

THE BERIN CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 292526

Details

Other names	EMPLOYMENT ACTION GROUP (BERINSFIELD) LIMITED, THE BERIN CENTRE LIMITED, EAG TRAINING
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	1985-10-29
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BERINSFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: From our base The Berin Centre, we provide daily support and group sessions for children and their families in Berinsfield and the wider South Oxon area. We run training and parenting courses with a focus on supporting children's learning. Our base is used by many groups in the community including a craft group and counselling charity. Once a week we run a non means tested Community Larder .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BERINSFIELD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£477,726	£150,861	-	-
2024-03-31	£192,966	£150,993	-	-
2023-03-31	£136,674	£140,854	-	-
2022-03-31	£101,113	£118,068	-	-
2021-03-31	£94,840	£67,346	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bethany Kate Greenwood		2025-07-22
Catherine Nicholson		2025-07-22
Deborah Kim Backhouse		2025-11-25
Dr Cathryn Neesam		2021-05-17
JACQUELINE LOGAN		2016-11-30
JOHN TAYLOR		2016-11-30
Leona Dominique Sweetland		2025-11-25
Robin Francis Bennett		2017-11-13
Timothy Martin		2024-05-28

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Accounts

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**THE BERIN CENTRE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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THE BERIN CENTRE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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).

The Berin Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The governing document is the Constitution of the charity adopted at the AGM on 21st January 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees:

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Number of charity trustees

a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Constitution as:

- To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Berinsfield and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinion with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Its mission is:

- To provide Family and Community Services for Berinsfield and surrounding villages.

The Charity has identified its strategic priorities as:

- Develop the reach and impact of our existing family and community services.
- Continually evaluate the community's evolving needs and implement additional or adjusted services in response, whether directly delivered or provided by partners.
- Improve and develop our physical space including the construction of a multi-purpose community café.
- Strengthen our fundraising approach, continuing to develop positive and proactive relationships with donors and funders.

Public benefit

- Family support to parents and their children
- Outdoor space for families and children
- Use of meeting rooms for community groups and health services
- Provision of training courses supporting basic skills, digital inclusion, parenting skills and wellbeing
- Support to individuals on a range of topics including housing, benefits and budgeting
- Social and skills development activities for local residents
- Community Larder and Food Bank services
- Education and meaningful activities around community growing, affordable food solutions, and sustainability

For these reasons the Trustees consider that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

In setting the Charity's goals and in its planning activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities and Achievements

2024-25 saw our team, and therefore our services, grow. We welcomed two new members of staff and a new regular volunteer and as a result were able to expand our offer and strengthen the resilience of some existing activities. It's been a year of formalising and consolidating plans - properly resourcing work we'd been aspiring to do for some time so that it can reach its full potential and generate meaningful impact. The Berin Centre has deepened its roots in this community and we've used the year to not only nurture the now, but to cue up the next evolution of our work in Berinsfield.

Family Services

Our Family Services are well-established, well-attended, and a deeply embedded part of the local service landscape. Our small team of three staff have cultivated a varied and comprehensive offer which is both reliable and responsive to families' changing needs. This year, we have had on offer 18 regular sessions, from Stay and Play Groups to topic-based workshops, along with a further 14 different trips and events. This has been complemented by other visiting services such as OXPIP seeing clients at the centre every week, and the Health Visitors running regular clinics and Baby Lunchbox sessions.

The team have continued to monitor closely how wants and needs of families evolve and have created or adapted services in response. In particular, we launched a monthly Maternity Library which offers maternity and breastfeeding clothes, cloth nappy kits, and baby-wearing slings all to hire or borrow for free. This project was shaped from the outset by a group of parent volunteers, and we provided them and the Family Services staff with Peer Support Training for sling fitting and safety so that they can advise parents with confidence.

Our one-to-one work has been a real area of strength this year - whilst this work has been a core part of our offering for many years, this year we have seen an increase in fathers needing support. With our open-ended and holistic approach, we've worked with several men over several months to provide support with topics such as relationships, parenting, practical issues such as housing, and mental health. One beneficiary said *"If they hadn't picked me back up off the floor when they did, I might not have got back up. They gave me a bit of faith which I really needed. My whole life's changed cause of these lot, I'm less angry, I don't shout as much. You gotta understand the miracles that happen here."*

We also took part in some collaborative efforts across the village to provide increased support to families with children who have SEND. We delivered a regular SEND coffee morning, continued to provide 'Quiet Zone' play sessions in the school holidays, ran a trip to Thomley (play site for people with disabilities) and helped to launch a new regular SEND cinema at the local Berinsfield Community Association (BCA). This last activity now continues to run independently of us, organised by parent volunteers and BCA staff.

Lastly, our Growing Minds school readiness project continues to grow - we slightly amended our delivery model by splitting our groups into two - a baby group, and 'Outdoor Explorers'. This format has really landed well with families and we're seeing parents consistently grow in confidence. We now have 175 children registered with the project, and 100% of families who attend groups are more engaged in learning activities at home with their children as a result.

Community Services

At the close of last year our Community Outreach Worker post was vacant and as a result we had needed to condense our service offer for adults. We're therefore delighted to be finishing the year with not only our previous provision reinstated, but a broader enhanced offer in place, and a new team of 'Community Services' established.

We had been working with the local Church and the District Council for some time to explore the possibility of developing the Church garden, but without any clear vision. In the Summer of 2024 we were approached by Oxfordshire CAG (Community Action Group) who had received some funding from Oxfordshire County Council to develop a number of community garden projects across Oxfordshire, and they'd become aware of our small

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE – continued

Community Kitchen Garden. They asked if we could take on the Church garden project as well, if we were properly resourced, and as a result they provided us with funding for a part-time role of Community Garden Coordinator who would dedicate their time to directly nurturing and maintaining both spaces, engaging volunteers to tend them, and offering training and events to local people to help them spend more time in nature and develop their skills and knowledge in sustainable gardening practices. In September we appointed Rebecca McRobbie, a local resident and beneficiary of our Family Services. In the following months Rebecca has revitalised the Community Kitchen Garden and has made great strides in developing plans for the emerging Reflective Garden at the Church. She has held events such as our Autumn Pumpkin festival, providing soup and gardening activities to attendees. She's proven to be a real asset to the team and has strengthened the connection between field and plate for local people.

In October, we then appointed Sue Bright to the role of Community Outreach Worker. Sue had previously worked in Berinsfield for local charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP), supporting residents who had accrued debt, so she knew both the area and our work well. She has built on the work of previous post-holder, Sarah, quickly building trusted relationships, reinvigorating groups, and making plans for new ones. She's also taken on the significant responsibility of our adult 1-1 work where she has supported people with complex circumstances and needs with tact and care.

We continue to house both Citizens Advice and Riverside for client appointments and both services are made good use of by the local community. We also worked closely with South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to create some new artwork to display around the village - from planning and creating two beautiful mosaics to consulting on some large wooden sculptures (with two finding homes in our two community gardens!). We have continued to administer our small Hardship Fund and have this year spent £1,591 to cover expenses such as emergency vet bills, counselling assessments, replacement white goods, emergency transport and warm bedding in the winter period.

Food Services

The development of our Food Services work has been an area of focus in the latter part of this year, and we're thrilled that construction of our long-awaited Community Cafe got underway in January. We continue to work closely with local people to ensure that everything from design decisions to menu choices are fully informed by the people who will ultimately use the space. We continue to work with LAPD Architects, and our Lead Contractor EvenHaus to move the construction forward, and were also incredibly grateful to MV Kelly for carrying out the initial groundworks pro-bono in support of the project.

Ahead of the cafe opening towards the end of the calendar year, our Community Outreach Worker has this year piloted some cooking groups, with funding from Good Food Oxfordshire. We ran two pilots, one 'Cooking for One' and one 'Cooking from Tins', both of which were well attended and there has been clear demand for more sessions in the future. We learned much from these pilots that will inform our future plans for our cooking groups, and this activity will become a core part of the Community Cafe offer.

Some of this work has been informed by our participation in the FEAST research project, led locally by Good Food Oxfordshire. We helped them to administer surveys to the local population and to facilitate focus groups to parents with children under 5 to better understand the barriers to healthy eating for communities like this. We've come away from the project with a greater understanding of some of the key needs and challenges around food, and it's also affirmed some of our early thinking about the development of our Food Services, consolidating our commitment to initiating things like cooking groups and a future refill shop.

We continue to provide both our Community Larder (serving around 80 families each week) and our emergency food bank (over 500 referrals made this year - 10 people reaching out to us every week because they do not have enough food to feed their families). Our two existing Community Larder volunteers celebrated long service awards, with both of them marking 5 years of supporting the larder to run each week - our congratulations and gratitude go to both Maggie and Phill! We were also joined by a new volunteer, Courtney, who has quickly become a vital member of the team, alongside Simon who joins us regularly.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE – continued

Summary

Demand for what we do continues to remain high, with local residents navigating difficult financial circumstances, insecure employment, and unreliable housing. Despite having had several months without any real community services capacity, we still saw nearly 9,000 interactions take place, either at the Centre or out in the community. That's roughly one meaningful supportive engagement every 15 minutes, directly provided by our team. This is in addition to the hundreds of visits to hosted services like Citizens Advice and Riverside. We saw more than twice the number of children this year than we saw last year - more than 500 different children. 78% of our beneficiaries in 2024 reported that we had exceeded their expectations, with our friendly and supportive staff and volunteers being commonly highlighted as an area of strength.

Beyond the figures, we invest time in understanding peoples' experiences, gathering rich insights into the way that our services make an impact:

"Thank you for all the constant love and support you show us and our children through all life situations good and bad! You are always our biggest cheerleaders. I'm now sure I would have made it through this year in one piece without you guys."

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The Trustees review the financial position of the Centre at each regular Trustees meeting based on a Financial report prepared by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Director with input from the Chair. The Director and the Chair also meet frequently and together with the Treasurer they produce an annual budget adopted by the Board. The Current Year budget has been updated to reflect trading experience from the new Community Cafe and was adopted at the November meeting of the Board.

Our thanks go to our Independent Examiners Mercer Lewin for their help in producing the Annual Accounts and a special thanks to Richard Pullen who retired in March 2025 as a Trustee and Treasurer, for his expertise and long standing support of The Berin Centre. The position of Treasurer has been assumed on an interim basis by another Trustee, Tim Martin, and we are currently recruiting for a permanent replacement.

The charity had an exceptionally busy year with the team managing and expanding the Centre's existing activities and also preparing and commencing implementation of the building of the new Community Cafe. It is to their credit that operating costs were held to budget at £148,837 compared with £150,993 for 2024.

Overall there was a substantial increase in incoming resources for the year at £477,726 compared with £192,966 in 2024. This increase was due principally to receipt during the year of restricted grants and donations of £234,045 to fund the building of the new Cafe which will be used to further charitable objects. The building works were completed in September 2025. All of the donated funds have been used to fund construction of the building and none of these cash funds remain. Following completion of the building, the donated amounts have been transferred for accounting purposes to a designated building fund and future depreciation will be set off against it.

Fundraising

As noted above, 2024 was a strong year for fundraising but much was restricted and directed towards the Cafe project and with the expansion of our activities there remains a pressing continuing requirement for funding our work. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the donors who have shown such confidence in the Centre's work and whose generosity continues to drive forward the work of the Centre.

Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's financial position, cash flow and spending against the background of its budget and review it at our bi monthly meetings. Our reserves policy is reviewed annually. The Reserves policy ensures that the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its commitments to staff and clients for 4 months ahead and currently stands at £95,000'.

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FUTURE PLANS

2025-26 will be focused on the establishment of our Community Cafe and the food services that will operate within it, whilst maintaining the level and quality of our existing Family and Community offers. It will be a year of significant, but careful, growth as we fold new opportunities in, ensuring that they're well integrated with the core activities we already provide.

The expansion of our Food Services will include completion of the construction of our new Community Cafe building, recruiting for the new team of staff who will run the cafe services, and launching our first trading activities before the end of the calendar year. We'll also be looking to launch our first regular cooking groups, hosted in the cafe and delivered collaboratively by either our Community or Family teams working alongside the Cafe's Cook.

In other areas of our work, we're dedicated to continuing to ensure we maintain our high standards and quality of provision. Our Early Years Assistant will be on maternity leave until early 2026, so the focus in our Family Services is to support delivery of our core programme of activities, including our flagship Growing Minds and newer additions like Dad's Club (peer support for male carers).

In our Community Services team, we have secured funding to run some pilot workshops for a Men's Shed project, and we've also identified two potentially suitable premises for a longer-term Men's Shed to be hosted. We will be using this year to gather feedback and input from the community to shape the project, and to explore the practicalities of a longer-term space for the work to take place.

The Community Gardens will have their first growing season, with events and workshops happening throughout the year. We will be pursuing funding to continue the role beyond its initial 15 month period.

We've identified that renovations to our existing building will be needed once the cafe construction is finished, as a statement of value to all the beneficiaries who will access our main services in it - small improvements like interior decoration and improvements to access will go a long way in affirming to local people that their presence here is important and appreciated.

Following the completion of the Cafe building, therefore, we will be placing a strong focus on fundraising to allow the nurturing of our core services alongside the expansion of the new.

We feel privileged to be in the position to be able to offer more to Berinsfield and the surrounding area in 2025/26 and excited to see where this evolution of our work will lead us as we continue to be guided by the needs of local people. We look forward to another busy year of working with and for the community, providing the vital one-stop-shop of support that we've come to be known for.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

292526

Principal address

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

- John Taylor (Chair)
- Richard Pullen (Treasurer) - Resigned 18th March 2025
- Tim Martin (Interim Treasurer)
- Jacqueline Logan
- Robin Bennett
- Cathryn Neesam
- Daniel Scate - Resigned 18th March 2025
- Claire Andersson - Resigned 14th May 2025
- Catherine Nicholson - Appointed 22nd July 2025
- Bethany Greenwood - Appointed 22nd July 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th NOVEMBER 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE BERIN CENTRE**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Berin Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Berin Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Churchill Stone

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Date: 9 Dec 25

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		202,478	271,700	474,178	190,157
Investment income	2	139	-	139	11
Other income		<u>3,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,409</u>	<u>2,798</u>
Total		<u>206,026</u>	<u>271,700</u>	<u>477,726</u>	<u>192,966</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable expenses		<u>96,796</u>	<u>54,065</u>	<u>150,861</u>	<u>150,993</u>
NET INCOME		109,230	217,635	326,865	41,973
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>149,283</u>	<u>20,910</u>	<u>170,193</u>	<u>128,220</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>258,513</u>	<u>238,545</u>	<u>497,058</u>	<u>170,193</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity has received grants and donations to fund the building of a community café which has been completed since the year end. The funds shown as restricted funds above relate almost entirely to this project and will be used to complete the building project in 2025/26.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	83,260	-	83,260	16,906
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	16,744	-	16,744	8,736
Cash at bank		<u>159,709</u>	<u>238,545</u>	<u>398,254</u>	<u>148,440</u>
		176,453	238,545	414,998	157,176
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,200)	-	(1,200)	(3,889)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>175,253</u>	<u>238,545</u>	<u>413,798</u>	<u>153,287</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>258,513</u>	<u>238,545</u>	<u>497,058</u>	<u>170,193</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>258,513</u>	<u>238,545</u>	<u>497,058</u>	<u>170,193</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	9			258,513	149,283
Restricted funds				<u>238,545</u>	<u>20,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>497,058</u>	<u>170,193</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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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 charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

INCOME

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

EXPENDITURE

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Plant and machinery - 25% on cost

Furniture, fittings & equipment - 25% on cost

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from 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.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

GOING CONCERN

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the trustees have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>139</u>	<u>11</u>

3. 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.

4. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	96,211	110,429
Social security costs	13,742	-
Other pension costs	<u>5,178</u>	<u>6,061</u>
	<u>115,131</u>	<u>116,490</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2024: 4). The total employee costs (including social security and pensions costs) were £115,131 (2024: £116,490).

No employee earned more than £60,000 in the year (£2024: nil).

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	190,157	-	190,157
Investment income	11	-	11
Other income	<u>2,798</u>	-	<u>2,798</u>
Total	<u>192,966</u>	-	<u>192,966</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable expenses	<u>150,993</u>	-	<u>150,993</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
NET INCOME	41,973	-	41,973
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	107,310	20,910	128,220
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>149,283</u>	<u>20,910</u>	<u>170,193</u>

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2024	10,538	2,240	17,615	-	30,393
Additions	<u>66,650</u>	-	<u>857</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>68,377</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>77,188</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>18,472</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>98,770</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2024	-	2,240	11,247	-	13,487
Charge for year	-	-	<u>1,806</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>2,023</u>
At 31 March 2025	-	<u>2,240</u>	<u>13,053</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>15,510</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2025	<u>77,188</u>	-	<u>5,419</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>83,260</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>10,537</u>	-	<u>6,368</u>	-	<u>16,905</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	3,100	-
Other debtors	378	3,423
VAT	<u>13,266</u>	<u>5,313</u>
	<u>16,744</u>	<u>8,736</u>

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	-	2,059
Other creditors	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,830</u>
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,889</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24	Net movement in funds	At 31/3/25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	92,183	109,230	201,413
Designated Building and Growth Fund	<u>57,100</u>	-	<u>57,100</u>
	149,283	109,230	258,513
Restricted funds			
Cafe Capital projects	-	234,045	234,045
Cooking classes	-	3,000	3,000
Volunteer and staff training grant	-	1,500	1,500
South Oxfordshire District Council	17,160	(17,160)	-
Other Restricted Funds	<u>3,750</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20,910</u>	<u>217,635</u>	<u>238,545</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>170,193</u>	<u>326,865</u>	<u>497,058</u>

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9. 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	206,026	(96,796)	109,230
Restricted funds			
Cafe Capital projects	234,045	-	234,045
Cooking classes	3,000	-	3,000
Volunteer and staff training grant	1,500	-	1,500
Community Garden Coordinator	12,754	(12,754)	-
Decarbonisation	1,890	(1,890)	-
Growing mind Projects	14,093	(14,093)	-
Interest cost reimbursements	1,818	(1,818)	-
Feast Research	2,600	(2,600)	-
South Oxfordshire District Council	-	(17,160)	(17,160)
Other Restricted Funds	-	(3,750)	(3,750)
	<u>271,700</u>	<u>(54,065)</u>	<u>217,635</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>477,726</u>	<u>(150,861)</u>	<u>326,865</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,210	41,973	92,183
Designated Building and Growth Fund	<u>57,100</u>	-	<u>57,100</u>
	107,310	41,973	149,283
Restricted funds			
South Oxfordshire District Council	17,160	-	17,160
Other Restricted Funds	<u>3,750</u>	-	<u>3,750</u>
	<u>20,910</u>	-	<u>20,910</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,220</u>	<u>41,973</u>	<u>170,193</u>

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9. 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	192,966	(150,993)	41,973
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,966</u>	<u>(150,993)</u>	<u>41,973</u>

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

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,210	151,203	201,413
Designated Building and Growth Fund	<u>57,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,100</u>
	107,310	151,203	258,513
Restricted funds			
Cafe Capital projects	-	234,045	234,045
Cooking classes	-	3,000	3,000
Volunteer and staff training grant	-	1,500	1,500
South Oxfordshire District Council	17,160	(17,160)	-
Other Restricted Funds	<u>3,750</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20,910</u>	<u>217,635</u>	<u>238,545</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>128,220</u>	<u>368,838</u>	<u>497,058</u>

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9. 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	398,992	(247,789)	151,203
Restricted funds			
Cafe Capital projects	234,045	-	234,045
Cooking classes	3,000	-	3,000
Volunteer and staff training grant	1,500	-	1,500
Community Garden Coordinator	12,754	(12,754)	-
Decarbonisation	1,890	(1,890)	-
Growing mind Projects	14,093	(14,093)	-
Interest Cost reimbursements	1,818	(2,600)	-
Feast Research	2,600	(2,600)	-
South Oxfordshire District Council	-	(17,160)	(17,160)
Other Restricted Funds	-	(3,750)	(3,750)
	<u>271,700</u>	<u>(54,065)</u>	<u>217,635</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>670,692</u>	<u>(301,854)</u>	<u>368,838</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

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

THE BERIN CENTRE**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	474,178	190,157
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	139	11
Other income		
Other income	<u>3,409</u>	<u>2,798</u>
Total incoming resources	477,726	192,966
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	96,211	110,429
Social security	13,742	-
Pensions	5,178	6,061
Insurance	1,215	1,128
Telephone	1,570	2,047
Advertising	433	876
Sundries	14,467	10,796
Staff Expenses	2,474	1,157
Accountancy	2,299	2,187
Hardship Fund	1,801	2,070
Light and Heat	3,771	6,616
Printing & Stationery	403	205
Consulting Cost	179	95
Bank Charges	94	112
Repairs and Renewals	4,493	6,580
IT Software and Consumables	507	634
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,024</u>	<u>-</u>
	150,861	150,993
Total resources expended	150,861	150,993
Net income	<u>326,865</u>	<u>41,973</u>

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THE BERIN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 292526

Accounts

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

John Taylor

Jacqueline Logan

Richard Pullen

Robin Bennett

Tina Elder

Resigned 11th July 2023

Cathryn Neesam

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Tim Martin

Appointed 28th May 2024

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Trustees Report

The Berin Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governing document is the Constitution of the charity adopted at the AGM on 21st January 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Number of charity trustees

- a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
- b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Constitution as being:

The objects of the CIO are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Berinsfield and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinion with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Its mission is:

- To provide Family and Community Services for Berinsfield and surrounding villages.

The Charity has identified its strategic priorities as:

- Develop the reach and impact of our existing family and community
- Continually evaluate the community's evolving needs and implement additional or adjusted services in response, whether directly delivered or provided by partners
- Improve and develop our physical space, including the construction of a multi-purpose Community Cafe
- Strengthen our fundraising approach, continuing to develop positive relationships with donors and funders

Public benefit

- Family support to parents and their children
- Outdoor space for families and children
- Use of meeting rooms for community groups and health services
- Provision of training courses supporting basic skills, digital inclusion, parenting skills and wellbeing
- Support to individuals on a range of topics including housing, benefits and budgeting
- Social and skills development activities for local residents
- Community Larder and Food Bank services
- Education and meaningful activities around community growing, affordable food solutions, and sustainability

For these reasons the Trustees consider that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

In setting the Charity's goals and in its planning activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

Progress and Plans

Activities and achievements

In 2023-24 our team of staff and volunteers, with support and engagement from the local community, continued to deliver

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high-quality and needs-led services during a time that could have seen significant upheaval for the centre. Despite the Director being absent on maternity leave for 6 months and the Community Outreach Worker role experiencing some disruption, local residents not only continued to receive the services on which they've come to rely, but actually to access some new and improved activities. The charity has emerged from this period with an expanded staff team, improved facilities, and exciting plans on the horizon.

Family Services

Our range of family services continues to be broad, with a busy programme of activities happening each week throughout the year. This includes staple favourites such as drop-in Stay and Play sessions, and more recent additions such as our monthly Saturdays group (for fathers and male carers) has become a popular core part of our offer. We continue to nurture good working relationships with the Health Visitors, Midwives and Oxford Parent-Infant Project (OXPIP), all of whom are able to offer their services from the centre, making them more accessible to local families. Uptake of the reputable Family Links parenting programme has surged, and feedback has shown impressive positive change and progress for families, with 75% of parents reporting that their children were showing less emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Balancing the high demand for group activities and training, with the high level of need for one-to-one family support and safeguarding interventions, we reviewed our staff capacity within Family Services and made the decision to bolster this vital area of our delivery. We offered small increases in hours to both our Family Services Coordinator and our Early Years Practitioner, enabling them to undertake the more time intensive services such as Family Links without disrupting any of our regular activities. We also made the decision to appoint a new role of Early Years Assistant to support the day-to-day running of some of our core groups and to enable other staff to focus on more skill-specific activities such as intensive one-to-ones and home visits. We were delighted to appoint Lizzie Griffiths to the role in March, and she's quickly established herself as an indispensable member of the team.

We now have 159 children registered to the Growing Minds school readiness project in Berinsfield, all of whom receive a high quality book delivered to their home each month free of charge, have access to the fantastic Peep Learning Together group sessions each week, and whose parents are offered one-to-one family support whenever they need it. Independent Researcher, Fiona Gell, completed her report of the project across both Littlemore and Berinsfield during this period and provided a range of insights and recommendations that we presented at the Growing Minds bi-annual learning event in April. The report included real recognition of the positive impact on families that the project is already having, and praise for the structured yet flexible approach to delivery that we offer in Berinsfield. We've since further extended the Growing Minds offer in Berinsfield, providing a series of 'preparing for school' sessions during the summer, and a free antenatal programme.

Community Services

Our Community Outreach Worker drove forward our fledgling community services during this period, nurturing individuals through one-to-one support and developing new groups, activities and events in response to local needs and wishes. This included tailored help with housing, benefits, mental health, drug use, employability and a wide range of other topics. It also saw us establish new groups such as a Women's Multicultural Group in response to a number of racist incidents occurring in the village, and a monthly Craft Group that was initially aimed at older isolated people but quickly became a thriving intergenerational group. The Village Voice group that we'd launched last year to rekindle the village newsletter became increasingly independent until, with support, they constituted as a separate community group with their own bank account and became an independent entity. We continue to provide them with a room for their regular planning meetings.

Following a significant increase in demand for one-to-one support with complex issues, we approached South Oxfordshire Citizen's Advice to see what services they might be able to provide to the village - they now offer twice-monthly appointments at the centre which has made highly valued advice and signposting much more accessible. We continue to administer our Hardship Fund, and have this year made grants/purchases of household equipment, dentist costs, and travel to appointments.

The Outreach Worker role unfortunately experienced some disruption in the latter part of the year due to personal circumstances. Whilst this reduced our capacity to facilitate some of our groups, it actually brought about an unanticipated positive outcome, with groups developing a greater sense of ownership and independence as they bonded together to keep their favourite activities running. For example, the Lawn Games group has continued to meet on a weekly basis to play gentle activity games together outside on the green: we purchased and store their equipment, and a trolley to transport it, and we prepare them a tray of refreshments. They no longer need a member of our staff present whilst the group runs - they collect their equipment, set up the game themselves and, as they're no longer limited to our schedule, they now play

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for two hours rather than one! They recently bought themselves a trophy to be presented to the winner each week, and have plans to visit other local groups in the area. The absence of our dedicated worker actually enabled this group to flourish in ways we hadn't anticipated.

Food Services

Food services are steadily becoming the third pillar of our core provision at The Berin Centre. The Community Larder continues to run each week, with over 3,000 visits over the course of the year and more than 23 tonnes of food saved from landfill. Our foodbank services have also continued to be well used - both our referrals to the nearby emergency food delivery service (373 referrals this year alone), and our in-house stock of emergency food.

The Community Cafe project continues to develop, with planning permission for the new building having been granted, and local architects LAPD Architects having been appointed to develop designs in line with the significant community consultation that has already taken place. Alongside our plans for a Community Cafe, we also see our Community Kitchen Garden, now in its second year, as a bridge between our community services and food services - it not only provides opportunities for engaging activities that upskill and benefit physical and mental health, but it also provides a very tangible outcome of a supply of locally grown, readily available food for people to eat.

Premises Improvements

As we had hoped, we removed the high metal fences from a large section of our perimeter early in this year, swapping them for more welcoming wooden picket fences and gates. We've received feedback that the centre looks far more friendly as a result, and local partners in the village have also begun to have their own internal conversations about if and how they might reduce some of the physical security barriers around their own premises, having felt encouraged by the lack of vandalism to The Berin Centre. We see this as an incredibly positive step forward for the village, ensuring that community assets really do feel available and accessible to the people who use them.

We renovated our front garden, levelling very uneven ground and installing new flower beds, making it a much more usable and presentable space.

We also were awarded some Decarbonisation funding by the District Council following a survey carried out on the building - this funding enabled us to swap all of our fluorescent overhead lights for LEDs, reducing our energy consumption.

Summary

During this year, The Berin Centre celebrated its 40th birthday - a significant milestone, and we feel incredibly proud to have been serving the Berinsfield community with such longevity - we feel deeply rooted in the community, and we hope to continue to provide the services and opportunities that local people want and need for many years to come.

We were fortunate in June to be joined for one week by two students from Oxford University carrying out a Micro-Internship. They used their week with us to compile a short report examining the demographic data of Berinsfield Village, and this report has become an invaluable resource, not only for us but for local partners: we have used it to inform our work and to debunk outdated stereotypes in our communications, the Parish Council has made reference to it in developing their Neighbourhood Plan, and South Oxfordshire District Council used it as the jumping off point for a deeper dive into Berinsfield data. It illuminated some key findings, including that Berinsfield residents actually have a higher rate of employment than the surrounding area, putting to bed the myth that local people are somehow workshy. We're grateful to Tom and Richard for their sensitive and objective telling of the Berinsfield story.

Demand for what we offer shows no sign of slowing down: this year, we supported nearly 500 individual adults, almost 200 children, and saw around 9,000 interactions take place either at the centre or out in the wider village. This doesn't include the vast numbers of people accessing partner services at the centre, such as Riverside Counselling Clients, OXPIP families, Citizen's Advice appointments, and Health Visitor clinics.

All of this, despite a year of some adversity - with the Director on Maternity leave, the staff team and board of trustees really banded together to ensure that momentum was not lost and quality did not suffer. We also drew upon additional help from a temporary member of staff, Alice Dore, to maintain all the invisible processes that keep the charity ticking over. Beneficiaries chipped in too, helping to build flat-pack furniture, make drinks for visitors, and motivate groups to function more independently. To all of these people; staff, trustees and our community, we extend our thanks.

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*“Just coming here made everything seem light, almost
like it’s not so dark as I thought it was.”*

Plans

2024-25 is set to be a year of activity and growth, across all areas of our work, reflecting our ongoing commitment to evolving with the changing needs of the community, and building a robust and future-proof service:

At the end of this financial year, our Community Outreach Worker, Sarah, stepped down from her role. We'll therefore be looking to replace her as early as possible in 2024/25. Previously, this role was a joint position with South Oxfordshire District Council - both organisations have decided to employ separate staff who will work closely together in this next phase of development. The new Outreach Worker will focus on the priority areas identified by Sarah, which are physical health, loneliness and wellbeing, and upskilling.

We will continue to dedicate time to fundraising for the Community Cafe project, and aim to finalise designs with community approval early in the next financial year. We will then be going out to tender for the construction of the building, and hope to begin the build in 2025, funding allowing. We have begun to plot out in greater detail how the cafe will operate, and what staffing and resources it will need. This also leads us to have further internal conversations about our staff structure moving forward, and how we can best develop to ensure that all staff are both adequately supported and appropriately empowered to maximise on their skills and abilities.

In the shorter term, we plan to launch a Maternity Library offering maternity clothes, baby-wearing slings, and re-usable cloth nappies for hire in the Autumn. This project is being led by our Early Years Assistant, but we hope to involve parent beneficiaries in all aspects of the project's planning and delivery to ensure it really meets need and is well used. Family Services will also be introducing Baby Massage classes and a series of new topic-based workshops for parents.

We are exploring a number of other possibilities for the wider community based on identified needs and challenges, including a Men in Sheds project (only possible with a suitable premises), and scoping to see whether Turning Point (drug and alcohol misuse charity) might consider operating some of their services from The Berin Centre. We also continue to participate in the Berinsfield Garden Village Steering Group, advocating for the existing community in the plans for the new housing development.

Lastly, we want to increase our collaboration with local partners and ensure that, as a collective, we are all best equipped and positioned to meet local needs. As part of this effort we will be re-launching the bi-monthly Community Network Meeting that we have chaired in the past from September, providing an opportunity for local organisations to share knowledge, opportunities and news.

We look forward to another year of opportunity, challenge, and togetherness in 2024/25!

Financial Review

The Treasurer and Director work together closely, with input from the Chair, to prepare the yearly accounts. The Director and Chair meet prior to all Board meetings or more frequently if required. Together with the Treasurer, they have produced an annual budget adopted by the full board.

Fundraising

The Charity's income from donations is shown in the financial statements, which also describes the restricted purposes where applicable. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the donors who have shown such confidence in the Charity's work. Their generosity continues to drive the Charity's work forward.

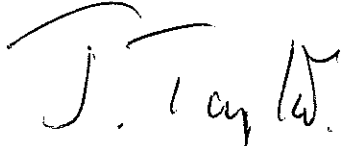
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Reserve policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's financial position, cash flow and spending against the background of its budget and review it at our bi-monthly meetings. The Charity's reserves policy is reviewed annually. The reserve policy ensures that the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its commitments to staff and clients for 4 months ahead.

John Taylor-Chair



12th NOVEMBER 2024.



STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Berin Centre For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Berin Centre (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 11-20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Date: 14th November 2024

Alison Pierazzini ACA
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestrict ed funds £	Restrict ed funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income					
Income and from:					
Donations and legacies	2	119,123	71,034	190,157	132,713
Investment Income	2	11	-	11	-
Other	2	2,798	-	2,798	3,961
Total Income		121,932	71,034	192,966	136,674
Expenditure					
Raising funds	3	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	116,062	34,931	150,993	121,954
Other	3	-	-	-	18,900
Total Expenditure		116,062	34,931	150,993	140,854
Net Income/ (Expenditure)		5,870	36,103	41,973	(4,180)
Transfer between funds		15,193	(15,193)	-	-
Net movement in funds		21,063	20,910	41,973	(4,180)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	10-11	128,220	-	128,220	132,400
Total funds carried forward	10-11	149,283	20,910	170,193	128,220

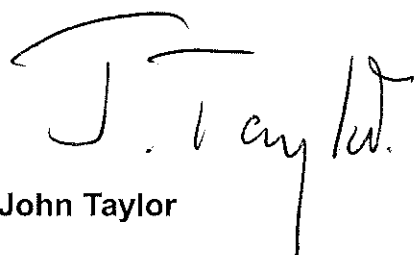
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Notes to the Financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	16,905	-	16,905	-
Current assets					
Debtors	8	8,736	-	8,736	22,125
Cash at bank and in hand		127,531	20,910	148,441	111,734
Total current assets		136,267	20,910	157,177	133,859
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	3,889	-	3,889	5,639
Net current assets		132,378	20,910	153,288	128,220
Net Assets		149,283	20,910	170,193	128,220
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	11	-	20,910	20,910	-
Unrestricted funds	10	149,283	-	149,283	128,220
Total funds		149,283	20,910	170,193	128,220

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 12th November 2024.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by



John Taylor

Chair of Trustees

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Notes to the Financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The Berin Centre is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. It is structured as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and in the event of the charity being dissolved the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The principal address of the Charity is Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield, Wallingford OX10 7LZ.

1.2 Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Revised 2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 ('Charities SORP (FRS102)'), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standards from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and grants are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.6 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.7 Pension Costs

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

1.8 Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated in these financial statements.

Further details of their contribution is set out in note 6 to these financial statements.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities 2011 and therefore meets the criteria to be defined as a charity for corporation tax purposes.

1.10 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates which are calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value (which is the expected amount that would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset) over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 years straight line
Plant and machinery	4 years straight line

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

1.12 Cash and cash equivalent

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.13 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.14 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when

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there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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2. Income

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Income	Restrict ed income	Total Income	Prior year Total Unrestrict ed	Prior Year Total Restricted	Prior Year Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	119,123	71,034	190,157	56,756	75,957	132,713

Government Grants

Included in the above grant revenue is the following government grant:

		This Year Restricted	Prior Year Total Restricted
		£	£
Berinsfield Parish Council	For core costs	750	-
Oxfordshire County council	For the upkeep of building and garden	-	15,242
South Oxfordshire District Council	Core costs, food & warmth grant	49,771	13,555
Oxfordshire County Council	For community garden	-	1,000
		50,521	29,797

Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Total funds	Prior year Unrestrict ed
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest	11	-	11	-
Total	11	-	11	-

Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Total funds	Prior year Unrestrict ed
	£	£	£	£
Room rental income	2,798	-	2,798	3,961
Total	2,798	-	2,798	3,961

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3. Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family Services		Community Projects		Total	Total
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	£	£			£	£
Salaries	76,110	22,907	13,431	4,042	116,490	84,749
Other costs	22,543	6,785	3,978	1,197	34,503	37,205
	98,653	29,692	17,409	5,239	150,993	121,954

Included in the expenditure on charitable activities are:

Fees payable to the Independent Examiner

	This year	Last year
	£	£
For examination of the accounts	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

Expenditure on other costs is unrestricted

4. Staff costs

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Wages and salaries	108,794	75,619
Social Security costs	4,989	7,338
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	2,707	1,791
Total	116,490	84,748

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Staff Numbers

The average number of staff employed during the year was

	This Year Number	Last Year Number
Administration and service provision	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received total benefits (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 during the year.

5.Trustees and Key Management Personnel

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits, or expenses from the charity during the year (2023: £Nil).

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the trustees and the Director. The total of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) was £32,661 (2023 £38,583).

6.Volunteers

The charity has 3 volunteers who support the running of the Community Larder.

7. Tangible Fixed Assets Cost or valuation

	Land & Buildings	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	2,240	11,247	13,487
Additions	10,537	-	6,368	16,905
At end of the year	<u>10,537</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>17,615</u>	<u>30,392</u>
Depreciation				
At beginning of the year	-	2,240	11,247	13,487
At end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>2,240</u>	<u>11,247</u>	<u>13,487</u>
Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	<u>10,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,368</u>	<u>16,905</u>

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8. Debtors and Prepayments	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,423	21,795
Other Debtors	5,313	330
Total	8,736	22,125

All current and prior year debtors were unrestricted.

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade Creditors	-	1,686
Accruals and deferred income	1,830	2,087
Other Tax and Social Security Costs	2,059	1,866
Total	3,889	5,639

All current and prior year creditors were unrestricted.

10. Unrestricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	71,120	121,932	(116,062)	15,193	92,183
Designated Building Fund	7,100	-	-	-	7,100
Designated Growth Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	128,220	121,932	(116,062)	15,193	149,283

Last Year

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	55,900	60,717	(45,497)	-	71,120
Designated Building Fund	26,000	-	(18,900)	-	7,100
Designated Growth Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	131,900	60,717	(64,397)	-	128,220

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11. Restricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
South Oxfordshire District Council	-	49,771	(22,611)	(10,000)	17,160
Other restricted Funds	-	21,263	(12,320)	(5,193)	3,750
	-	71,034	(34,931)	(15,193)	20,910

Last Year

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Oxon Community Foundation	-	33,142	(33,142)	-	-
Other restricted Funds	500	43,315	(43,815)	-	-
	500	76,457	(76,957)	-	-

12. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	This Year			Last Year		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	16,905	-	16,905	-	-	-
Current Assets	136,267	20,910	157,177	133,859	-	133,859
Current Liabilities	(3,889)	-	(3,889)	(5,639)	-	(5,639)
	149,283	20,910	170,193	128,220	-	128,220
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13. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - £NIL)

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Trustees Report

The Berin Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governing document is the Constitution of the charity adopted at the AGM on 21st January 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Number of charity trustees

- a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
 - b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum
- All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Constitution as being:

The objects of the CIO are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Berinsfield and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinion with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Its mission is:

- To provide Family and Community Services for Berinsfield and surrounding villages.

The Charity has identified its strategic priorities as:

- Develop the reach and impact of our core services, particularly early years
- Continually evaluate need for additional direct delivery streams, and implement services in response
- Explore the feasibility of establishing a community cafe
- Improve our physical space, ensuring it is welcoming, presentable and fit for purpose
- Strengthen our fundraising approach, continuing to develop positive relationships with donors and funders

Public benefit

- Family support to parents and their children
- Outdoor space for families and children
- Use of meeting rooms for community groups and health services
- Provision of training courses supporting basic skills, digital inclusion, parenting skills and wellbeing
- Support to individuals on a range of topics including housing, benefits and budgeting
- Social and skills development activities for local residents
- Community Larder and Food Bank services

For these reasons the Trustees consider that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

In setting the Charity's goals and in its planning activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

Progress and Plans

Activities and achievements

2022-23 has seen us really driving the organisation forward and entering a substantial period of growth. We've spent time expanding and securing our staff capacity, invested in our premises to make them more suitable and welcoming, and have been able to broaden our offer: bringing new services to the village and developing the quality of our more long-standing

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offers. Importantly, in the latter part of this year we've also dedicated energy to forging deeper relationships in our local community, building stronger connections and developing our understanding of the needs and strengths of residents.

Family Services

On average we are now providing between 8-10 groups for children under 5 and their parents each week, and these have continued to grow in attendance. In particular, the Bumps & Babies session for expectant parents and those with non-walking children has surged, and our new addition of a monthly Saturdads group for fathers and male carers has proved popular. We continue to provide intensive 1-1 support to families, providing guidance on a range of issues, and are still working closely with the Health Visitor team to host drop ins, clinics and their Early Days programme at the centre.

In addition we've added new services to our offer. This includes our monthly Chill and Chat group which provides a child-free space in the evening for parents to mix and gain invaluable peer support - parents have found this to be a useful space for 'grown up conversations' and spend time developing their own informal support networks. We've launched a termly Bedtime Stories session, which sees children and parents attend the centre in their pyjamas, have stories read to them by guest readers, and then be able to 'buy' a book of their choice (using a Berin Centre Book Token!) for them to take home and keep. We're also hosting some new services here at the centre - from monthly SEND Workshops for parents and carers delivered by the school's SENCO, to the wonderful OXPIP (Oxford Parent Infant Project) who now use the centre every Monday to see clients to focus on developing stronger attachments between parents and young children.

The Growing Minds project continues to grow and embed, and we now have 133 families registered in Berinsfield alone. All of these families receive a high quality story book delivered to their home each month for free, and have access to our Peep Learning Together school readiness groups and 1-1 family support. The strategic partnership forged last year between People, Home-Start Oxford and ourselves is continuing to work well, and we recently appointed a Project Manager to oversee the day-to-day running of the project across both locations. We've also been working with local researcher, Fiona Gell, to conduct an independent evaluation of the project against its objectives and to help us to identify any particular barriers to participation, and we're expecting the final report in May 2023.

Food Services

This year we have not only continued to run our busy Community Larder, but have also grown our food services in the latter part of the year. The Community Larder continues to supply local people with food surplus that would otherwise be destined for landfill. We've continued to experience significant disruption to supply, but members are clearly still finding value in the offer as our membership rests at around 90 members at any one time. We noticed a surge in larder use as the cost of living crisis came into effect and continue to see a mix of members who are wanting to make sustainable food shopping choices, and those who are struggling to afford basics. Over the course of the year we saw 3650 engagements in the Community Larder, and had an average of 85% attendance each week. We also saved an incredible 25.5 tonnes of food from being wasted. We've used the larder to promote a range of other services and opportunities, including providing high quality warm clothing during the Winter for free or for a voluntary donation. Our larder volunteers are showing ongoing support and commitment, with all three of them celebrating three years of regular volunteering with us in March - an incredible achievement!

In December, local partner organisation BIVC closed its doors unexpectedly, leaving a significant gap in the Berinsfield service landscape. One of BIVC's key roles was administering the Wallingford Food Bank, and in December, with just 2 weeks notice, we took over this task. Since then, we've seen 78 people seeking emergency food parcels. Food poverty and the cost of living crisis are still having a significant impact on the local community, and we expect this to be a core strand of our work for some time to come.

Community Services

Whilst we'd delivered a limited range of community services in previous years, we recognised that we needed to increase our staff capacity in order to more genuinely meet need and provide consistent and reliable opportunities. We therefore appointed Sarah Dodd to a new role of Community Outreach Worker in January with a broad remit of engaging with the wider cross-section of the local community, identifying gaps, needs, challenges and ideas, and implementing new services or activities in response. Since January, we've had around 200 engagements in community outreach activities. This has included developing a craft session for older people, launching a computer drop in, and developing links with the PCSOs.

We delivered on our intention to develop a Community Kitchen Garden in Spring of 2022, with the local Youth Club working with us to plan and create the initial garden design. Since then we've introduced additional plant bed, grown strawberries,

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tomatoes, herbs and squash (which local people picked and ate!), and engaged some new volunteers to help us to tend the garden. We held a Community Action Day in the Summer, invited people to come and work on the garden and to litter pick, and early in 2023 we invited ACE Training (woodwork apprentices) to come and create some new plant beds and a produce hut for us to share surplus fruit and vegetables. We added a Seed Shack, and this is now used to swap seeds and seedlings between community members.

As mentioned previously, local charity BIVC closed in December 2022. We subsequently have picked up a huge swell in demand for tailored 1-1 support on a range of topics, including housing, debt, benefits, mental health, physical health and safeguarding. We've strengthened our professional network in response, provided improved signposting and access to a range of support services and opportunities both within the village and further afield.

We also began working with a group of volunteers to revitalise and relaunch the village newsletter, the Village Voice. The group are just preparing to print their first edition of the newsletter and to circulate it around the village, providing a vital communication channel for those without computer access, informing them about local opportunities, events and services.

Premises Improvements

The planned works to re-insulate and reclad the exterior of the building were carried out in Spring and Summer of 2022, and the building now looks much fresher and also achieved an improved EPC rating as a result. We were therefore able to purchase the building for the nominal fee of £1 from the County Council, drastically reducing our monthly rental costs as we now only need to pay ground rent and utilities. This project has been long-awaited, and has been a fantastic step forward in securing our future in the village!

Following the completion of this work, we've carried out a number of further improvements: installing new signage, redecorating our Sensory Room using funds from the council, reinvigorating our Play Garden with support from Soha, and installing a new CCTV and alarm system. The improvements to the building's security has enabled us to plan to remove the high metal fences surrounding the premises, and to landscape part of the garden, and we've now secured funds to do this work in 2023-24.

Community Cafe

As per our strategic priorities for this year, we've dedicated time to exploring the feasibility and local desire for a Community Cafe on the village. This involved firstly a feasibility report compiled by two interns, which indicated the unsuitability of a commercial venture, but the potential viability of a community-based initiative. We then circulated a survey to local residents, which received over 100 responses, the majority of which not only supported the idea of having a new cafe to serve the village, but also having it be based at The Berin Centre. Due to the interest indicated in the survey, we then formed a Focus Group of local residents of Berinsfield and the surrounding villages, local partner organisations, and people with experience in the hospitality and catering industries. This Focus Group convened three times to explore the possibility of a Community Cafe at The Berin Centre in more detail, and generated a proposal outlining what they felt would be important, and what the Community Cafe might achieve.

Due to the support garnered from the local community, we're continuing to explore the Community Cafe project, and are currently preparing an application for planning permission.

Summary

During this year we've supported more than 360 adults, and more than 150 children, with around 8,000 interactions taking place. Many of these engagements have taken place in the centre itself, with further visitors attending to access some of our hosted services such as Riverside and OXPIP not being included in these figures. We've had further engagements at village events such as the Fete and the OPA Play Day. Overall this is a significant increase in reach compared to last year, and a trajectory that we very much expect to continue!

"I just want to reinforce how lost we'd be without The Berin Centre, that it makes up a massive part of our lives now, and I don't think anything else would quite so effectively fill that gap. So yeah, we're really grateful that it's here and really grateful to the staff for looking after us! There's always a smile and I kind of feel like whatever's going on we could just drop in and there'd be someone to help and make it better. It's just been so valuable to us."

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Plans

Looking ahead to 2023-24, we don't see our rate of development slowing down! There continue to be high levels of challenge and adversity facing the people of Berinsfield, and support is needed in response. In addition to this, there also continues to be a fantastic sense of local pride and enthusiasm which we're keen to tap into and maximise the potential of.

Our forward plans reflect this - responding to need, and creating new opportunities for joy and growth in the community:

From April 2023 we plan to make a small increase to our Family Service team's hours, and later in the year to introduce a new role of Early Years Assistant - these two changes will increase our capacity, enabling us to continue to run our full programme of groups and activities, but to also respond to the high level of need for more tailored 1-1 support. We will also be bringing some new services online, including an Outdoor Explorers group, an Antenatal programme, and a school readiness intensive for families accessing the Growing Minds project.

We're in close talks with Citizens Advice, with an aim to bring their services directly to the village in the form of a weekly drop in at the centre. This should alleviate some of the pressure on our staff for 1-1 support for individuals and also build residents' service support networks further.

With our Community Outreach Worker still being relatively new in post, she'll be continuing to increase her own and the centre's profile in the village and developing relationships, before sifting the challenges and opportunities she's seeing in the area in order to identify the areas where we can add the greatest value and have the greatest potential impact. We aim to increasingly develop the independence of some of the adult groups we run, and provide support to enable them to transition to being self-run in future: empowering participants, whilst also freeing up some of the Outreach Worker's time to pursue new initiatives.

We aim to continue to play an active role in the Berinsfield Garden Village development plans (a long-term plan to bring a large-scale housing development project to the village, with implications for local infrastructure and services), helping to ensure the survival and growth of community assets and facilities and to champion the cohesion of the village as a whole across the 'old' and 'new' site.

We're soon to submit our planning application for the new Community Cafe building, and the remainder of the year will therefore focus on fundraising and carrying out further in-depth community consultation before building work begins.

Lastly, our improvements to our existing premises will continue, beginning with an accessibility survey, landscaping of the garden and removal of the high metal fences currently surrounding the site.

Whilst we're clearly in a period of growth which brings excitement and stretch to the organisation, we very much also recognise the importance of ensuring our core team of staff, space and quality of service remain consistent and robust. We therefore want to recognise the dedication and passion of our small team in ensuring that local residents continue to receive the best services we're able to provide, reliably and responsively, whenever they need them.

Financial Review

The trustees have engaged a qualified financial volunteer to assist the Director with the yearly accounts. They meet prior to all Board meetings or more frequently if required. Together with the Treasurer, they have produced an annual budget adopted by the full board.

Fundraising

The Charity's income from donations is shown in the financial statements, which also describes the restricted purposes where applicable. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the donors who have shown such confidence in the Charity's work. Their generosity continues to drive the Charity's work forward.

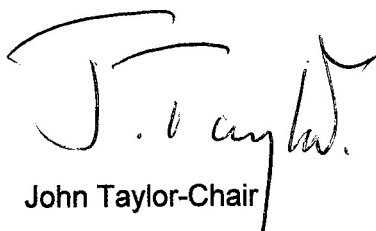
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Reserve policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's financial position, cash flow and spending against the background of its budget and review it at our bi-monthly meetings. The Charity's reserves policy is reviewed annually. The reserve policy ensures that the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its commitments to staff and clients for 6 months ahead.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



John Taylor-Chair

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Berin Centre For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Berin Centre (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 11-20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Date: 15th December 2023

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The Berin Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

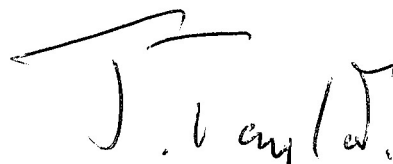
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income					
Income and from:					
Donations and legacies	2	56,756	75,957	132,713	98,945
Other	2	3,961	-	3,961	2,168
Total Income		60,717	75,957	136,674	101,113
Expenditure					
Raising funds	3	-	-	-	301
Charitable activities	3	45,497	76,457	121,954	83,767
Other	3	18,900	-	18,900	34,000
Total Expenditure		64,397	76,457	140,854	118,068
Net (Expenditure)/Income		(3,680)	(500)	(4,180)	(16,955)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(3,680)	(500)	(4,180)	(16,955)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	10-11	131,900	500	132,400	149,355
Total funds carried forward	10-11	128,220	-	128,220	132,400

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

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Debtors	8	22,125	-	22,125	1,347
Cash at bank and in hand		111,734	-	111,734	168,092
Total current assets		133,859	-	133,859	169,439
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	5,639	-	5,639	37,039
Net current assets		128,220	-	128,220	132,400
Total Net Assets		128,220	-	128,220	132,400
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	11	128,220	-	128,220	500
Unrestricted funds	10	-	-	-	131,900
Total funds		128,220	-	128,220	132,400

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 15th December 2023.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by



John Taylor

Chair of Trustees

The Berin Centre

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The Berin Centre is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. It is structured as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and in the event of the charity being dissolved the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The principal address of the Charity is Wimplestraw Road, Berinsfield, Wallingford OX10 7LZ.

1.2 Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Revised 2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 ('Charities SORP (FRS102)'), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standards from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and grants are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.6 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1. Accounting policies(Continued)

1.7 Pension Costs

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

1.8 Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated in these financial statements.

Further details of their contribution is set out in note 6 to these financial statements.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities 2011 and therefore meets the criteria to be defined as a charity for corporation tax purposes.

1.10 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates which are calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value (which is the expected amount that would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset) over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 years straight line
Plant and machinery	4 years straight line

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

1.12 Cash and cash equivalent

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar accOUnt.

1.13 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.14 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Income

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Income	Restricted income	Total Income	Prior year Total Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£
Grants	56,756	75,957	132,713	98,945

Government Grants

Included in the above grant revenue are the following government grants:

		This Year Restricted £	Prior Year Total £
South Oxfordshire District Council	Support for the upkeep of building and garden	15,242	1,000
South Oxfordshire District Council	Community Outreach Worker	13,555	-
Oxfordshire County Council	For community garden	1,000	500
		29,797	1,500

Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£
Room rental income	3,961	-	3,961	2,168
Total	3,961	-	3,961	2,168

3. Expenditure

Expenditure on raising funds

	This year			Last year		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds		-	-	301	-	301

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family Services		Community Projects		Total	Total
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
	£	£			£	£
Salaries	25,293	39,607	6,323	13,525	84,749	65,873
Other costs	11,838	19,893	2,042	3,432	37,205	17,894
	37,131	59,500	8,365	16,956	121,954	83,767

Included in the expenditure on charitable activities are:

Fees payable to the Independent Examiner

	This year	Last year
	£	£
For examination of the accounts	1,000	1,000
Total	1,000	1,000

Expenditure on other costs

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Building refurbishment	18,900	34,000
	18,900	34,000

Expenditure on other costs is unrestricted

4. Staff costs

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Wages and salaries	75,619	63,268
Social Security costs	7,338	1,412
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	1,791	1,193
Total	84,748	65,873

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Staff Numbers

The average number of staff employed during the year was

	This Year Number	Last Year Number
Administration and service provision	3	3

No employee received total benefits (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 during the year.

5.Trustees and Key Management Personnel

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits, or expenses from the charity during the year (2022: £Nil).

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the trustees and the managing director. The total of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) was £38,583 (2022 £34,275)

6.Volunteers

The charity has 3volunteers who support the running of the community larder.

7. Tangible Fixed Assets Cost or valuation

	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
At end of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
Depreciation			
At beginning of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
At end of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

8. Debtors and Prepayments	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	21,795	943
Other Debtors	330	404
Total	22,125	1,347

All current and prior year debtors were unrestricted.

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,686	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,087	35,434
Other Tax and Social Security Costs	1,866	1,605
Total	5,639	37,039

All current and prior year creditors were unrestricted.

10. Unrestricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	55,900	60,717	(45,497)	-	54,208
Designated Building Fund	26,000		(18,900)		7,100
Designated Growth Fund	50,000			-	50,000
	<u>131,900</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>(64,397)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,220</u>

Last Year

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	89,355	74,927	(58,382)	(50,000)	55,900
Designated Building Fund	60,000	-	(34,000)	-	26,000
Designated Growth Fund	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>149,355</u>	<u>74,927</u>	<u>(92,382)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,900</u>

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11. Restricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Oxon Community Foundation	-	33,142	(33,142)	-	-
Other restricted Funds	500	43,315	(43,815)	-	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>76,457</u>	<u>(76,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Last Year

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Oxon Community Foundation	-	12,225	(12,225)	-	-
Other restricted Funds	-	11,101	(10,601)	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,326</u>	<u>(22,826)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>

12. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	This Year			Last Year		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	133,859	-	133,859	168,939	500	169,439
Current Liabilities	(5,639)	-	(5,639)	(37,039)	-	(37,039)
	<u>128,220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,220</u>	<u>131,900</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>132,400</u>

13. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - £NIL)

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

John Taylor

Jacqueline Logan

Richard Pullen

Robin Bennett

Tina Elder

Kenneth Chrisp Resigned 12th July 2022

Cathryn Neesam

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2022

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Trustees Report

The Berin Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governing document is the Constitution of the charity adopted at the AGM on 21st January 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Number of charity trustees

- a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
 - b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum
- All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Constitution as being:

The objects of the CIO are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Berinsfield and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinion with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Its mission is:

- To provide Family and Community Services for Berinsfield and surrounding villages.

The Charity has identified its strategic priorities as:

- Develop the reach and impact of our core services, particularly early years
- Continually evaluate need for additional direct delivery streams, and implement services in response
- Explore the feasibility of establishing a community cafe
- Improve our physical space, ensuring it is welcoming, presentable and fit for purpose
- Strengthen our fundraising approach, continuing to develop positive relationships with donors and funders

Public benefit

- Family support to parents and their children
- Outdoor space for families and children
- Use of meeting rooms for community groups and health services.
- Provision of training courses supporting basic skills, digital inclusion, parenting skills and wellbeing.
- Community Larder service

For these reasons the Trustees consider that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

In setting the Charity's goals and in its planning activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

Progress and Plans

Activities and achievements

2021-22 was a year of significant change as we began to emerge from the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and focused our efforts on reopening and re-establishing our core services, building our team's capacity, revitalising our

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premises, and reviewing local needs. There's a real sense of momentum within the organisation now and our reputation within the local area has grown, identifying us as an established and reliable service provider.

Early Years Provision

From April 2021 we began to reopen our groups and activities for 0-5s and their families in line with changing government guidance. This was a complex undertaking with just 2 members of staff, limited group sizes, and the introduction of 'bubble' rotas to keep everyone safe and minimise the spread of infection. Thankfully, we found our careful planning was impactful, with no outbreaks occurring in our regular groups. We observed the impact of the pandemic on families, with many dealing with trauma, a real hunger for social connection with peers, and with children being far more tentative than usual at the start of sessions but soon responding with enthusiasm and delight at the play opportunities we provided.

In April we welcomed back the Health Visiting Team, providing an appointment based clinic at the centre once a week. We also began to advertise for a replacement Play Worker but, like many of our counterparts across the sector, we struggled to find a suitable candidate. We revised our role and advertised a further 2 times before appointing Emily Hart to the position of Early Years Practitioner in September. Emily has been a real asset to the team, working alongside Family Services Coordinator Lin Williams to really boost our offer to families, and developing trusted working relationships with parents and children.

As the year has progressed, we've introduced brand new groups and activities alongside our existing offering. This has included the development of our Themed Thursdays session to include trips to external partners and activities from visiting services such as Oxford's Story Museum. We also launched a new Music and Movement group.

We've continued to provide tailored family support through 1-1s, Walk and Talks, and safeguarding interventions (particularly as part of Early Help Plans and TAFs - Team Around the Family), led by Lin.

Growing Minds

The Growing Minds school readiness project went through a significant overhaul this year, with the unanticipated withdrawal of Oxfordshire Community Foundation's (OCF) involvement. OCF had previously 'hosted' and project managed this innovative pilot project, coordinating the 4 key delivery partners across two geographical locations. OCF's short-notice decision to reduce their direct delivery of projects left us and the remaining project partners very little time to steer the project forward under a new governance structure. Thankfully, 3 of the 4 partners remain strongly committed and together we have formed a flat governance structure and have maintained relationships with our core funders, enabling us to secure the future of the project for at least the next year.

Throughout this drastic shift in strategy and process, our operational delivery of the project has increased in pace, with us now supporting 83 families. We deliver three Peep Learning Together groups to these families each week, sharing knowledge and skills for parenting, children's development, and home learning. 91% of families report feeling more confident supporting their child's learning and development at home after attending the groups. We have also picked up the role of Home-Start South Oxfordshire who withdrew from the project due to limited capacity, and now provide intensive family support on a 1-1 basis to families involved in the project. In addition, all eligible families with a child aged 0-5 receive a fully funded children's book delivered to their home each month, and 100% of families surveyed say they're exploring these books with their children. We've added further value by providing a free Baby Massage class.

Community Larder

In May the Community Larder transitioned from providing pre-packed boxes of food outside the building (due to Covid restrictions) to providing the service inside, with members able to pick and choose their selection for themselves from the items available. This was a challenge for the team as, for the first time since providing our Community Larder, we were needing to adapt our space entirely each week to cater for both the Larder and our regular groups. We had to convert one of our small meeting rooms into a Larder Store, and took on some new equipment (such as wheeled cages) to transport the food quickly and safely. Our three fantastic volunteers have remained dedicated to supporting the Larder, attending each week to process and display our delivery, and to provide support to members. In July we added a choice of chilled products to our offer, increasing the value to our members.

Unfortunately, there have been challenges to our supply lines. The pandemic brought with it increased funding for food, so Fareshare (our supplier) was able to send us increased stock levels - the end of this funding was noticeable to our membership as the variety of items available became more limited. We were then affected by Brexit and the shortage of

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HGV drivers, meaning that it became difficult for Fareshare and our local supplier, Sofea, to transport the stock to us each week. These challenges are ongoing, however the majority of our members still feed back that the Larder is very good value for money.

We have a rolling membership of around 90 families who we provide food to each week, and we've also saved approximately 16 tonnes of surplus food from going to landfill in the last 7 months.

Premises Improvements

In November we had planned to have significant building work undertaken to reinsulate and reclad the centre, and to make improvements to the roof. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed until February 2022, and caused much disruption. However, these improvements have been long-awaited and are much needed. Once complete we expect to see improved energy efficiency of the building and as a result will be in a position to purchase the building for £1 from the County Council, drastically reducing our monthly rental costs as we will only need to pay ground rent and utilities.

We also secured funds to redecorate our Sensory Room and make improvements to our garden space, and have needed to replace some of our access ramps due to degradation.

Community Services

In July we launched a new partnership project called Active Reach, with a focus on increasing physical activity in older people and those with long-term health conditions. This project, for which we were the lead partner, saw us collaborating closely with SODC, Berinsfield Church, The Berinsfield Community Association, SOHA (South Oxfordshire Housing Association), Berinsfield Day Centre, and Berinsfield Sports Centre to provide an array of activities across the village. In total, we engaged 165 local residents in activities such as Lawn Games, Health Walks and T'ai Chi.

In response to the widespread increase in mental health problems across the village we invited the Oxfordshire Recovery College to deliver monthly courses from the centre during term time. This has gained a small consistent following who have found the opportunity to explore mental health topics and develop skills and strategies in a familiar environment incredibly valuable.

Two Interns from The University of Oxford joined us for a week in December to conduct a Feasibility Study for our Community Cafe concept.

In January we secured funding to establish a Community Kitchen Garden on a plot of public land adjacent to our premises, and plan to make the initial installation in partnership with the Youth Club. Young people have participated in a competition to design the garden with the winner being chosen by the Youth Council. Our intention for the garden is to create a space that local people can enjoy and feel ownership of, whilst also delivering gentle messages about 'field to plate' and healthy eating.

We've welcomed back Riverside Counselling to the building, who provide their services from the centre 5 days a week.

Summary

During this year we've supported more than 200 adults (excluding larder members), and more than 60 children. This has seen 5,597 visits to the centre, plus many more engagements and interactions at village events such as the Fete and the OPA Play Day, Riverside Counselling clients, and Larder members.

"I forgot just how isolating and lonely having a baby can be... it's nice to remember I'm not alone... Even just having a friendly smile, chat and a cup of coffee, with yourselves and other parents has made such a difference. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do, not just for me and my family, but for the whole community!"

Plans

We've set a fast pace of development and growth this year and we hope to maintain it moving forwards, increasing the reach, quality, and impact of services across the village and surrounding area. We're excited to establish our Community Kitchen Garden in partnership with local groups and to see it evolve. We're looking forward to connecting with more father figures and male role models through our upcoming Saturdays group. We're also committed to continuing to improve our physical space and premises, ensuring that we're a warm and welcoming environment for activities to take place.

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development project to the village, with implications for local infrastructure and services. We intend to continue to influence and engage with this process by participating in the Garden Village Steering Group and are monitoring closely the opportunities it may provide.

The new arrangements surrounding Growing Minds have also created an opportunity for us to play a larger role in shaping our impact measurement and learning dissemination processes, and we plan to play a lead role in coordinating our new Learning Day events.

We will continue to explore the feasibility of establishing a Community Cafe at the centre, and will embark on large-scale consultation over the year to come.

We plan to appoint a Community Outreach Worker to expand our provision of broader community activities and to make our staff capacity more robust.

We look forward to the coming year, and are excited to continue to follow this upward trajectory, developing our services in close collaboration with the community we serve.

Financial Review

The trustees have engaged a qualified financial volunteer to assist the Director with the yearly accounts. They meet prior to all Board meetings or more frequently if required. Together with the Treasurer, they have produced an annual budget adopted by the full board.

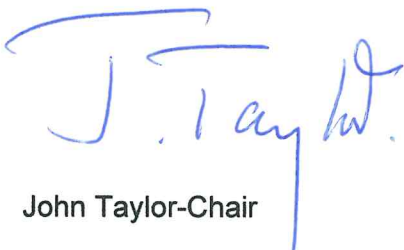
Fundraising

The Charity's income from donations is shown in the financial statements, which also describes the restricted purposes where applicable. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the donors who have shown such confidence in the Charity's work. Their generosity continues to drive the Charity's work forward.

Reserve policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's financial position, cash flow and spending against the background of its budget and review it at our bi-monthly meetings. The Charity's reserves policy is reviewed annually. The reserve policy ensures that the Charity has sufficient funds to meet its commitments to staff and clients for 6 months ahead.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



John Taylor-Chair

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Berin Centre For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Berin Centre (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 10-20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2 the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 3 the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



29th November 2022

Alison Pierazzini ACA White
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The Berin Centre
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

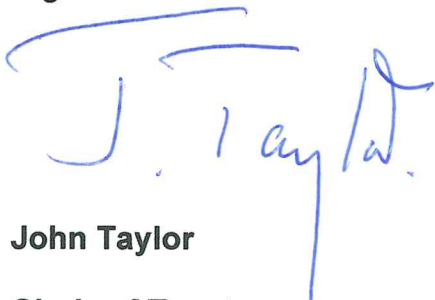
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income					
Income and from:					
Donations and legacies	2	75,619	23,326	98,945	94,840
Other	2	2,168	-	2,168	-
Total Income		76,787	23,326	101,113	94,840
Expenditure					
Raising funds	3	301	-	301	-
Charitable activities	3	60,941	22,826	83,767	67,346
Other	3	34,000	-	34,000	-
Total Expenditure		95,242	22,826	118,068	67,346
Net (Expenditure)/Income		(18,455)	500	(16,955)	27,494
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(17,455)	500	(16,955)	27,494
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	10-11	149,355	-	149,355	121,861
Total funds carried forward	10-11	131,900	500	132,400	149,355

The Berin Centre
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Debtors	8	1,347	-	1,347	1,804
Cash at bank and in hand		167,592	500	168,092	155,160
Total current assets		168,939	500	169,439	156,964
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	37,039	-	37,039	7,609
Net current assets		131,900	500	132,400	149,355
Total Net Assets		131,900	500	132,400	149,355
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	11	-	500	500	
Unrestricted funds	10	131,900		131,900	149,355
Total funds		131,900	500	132,400	149,355

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 15th November 2022.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees by



John Taylor

Chair of Trustees

The Berin Centre

Notes to the Financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

The Berin Centre is a registered charity in the United Kingdom. It is structured as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and in the event of the charity being dissolved the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The principal address of the Charity is Wimblestraw Road, Berinsfield, Wallingford OX10 7LZ.

1.2 Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Revised 2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 ('Charities SORP (FRS102)'), and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standards from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

1.5 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Donations and grants are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.6 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

The Berin Centre

Notes to the Financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies

(Continued)

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

1.7 Pension Costs

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

1.8 Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated in these financial statements.

Further details of their contribution is set out in note 6 to these financial statements.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities 2011 and therefore meets the criteria to be defined as a charity for corporation tax purposes.

1.10 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates which are calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value (which is the expected amount that would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset) over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 years straight line
Plant and machinery	4 years straight line

1.11 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

1.12 Cash and cash equivalent

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.13 Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

1.14 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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Notes to the Financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

No judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies.

THE BERIN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Income

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Income	Restrict ed income	Total Income	Prior year Total Unrestrict ed
	£	£	£	£
Grants	75,619	23,326	98,945	94,840

Government Grants

Included in the above grant revenue are the following government grants

		This Year Restricted £	Prior Year Total £
South Oxfordshire District Council	For the creation of a community kitchen garden	1,000	-
Oxfordshire County Council	For the redecoration of the sensory room	500	-
		1,500	-

Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restrict ed income funds	Total funds	Prior year Unrestrict ed
	£	£	£	£
Room rental income	2,168	-	2,168	-
Total	2,168	-	2,168	-

3. Expenditure

Expenditure on raising funds

	This year			Last year		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrict ed funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	301	-	301	-	-	-

THE BERIN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Expenditure on charitable activities

	Family Services		Community Projects		Total	Total
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
	£	£			£	£
Salaries	44,523	8,175	3400	9,775	65,873	48,228
Other costs	12094	2,221	924	2,655	17894	19,118
	56,517	10,396	4,324	12,430	83,767	67,346

Included in the expenditure on charitable activities are:

Fees payable to the Independent Examiner

	This year £	Last year £
For examination of the accounts	1,000	2,415
Other fees	-	573
Total	1,000	2,988

Expenditure on other costs

	This Year £	Last Year £
Building refurbishment	34,000	-
Total	34,000	-

Expenditure on other costs is unrestricted

4. Staff costs

	This year £	Last year £
Wages and salaries	63,268	48,009
Social Security costs	1,412	3,753
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	1,193	507
Total	65,873	52,269

THE BERIN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Staff Numbers

The average number of staff employed during the year was

	This Year Number	Last Year Number
Administration and service provision	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received total benefits (excluding employer pension contributions) of more than £60,000 during the year.

5.Trustees and Key Management Personnel

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits, or expenses from the charity during the year (2021: £Nil).

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the trustees and the managing director. The total of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) was £34,275 (2021 £22,500)

6.Volunteers

The charity has 3 volunteers who support the running of the community larder.

THE BERIN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7. Tangible Fixed Assets Cost or valuation

	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
At end of the year	<u>2,240</u>	<u>11,247</u>	<u>13,487</u>
Depreciation			
At beginning of the year	2,240	11,247	13,487
At end of the year	<u>2,240</u>	<u>11,247</u>	<u>13,487</u>
Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Debtors and Prepayments

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	1008
Prepayments and accrued income	943	-
Other Debtors	404	796
Total	<u>1,347</u>	<u>1,804</u>

All current and prior year debtors were unrestricted.

THE BERIN CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	35,434	5,826
Other Tax and Social Security Costs	1,605	1,783
Total	37,039	7,609

All current and prior year creditors were unrestricted.

10. Unrestricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incom e	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	89,355	74,927	(58,382)	(50,000)	55,900
Designated Building Fund	60,000	-	(34,000)	-	26,000
Designated Growth Fund	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	149,355	74,927	(92,382)	-	131,900

Last Year

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	121,861	94,840	(67,346)	(60,000)	89,355
Designated Building Fund	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
	121,861	94,840	(67,346)	-	149,355

11. Restricted Funds

This year

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incom e	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Oxon Community F	-	12,225	(12,225)	-	-
Other restricted Funds	-	11,101	(10,601)	-	500
	-	23,326	(22,826)	-	500

There were no balances or movement in restricted funds in the prior year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	This Year		Total	Last Year Total
	Unrestricted	Restrict ed		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	168,939	500	169,439	156,964
Current Liabilities	(37,039)	-	(37,039)	(7,609)
	<u>131,900</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>132,400</u>	<u>149,355</u>

All assets in the prior year were unrestricted.

12. Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - £NIL)

THE BERIN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 292526

Accounts

The Berin Centre

Financial Statements for the Year Ended

31 March 2021

Company number: 01767086

Registered charity number: 292526

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The Berin Centre
Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
As at 31 March 2021

The full name of the charity is The Berin Centre.

Charity Registration Number: 292526

Company Registration Number: 01767086

Registered office address: The Berin Centre
Wimblestraw Road
Berinsfield
Wallingford
Oxon
OX10 7LZ

Trustees: John Taylor - Chair
Barbara Bryant (Resigned 23rd March 2021)
Richard Pullen
Jacqueline Logan
Robin Bennett
Tina Elder
Kenneth Chrisp
Cathryn Neesam (Appointed 17th May 2021)

Manager: Laura Harte (Appointed 1st March 2021)
Linda Champion (Retired 31st March 2021)

Bankers: Lloyds TSB
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Independent examiners: Critchleys Audit LLP
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**The Berin Centre
Trustees' Annual Report
For the Period ended 31 March 2021**

Structure Governance and Management

The Berin Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The governing document is the Constitution of the charity adopted at the AGM on 21st January 2020.

Appointment of charity trustees

1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Number of charity trustees

- a) There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.
 - b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum
- All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity.

Objects and activities

The objects of the Charity are set out in its Constitution as being:

The objects of the CIO are to promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of Berinsfield and the surrounding area without distinction of political, religious or other opinion with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Its mission is:

- To provide Family and Community Services for Berinsfield and surrounding villages.

The Charity has identified its strategic priorities as:

- We will understand Berinsfield's evolving community needs with a particular focus on raising early years' educational achievement.
- We will strive for continuous improvement in service quality and impact.
- We will strengthen our partnerships with local community groups, educational bodies and local government.
- We will develop our relationships with donors and funders.
- We will develop a plan to secure our current building for at least the next 10 years.

Public benefit

- Family support to young parents and their children
- Outdoor space for families and children
- Use of meeting rooms for community groups and health services.
- Provision of training courses supporting basic skills, digital inclusion, parenting skills and well-being.
- Community Larder open for all

For these reasons the Trustees consider that the Charity meets the public benefit requirement.

In setting the Charity's goals and in its planning activities the Trustees have given due consideration to the published Charity Commission guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2011.

PROGRESS AND PLANS

Progress and achievements

Whilst the pandemic posed significant challenges, The Berin Centre continued to provide vital support to the residents of Berinsfield and the surrounding area. Repeated lockdowns meant that we needed to suspend many of our usual services and temporarily close the building, however three key strands of our work continued consistently, providing a vital lifeline to many of our regular clients:

Community Larder

The Berinsfield Community Larder was launched, in partnership with local charity SOFEA, two weeks prior to the first lockdown. We worked closely with SOFEA to rapidly adapt our model, moving to a system of providing pre-packed sealed boxes of ambient goods, fresh fruit and vegetables to members. Funding was secured to cover membership fees in recognition that the pandemic would be creating job insecurity and increasing food poverty for many of our members and, at its height, we were able to provide food to over 200 families. At times we provided the service outdoors to reduce the risk of infection and also delivered boxes when people were unable to come to us. As the year progressed we reverted to our paid membership, and supported a steady figure of around 105 families each week. Throughout the year we were supported by a fantastic team of volunteers who consistently gave their time and energy to prepare and distribute the food each week. The larder not only reduces food poverty, but also is an ethical and sustainable way to shop with much of the food provided at the larder being otherwise destined for landfill. This in turn reduces stigma for those attending due to a low income, as it presents as a very different service to a Food Bank. Many members expressed their appreciation for the larder, and called it a real 'life saver' at a time of great upheaval, not only in providing access to food in a low-risk way, but also in providing a reliable opportunity for social contact - many of our members live alone and found the lockdowns incredibly isolating. Coming to collect their box each week might be the only interaction they had, and it gave us the invaluable opportunity to check in and provide support.

Growing Minds

The Growing Minds project, launched shortly before the pandemic, has continued to keep in touch with the 53 eligible Berinsfield families. Families with babies and children aged 0-7 in the village, who are eligible, are provided with a free children's book every month, which is posted to their home. We kept in regular contact with these families by Zoom and phone, and also maintained close contact with the local Nursery, Pre-School and Primary School to support their movement through and between other key partners.

Family Support Services

Throughout the pandemic we've maintained close contact with the families who use our usual services, recognising that this has been a time of distress, anxiety, and increased risk for many. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, along with the wider team, has been proactive in checking in with families to provide a regular point of contact, working hard to ensure that any early warning signs of family difficulty are picked up promptly and are supported. 1-1 support for individual parents has been offered, and we've continued to refer parents to Riverside Counselling (who are usually based in our building) for online or telephone counselling services.

Summary

To enable all of this provision to take place we made the decision not to make use of the government furlough scheme, and our staff continued to provide agile and fast-changing packages of support to the village and surrounding area. This included some online Family Support Groups, activity ideas on YouTube, and regular remote staff meetings. We play an active part in the life of the village and have been instrumental in bringing together local partners to better cater to need. For instance, we arranged for One-Eighty, a mental health charity, to have a regular presence in the local primary school and for Family Links to coordinate a programme of professional support and training at The Berin Centre, the Pre-School and the local primary school to encourage more consistency across settings.

**The Berin Centre
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
For the Period ended 31 March 2021**

Throughout the pandemic the Manager and Trustees have worked hard to seek funding to ensure the sustainability of the Centre. We are aware that our building needs vital maintenance and repair, and a large sum has been set aside in our budget for this.

Plans

The period of Lockdown gave us time to reflect, analyse and prioritise. Despite the restrictions now imposed on us we are determined to engage with our community as much as we can at a time when they are going to need us more than ever.

We are continuing with our key programmes of Growing Minds and the Community Larder as well as our overarching work to act as a convener in the Berinsfield community, bringing together local partners to meet the needs of the community as a whole, but with a particular focus on the early years. Over the coming year we feel it's important to give the community opportunity to reflect, and to work closely with us to shape the provision that the centre offers as we begin to re-open. We're very conscious that the needs of local people may have shifted slightly, as a result of the tumultuous period of the past 18 months, and we therefore need to be responsive and open to new ideas. At our core, however, we will always be committed to providing vital support to families with young children, and we hope that 2021 will see us able to welcome many of these families back into the physical space of our building to reconnect and access safe play, learning opportunities, and help.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees have engaged a qualified financial volunteer to assist the Manager with the yearly accounts. He is a member of a Finance Sub-committee chaired by one of our trustees. They meet prior to all Board meetings or more frequently if required. They have produced an annual budget adopted by the full board.

Commentary on statement of financial activities and balance sheet

Fundraising

The Charity's income from donations is shown in the financial statements, which also describes the restricted purposes where applicable. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the donors who have shown such confidence in the Charity's work. Their generosity has put the Charity's work on a firm footing.

Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the Charity's financial position, cash flow and spending against the background of its budget and review it at our bi-monthly meetings. The Charity's reserves policy is reviewed annually. The trustees have reviewed their reserves policy. This will ensure that it can meet commitments to staff and clients for 6 months ahead.

Going concern

Having reviewed the funding available to the Charity together with its requirements for the next two years, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future.

GOVERNANCE

Trustees

The Trustees determine the general policy of the Charity.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and do not receive personal benefit from the charity. A potential Trustee is invited to sit in on Board Meetings as an observer before formally being invited to join. All new Trustees receive an induction and are referred to *The Essential Trustee* (Charity Commission publication CC3), and relevant company information including the most recent Annual Accounts, Manager's Progress Reports, Minutes of Board Meetings, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association. New Trustees are required to sign a Declaration of Interest, and where appropriate, undergo a DBS check. "Disclosure of interest" is a standing item at the start of all Board meetings. One new trustee has joined the Board this year with one resigning.

**The Berin Centre
Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
For the Period ended 31 March 2021**

A Manager, appointed by and reporting to the Board of Trustees, is responsible for day-to-day operations. Decisions on policy and procedure are made by the Board. The Board has overall responsibility for compliance with charity law and other legislation, and ensuring that the charity remains true to the objects set out in its governing document.

The board extend their gratitude to Linda Champion who retired as the initial Manager of the Centre at the end of March 2021. Under Linda's dedicated leadership her team managed the transition from Dorchester House to the old children's centre and then set about creating the services offered from the Centre today. Most importantly she established links with the Primary and Nursery schools as part of the Centre's commitment to early years education. As with any start-up operation there were a number of difficulties to be dealt with which Linda managed in her firm and friendly way.

The Board are delighted to welcome Laura Harte as the new Manager. Laura has worked in a number of both local Oxfordshire and national charities mainly in the youth and mental health sectors. We all look forward to supporting Laura as she builds on the strong foundation created by Linda and extends the services offered by the Centre to make a real difference to the families living in Berinsfield and the surrounding villages in the years ahead.

Trustee appointment, induction and training

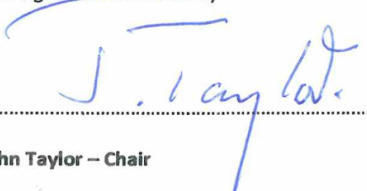
The proposal to appoint a new trustee is made at a trustee meeting for consideration and approval by the existing trustees. This normally follows a series of discussions between the candidate and the Chair, other trustees and the Manager, allowing the candidate to be briefed on legal obligations under charity law, on the Charity's constitution, business plan, operations and recent financial performance.

Risk management

The Trustees recognise their responsibilities in the management of risk. They have reviewed the principal risks and produced an updated risk register.

Approved by the board on 16th November 2021.

And signed on its behalf by


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John Taylor – Chair

The Berin Centre
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
For the Period ended 31 March 2021

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of The Berin Centre
For the Period ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Berin Centre for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name of examiner: Robert Kirtland

Name of firm: Critchleys Audit LLP

Relevant professional body: Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 21 December 2021

The Berin Centre
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	94,840	-	94,840	78,794
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	3,761
Investment income	4	-	-	-	1
Total income		94,840	-	94,840	82,556
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	67,346	-	67,346	76,510
Total		67,346	-	67,346	76,510
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		27,494	-	27,494	6,046
Transfers between funds	11	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		27,494	-	27,494	6,046
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2020		121,861	-	121,861	115,815
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2021		149,355	-	149,355	121,861

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

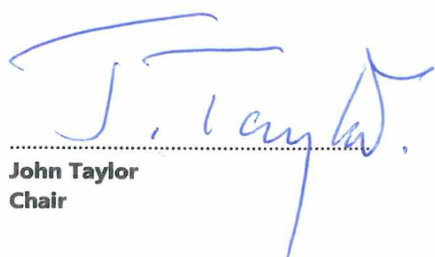
All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

**The Berin Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

**Company number:
01767086**

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	9	1,804		1,177	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>155,160</u>		<u>125,667</u>	
		156,964		126,844	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(7,609)</u>		<u>(4,983)</u>	
Net current assets (liabilities)			<u>149,355</u>		<u>121,861</u>
Total net assets			<u><u>149,355</u></u>		<u><u>121,861</u></u>
Funds:					
Restricted funds	11		-		-
Unrestricted funds	11		149,355		121,861
Total funds			<u><u>149,355</u></u>		<u><u>121,861</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 16/11/2021 and are signed on their behalf by:


.....
John Taylor
Chair

The notes numbered 1 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

General information and basis of Preparation

The Berin Centre is a charity in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are as set out in the Directors Annual Report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102 section 1a. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard available in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, after any performance conditions have been met. The amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Grants

Income from grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income

Investment income comprises bank interest and is recognised using the effective interest method.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the charitable activities, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Premises and other overheads have been allocated on an percentage basis.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 5.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets costing £40 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	4 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4 years

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants	<u>94,840</u>	<u>78,794</u>
	<u>94,840</u>	<u>78,794</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £94,840 (2020: £78,794) of which £94,840 was unrestricted (2020: £78,794) and £Nil restricted (2020: £Nil).

3 Charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Licence fees and service charges	<u>-</u>	<u>3,761</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,761</u>

Income from charitable activities was £Nil (2020: £3,761) of which £Nil was unrestricted (2020: £3,761) and £Nil restricted (2020: £Nil).

4 Income from investments

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Interest	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

The investment income was £Nil (2020: £1) of which £Nil was unrestricted (2020: £1) and £Nil restricted (2020: £Nil).

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5 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Family Services	Community Projects	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	28,937	19,291	48,228	57,513
Other direct costs	10,509	8,609	19,118	18,997
	<u>39,446</u>	<u>27,900</u>	<u>67,346</u>	<u>76,510</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £67,346 (2020: £76,510) of which £67,346 was unrestricted (2020: £76,510) and £Nil restricted (2020: £Nil).

Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	-	-
Fees payable to the auditor for:		
Independent Examination	2,415	2,300
Other services	573	650
	<u>573</u>	<u>650</u>

6 Staff Costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	48,009	53,032
Social security costs	3,753	3,981
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	507	500
	<u>52,269</u>	<u>57,513</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the period was as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Administration and services	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000.

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7 Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2020: £Nil)

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the managing director. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charity was £22,500 (2020: £28,046).

The trustees did not have any expenses reimbursed during the year (2020: £Nil).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2020	2,240	11,247	13,487
As at 31 March 2021	<u>2,240</u>	<u>11,247</u>	<u>13,487</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2020	2,240	11,247	13,487
Charges in period	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2021	<u>2,240</u>	<u>11,247</u>	<u>13,487</u>
Net book values			
As at 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 1 April 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,008	1,008
Other debtors	796	169
	<u>1,804</u>	<u>1,177</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,783	1,783
Accruals and deferred income	5,826	3,200
	<u>7,609</u>	<u>4,983</u>

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11 Funds

	Balance at 31 March 2020	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	121,833	94,840	(67,346)	(60,000)	89,327
Designated funds - Building Fund	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
Endowment membership reserve	28	-	-	-	28
	<u>121,861</u>	<u>94,840</u>	<u>(67,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,355</u>
Total funds	121,861	94,840	(67,346)	-	149,355

The Building Fund represents amounts designated by Trustees to enable planned building works.

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances as at 31 March 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	156,964	-	156,964
Current liabilities	(7,609)	-	(7,609)
Total net assets	149,355	-	149,355

13 Comparative analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances as at 31 March 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	126,844	-	126,844
Current liabilities	(4,983)	-	(4,983)
Total net assets	121,861	-	121,861

14 Comparative funds

	Balance at 31 March 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Restricted general funds					
Oxfordshire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	115,787	82,556	(76,510)	-	121,833
Endowment membership reserve	28	-	-	-	28
	115,815	82,556	(76,510)	-	121,861
Total funds	115,815	82,556	(76,510)	-	121,861

15 Related party transactions

An amount of £5,000 was donated by a trustee during the year. No other related party transactions occurred (2020: Nil)