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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Principal activity and charitable objects

NVCFR has been a trusted source of support to women and children escaping domestic abuse in Northamptonshire for more than 40 years. Growing and developing our services to respond to the dynamic nature of domestic abuse and to the needs of families in Northamptonshire and beyond. We continue to see need significantly increase in all areas of our work.

NVCFR continued to support women, children, and families through a variety of programmes specifically designed to meet their needs, including mental ill-health, food poverty, child poverty, homelessness, pregnancy, drug, and alcohol abuse as well as the underlying issue of domestic abuse. As always, we could not have done it without the support of many people across the County, including Churches, local businesses, and local and national grant makers too, who have generously donated clothes, food, and money to support the families we work with.

We could not have helped so many people to leave behind the trauma and effects of domestic abuse without the dedication, skill and enthusiasm of our amazing staff and volunteer team. Every one of them works tirelessly, whatever their role, to the absolute best of their ability. COVID continues to provide additional challenges; challenges that the team rise to mostly with cheerfulness, sometimes with gritted teeth but always with an incredible sense of team spirit. Our staff and volunteers are at the very heart of who we are, what we do and the difference we make.

This year we have celebrated the incredible work of our Children's Team Co-ordinator who has worked for NVCFR for an astounding 30 years. The mums and children she has helped throughout her time have told us that they remember her kindness and wisdom. NVCFR is a very different organisation from the one she joined in 1993, the Children's team has grown and the emphasis on the work that she leads has developed too, with Children who see, hear, or experience domestic abuse being recognised as victims in their own right through the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

Objectives for 2022/23

Eve has been successful in meeting its objectives for 2022/23

- 100% of women and children who participated in our services reported an increase in their safety.
- Staff participated in a wide range of events and speaking engagements across Northamptonshire to raise awareness of domestic abuse and its' impact on women, children, and society.
- We focussed on development of our Corporate Giving portfolio, working with more than 20 new companies to increase financial diversity.
- We began working on re-development of our website and communications strategy to increase information about domestic abuse and where people can find help and support.
- 85% of women reported improved physical, emotional and social health.

The following report provides the details in how we have achieved these objectives.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Our response to Domestic Abuse in 2022/23

17,285 domestic abuse related offences and incidents, including stalking, harassment and coercive control were recorded in Northamptonshire during 2022 (Office of National Statistics, 2022), compared to 18,743 for 2020/21. This is the equivalent of 23 incidents per 1000 people in the population. 65% of these were recorded as crimes (compared to 61% for England and Wales), representing 18% of all crime (compared to 17% for England and Wales).

Nationally figures have remained much the same as 2021-22 and it is felt that any small increase may reflect more reporting. We have not seen the numbers of women and children seeking our help drop back to pre-pandemic statistics.

Our response has been to work diligently with statutory and voluntary sector organisations across the county, sharing knowledge and ideas. We published campaigns to promote our 40th Anniversary, ongoing delivery of our perpetrator programmes and to raise awareness of and support for victims/survivors of domestic abuse. This work was undertaken against the backdrop of emerging national legislative changes to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 with introduction of offences of Non-Fatal Strangulation coming into force in June 2022 and provision for Children to be recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We have contributed locally and nationally to the calls to recognised domestic abuse related suicides. In answer to the emerging Cost of Living Crisis we developed a partnership with a local supermarket and set up a weekly Food Bank to help meet the needs of all the people we work with.

Delivery of our online specialist Groupwork programmes have continued alongside face-to-face service delivery, which has enabled us to work in local communities with service users from further afield and to help break down some of the financial and transport barriers involved with travelling across the County.

Our 'Silent Solution' service enabling women to text and/or email about their situation continues to provide support, guidance, information, and advice to women who need help but for safety reasons need to keep our support quiet.

Eve has worked with more than 566 individuals across all our services during this financial year, almost 50% higher than pre-pandemic.

Refuge

36 women and 26 children stayed in our refuge during 2022/23. 46% of these residents were high risk with others having a range of complex needs including:

- 2 who were pregnant.
- 8 who had a disability.
- 22 who had mental health issues.
- 7 who had learning difficulties.
- 6 who misused drugs and/or alcohol.
- 1 who did not speak English / English as a second language.
- 4 who had no recourse to public funds.

This is a 56% rise in additional complex needs from 2021/22.

20.5% of women resident in our refuges and 22% of women in our community services were from Black, Brown, and other Minoritised backgrounds.

We recorded the following risk levels from service users' perpetrators.

- Low risk = 16%
- Medium risk = 35%
- High risk = 49%

Eve received 800 contacts and were unable to offer a service to 180 of these women for several reasons, including:

- 28 no vacancies

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- 63 unsuitable accommodation
- 4 High risk
- 2 not eligible for service
- 8 unsupported complex need

Our occupancy rates were 75% for Valley House and 50% for Grace House.

Community Service

42 women and 78 children participated in our Community Service during 2022/23. These families were able to live in their own accommodation, receiving a range of services at our Women's Centre, which included, The Restored Programme, Minimum Safety Support, Therapeutic Services, Specialist Groupwork Services, Children's Services and Keyworker sessions.

13 service users were assessed as being high risk with others having a range of complex needs including:

- 3 who were pregnant.
- 7 who had a disability.
- 15 who had mental health issues.
- 4 who had learning difficulties.
- 4 who misused drugs and/or alcohol.

We recorded the following risk levels from service users' perpetrators.

- Low risk = 26%
- Medium risk = 43%
- High risk = 31%

The Restored Programme

Our Restored Programme, developed by NVCFR in 2014, is the core of all our delivery to our female service users. Providing a comprehensive assessment process, the programme is needs led and highly individualised. Keyworkers support service users to achieve against 5 positive outcomes and to track their journey so that they can recognise and celebrate their own achievements.

Restored includes a range of the following therapeutic interventions and activities:

1. Groupwork
2. Therapeutic Services
3. Children and Young People's Services
4. A range of activities that support the development of self-esteem, confidence, and resilience.
5. Educational development activities
6. Volunteering activities

We accepted 42 new service users onto Restored this year. 26 women participated in our therapeutic services and 30 women attended our Groupwork only outreach provision, participating in a range of specialised group work including our own Stay Free programme as well as Freedom and Own My Life.

100% of service users who completed both before and after questionnaires reported improved feelings of safety.

Therapeutic Services

Service users took part in a range of therapeutic group-work activities designed to raise self-esteem, improve mental health, and equip each user with skills that foster independence, autonomy, and resilience by enabling them to manage the impact of trauma on their anxiety, stress, and emotions. Service users reported feeling more independent and better able to perform activities such as parenting, preparing healthy meals and maintaining their safety.

Case Study

Tina and her three children aged between 6 months and 16 years were referred to eve by children's social care in another county. Due to the risk from her perpetrator and ongoing police investigations, professionals felt that Tina and her children were at significant risk of harm and that Tina did not have the knowledge to identify this, therefore the family came into our refuge on a Child Protection plan.

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Due to her perpetrator's controlling behaviour Tina believed she would never be able to live independently as she was 'stupid' and 'didn't know anything.' Initially, Tina came to every key worker meeting with letters she was scared to open alone in case she did not understand them.

Whilst in the refuge, Tina completed the Restored Programme. Through attending activities such as Bitesize and specialist groupwork programme Freedom, as well as 1:1 Domestic Abuse work, Tina began to recognise her perpetrator's behaviour as controlling, abusive and harmful to both her and her children. Tina completed various therapeutic activities and eve supported her in accessing counselling. Tina told us that these activities turned her life around. They enabled her to work through her trauma and put the past behind her.

With her new knowledge, Tina was able to start planning her own future and learned new skills such as using online banking, setting up accounts and paying bills.

Today Tina is free. She has her own property and is looking for jobs within the care sector. Tina manages a monthly budget and manages her own online accounts. She no longer has contact with her perpetrator and tells us that her and her children are 'The happiest we have ever been'. Her eldest child successfully completed college and is now on an apprenticeship with a clear career path and a bright future ahead of them. Tina's other two children are thriving and making friends more easily. Tina said that she has never trusted professionals before, however the staff at eve were non-judgmental and took time to understand her and her needs. Tina says she really recommends the groups and would not have the knowledge she has today without them.

Children and Young People's Services - Refresh

Funding from Children in Need and the Masonic Charitable Foundation supported our Children and Young People's Practitioners to work with a total of 104 children and young people this year across both our refuge and community services.

21 children were admitted to our services on Safeguarding Plans, an increase of 5% on 2021/22.

Seven families came in with an interim care order, all seven families left our service with no social care involvement.

Twelve families came into service on child protection plans (CP). Four left our service with no social services involvement, with nine families stepping down to 'child in need' at the end of service. Two children came into service with child in need plans (CIN). Both families no longer have social services involvement.

Case Study

Family J, mum and her son K came into refuge fleeing Domestic abuse from out of county. Mum had a learning disability and K had Autistic Spectrum Disorder, there were no other agencies supporting them. J and K had been victims/witnesses to domestic abuse, including verbal, physical, emotional, and financial abuse. J had never approached professionals for help and support as she had been told by her perpetrator and other professionals that she would have her son taken away if she lived independently.

The domestic abuse had a big impact on the family with all their additional complex needs. They could not leave their room in the refuge for the first week they were with us. J found it hard it to put in necessary daily routines for them both to meet even their basic needs.

The Children's team quickly assessed the family's needs and immediately accessed ears defenders to help support K with his ASD. They also provided and taught Mum how to use 'Now Next' cards so that she could explain to him what was going to happen. These simple steps enabled them to leave their room to access the kitchen and bathroom.

The Children's team completed early help assessment with J to gather support for both their personal support plans. Referral to Adult Social Services was completed to get support for J's own disability. Staff recognised that she was very good at identifying her child's needs but not necessarily her own. The Children's team got some support from Action For Children to help with daily routines, while we waited for the Children's Disability Team Northamptonshire to register K into the service. He did not have a EHC plan in

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place for his educational needs at school as the family had not been able to access services due to the domestic abuse.

The Children's Team initiated a multi-professional support plan to guide the family in their journey with us daily. The plan incorporated eve staff members as well as Adult and Child Social Care workers.

K started to attend school regularly and Mum was given tools to support him in transitions such as picture cards and singing whilst walking. eve staff and the Adult Social Worker empowered Mum to look at her own needs and to identify these in addition to what her child needed. During this process J recognised that living in the Refuge was a barrier for her and that her mental health was being impacted by this.

eve staff praised Mum for recognising her own needs and worked alongside the family, Council, and Social Services to secure more appropriate accommodation. The family continued to work with professionals and the child continued attending school. Mum expressed that this was the first time anyone had helped her and listened to her. She felt confident going into her next chapter knowing who she could turn to when faced with difficulties. J now also has more trust in professionals as she recognises that they were willing to work with her and support her rather than just take her son away.

The SHE Programme

SHE - Partner Support

89 families were referred to our SHE programme for partners, ex-partners, and children of men on the Evolve Programme.

- Number of families (women and children) referred and offered an assessment: 89.
- Number of families attending assessment: 71 families were assessed.
- Number of families accepting support:
- 21 families requested a 6-week safety call back,
- 20 families accepted Minimum Safety Support (MSS) which means weekly calls whilst their partner attends the group and calls if we discover anything that impacts their safety whilst their partner is on the group.
- 30 who accepted Integrated Support Service (ISS) aka the Restored programme.
- Number of families completed SHE Restored - 24

SHE provides access to our Restored Programme, delivering activities that support women, children and families who are victims of domestic abuse to develop self-esteem, confidence, and resilience. SHE enables women to choose the right support for their families. Some women choose minimum engagement with SHE for safety support only and this has maintained and strengthened their safety whilst their partner, or ex-partner, has engaged in our Evolve programme. Other women and children have engaged in the full Restored programme which works holistically to build the strengths of women and children to enable them to move on from domestic abuse.

Evolve

As a significant part of the SHE programme, our Domestic Violence Perpetrator Team have delivered Evolve, a programme to enable abusive partners and ex-partners to choose to change the attitudes, beliefs and values that allow coercive and abusive behaviours. This 30-week programme is based on the Duluth method.

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Evolve holds The Respect Standard for our safe work with perpetrators and survivors. Respect Accreditation for work with perpetrators of domestic abuse is based on a set of working principles. All Respect Accredited services are held to this standard to ensure only safe and effective work with perpetrators of domestic abuse takes place. Referrals to the Evolve Behaviour Change Programme are as follows:

- Total referrals to the service 87 males, 2 females.
- 31 men and 1 woman attended their assessment. Some referrals were not assessed due to non-engagement or not taking responsibility during the initial telephone call.
- 17 men were offered a place on the group. Not all 17 started, mostly due to a change in circumstances such as work commitments. Some men were deemed not suitable for groupwork at assessment due to not taking responsibility for abuse, not wanting to take part in a group or being an inappropriate referral.
- 11 men started on the group.
- 8 men have completed Evolve and a further 2 have completed more than 12+ sessions.
- 4 men were de-selected due to further incident or not being able to commit to the group leading to non-attendance.

Case Study

Client A was referred to Evolve from Social Care, the family were on a Child In Need plan at the beginning of their engagement with the group. A was not sharing a home with his partner when he joined Evolve, but they moved back together after a couple of months. A completed Evolve and at the end of his involvement, the family had been stepped down from the Child In Need plan and were accessing universal services.

When he had completed the course, A reported that he thought the Evolve programme was excellent. He felt he had learned new things and could really feel the difference. He found it particularly helpful with his parenting and not acting on his emotions. He shared that what had really stuck with him from the course was that 'You don't have to control someone else, only your own behaviour'.

When asked what difference the course had made to him, he replied, that he had made a lot of changes from the beginning, 'I'm a lot calmer and I make decisions more before I act'. He reflected that he had a better relationship with his partner, that they were not arguing so much, and he was happier.

A said that participating in Evolve had been a good experience, he learned a lot to help him with his relationship with his child as well as other people and said he had made a long-term investment.

A's Partner received safety support from an Evolve worker who kept in touch with her by phone for the duration of the course. Regular calls were made to let her know what was being studied and to check whether she felt there was any change in the level of risk to her and her child at any time.

When A completed the course, she said she had noticed that he had made big, positive changes in their co-parenting. Before the course he didn't co-parent with her in a fair and equal way, or recognise a need to help with their child, she said that after the course he was helping more with their child without having to be asked and that he was also helping with the household chores. She could also see a big, positive change in that he now felt empowered to be a good parent.

She reflected that they were more peaceful and listening more to each other. They were speaking a lot about their feelings and opinions to understand each other, more than they did before the course.

Expert Training

We believe that knowledge is power and is vital in ensuring that professionals and communities are aware of domestic abuse and its many forms. As such our Training Department is well-established as a source of excellent quality training and development for professional staff, community leaders and volunteers.

We have delivered to different agencies with a range of core courses and bespoke programmes written especially for the audience. Most training has been delivered online, except where clients have specifically requested face to face delivery of bespoke courses. Core and Volunteer Training Programmes were delivered to new staff and volunteers along with training updates to existing staff and volunteers.

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Clients have ranged from statutory sector, third sector and community organisations including Re:Store, and The University of Northampton. Training evaluations are consistently good to excellent, with participants citing the knowledge, expertise, and delivery style of our Trainer as a reason for their enjoyment of the course.

- Total number of participants: 166
- Total number of courses delivered: 22
- Total number of agencies receiving bespoke training: 5
- Number of core training programmes delivered to staff: 2

Our Trainer has been involved in supporting and developing conversations with organisations who work with and for Black, Brown and Minoritised Communities in the Interpersonal Violence sector making strong links with local and national organisations.

Inter-Agency Networks and Partnerships

Partnership and inter-agency networking is a key factor in providing holistic services for our service users and is often a requirement of service delivery. NVCFR is an active member of a wide range of networks and forums, including West and North Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Boards We are also members of the Black Women's Domestic Abuse Group, an offshoot of the Northampton Women's Forum.

We have worked with statutory and community organisations to provide information, advice, and guidance to women in different communities across the town and have supported the Police in their information awareness campaigns and have developed a number of significant partnerships with businesses and companies across the county.

We work with a range of statutory, community, charitable and other organisations to provide information, advice, guidance, and support to our service users. These include:

Charity Link	Glasspool
Restore foodbank and Daylight Centre foodbank	Northampton Children's Trust
MARAC	Sunflower Centre
Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service	Voice
West Northants Council	North Northants Council
Northampton Partnership Homes	Mental Health services
S2S and Aquarius- drug and alcohol services	Creating Equalz
Black Women's Domestic Abuse Group	BNI Ignite
Rotary Nene Valley	Duncan Lewis solicitors
County and Magistrate courts	Costain Galliford Try
Caroline Strawson	Ashby Computer Services
Steffans Jewellers	Beaverbrooks the Jewellers
Carmela's Kitchen	County Golf Club
Warners Distillery	Orchard Cleaning
Fleurfields Vineyard	78 Derngate
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	Abington Avenue United Reformed Church
New Life Church	Carey Baptist Church
Park Avenue Methodist Church	Church of St Anne's
Queensgrove Methodist Church	Christian Celebration Church
All Saints Church, West Haddon	Boddington Church
St Andrew's Methodist Church	St Mary Magdalene Church
St Giles Church	Piddington Church
Northfield WI	Wootten WI
Badby & Fawsley WI	Soroptomist International
Tesco Stores, Northampton	Waitrose
Northampton High School	Creative Folks
Brampton Golf Centre	

Contracts

Eve holds several contracts with funders to deliver a variety of services across the organisation.

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These are:

- Children in Need to provide funding for Children's Services from July 2021 to June 2024.
- Charles Hayward, Henry Smith, and Masonic Charitable Foundation for various projects.
- West and North Northants Councils provide funding for refuge and community services.

Management agreements

Our refuge, Valley House, is owned by EMH Homes and is managed by Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge (known as Eve) under a management agreement.

Our second refuge is owned by Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and is managed by Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge (known as Eve) under a management agreement.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Council of Management seeks to hold free reserves at least equal to 3 months general running costs of the charity, which equates to approximately £121,000. General free reserves are currently only £7,589. During the last 2 years the charity have used their reserves to continue providing services for the significantly increased numbers of beneficiaries we have worked with. In the next financial year the trustees will take steps to replenish the reserves to a target level of 3 months running costs. the trustees will be actively addressing this issue by planning how to:

- Raise necessary funds
- Diversify the charity's funding base, and/or
- Mitigate the risks of the charity having to close suddenly

The net deficit for the year amounted to £6,895 as shown on the SOFA. The total funds carried forward at the year end is £352,188 of which £15,240 is unrestricted funds. £105,083 is held in restricted funds and designated unrestricted funds total £231,865. Total unrestricted funds total £247,105. The Trustees consider that the charity has adequate resources to maintain its ongoing work and to prepare for future developments.

Certain grants have been given for specific purposes and these are shown as restricted funds (see notes). Other designated funds have been set aside out of unrestricted funds (see notes).

The financial support of charitable trusts, local authorities and other donors is greatly appreciated and enables the charity's work to be sustained.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Objectives for 2023/24

During the next financial year, we intend to achieve our aims by continuing to build and develop our services so that they persist in meeting the needs of the families we work with.

Our Aims are:

Protect people at risk of domestic abuse and empower them to protect themselves

Proclaim freedom and a future for people affected by domestic abuse

Provide services that support survivors to thrive

Prevent another generation of abusive family relationships

Prepare survivors to live the lives they want to lead

To meet these Aims, our Objectives will be:

- Increase the safety of women and children affected by abuse
- Raise awareness of domestic abuse and its' impact on women, children and society
- Increase financial diversity
- Increase information about domestic abuse and where people can find help and support.
- Improve the physical, emotional and social health of women and children affected by domestic abuse

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The work of Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge is of public benefit, raising awareness of domestic abuse and providing a range of comprehensive, holistic support services that enable women and children who are experiencing this to access safe temporary accommodation, as well as specialist support when they are re-housed in the local community.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Potential trustees are interviewed by existing trustees and discussions are held with the CEO. No appointment is made unless all existing trustees are in agreement and satisfactory references and DBS screening is obtained. All trustees are required to sign a declaration regarding their legal eligibility to be a trustee. An induction period is given once appointment has been agreed.

Organisational structure

The CEO has delegated responsibility for day to day running/management of the organisation. The name of the CEO is not disclosed in this report under exemption from the SORP paragraph 1.29 on the grounds that it could lead to the person being placed in personal danger due to the nature of the charity.

Key management remuneration

The remuneration and pay of management roles are reviewed annually by the trustees having regard to similar roles elsewhere in the charity sector and after considering the relationship with the salaries of other staff members.

Risk management

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

The Trustees are constantly aware of risk and are fully aware of their responsibilities. Maintaining clear written policies, including a reserves policy, mitigates risk. The ongoing expansion of the charity's work, proposed major developments and continuing developments with government initiatives, all contribute to the need to be vigilant in identifying and managing risk. The trustees are committed to working with the CEO in reviewing and updating all written policies and procedures on a regular basis and to ensure that a comprehensive risk assessment is carried out. The trustees acknowledge the risk of the loss of a key player - trustee or senior staff member - and are alert to the risk inherent in heavy reliance on a single source of funding.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS

The auditors, Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



S Van Rooyen - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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

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

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011, United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and relevant Taxation legislation.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be the override of controls by management, assessment of the ability to continue as a going concern and the understatement of revenue. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing meeting minutes, regulatory correspondence and professional fees, review of budgets and post year end financial statements, detailed substantive testing on the completeness of income, and reviewing accounting estimates for biases. We will also review the regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

These inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud as this may involve sophisticated schemes designed to avoid detection, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or the provision of intentional misrepresentations.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



for and on behalf of Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
264 Banbury Road
Oxford
Oxfordshire
OX2 7DY

Date: 24 November 2023

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	42,929	-	42,929	36,640
Charitable activities	5				
Provision of refuges		357,083	112,332	469,415	331,046
Administration & support		32,661	115,990	148,651	146,491
Other trading activities	3	3,349	-	3,349	4,939
Investment income	4	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>33</u>
Total		<u>436,074</u>	<u>228,322</u>	<u>664,396</u>	<u>519,149</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	4,721	-	4,721	-
Charitable activities	7				
Provision of refuges		101,278	180,382	281,660	298,221
Resettlement & day centre		171,392	-	171,392	164,045
Administration & support		207,731	-	207,731	190,746
Property depreciation and interest		<u>5,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,787</u>	<u>5,592</u>
Total		<u>490,909</u>	<u>180,382</u>	<u>671,291</u>	<u>658,604</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(54,835)	47,940	(6,895)	(139,455)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>301,940</u>	<u>57,143</u>	<u>359,083</u>	<u>498,538</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>247,105</u>	<u>105,083</u>	<u>352,188</u>	<u>359,083</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	268,608	-	268,608	274,562
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	19,859	-	19,859	20,674
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>7,589</u>	<u>105,083</u>	<u>112,672</u>	<u>114,854</u>
		27,448	105,083	132,531	135,528
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(40,667)	-	(40,667)	(39,221)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>(13,219)</u>	<u>105,083</u>	<u>91,864</u>	<u>96,307</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		255,389	105,083	360,472	370,869
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(8,284)	-	(8,284)	(11,786)
NET ASSETS		<u>247,105</u>	<u>105,083</u>	<u>352,188</u>	<u>359,083</u>
FUNDS	19				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				15,240	130
Freehold Property				231,865	233,810
Furniture replacement fund - Valley House				-	18,000
Refuge Development Fund				<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
				<u>247,105</u>	<u>301,940</u>
Restricted funds				<u>105,083</u>	<u>57,143</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>352,188</u>	<u>359,083</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2023

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
S Van Rooyen - Trustee



16/11/23

.....
E L Fletcher - Trustee

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,660	(133,579)
Interest paid		<u>(587)</u>	<u>(392)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>1,073</u>	<u>(133,971)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		<u>(3,255)</u>	<u>(3,491)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(3,255)</u>	<u>(3,491)</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(2,182)	(137,462)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>114,854</u>	<u>252,316</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>112,672</u></u>	<u><u>114,854</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(6,895)	(139,455)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	5,954	5,954
Interest paid	587	392
Increase in debtors	815	(2,371)
Increase in creditors	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,901</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u><u>1,660</u></u>	<u><u>(133,579)</u></u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>114,854</u>	<u>(2,182)</u>	<u>112,672</u>
	<u>114,854</u>	<u>(2,182)</u>	<u>112,672</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(3,346)	(247)	(3,593)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(11,786)</u>	<u>3,502</u>	<u>(8,284)</u>
	<u>(15,132)</u>	<u>3,255</u>	<u>(11,877)</u>
Total	<u><u>99,722</u></u>	<u><u>1,073</u></u>	<u><u>100,795</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge Limited is an incorporated charity limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity's number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information Page.

The presentation currency is the Pound Sterling (£).

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, 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 accounts.

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.

Government grant income is recognised once the charity has received a formal offer of funding in writing, unless performance conditions required deferral of the amount.

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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Costs are allocated between activities by direct allocation to refuges and resettlement with the balance to administration and support.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Leasehold improvements	- 2% on cost
Play equipment	- 20% on cost
Security equipment	- 33% on cost
Office equipment	- 33% on cost

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date. The selection of these residual values and estimated lives requires the exercise of judgement. The trustees are required to assess whether there is an indication of impairment to the carrying value of assets. In making that assessment, judgements are made in estimating value in use. The trustees consider that the individual carrying values of assets are supportable by their value in use

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from the charitable company. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

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 the statement of financial activities under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the statement of financial position. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the statement of financial activities. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Significant judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed within the individual accounting policies above.

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	<u>42,929</u>	<u>36,640</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Group Work fees	-	2,228
Training Fees	<u>3,349</u>	<u>2,711</u>
	<u>3,349</u>	<u>4,939</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest received	<u>52</u>	<u>33</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
Residents' fees	Provision of refuges	137,317	138,180
Grants and contracted income	Provision of refuges	332,098	192,866
Residents' fees	Administration & support	1,130	-
Grants and contracted income	Administration & support	<u>147,521</u>	<u>146,491</u>
		<u>618,066</u>	<u>477,537</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
West Northamptonshire Council	238,562	-
Charities Trust	50,000	-
Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	50,000	-
BBC Children in Need	38,855	32,175
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	-
Masonic Charitable Fund	23,977	23,728
Charles Haywood Foundation	20,000	-
Kick Start Scheme	10,990	3,000
Goodwill Solutions	9,985	-
The Kelly Family	5,000	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales	2,250	30,000
The National Lottery Community Fund - SHE project	-	113,859
Northampton Borough Council	-	96,963
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000
Thomas Brington Foundation	-	10,000
The National Lottery Community Lottery Fund - Equine Facilitated Learning project	<u>-</u>	<u>9,632</u>
	<u>479,619</u>	<u>339,357</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
Fund raising costs	<u>4,721</u>	<u>-</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 8) £	Support costs (see note 9) £	Totals £
Provision of refuges	281,391	269	281,660
Resettlement & day centre	167,315	4,077	171,392
Administration & support	38,296	169,435	207,731
Property depreciation and interest	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,787</u>	<u>5,787</u>
	<u>491,002</u>	<u>175,568</u>	<u>666,570</u>

8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	338,388	362,219
Training	1,788	1,535
Material and equipment	13,424	4,256
Premises running costs	32,825	56,867
Maintenance charges	38,231	34,214
Rents and room hire	15,821	12,138
Motor and travelling costs	1,292	332
Holidays and excursions	784	762
Office and secretarial costs	20,583	9,692
Translation costs	28	973
DWP Access to work	11,084	19
Partner funding payments	12,000	12,000
Depreciation	<u>4,754</u>	<u>4,754</u>
	<u>491,002</u>	<u>499,761</u>

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Provision of refuges	269	-	-	269
Resettlement & day centre	4,077	-	-	4,077
Administration & support	161,571	250	7,614	169,435
Property depreciation and interest	-	1,787	-	1,787
	<u>165,917</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>175,568</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

				2023	2022
	Provision of refuges £	Resettlement & day centre £	Administration & support £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Wages	-	-	92,830	92,830	91,621
Social security	-	-	4,301	4,301	4,808
Pensions	-	-	5,283	5,283	5,032
Consultants fees	-	3,044	17,800	20,844	4,872
Training	-	-	1,801	1,801	2,286
Material and equipment	-	-	2,974	2,974	3,504
Hardship expenditure	11	-	-	11	292
Premises running costs	258	931	23,124	24,313	26,719
Motor and travelling costs	-	-	-	-	10
Office and secretarial costs	-	102	13,458	13,560	10,866
	<u>269</u>	<u>4,077</u>	<u>161,571</u>	<u>165,917</u>	<u>150,010</u>

Finance

			2023	2022
	Administration & support £	Property depreciation and interest £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Bank charges	250	-	250	179
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	1,200	1,200	1,200
Bank loan interest	-	587	587	392
	<u>250</u>	<u>1,787</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>1,771</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9. **SUPPORT COSTS - continued**
Governance costs

	2023 Administration & support £	2022 Total activities £
Auditors' remuneration for audit	4,698	4,104
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,958</u>
	<u>7,614</u>	<u>7,062</u>

10. **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditors' remuneration for audit	4,698	4,104
Other non-audit services	2,916	2,958
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>5,954</u>	<u>5,954</u>

11. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

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

Trustees' expenses

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

12. **STAFF COSTS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	403,185	425,029
Social security costs	26,347	27,459
Other pension costs	<u>11,270</u>	<u>11,192</u>
	<u>440,802</u>	<u>463,680</u>

During the year, remuneration paid to key management personnel totalled £145,135 (2022: £142,876).

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

	2023	2022
Staff	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Leasehold improvements £	Play equipment £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>332,142</u>	<u>37,684</u>	<u>11,949</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	83,200	12,064	11,949
Charge for year	<u>5,200</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>88,400</u>	<u>12,818</u>	<u>11,949</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>243,742</u>	<u>24,866</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>248,942</u>	<u>25,620</u>	<u>-</u>
	Security equipment £	Office equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>11,864</u>	<u>21,642</u>	<u>415,281</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	11,864	21,642	140,719
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,954</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,864</u>	<u>21,642</u>	<u>146,673</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,608</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,562</u>

14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors	18,704	9,568
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,155</u>	<u>11,106</u>
	<u>19,859</u>	<u>20,674</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17)	3,593	3,346
Trade creditors	17,873	19,283
Social security and other taxes	7,145	7,482
Other creditors	5,278	1,995
Accruals and deferred income	<u>6,778</u>	<u>7,115</u>
	<u>40,667</u>	<u>39,221</u>

16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 17)	<u>8,284</u>	<u>11,786</u>

17. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>3,593</u>	<u>3,346</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>3,593</u>	<u>3,513</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>4,691</u>	<u>8,273</u>

18. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>11,877</u>	<u>15,132</u>

The bank loan is secured on the freehold property.

NENE VALLEY CHRISTIAN FAMILY REFUGE LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	130	(47,893)	64,158	16,395
Freehold Property	233,810	(5,787)	3,842	231,865
Furniture replacement fund - Valley House	18,000	-	(18,000)	-
Refuge Development Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	301,940	(53,680)	-	248,260
Restricted funds				
Development project	864	-	-	864
Valley House maintenance fund	26,067	(5,793)	-	20,274
Valley House improvements	12,123	-	-	12,123
Masonic Charitable Fund	18,089	17,984	-	36,073
Charities Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>35,749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,749</u>
	<u>57,143</u>	<u>47,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,083</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>359,083</u></u>	<u><u>(5,740)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>353,343</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	436,074	(489,760)	(53,686)
Freehold Property	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,787)</u>	<u>(5,787)</u>
	436,074	(495,547)	(59,473)
Restricted funds			
Valley House maintenance fund	-	(5,793)	(5,793)
Henry Smith Charity	30,000	(30,000)	-
Children in Need	38,355	(38,355)	-
Masonic Charitable Fund	23,977	(5,993)	17,984
DWP Kickstart scheme	10,990	(10,990)	-
The Kelly Family	5,000	(5,000)	-
Charities Trust	50,000	(14,251)	35,749
Charles Hayward Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>228,322</u>	<u>(180,382)</u>	<u>47,940</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>664,396</u></u>	<u><u>(670,136)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,740)</u></u>

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	150,485	(150,474)	119	130
Freehold Property	235,521	(5,592)	3,881	233,810
Furniture replacement fund - Valley House	22,000	-	(4,000)	18,000
Refuge Development Fund	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	458,006	(156,066)	-	301,940
Restricted funds				
Development project	864	-	-	864
Valley House maintenance fund	26,067	-	-	26,067
Valley House improvements	12,123	-	-	12,123
MHCLG COVID funding	1,478	(1,478)	-	-
Masonic Charitable Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>18,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,089</u>
	<u>40,532</u>	<u>16,611</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,143</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>498,538</u>	<u>(139,455)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,083</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	440,614	(591,088)	(150,474)
Freehold Property	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,592)</u>	<u>(5,592)</u>
	440,614	(596,680)	(156,066)
Restricted funds			
Children in Need	32,175	(32,175)	-
MHCLG COVID funding	-	(1,478)	(1,478)
Thomas Brington Foundation	10,000	(10,000)	-
Masonic Charitable Fund	23,728	(5,639)	18,089
DWP Kickstart scheme	3,000	(3,000)	-
Equine facilitated learning project	<u>9,632</u>	<u>(9,632)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>78,535</u>	<u>(61,924)</u>	<u>16,611</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>519,149</u>	<u>(658,604)</u>	<u>(139,455)</u>

Designated funds

The freehold property fund includes the freehold property NBV less the bank loan liability held against the property. The transfer during the year relates to the value of the repayments of the loan less the interest charged and the depreciation charged on the property during the year..

The furniture replacement fund for Valley House is for replacement furniture for the refuge.

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Refuge Development Fund is money ring fenced by the trustees for the development of refuge provision and services.

Restricted funds

The Development Project Fund relates to money received for training and development of the care workers.

The Valley House Maintenance and Valley House Improvement Funds are funds held for maintenance and improvements to Valley House Refuge.

The BBC Children in Need Fund is for salary costs, other staffing costs, volunteer expenses, small equipment and other project costs, specifically in relation to what was requested per the grant application.

The Masonic Charitable Fund was for the Children and Young Peoples service to provide the salary and on costs of an employee for the project.

The DWP Kickstart scheme funding is used to employ two new young employees under the Government funded scheme providing funding for employers to create jobs for 16-24 year old.

The Henry Smith Charity fund is funding that has been provided to aid with core charity costs.

The Kelly Family fund relates to funding received to strengthen the family unit by providing additional relief support.

The Charities Trust fund is funding received to support families into a new home and a new life.

The Charles Hayward Foundation fund relates to funding received for the Evolve programme.

The Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner fund relates to funds received to provide specialist therapeutic groupwork programmes across the County.

2022 funds now ceased

The MHCLG COVID funding was for ICT support to enable staff to work from home and change delivery models to provision of online group work programmes and training to service users, including men, and professionals. It also provided essential supplies such as food for vulnerable families, cleaning equipment and PPE, and essential cleaning in refuges to ensure staff and service user safety, and also additional staff hours to provide cover for vacancies.

The Thomas Brington Foundation fund was to provide the salary and on costs for a new Domestic Abuse Relief Worker.

The National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All funding was to fund the Equine Facilitated Learning Project. This funded classes, service user travel costs and crèche facilities.

Transfers between funds

Transfers between funds have been carried out due to the transfer of administration and management expenses.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year website design services were provided to the charity by Bravery Design, a business owned and run by the son-in-law of C Morgan, the Chief Executive. Transactions were conducted at arm's length and totalled £994 (2022: £2,369). There was no balance due at the year end (2022: £nil).

During the year fundraising strategy development services were provided to the charity by Katie Jones, the daughter of C Morgan, the Chief Executive. Transactions were conducted at arm's length and totalled £9,932 (2022 :£1,500). There was no balance due at the year end (2022: £nil).

The Good Loaf CIC, a charity with a common director provided goods amounting to £180 (2022: £nil) to the charity.

There were no further related party transactions carried out during the year.

21. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity is under the control of its trustees.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	42,929	36,640
Other trading activities		
Group Work fees	-	2,228
Training Fees	3,349	2,711
	3,349	4,939
Investment income		
Interest received	52	33
Charitable activities		
Residents' fees	138,447	138,180
Grants and contracted income	479,619	339,357
	618,066	477,537
Total incoming resources	664,396	519,149
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fund raising costs	4,721	-
Charitable activities		
Wages	310,355	333,408
Social security	22,046	22,651
Pensions	5,987	6,160
Training	1,788	1,535
Material and equipment	13,424	4,256
Premises running costs	32,825	56,867
Maintenance charges	38,231	34,214
Rents and room hire	15,821	12,138
Motor and travelling costs	1,292	332
Holidays and excursions	784	762
Office and secretarial costs	20,583	9,692
Translation costs	28	973
DWP Access to work	11,084	19
Partner funding payments	12,000	12,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,754	4,754
	491,002	499,761
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	92,830	91,621
Carried forward	92,830	91,621

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Management		
Brought forward	92,830	91,621
Social security	4,301	4,808
Pensions	5,283	5,032
Consultants fees	20,844	4,872
Training	1,801	2,286
Material and equipment	2,974	3,504
Hardship expenditure	11	292
Premises running costs	24,313	26,719
Motor and travelling costs	-	10
Office and secretarial costs	<u>13,560</u>	<u>10,866</u>
	165,917	150,010
Finance		
Bank charges	250	179
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,200	1,200
Bank loan interest	<u>587</u>	<u>392</u>
	2,037	1,771
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration for audit	4,698	4,104
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	<u>2,916</u>	<u>2,958</u>
	<u>7,614</u>	<u>7,062</u>
Total resources expended	<u>671,291</u>	<u>658,604</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,895)</u>	<u>(139,455)</u>