u>83,587</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,413,233</u>	<u>(1,055,364)</u>	<u>357,869</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

Transfers represent amounts transferred to the individual restricted funds from general funds to provide additional funding for the particular project(s) in the year.

The purpose of the individual restricted funds is set out below:

Unrestricted Funds

General Purpose Fund

This represents the working capital of the Refuge.

Contingency Reserve

Although some insurance is in place, the Directors regard it as essential to hold a contingency reserve should the above revenue be curtailed.

New House Fund

This fund has been set aside for the initial set up costs that will be incurred when an additional property has been made available.

Renewals Fund

There is a continuing need for replacement furnishings and garden equipment which will be financed by this reserve.

Website Reserve

This fund was created to pay for the set up of a website. This has now all been spent.

Restricted Funds

BBC Children in Need

This grant is to provide the three year salary for 2 Child Support Workers and related costs.

CF- Victim Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

CF - Hill House Furniture

This grant was given to contribute towards buying furniture for the new refuge.

Children's fund

This fund has been set up to provide activities and facilities for the children during their stay in the Refuge. It is funded from donations and fundraising

DCLG Translation

This is a one off grant towards the costs of translation

New Shed

This restricted fund was given to enable us to set up a garden project. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Therapy Cabin

This grant was received to provide a new Therapy cabin. This has been completed in 2020/21.

Psychotherapy Fund

This fund has been set up to provide Adolescent Therapy sessions.

Surrey County Council

This grant is to contribute towards salary costs.

SCC - Refurbishment

This fund was given to us by SCC to enable us to purchase some much needed new furniture for the bedrooms.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

SCC - Victim Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

PCC - Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

PCC - Hill House Support

This grant was given to support the new refuge for 12 weeks.

PCC - IT Grant

This grant was given to help purchase new IT equipment for the refuge

St Faiths - Hill House Equipment

This grant was given to contribute towards purchasing essential equipment for the new site.

Caterham School - Transition

This grant was given to help purchase items when a woman and her children arrive at the refuge.

Washing Machines

This fund has been set up to purchase washing machines for the refuge.

MHCLG

The Ministry has granted three funds to contribute to the setting up of the new refuge, and salary costs and therapy for the residents.

Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	67,292	35,701
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	12	22
Interest receivable - trading	1	-
	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	641,999	267,871
Other incoming resources		
Resident's Contributions	14,416	17,943
Housing Benefit & Rent Income	129,439	129,263
Fundraising Income	69,627	39,647
	<u>213,482</u>	<u>186,853</u>
Total incoming resources	922,786	490,447
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' expenses	200	189
Wages	306,196	139,238
Social security	22,193	12,704
Pensions	5,794	3,844
Other operating leases	32,085	48,059
Rates and water	3,905	3,842
Insurance	2,333	12,407
Light and heat	11,823	12,468
Telephone	5,775	5,495
Postage and stationery	3,235	4,462
Sundries	1,592	4,939
Travel	1,079	1,899
Motor	-	1,730
Computer & IT	5,552	6,826
Repairs & Renewals	10,030	13,435
Cleaning & Waste	5,044	8,727
Donations	-	1,115
Bad debts	23	188
Training	2,068	1,685
Vouchers & Fundraising	207	1,688
Charitable Activities	252,670	72,495
Improvements to property	5,276	115
Fixtures and fittings	585	-
	<u>677,665</u>	<u>357,550</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Governance costs		
Subscriptions	670	255
Accountancy	7,848	2,515
Legal fees	5,430	1,891
Bank & Credit Card Charges	1,172	368
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	15,120	5,029
Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	692,785	362,579
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Net income	<hr/>	<hr/>
	230,001	127,868
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