BUTTLE UK

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE MAINTENANCE, EDUCATION AND ADVANCEMENT IN LIFE OF BENEFICIARIES, THAT IS TO SAY, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS WHO ARE ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR WOULD BE SO RESIDENT BUT FOR THE FACT THAT THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS ARE OR WERE TEMPORARY RESIDENT ELSEWHERE AND WHO IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES, ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WITH A PREFERENCE FOR (A) BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE OR WERE ADOPTED CHILDREN, (B) BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE ILLEGITIMATE, HAVE LOST ONE OR BOTH PARENTS OR ARE OR HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE DEPRIVED OF NORMAL FAMILY LIFE

Activities: We support children who are seriously affected by financial hardship by providing grants for tailored groups to help individual families and young people overcome specific issues they face:-essential items, eg beds, cookers etc-school fees where home circumstances are seriously affecting development,We also commission research and undertake projects based on insights from our grant giving

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,190,000	£7,793,000	£67,549,000	24
2024-03-31	£12,887,000	£7,784,000	£72,754,000	22
2023-03-31	£3,723,000	£6,470,000	£62,242,000	18
2022-03-31	£3,015,000	£6,119,000	£69,352,000	18
2021-03-31	£6,895,000	£6,492,000	£67,767,000	17

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aniela Shuckburgh	Chair	2025-12-04
Andrew David Paul Insley		2024-12-12
Claire Hoyle		2023-12-07
Mark Alexander		2019-07-22
Mary O'Callaghan		2023-12-07
Nigel Bolton		2023-12-07
Professor Harriet Ward CBE		2022-03-24
Shanti Ellis Kelemen		2024-12-12
Tania Cohen		2023-12-07
Timothy John Manly		2024-12-12
Tracey Dwamenah-Barnett		2022-03-24

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This past year has reminded us with painful clarity that child poverty in the UK is not only persisting but, despite efforts, deepening.

4.5 million children are now growing up without the security and opportunities that every child deserves, and often without the basic essentials to get the sleep they need, stay healthy and attend school. While that is a huge number, we are reminded daily through our work that each of them is a real person, with their own story, a struggling family and their own individual needs and aspirations.

To help them – and further our goals – we have developed our new 2025–30 strategy, focusing on three central priorities: delivering impactful grants, amplifying our voice to influence change, and using our funds and assets in the most resourceful ways to achieve our goals.

What has made the process of creating our strategy so rewarding is how many voices have been part of it: staff, Trustees, young people, funders, and peers across the sector. All have provided considered and thoughtful contributions and responses about how we should achieve our goals. There is still much to do as we develop the specific elements of implementing this strategy; we know that this will require collaboration and look forward to working with many of you to make it a reality.

For me personally, after 9 years on the Buttle board – this is my last year and final letter to you as Trustee and Chair – I am delighted to welcome Aniela Shuckburgh as the new Chair, taking over from me in time for 2026.

The charity she takes over is almost unrecognisable from the one I joined in 2016. From overwhelming reliance on our reserves and one major grant-maker back then to having a diversified fundraising income that covers the majority of our grants spend, with additional commitment from our own funds so that we continue to stand alongside our incredible donors.

In this past year alone, we have delivered £5.5m of grants to young people – twice the figure in the year when I joined. For the past five years alone, we set ourselves an ambitious target of helping 25,000 children; despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic and the cost of living crisis – and keen to step up and help at times of extra need – we committed to deliver even more grants and reached 27,692 young people and their families as a result.

Internally too, the organisation has cautiously grown – keen to manage our resources and not to increase our costs when not necessary but recognising that we will achieve more with the right investment in our team. Our headcount has doubled since 2016.

2025 also sees the end of our Chances for Children fundraising campaign, which has raised over £20m during the course of its existence. Many thanks to the Campaign board members for all their help, guidance and hard work.

It has been a privilege to be involved with the organisation, to have helped provide ideas, guidance and challenge to the rest of the board and the staff and I have been proud to play a small part in all of these developments. I am glad to be leaving the organisation in a stronger position – and with perhaps the most diverse and experienced board - than ever.

I want to offer heartfelt thanks – to my fellow Trustees, our remarkable staff, and to every donor and partner who has chosen to support Buttle UK. Your help and belief in our mission has been humbling, and it has been a privilege to work alongside you.

What has always made Buttle UK so special to me is its combination of urgency and humanity: the ability to act swiftly to meet immediate need, while never losing sight of the long-term vision of a society where no child grows up in poverty.

I hope Buttle never loses sight of this and wish Aniela, the Board and staff all the best for the future and look forward to staying engaged in the charity's success.



Peter Orlov, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT BUTTLE UK

Founded in 1953, Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people across the UK who face crisis situations, financial hardship, and multiple social challenges. Our mission is to enhance emotional, educational, and social outcomes through targeted interventions, primarily through our Chances for Children grants. For those experiencing particularly disruptive home environments, we also provide grants enabling access to boarding school placements. These initiatives are designed to create safe, nurturing environments and foster wellbeing, ultimately empowering children and young people to thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

Our focus on grant-making reflects our deep-rooted expertise and commitment to maximising impact where it matters most. Beyond direct support, our work generates invaluable data and insights into the realities of crisis and poverty, informed directly by those with lived experiences and our frontline partners. This information is shared collaboratively within the children's and social care sectors, contributing to broader efforts aimed at systemic change and sustainable solutions to alleviate child poverty and trauma.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis and who are financially excluded.



OVERALL AIM

Our vision is that poverty and crisis do not define a child's future. We aim to ensure "the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are in need of financial assistance, with a preference for children who are, or were, adopted, children of lone parents or children who are orphaned and who have or are being deprived of a normal family life."

These aims are consistent with the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In planning activities, and reviewing grant policy and criteria, Trustees consider the 'public benefit requirement' and are confident that all activities we undertake demonstrate this requirement.

Our grant-making and the state of childhood poverty.

Our grants are designed to support children and young people experiencing significant poverty, on average household incomes under £16,000 annually, and severe challenges like domestic abuse, neglect, or mental health issues.

Our individualised grants, developed with frontline workers based on each child's needs and ambitions, aim for transformative change. This holistic financial aid improves wellbeing, boosts educational engagement, and provides essentials—from school uniforms and therapy to beds and toys for those escaping abuse—helping them experience a more typical childhood.

However, over the last year, the state of childhood poverty has been exacerbated with more families identifying as experiencing destitution1[1]. The cost-of-living crisis has added extremely toxic pressures to already financially challenged households. As a result, growing numbers of children and young people are increasingly isolated. Bullying, feeling different, and a lack of shared experiences or participation opportunities keep them homebound, with profound and lasting negative impacts on their self-esteem, sense of belonging, and mental health.

Our Chances for Children grants continue to play a critical role amidst escalating financial hardship. Demand for our grants continues to be significant, with almost 4,600 applications received over this past year, an increase of 3% on previous years. Due to the largest budget of £5million being available, we also increased grants by 7% from the previous year, awarding 61% of applications received with the average grant value of £1,750.

Our grants typically provide items that support a child's wellbeing and education, and can include essential items such as furniture, furnishings, educational items (including laptops, books, and school uniforms), clothing, toys, and games. The impact of this support is profound. We see high proportions of families indicating that the grant has made improvements to key areas, such as 93% of families marking an improvement in their children's capacity to play and relax, and 90% telling us that their home environment had improved. A breakdown of this analysis is available later in this report and will be much more expansive in our upcoming Impact Report, but the key takeaway is that our grants can and do make change happen for families across our Theory of Change.

1 The Joseph Rowntree Foundation defines destitution as the 'most severe form of material hardship'.

All grants applications are made by referrers known to the child or young person and all grant referrers commit to our terms and conditions, including the submission of receipts to verify spending. Our process includes vigilant monitoring to detect issues and help us rapidly identify potential misspending, misuse, or fraud.

In addition to the Chances for Children grants, we provide boarding school grants for a small number of children aged 11-16. This year, we supported 59 children with boarding school grants.

Our annual State of Child Poverty report was a significant undertaking this year. Through extensive engagement with over 1,000 frontline professionals working with approximately 150,000 children, the 2024 report highlighted the harsh realities of childhood in a cost-of-living crisis. Key findings reveal a distressing landscape: 58% of children supported live in destitution, struggling to afford basics like food, utilities, and essential furniture. 91% of respondents saw the impacts of poverty worsen due to recent cost increases, with many families skipping meals, enduring unliveable housing conditions with pervasive mould and damp, and children's education being severely curtailed by a lack of basic resources and overwhelming stress. The prevalence and severity of Adverse Childhood Experiences, including mental illness, domestic violence, and neglect, continue to rise, underscoring the immense strain on families and the urgent need for systemic change.

Grant Making at a glance

4,600
applications received this year

+3% increase
on previous years

£5 million
total budget – our largest yet

+7% increase
in grants awarded

61%
of applications funded

£1,750
average grant value

59
children supported through boarding school grants

150,000
children represented across the UK

58%
of children supported are living in destitution

91%
of professionals saw poverty worsen due to cost-of-living increases



BUTTLE UK THEORY OF CHANGE

TO PROMOTE — **Improved social & emotional wellbeing & increased capacity to engage in education**

TO ENSURE

Home
Children & young people are growing up in a safe & nurturing place that meets their learning and development needs

Wider Community
Children & young people access activities that promote wellbeing and learning and build support networks

TO PROVIDE — The items & activities that we expect all children to have & the extra resources that can help to overcome crisis & unlock opportunities

BY FUNDING — **Chances for Children**
Individually tailored grants that invest in children & young people's present & future lives

WE SUPPORT — **Children & young people living in poverty & crisis**

INCREASING LIFE CHANCES

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Achievements against 2024/25 aims and objectives.

We set the following goals to further our 2020–25 strategy:

a) Chances for Children 2.0

We will deliver 3,000 Chances for Children grants, supporting 5,500 children, with a budget of £5m. We will review our Chances for Children criteria and application process to ensure our system is most effective, efficient, equitable, and that the administrative burden on referrers is reduced. We will also support 55 young people through our Support for Boarding programme with a budget of £800k. Additionally, we will continue our Multi-Year Grants pilot (Y2) and complete Year 1 (following on from our pilot) of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust.

- We have supported **6,902 children** and young people this year (compared to a total of 6,364 in 2023-24).
- By reaching these numbers, we have successfully achieved our 2020-25 strategic target of reaching over **25,000 children** and young people with our grants since April 2020. This is a phenomenal achievement! **We have currently supported 27,692 children and young people in this period.**
- We completed our second year (of five y ears) of testing our 'Multi-year grants' offer. This began in 2023/2024 with a spend of £2,224. In 2024/2025 this **increased to £26,493 and supported 25 families.** (In 2025/2026 this now has its own separate budget with £130,000 allocated to it).
- In 2024/25 we have spent over **£5.5m** through our grants programmes. This has included delivery of **£500k from our 'Stepping up'** fund to support in the cost-of-living crisis. **£5m was spent on Chances for Children** grants, **£524k on Support for Boarding grants for 59 boarders** and a further **£100k on our collaborative gendered poverty programme** with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust. This is the highest Chances for Children grants budget we have delivered in any year so far.

b) Co-production & Accountability

We will recruit at least x10 young people to the Buttle UK Youth Group and develop and embed a model for co-production at Buttle UK to engage all teams in their day-to-day work.

- We co-designed and recruited for the Youth Advisory Panel with young people. We now have **13 members on our Youth Advisory Panel;** four are former boarders and the rest CCG grantees. We are finalising Buttle UK's co-production model with our strategy group and young people and have created tools and guidance for staff to implement this in their work.
- We have recruited over **200 people** to our **Advisory Network** including frontline workers, parents and carers.

c) Collaboration

We will co-create our new strategy engaging key stakeholder groups in this process including staff, trustees, Buttle UK's Youth Group and Advisory Network, funders and sector partners. We will use our data to build partnerships and advocate for children and young people in crisis and poverty in this election year.

- We developed our new organisational strategy for 2025-30 in collaboration with a range of internal and external key stakeholders.
- Our Chief Executive is the chair of the End Child Poverty Coalition. In 2024, we took a lead role with the government's Child Poverty Unit to support the creation of a child poverty strategy set to be announced in Autumn 2025. We have also worked alongside coalition members to push for the abolition of the two-child limit which affects so many of the families we work with.
- In 2024, we began collaborating with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's Office. We readily shared our data and joined the steering group to help unlock support for children who have experienced domestic abuse.

d) Income Growth

We will raise funds to ensure the total available to spend on Chances for Children Grants (CCG) in 2024-25 is £5m (fundraising income + £500k Stepping Up Funds) and target £2.5m income in non-Lottery funds for 2025-26. We will also develop and activate our fundraising investment plans for High Value and Individual Giving (based on approval by the Board of Trustees).

- Fundraising income received in the year was **above target by £280k.** This included raising **£367k for our Support for Boarding grants.**
- We have also surpassed our £10m Campaign target set in 2022, standing at **£12.7m.** This is a real achievement with our Campaign Board of volunteers completing two incredible fundraising campaigns this year.

e) Know, Learn, Lead

We will develop a staff committee where staff representatives from across teams can feed into discussions around employment, pay and benefits at Buttle UK. We will create a safer recruitment, induction, and training plan for all staff and support the office-based team to move into a new working space.

- We continue to score highly in our annual staff survey, whilst reviewing the key elements for improvement to support our teams.
- We have developed a staff committee where staff representatives from across teams can feed into discussions around employment, pay and benefits.
- We understand the diversity and expertise of our Trustees (shared externally) and staff team and will continue to review this annually.



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BUTTLE UK'S EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) STRATEGY

Our journey to become inclusive by instinct.

Our vision for this strategy is that our Trustees and Staff will have a deep understanding of EDI, the self-awareness of how it relates to the organisation's work and systems we work in. We will have a continued process of engagement, reflection and action taken for progression. **We will become inclusive by instinct. Our annual Business Plan sets specific goals for the year to ensure constant reflection on improvements and identifies areas that need further support.**

The below highlights our work against these goals in 2024-25:

1. We will become inclusive by instinct and represent the communities we aim to support:

Buttle UK has focused on embedding EDI into our core operations. New and significantly updated organisational policies, including our Staff Handbook, are actively being reviewed with an EDI lens, and we have utilised the Equality Impact Assessment process to identify and address potential blind spots for specific projects and programmes. Furthermore, HR work on recruitment, induction, and training now incorporates an EDI lens, with standard EDI training for new staff and refreshers, alongside discussions on values, our EDI strategy, and our code of conduct. A diversity survey for the Trustee board, including co-opted members, has also been carried out. The establishment of a Staff Committee, with representation from the EDI working group, further strengthens internal inclusivity and broadens representation across the staff team.

2. Improve the access and experience of children and young people that could benefit from our grants:

This goal closely aligns with the work we are doing within our co-production and accountability focus of our strategy. In 2024-25 we have co-created, recruited and inducted our Youth Advisory Panel who have worked with us, amongst other stakeholders, to develop our new strategy. We have also established our Advisor Network and have over 200 members who now get involved in our fundraising, media, research, and grants work. We are also acting on our 2023/24 grants diversity report, with ongoing outreach work to address and improve access for groups that may have been under-represented in previous grant-making. Furthermore, the organisation regularly carries out detailed reviews of the diversity of the children and young people we support through our grant-making and we share this with trustees in our quarterly papers and our annual impact report.

3. Holding ourselves to account and sharing our EDI challenges and achievements with others:

Buttle UK is dedicated to accountability and transparently sharing its EDI journey. The EDI working group is actively discussing and modelling how its EDI work can be effectively shared both within internal staff networks and externally with stakeholders in areas like grants, fundraising, and impact. The team is actively exploring ways to broaden these conversations beyond the EDI Working Group, encouraging wider engagement in team meetings. To foster this, staff members have started delivering "lunch and learn" sessions on EDI topics, with trustees also encouraged to attend. This initiative aims to build knowledge and encourage dialogue across the organisation. Our Trustees are accountable for ensuring that the organisation has appropriate structures, processes and resources in place to ensure that EDI is embedded into Buttle UK and monitor progress through Buttle UK's annual business plan. Please do read more about our EDI Strategy via **https://buttleuk.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/**

CASE STUDIES

THE DIFFERENCE OUR SUPPORT MAKES

ALEX, LUKE AND CHARLIE*

Life has never been particularly easy for Maz and her 3 children Alex (11), Luke (8) and Charlie (6). For all of the children's lives, their father was abusive and they regularly witnessed him physically and emotionally abusing Maz. He would shout at the children a lot, leaving them very anxious at home and they felt like they were treading on eggshells whenever Dad was home.

Maz packed up and moved to a refuge with the boys quite far from home to have a fresh start. All of the children have had to leave their schools and had to wait a little while for a place at a new school, which has impacted their education. The boys struggle to open up and talk about the abuse.

Since moving to the refuge, the children have started to make friends. Alex has settled in at a new secondary school in the area and Maz is engaging with support. The boys have all had support from a domestic abuse specialist to help them talk about what has happened to them and their mum and they have received a Chances for Children Grant.

With their grant, the boys have received a bike each so they can get out, exercise and play together with other children. They have each received a tablet to keep up with their school work and play games at home.

As they moved with very little belongings, their grant also covered a bed for the boys as well as some bedroom furniture to really make their space feel like their own. We also funded a family activity for them to enjoy and create new, happy memories together.



*Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity.

MARIA AND ISABELLA*

Maria and her daughter Isabella (2) fled domestic abuse from Maria's ex- partner to a refuge in July 2023. They then moved into a private rented tenancy in March 2024. Sadly, Isabella has been traumatised from witnessing the abuse to her mum and shows fear towards men. She has also experienced disruption from living in various places from a young age and becomes distressed when mixing in new settings. Maria is keen for Isabella to attend a nursery setting to get her used to mixing with other adults and children in a safe and nurturing environment. Unfortunately, there are no nursery places currently available within the local area so Isabella mainly stays at home.

The refuge applied for Maria and Isabella to receive a Chances for Children grant. Some of the funding has been used to set them up in their new home, providing bedding and a table and chairs set so Isabella has a dedicated space to play. She has also received a scooter and helmet and toys, books and games to improve her wellbeing at home. The remainder of the grant has been used for trips to soft play and dance classes, which will encourage Isabella to explore, play and socialise in other environments away from home.

Maria tells us about the difference this grant has made to her daughter's wellbeing:

"The grant significantly improved our home environment, especially with items that support both comfort and learning for Isabella. The learning tower and table set have been invaluable, allowing her to engage in various hands-on activities safely and at her level. The bedding from Panda London also adds to her comfort and helps create a cozy, restful space. Additionally, the Disney toys and Amazon books have enriched her playtime and early learning right at home, making the environment both educational and enjoyable. The support we received for these items has truly made our home more engaging and nurturing for her."



*Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity.

KEY STATISTICS

Through our grant-making in 2024/25:

We supported **6,902 children and young people** with **3,018 grants.**

Between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025, we funded **£4,875,090** on Chances for Children Grants, **£524,481** on Support for Boarding grants as well as **£100,000** on the Gendered poverty project in Middlesborough, amounting to **£5,499,571** in total. As at 20 June 2025, a total of **c.£30k** in refunds was received back on grants awarded in 2024-2025. This is unadjusted for in the accounts in the accounts as immaterial. Funding of the Gendered poverty programme in Middlesbrough was put towards support for co-production activity, grants for families and children in the area and project costs.

Against our main areas of impact, we awarded:

- **£2,281,397** towards education, training and employment (this included £524k towards boarding school fees)
- **£1,934,787** towards safe and equipped homes
- **£1,277,387** towards social and emotional wellbeing

For Chances for Children grants only, we awarded:

- **39.69%** towards safe and equipped homes
- **34.24%** towards education, training and employment
- **26.07%** towards social and emotional wellbeing

The average Chances for Children grant awarded was £1,750.

Through our Chances for Children grants, the top 10 items we funded are in the table below.

HOME APPLIANCES	950 items	£172,557
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHING	3,860 items	£720,563
LAPTOP/TABLET	2,719 items	£693,692
BEDS & BEDDING	1,761 items	£463,881
CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR	2,055 items	£452,526
TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES	2,460 items	£397,466
WHITE GOODS	1,023 items	£255,061
SCHOOL UNIFORM	1,357 items	£230,822
SOCIAL ACTIVITY/DAYS OUT	2,326 items	£429,291
CARPETING & FLOORING	583 items	£185,846

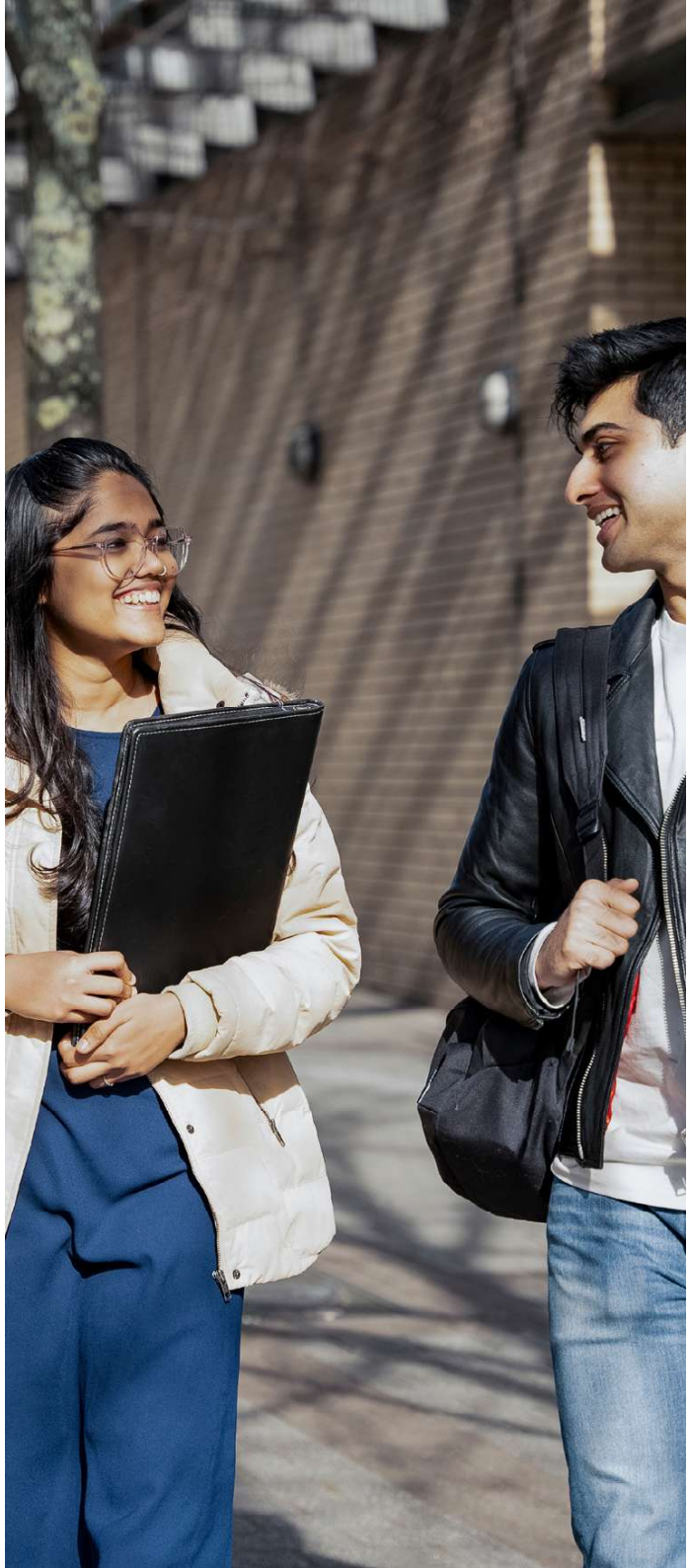
SUPPORT FOR BOARDING EVALUATION

A number of changes facing the boarding landscape led us to pause new applications in 2024/25 and undertake a review of the programme. After careful consideration and a comprehensive review, Buttle UK has made the decision to close our Boarding School Programme to new applicants as of September 2025. A combination of factors, including increasing costs and a decreasing number of schools able to meet the specific needs of the children we aim to support has made the programme operationally complex and resource intensive to deliver. Additionally, the review highlighted that the programme's geographical reach was becoming increasingly concentrated, impacting our commitment to equitable support across all four nations.

We are incredibly proud of the positive impact this programme has had on so many young lives, and we remain committed to supporting those in need as they work towards a brighter future. We will continue to support the young people currently in the programme until they have completed their education, which will span approximately the next five years.

The phasing out and ultimate closure of the Boarding Support programme will allow us to strategically allocate our resources, aligning with the development of our new, programmatic work. This approach will focus on tackling the systemic challenges that keep children trapped in cycles of poverty, aiming to support those with the most profound needs through deeper, longer term interventions.

In 2024/25, we funded £524k of support 46 students in full in boarding schools. Our funding was matched by bursaries from boarding schools; and for 13 pupils, we also provided funding alongside both schools and Royal Springboard's Looked After and Vulnerable Children programme, giving an additional £83,000. Our support contributes to the cost of fees, boarding, school uniforms, trips and extra-curricular activities. 6 pupils left in July 2025 after taking GCSEs and A Levels.



IMPACT AND EVALUATION

Between April 2024 and March 2025, we received 628 responses to the routine evaluation survey sent to families 3 months after their grant, and a further 54 from young people for the same time period. These represent a strong 25% and 32% response rate from invited applicants, respectively. For this report, we are sharing data from the 3-month survey only, but the upcoming Impact Report will share wider data from the referrer and 6-month surveys.

The data below reflects responses to the core questions we ask around our current Theory of Change, exploring the improvements we intend our grants to make. Though we actually give respondents 6 options, ranging from 'It has got worse' to 'Improved a lot', there are three increments exploring the extent of improvement. They are grouped here for brevity, to create scores that show simply how many households indicate improvement overall.

Family

KEY OUTCOMES Reported three months after the grant	2023-24 % of respondents who reported improvement	2024-25 % of respondents who reported improvement
Wellbeing – anxiety/unhappy	95%	**95%**
Wellbeing – self-confidence	95%	**93%**
Wellbeing – physical activity	91%	**93%**
Wellbeing – friendships	88%	**88%**
Wellbeing - behaviour	89%	**86%**
Education	90%	**90%**
Access to activities	95%	**88%**
Home – physical environment	98%	**95%**
Home – playing and relaxing	95%	**97%**
Family Relationships	95%	**96%**
Parent Coping	89%	**93%**

The scores were very positive, with particular areas of strength being improvements to the home environment, capacity to play and relax, parent coping, and impact on anxiety, unhappiness and family relationships. These are commonly areas where our grants make a strong impact year-on-year, and this can be witnessed in the slight increases in reported improvement for these areas. This is hugely positive in light of much hard work undertaken to increase the speed of our grant delivery, and fine-tuning not only what items we deliver, but how they are delivered, to ensure they are holistic to each individual family's needs.

However, some improvements are not as strong as the same measures in 2023-24, which themselves followed years of gradual increases. The proportion of families reporting improvement to their child's behaviour has fallen 3 percentage points. More worryingly, access to activities has fallen by 7 percentage points. There was also a fall of 3 percentage points for rates of improvement to the home environment, which is typically our very strongest area. These speak to our concerns around the potential impact of the wider context that our grants are landing in and highlight the fact that we must

consider the lived experiences of these households in the current climate. As we have previously emphasised in our Growing up in Poverty and State of Child Poverty reports in 2024, we are acutely aware of the significant barriers to wellbeing, education and support that the cost-of-living crisis is presenting. We predicted at the time of writing, based on the responses we received to those research surveys, that our impact may well be limited as long as families do not have their basic needs being met. It is hard to land grants offering items and activities where physiological needs (warmth, food, hygiene) are still unmet. Though our scores have remained largely steady, we are cautiously aware that our impact is still meeting a ceiling where these outside factors are still present.

Estranged Young People (EYP)

KEY OUTCOMES Reported three months after the grant	2023-24 % of respondents who reported improvement	2024-25 % of respondents who reported improvement
Wellbeing – anxiety/unhappy	82%	**87%**
Wellbeing – self-confidence	89%	**88%**
Wellbeing – physical activity	94%	**93%**
Wellbeing – friendships	94%	**91%**
Education	91%	**96%**
Access to activities	98%	**89%**
Home – physical environment	90%	**87%**

We saw strong scores in most areas for Estranged Young People (EYP). The strongest of these was education, with 96% of respondents indicating that they had experienced improvement. This is an area of particular importance for EYPs, given the huge challenges they have with engaging with their education. It has even increased by 5 percentage points since the same measure last year, as has the improvement score for anxiety/unhappiness.

There were declines by several percentage points for three key areas; access to activities fell by 9 percentage points, and the home environment and friendships by 3 percentage points each. This is a concern, and reflects the challenging contextual factors experienced for families too. It may be that these areas are particularly vulnerable to the cost-of-living crisis. While these are still high percentages of improvement, we will keep analysing the subtle changes we spot. They highlight the importance of using our platform to keep campaigning for change and advocating for better support for households in poverty, in order to support us to deliver more impactful grants in turn.

All awards by ethnicity, 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

ETHNICITY	NOS	% AWARDS
White British	1,703	61%
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	354	13%
Asian or Asian British	242	9%
Other White	225	8%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	118	4%
Other ethnic groups	111	4%
Not disclosed	28	1%
Missing	6	0%
TOTAL	**2,787**	**100%**



OUR 2025–30 STRATEGY

In 2025, we embark on a new strategic period guided by our vision that poverty and crisis does not define a child's future. Despite the UK being one of the wealthiest nations, child poverty remains a persistent and growing crisis, **affecting over 4.5 million children.** Our approach will focus on three core areas:

1. **Delivering Impactful Grants**
   Providing rapid and critical support to children and families, while developing deeper, long-term interventions for those facing the most significant challenges.
2. **Amplifying Our Voice for Change**
   Using our unique data, insights, and lived experiences to influence policymakers, funders, and other stakeholders in tackling the root causes of child poverty.
3. **Harnessing the Power of Our Resources**
   Strengthening our financial model to ensure long-term sustainability, allowing us to expand our support and influence.

For more information on our new strategy please read **here**.

Delivering our Strategy in Year 1 Our Focus in 2025/26

OBJECTIVE 1
Delivering Impactful Grants

In Year 1 we will further this objective by:

- Efficiently distributing at least £5.6 million in Chances for Children funding, including boarding and Multi-Year Grants (MYG).
- Adapting our impact and evaluation (I&E) framework to our new Theory of Change, ensuring we effectively measure how we meet immediate needs.
- Researching and identifying those most in need of longer-term support, scoping existing provision, and collaborating with young people to define how Buttle UK can best provide deeper, more impactful assistance.
- Critically reviewing the equity of our grant-making, including diversifying our referrer base and increasing transparency by publishing and reviewing the impact of our grant crisis definitions.

These efforts aim to ensure our support reaches those who need it most, maximizing our positive impact on the lives of vulnerable young people.

OBJECTIVE 2
Amplifying our Voice for Change

In Year 1 we will further this objective through:

- Developing and strengthening our brand, positioning us as both a critical provider of direct grant support and a leading advocate for systemic change.
- Creating a new Theory of Change that effectively captures and communicates how all our work contributes to making a difference.

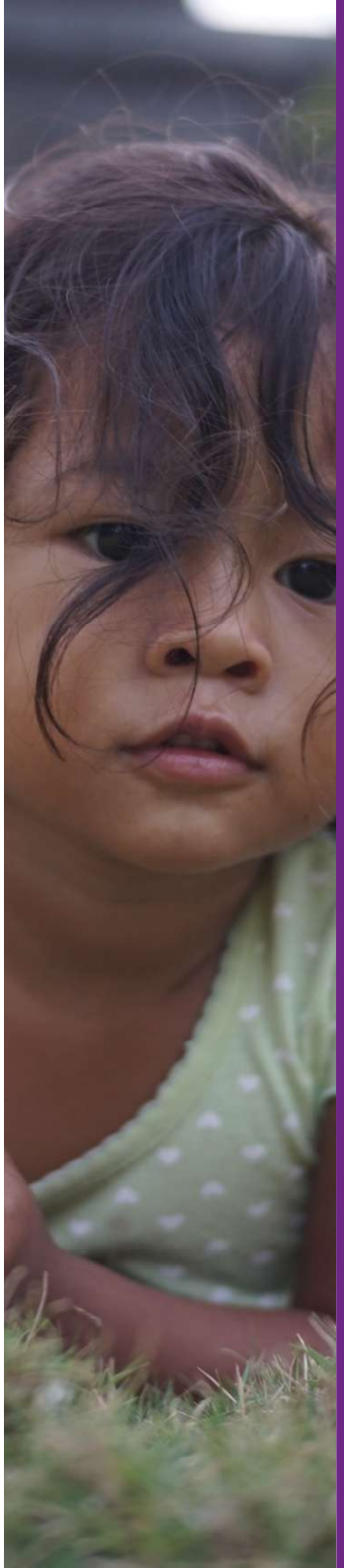
This approach aims to amplify our voice and influence to drive broader change and improve the lives of children and young people in poverty.

OBJECTIVE 3
Harness the power of our resources

In Year 1 we will further this objective through:

- **Developing and implementing a robust financial model:** This model will strategically combine diversified fundraising income streams with our endowment to strengthen our long-lasting impact on children and young people facing the greatest challenges.
- **Reviewing our investment holdings and managers:** We will actively research how our investments can create a greater impact aligned with our vision, ensuring responsible and effective resource utilisation.
- **Exploring alternative funding models:** This includes developing an approach for multi-year, gift-in-kind donations and a core-cost model to support unrestricted fundraising, broadening our funding base and ensuring financial resilience.
- **Creating collaborative internal partnerships:** Cross-team collaboration will be fostered to develop joined-up IT infrastructure and a clear strategy, optimising resource allocation and operational efficiency.
- **Safeguarding our resources:** We will engage all stakeholders in multi-year financial planning to ensure long-term sustainability and responsible stewardship of our resources.

By effectively harnessing our resources, we aim to create a secure foundation for Buttle UK's future, enabling us to continue providing vital support to vulnerable young people.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for 2024-25 was £3.19m compared to £12.89m in 2023-24. The income of £12.89m for 2023-24 included a £10m multi-grant award from the National Lottery Community Fund for periods between 2023 and 2028. Excluding the £10m grant, 2024-2025 total income represents an increase of 9% on 2023-24 levels. £1.21m of total income for the year relates to investment income on our endowment and interest on our bank accounts

We continue to strengthen our fundraising activities to enable us sustainably carry out the delivery of our grant-making, research and other activities which positively impact the lives of the children and young people we support.

Expenditure for 2024-25 totalled £7.79m (2023-24: £7.78m) including £6.57m spent on grant-making activities (2023-24: £6.38m) representing a 3% increase in grant-making expenditure in the year. This higher level of awards reflects the continued high demand for Buttle UK services to our grantees.

Our spend on raising funds during the year stood at £0.79m, a decrease from £0.98m in 2023-24 when we made significant investments in our fundraising activities.

The Trustees transferred £1.69m from the unapplied return of the endowment fund (2023-24: £2.75m) to support our operational costs and grant-making in line with our operational model to support our grant making and charitable activities. Details of our grant-making expenditure are included in notes 5 and 6 of this report.

At year end, total funds stood at £67.55m (2023-24: £72.75m). This comprised endowment funds of £59.81m (2023-24: £61.20m), restricted funds of £5.41m (2023- 2024: £8.81m), designated funds of £0.64m (2023-24: £1.06m) and general funds of £1.69m (2023-24: £1.69m).

Further details of funds held are set out in the Reserves Policy section on pg.19 of this report.

Principal Donors 2024–25

RECEIVED IN YEAR	AMOUNT (£'000)
Michael Cornish Charitable Trust	200
Beacon Owl Trust	200
Garfield Weston Foundation	175
Talent Fund	105
The Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	120
Graphite Capital	114
The Kavod Trust	100
Cazenove Capital	87
Aston Wood Golf Club	59
Colin Crawshaw	50
The Clothworkers' Foundation	40
The Schroder Foundation	40
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	30

Investments & investment policy

The principal investment objective of the Endowment is to generate sufficient return from a combination of income and long-term capital growth within an acceptable level of risk such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfil its grant giving obligations.

The Charity adopts a total return approach to its Endowment Fund generating the investment return from income and capital. The Trustees regularly review the level of the sums that are withdrawn each year. The purpose of this review is to ensure that, if the total return over a rolling 3-year period is insufficient to meet the grant making expenditure, the level of withdrawal is not such that it might hinder the Endowment in the long term and impact the real value, in contravention of the investment objective. The overall investment policy is to maximise long term total return, accepting a medium level of risk, such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfil its charitable objectives. In 2024-2025 we did not produce a return that outpaced our investment target annualised return of 3.5%+CPI. Following a transfer of unapplied returns of £1.69m to use as operational expenditure, the total value of the endowment has dropped by 2% compared to prior year. Investment income from for the year and re-invested stood at £1.213m which is an increase on 2023-24 levels of £1.173m.

The investment portfolio is managed by two major fund managers, BlackRock and Ruffer who also support with our asset allocation and strategy. BlackRock manages approximately £46.5m (March 2024 £48.98m) in a mix of active and passive funds investing in global equities and fixed interest funds. Ruffer manage approximately £11 million held within their Charity Assets Trust. Both managers operate largely on a discretionary basis.

There are some legacy non-discretionary holdings in property and private equity investments, predominantly held through funds. Additionally, Buttle UK holds an investment in the Mayfair PITCH fund, which is a property fund, with excellent ESG credentials.

The assets of the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund (£153k) and the Edward Gostling Foundation (£169k) are restricted investment funds. These assets include realised gains and losses on investments during the term of the investment. Both restricted funds are managed in separate accounts by Ruffer within their Charity Assets Trust and they follow the same investment principles as are applied to the Buttle UK investment also held by them.

ESG and Carbon

The Trustees take their responsibilities as stewards of the Charity's assets seriously and strive to appoint investment managers who invest responsibly in keeping with the Charity's beliefs. This entails both excluding certain sectors, and ongoing engagement within sectors and with individual companies. The Trustees encourage their managers to engage with companies on issues that support our charitable beliefs.

The Trustees recognise the ongoing climate change crisis and advocate active ownership and engagement rather than disinvestment as a general principle. This applies especially with regard to fossil fuels as the large oil and gas companies are the biggest contributors both to the ongoing exploitation of natural resources as well as being one of the biggest investors in renewable energy infrastructure. Both of our managers are signatories to the UN's Principles of Responsible Investment.

The percentage of assets of the endowment that were invested in funds that pursued a focus on enhanced ESG criteria remained stable as at 31 March 2025.

Total return

In 2006, the Charity Commission granted Buttle UK a total return order, permitting the spending of the unapplied total return of its endowment, but with the key responsibility of balancing the needs of current and future children and young people we support. Annually, the Trustees decide on an appropriate amount to allocate to unrestricted funds from the endowment, which can include an element of capital from the unapplied total return. Due consideration is given to ensure the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, is not affected by any allocation to unrestricted reserves. The split between the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, and the capital from the unapplied total return, as adjusted for inflation, is calculated annually, reported and then carried forward for consideration in future years.

The Trustees transferred a total of £1.69m from the unapplied return of the endowment fund to support the ongoing regular activities of the charity, which is lower than in 2023-24 at £2.75m as we drew down on our general reserves to make strategic investments. The transfer in 2024-25 represents 2% of the endowment value at year-end. The Trustees keep the withdrawals under review annually.

The total return on all investments, before fees and transfers, for 2024-25 was 2.1% (1.9% in 2023-24) against a target return of 3.5% (capital growth with dividends and yield reinvested). This compares with the FTSE All-Share Index benchmark of 2.17%.

The details of the movement on the unapplied total return are set out in Note 19.

Reserves

The Trustees have determined that Buttle UK will hold the equivalent of three months of our core planned operational costs as free reserves to enable flexibility in organisational or grant expenditure if a critical situation arises. We have selected the level of reserves after taking account of the most significant risks in our risk register and the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of five years. Our reserves will help to ensure that our invested funds can continue to drive long term growth to support the next generation of children and young people's wellbeing and capacity to engage in education. The level of free reserves held will be subject to annual review. Based on planned expenditure, our target free reserves level is £1.027m.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset and stands at £59.8m in the balance sheet. In addition, restricted reserves stand at £5.408m. All restricted funds, including the £4.5m balance from the National Lottery Community Fund, are restricted for specific purposes set out by the funders and not available for the general purposes of the charity.

Designated Funds of £635k includes £500k which will be spent on Chances for Children Grants by March 2026.

The level of unrestricted free reserves at the balance sheet date was £1.693m. Planned activities in 2025/2026 will result in the reduction in the level of our unrestricted reserves as we fund new initiatives under our new strategy as well as other identified projects. The importance of our continued fundraising effort to raise income remains crucial to supporting the charity's work and maintaining the level of support for children.

Going Concern disclosure

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

The fundraised income of Buttle UK has grown as our level of activities and spending have also increased. We continue to build on our increasing fundraising initiative successes to ensure diversification of our income streams and to protect the capital value of our permanent endowment. We have modelled our cashflow up to the end of 2026 and our cash holdings enable us to continue to meet our obligations as and when due.

At year-end, Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Buttle UK and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities for the foreseeable future. The value of the endowment remains significantly in excess of the value of existing commitments and planned spending over the coming year.

The Trustees have therefore concluded that Buttle UK remains and will continue as a going concern over the next twelve months from the date of signing of this report.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, have a process of regularly reviewing those risks and have established systems and processes to manage them. They are of the view that an appropriate control framework is in place, recognising that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance of elimination of risk.

The highest risks and mitigations are summarised as follows:

(a) Financial - The investment portfolio is mismanaged or there are serious adverse conditions in the market, such that the capital value and income are seriously diminished.

Buttle UK employs respected investment managers, selected through a competitive process. Their performance is assessed against benchmarks by the Finance and Investment Committee on a regular basis including at face-to-face meetings. An analysis of the investment management contracts is commissioned every five years with a review taking place in 2025. Risks associated with major stock market fluctuations are unavoidable. The policy on liquid funds would ensure the short-term continuance of Buttle UK's activities in all circumstances that can reasonably be foreseen. The investment managers have agreed a rebalance of the strategic asset allocation to include investments with ESG characteristics with the Finance and Investment Committee. Equity percentage holdings have remained flat during the year and has been the major contributor to total return. The Fundraising investment strategy also aims to reduce the organisational dependence on high levels of drawdown from the endowment, particularly in times of crisis.

(b) Cyber Security - Computer operations or a cyber security event causes serious interruption to service provision and control.

2-step verification is included on all our key systems at Buttle. Staff are trained on cyber security annually. We have also updated our Data Breach notification policy should an internal or external breach occur. In addition, we are currently reviewing all of our cyber security provisions as part of the Cyber Essentials accreditation in 2025.

(c) Operational - The Grants web-based database fails, resulting in our inability to receive, assess or award grants.

The database is an excellent system and is supporting the grant development officers well. Further development is continuously being added based on our changing needs alongside fixes to bugs. Major issues with the system are dealt with swiftly by the database

consultancy. However, the grants database is run by a company largely reliant on a single person and we still have risk in this area that we are seeking to mitigate. We started a database future-proofing exercise in Feb 2024 to complete actions to mitigate this risk on an ongoing basis. We aim for completion of the first stage of this project, which will include an update to the front-end of our database and detailed documentation of the system, by the end of the first half of 2025-26.

(d) Operational - Grant programmes become open to wholesale fraud and abuse.

Our main payment method, prepaid cards, have controls on them to help us manage risk and misuse. We have put in place and retained more due diligence and controls to monitor and manage risk. The mitigating measures include ensuring that the line managers at agencies are aware of grants awarded, that the grant recipients are informed of grant awards and provided with our contact details in case of any real or perceived irregularity, and that receipts are actively managed. We have put in place due diligence for all applications plus internal guidance on how to respond and manage misspend, misuse and fraud. All Grants Development Officers (GDOs) are given training on the importance of Due Diligence and anti-fraud actions. We limit new referrers to two live applications at any time. Checks and controls are continually reviewed and updated with the team. Any investigation into potential fraud cases will be raised with the Chair and Deputy as soon as possible so an overview of the situation is understood in a timebound manner

Structure, governance and management

Charitable status

Buttle UK is a registered charity for the benefit of children and young people, administered and managed in accordance with the rules of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 26 March 1971, as amended by Charity Commission Schemes dated 19 August 1972, 22 February 1988, 26 October 1993 and 5 September 2006. Buttle UK is a registered charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission and in Scotland under OSCR. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has begun registering charities but Buttle UK has not yet been called forward to apply for registration.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Governance

Buttle UK's Scheme provides for a minimum of eight Trustees and a maximum of twenty. The current twelve Trustees provide substantial support and advice to the work of the Charity through Board meetings and Committee Meetings. We reviewed and updated our committee structure in 2024 and these are listed below:

- Governance & Workplace Committee
- Finance & Investment Committee
- Grants Committee

Trustees acknowledge that governance is not a role for Trustees alone; it includes the way the Trustees work with the Chief Executive and staff to ensure that the Charity is effectively and properly run and meets the needs of the communities we work with through a good, quality service. The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Governance Code and have used this to make significant improvements in our governance in 2024-25 including sharing annual board and committee plans on a rolling basis for the year ahead so that there is a clear view of discussions set by Trustees.

No trustees are remunerated for their roles on the trustee board although expenses for travel are paid if requested.

Recruitment, induction & training of trustees

Buttle UK understands that a diverse board of trustees can improve the discussions and decision-making on the board. Our Trustee recruitment mirrors Buttle UK's staff recruitment process, actively seeking a diverse group of candidates. An EDI monitoring form is required for each candidate but this remains separate from any application and is used to monitor the diversity of our applications to ensure we can make improvements to our process where needed. A full recruitment pack is offered including details of the role, the diversity of our board, the dates of all board meetings and our plans for the year ahead.

A mixture of SMT, Trustees and young people interview candidates, and the roles are advertised across a broad range of publications, websites and social media. A skills and diversity audit is carried out in advance of recruiting any trustee to the Board and updated annually.

Trustees are recruited for a period of three years with an expectation that this would be renewed, so a six-year term is usual, following which they will normally resign from their roles. Renewal for a further term is possible in extenuating circumstances but resignation must occur after nine years.

Buttle UK's Trustee Succession Planning process considers a three-year time horizon and aims to improve how we meet current skills/diversity gaps as current Trustee terms finish and provides a stronger induction/learning period for an incoming trustee. Better planning also means that incoming Trustees - no matter their background and previous experience – are welcomed to Buttle UK with the best support we can provide. We will be recruiting a new Chair to our Board of Trustees in the year ahead and this will follow the same process, opening the opportunity up to current trustees and external candidates.

It is recognised that Trustees have differing skills and time commitments, and that our governance model should allow flexibility in helping Trustees to offer these skills and time in the way that fits their needs as well as our organisation's. There are a number of functions and roles that Trustees are invited to contribute to, including the development of our strategy, the policy of our grant giving programmes, the overseeing of projects, support in developing partnerships to enhance our work, support for our fundraising activities, audit, finance and investment, and governance.

Fundraising disclosure

Fundraising at Buttle UK is undertaken by the internal fundraising team, and a volunteer committee (the Chances for Children Campaign Board). The Board of Trustees regularly review the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on fundraising (CC20) and are satisfied that Buttle UK's practices conform with this guidance.

Buttle UK is registered with and subscribes to the Fundraising Regulator, including the Fundraising Preference Service. We are also signed up to the Telephone Preference Service. No failures have been reported in respect to industry-recognised fundraising standards in 2024-25.

There have been no reported failures by Buttle UK, or any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or regulation. All staff and volunteers representing the Charity for the purposes of fundraising have either a job description and process of internal appraisal (in the case of staff) or clear terms of reference (in the case of volunteers). There are regular meetings between volunteers and staff. As required by the Charity Commission guidance, Buttle UK has complied with both available guidance and legislation to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviours which constitute an unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, are unreasonably persistent or places undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

We ensure that our suppliers have an approach to protecting people in vulnerable circumstances and insist on checking their policies in this regard as part of the tendering process.

Safeguarding statement

We have now had a full year of working with our updated Safeguarding Policy. In 2024/25, we launched our new safeguarding policy and procedures which are available on our website.

All staff have taken part in basic online safeguarding training and also received internal training from the safeguarding team on our new policy and procedures. Trustees also completed an online training course and we have appointed a lead safeguarding trustee. We implemented quarterly safeguarding team meetings, a review cycle and regular updates to staff and trustees. Safeguarding concerns are reported at every Trustee meeting and reviewed, as necessary, in Committees. We also maintain robust and transparent recruitment practices, including comprehensive Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

Anyone within the organisation can raise a concern by talking to the DSL or DSOs and completing an internal form. If someone outside the organisation wants to report a safeguarding concern about a Buttle UK member of staff and/or Trustee or activity they can email Safeguarding@buttleuk.org.

Management

The Chief Executive, who is accountable to the Trustee Board, is responsible for the delivery of Buttle UK's strategic objectives, annual business plan and related performance management processes through the staff group. Board members are kept up to date on progression of the organisation's business plan through the inclusion of a tracker in the CEO's report in the quarterly board papers.

The Director of Grant Development leads the strategic development, and implementation of our grant-making, co-production and related influencing work. They will be the lead SMT member for the Grants Committee. The Director of Fundraising and Marketing is responsible for raising the income target set for the year and providing support to deliver our Fundraising & Marketing team plan. The Director of Finance and Operations supports the longer term strategic financial planning as well as works to ensure that our systems are effective in supporting the Buttle UK team to deliver grants and raise income for our programmes. They are the day-to-day lead with our investment managers, and liaison with Buttle UK's Finance & Investment Committee.

The Charity's pay progression process involves reviewing the salaries of all employees annually. The process used to review all staff pay annually focuses on three parts:

1) A benchmark review of similar job grades in the charity sector every two to three years

2) A cost of living (COL) review, based on a review of changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and charity sector COL benchmarking.

These will ensure we annually review the pay scales of all our job grades against the sector and in consideration of the cost of living. For greater transparency, pay scales for every job grade are shared with staff.

Finally, to ensure staff are rewarded for competency in their role, the third part of the process includes:

3) A discussion with line managers as a part of staff members' annual appraisal in the last quarter of the year focusing on their level of competency. This section of the appraisal is also aimed to help staff to consider the Learning & Development support we can provide to improve skills/ability where needed.

Statement of the 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, Scotland and Northern Ireland 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Charity'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 this information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors

HaysMac LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as the Charity's auditors

Approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Orlov Chair of Trustees



Mark Alexander Trustee

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Nigel Bolton
Chantelle Chamberlin – resigned 12 December 2024
Tania Cohen
Tracey Dwamenah – Deputy Chair
Thomasina Findlay – resigned 06 June 2024
Claire Hoyle
Mary O'Callaghan
Alex Tennant – resigned 12 December 2024
Harriet Ward
Shanti Kelemen – appointed 12 December 2024
Brian Mangwiro – appointed 12 December 2024 – resigned 11 November 2025
Andrew Insley – appointed 12 December 2024
Timothy Manly – appointed 12 December 2024

Key Management Personnel

Chief Executive: Joseph Howes

Senior Management Team (SMT):
Director of Finance & Operations:
Olu Lampejo
Director of Fundraising & Marketing:
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BUTTLE UK ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of Buttle UK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Buttle UK for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the charity's net movement in funds 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 Chair's Statement and Trustees' Annual Report. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charity 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 for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 22, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report 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 mis-statement 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), employment law and GDPR, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended), Charities SORP (2019) and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to the recognition of voluntary income. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiries of management regarding correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing and testing journal entries made in the year, particularly those made as part of the year-end financial reporting process; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HaysMac LLP

HaysMac LLP
Statutory Auditors

Date: 03/12/2025

10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1AG

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

BUTTLE UK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2025	*TOTAL 2024*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies		-	1,670	284	**1,954**	*1,470*
From charitable activities						
The National Lottery Community Fund	17	-	-	-	-	*10,000*
Comic Relief	17	-	23	-	23	*244*
Investment	3	1,210	-	3	**1,213**	*1,173*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,210**	**1,693**	**287**	**3,190**	*12,887*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	788	**788**	*984*
Investment management fees		289	-	-	**289**	*291*
Total raising funds		**289**	**-**	**788**	**1,077**	*1,275*
Charitable Activities	5, 6					
Chances for Children grants		-	**4,668**	1,058	**5,726**	*5,257*
Support for boarding grants		-	**445**	299	**744**	*957*
Research & projects		-	-	246	**246**	*295*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**5,113**	**1,603**	**6,716**	*6,509*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**289**	**5,113**	**2,391**	**7,793**	*7,784*
Net income/(expenditure)		**921**	**(3,420)**	**(2,104)**	**(4,603)**	*5,103*
Transfers between funds	16	(1,686)	-	1,686	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(765)**	**(3,420)**	**(418)**	**(4,603)**	*5,103*
(Losses)/Gains on investments		(619)	17	-	**(602)**	*5,409*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(1,384)**	**(3,403)**	**(418)**	**(5,205)**	*10,512*
Balances at 1 April 2024		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**59,813**	**5,408**	**2,328**	**67,549**	*72,754*

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

In accordance with Charities SORP FRS 102 charitable activities comprise both grants and the associated support costs allocated to each activity. Details are shown in notes 5 & 6. Full details of the grants given are shown in the Trustees' Report. The notes on pages **31 to 43** form part of these financial statements.

BUTTLE UK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	*TOTAL 2023*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies		-	1,320	150	**1,470**	*2,039*
From charitable activities						
The National Lottery Community Fund	17	-	9,846	154	10,000	*-*
Comic Relief	17	-	244	-	244	*285*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	17	-	**-**	-	**-**	*100*
Investment	3	1,166	**-**	7	**1,173**	*1,299*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,166**	**11,410**	**311**	**12,887**	*3,723*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	**-**	984	**984**	*810*
Investment management fees		291	**-**	-	**291**	*348*
Total raising funds		**291**	**-**	**984**	**1,275**	*1,158*
Charitable Activities	5, 6					
Chances for Children grants		-	3,770	1,487	**5,257**	*4,095*
Support for boarding grants		-	214	743	**957**	*1,145*
Research & projects		-	1	294	**295**	*72*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**3,985**	**2,524**	**6,509**	*5,312*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**291**	**3,985**	**3,508**	**7,784**	*6,470*
Net income/(expenditure)		**875**	**7,425**	**(3,197)**	**5,103**	*(2,747)*
Transfers between funds	16	(2,750)	**-**	2,750	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(1,875)**	**7,425**	**(447)**	**5,103**	*(2,747)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	22	5,468	(59)	-	**5,409**	*(4,363)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**3,593**	**7,366**	**(447)**	**10,512**	*(7,110)*
Balances at 1 April 2023		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*

BUTTLE UK BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2025

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL 2025 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2024 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	-	19	**19**	*22*
Intangible assets	11	-	-	116	**116**	*36*
Investments	12	57,746	322	1,346	**59,414**	*62,209*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**57,746**	**322**	**1,481**	**59,549**	*62,267*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	540	4,815	53	**5,408**	*7,947*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	2,605	1,928	794	**5,327**	*3,966*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**3,145**	**6,743**	**847**	**10,735**	*11,913*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,078)	(1,468)	-	**(2,546)**	*(1,174)*
Net current (liabilities)/assets		**2,067**	**5,275**	**847**	**8,189**	*10,739*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**59,813**	**5,597**	**2,328**	**67,738**	*73,006*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(189)	-	**(189)**	*(252)*
NET ASSETS		**59,813**	**5,408**	**2,328**	**67,549**	*72,754*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund	19	59,813	-	-	**59,813**	*61,197*
Restricted Funds	17	-	5,408	-	**5,408**	*8,811*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	635	***635***	*1,000*
General Fund		-	-	1,693	***1,693***	*1,746*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**2,328**	**2,328**	*2,746*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**59,813**	**5,408**	**2,328**	**67,549**	*72,754*

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Orlov Chair of Trustees

Mark Alexander Trustee

The notes on pages **31 to 43** form part of these financial statements.

BUTTLE UK BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2024

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL 2024 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2023 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	-	22	**22**	*17*
Intangible assets	11	-	-	36	**36**	*27*
Investments	12	60,432	431	1,346	**62,209**	*60,581*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**60,432**	**431**	**1,404**	**62,267**	*60,625*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	100	7,818	29	**7,947**	*488*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	665	1,852	1,449	**3,966**	*2,543*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**765**	**9,670**	**1,478**	**11,913**	*3,031*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	-	(1,038)	(136)	**(1,174)**	*(1,098)*
Net current (liabilities)/assets		**765**	**8,632**	**1,342**	**10,739**	*1,933*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**61,197**	**9,063**	**2,746**	**73,006**	*62,558*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(252)	-	**(252)**	*(316)*
NET ASSETS		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund	19	61,197	-	-	**61,197**	*57,604*
Restricted Funds	17	-	8,811	-	**8,811**	*1,445*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	1,000	***1,000***	*1,978*
General Fund		-	-	1,746	***1,746***	*1,215*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**2,746**	**2,746**	*3,193*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*

BUTTLE UK

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	NOTE	2025 (£'000)	2024 (£'000)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	(2,687)	*(3,496)*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Income from investments	3	1,213	*1,173*
Purchase of fixed asset investments	12	(24,970)	*(25,591)*
Proceeds from the sale of fixed asset investments	12	27,912	*29,372*
Purchase of fixed assets	10, 11	(107)	*(35)*
Net cash provided by investing activities		**4,047**	*4,919*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**1,361**	*1,423*
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		3,966	*2,543*
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	**22**	**5,327**	*3,966*

The notes on pages **31 to 43** form part of these financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statement of Compliance
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011. The accounts are prepared in pounds Sterling (GBP).

b) General information
The Charity is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales (charity number 313007) and also a registered charity in Scotland (charity number SCO37997). The Charity's registered office is CC1.06 Workspace Kennington Park SW9 6DE.

c) Public benefit entity
The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been prepared on a going concern basis. Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Buttle UK and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are of the view that Buttle UK is a going concern.

e) Donations and legacies
Grants, donations and legacies are accounted for when receivable. Where a donor imposes time restrictions on when a donation can be spent and there are no performance-related restrictions on the grant, the relevant amounts are carried forward as deferred income.

f) Income from fixed asset investments
Dividend income is recognised on the basis of the ex-dividend date. Fixed interest security income is accounted for on an accruals' basis.

g) Grants payable
Grants are given in accordance with the Rules of Buttle UK (approved 6 July 1987, subsequently revised by several resolutions drawn up by committees and approved by the Trustee Board). Grants are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are authorised. Any amounts which have been authorised but which remain unpaid at the year-end are included within current liabilities in the balance sheet. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

h) Expenditure
Expenditure is included on an accrual basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio, raising investment income and fundraising expenses. Fundraising expenses include an estimate of staff time spent on this activity in accordance with note 4.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made in their different categories, plus an apportionment of staff and overhead costs in accordance with notes 5 and 6. The cost of the overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising salary, operational and administration costs are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Governance costs comprise costs incurred in the charity's administration and compliance with regulatory requirements.

i) Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the minimum period of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets, including computer software, valued at £500 or more are capitalised.

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	Over 4 years
Intangible assets (database)	Over 5 years

k) Intangible fixed assets
Intangible fixed assets valued at £500 or more are capitalised:

Database	Over 5 years
Software	Over 3 years

l) Fixed asset investments
Listed equity shares and fixed interest stocks are included in the balance sheet at market values as at the year-end. Unlisted securities are valued at the most recent sale value or Directors' valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund and movements are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

m) Endowment fund
The permanent endowment fund comprises the original capital fund, and the unapplied accumulated gains on this fund, established to provide income for the Charity.

Buttle UK has adopted a total return approach to its endowment allowing both income and some capital gains to be spent in furthering the objects of the Charity. Further information is given in notes 2 and 19 to the accounts.

The fund is principally represented by the capital investments included in fixed assets, with the balance held as net current assets.

n) Restricted, Designated and Unrestricted funds
Restricted funds are those the use of which is restricted by the conditions imposed by the donors.

Designated funds are those which Trustees have decided must be used for a specific purpose. The purpose of which is recorded in the charity's board minutes.

General funds are those used for the general advancement of the Charity's objectives. The General Fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

o) Pension scheme
Contributions to the defined contributions scheme are charged in the SOFA in the year they are due.

p) Staff Benefits
Accrued holiday pay is calculated and recognised at year end. The amount is included in creditors payable.

q) Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the following basis:

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within current liabilities.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

r) Significant judgement and sources of estimation uncertainty
In the preparation of the accounts, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions. The Trustees do not consider there to be any significant judgements or estimates within the financial statements.

2. ENDOWMENT

The Endowment Fund was first established in 1937 to provide an income for the charitable and philanthropic work of the Charity. The Scheme made in 1971 by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960), which now governs the operation of the Charity, perpetuates the terms of the original endowment. This provided for the fund to be retained, and only the income arising available to be spent.

However, on 28 March 2006 the Charity Commission granted an order to the Charity entitling it to adopt a total return approach to its endowment, and this approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006.

This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 19.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025 £'000	*2024 £'000*
Equity shares & Property Funds	1,112	*1,019*
Fixed interest stocks	98	*87*
TOTAL	**1,210**	*1,106*
FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES		
Differences Gains/(Losses)	-	*60*
Interest on deposits	3	*7*
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	**1,213**	*1,173*

4A. ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS & OVERHEADS (CURRENT YEAR)

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS	TOTAL	GOVERNANCE	FUNDRAISING	IMPACT & EVALUATION	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING
Percentage (%)	**100% (£'000)**	**5.00% (£'000)**	**38.40% (£'000)**	**3.00% (£'000)**	**36.00% (£'000)**	**17.20% (£'000)**
Staff costs (note 7)	**1,282**	375	272	116	477	42
Premises	**165**	9	63	5	59	29
Communications	**89**	5	34	3	32	15
IT & depreciation	**101**	5	39	3	36	18
Fundraising	**115**	-	115	-	-	-
Impact and evaluation costs	**31**	1	12	1	11	6
Training & recruitment	**49**	3	19	1	18	8
Audit, legal & professional fees	**97**	5	37	3	35	17
Trustee	**2**	-	1	-	1	-
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**74**	3	29	2	27	13
Reallocation of governance costs	**-**	(406)	167	12	155	72
TOTAL 2025	***2,005***	***-***	***788***	***146***	***851***	***220***
TOTAL 2024	***2,182***	***-***	***984***	***116***	***857***	***225***

Basis of allocation: Staff costs are allocated based on estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated based on staff time spent on areas of activity, except for fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

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4B. ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS & OVERHEADS (PRIOR YEAR)

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS	TOTAL	GOVERNANCE	FUNDRAISING	IMPACT & EVALUATION	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING
Percentage (%)	**100% (£'000)**	**5.00% (£'000)**	**38.40% (£'000)**	**3.00% (£'000)**	**36.00% (£'000)**	**17.20% (£'000)**
Staff costs (note 7)	**1,114**	56	308	91	570	89
Premises	**260**	14	100	7	94	45
Communications	**72**	4	28	2	26	12
IT & depreciation	**90**	5	34	4	32	15
Fundraising	**370**	-	370	-	-	-
Impact and evaluation costs	**16**	1	6	-	6	3
Training & recruitment	**56**	3	22	2	20	9
Audit, legal & professional fees	**82**	4	31	3	29	15
Trustee	**58**	3	22	2	21	10
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**64**	3	25	2	23	11
Reallocation of governance costs	**-**	(93)	38	2	36	17
TOTAL 2024	***2,182***	***-***	***984***	***115***	***857***	***226***
TOTAL 2023	***1,788***	***-***	***810***	***72***	***614***	***292***

5. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2024-25 (£'000)	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2023-24 (£'000)*
Chances for Children grants	4,875	851	**5,726**	4,400	857	*5,257*
Support for Boarding	524	220	**744**	731	226	*957*
Projects and Research	100	-	**100**	100	13	*113*
Impact & Evaluation	-	146	**146**	67	115	*182*
TOTAL	**5,499**	**1,217**	**6,716**	*5,298*	*1,211*	*6,509*

6. ANALYSIS OF GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS & ORGANISATIONS

	RESTRICTED COSTS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED (£'000)	2024-25 (£'000)	RESTRICED COSTS (£'000)	UN-RESTRICTED (£'000)	*2023-24 (£'000)*
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS						
Chances for Children grants	4,568	307	**4,875**	3,770	797	*4,567*
Support for boarding grants	445	79	**524**	214	517	*731*
Projects and research	100	-	**100**	-	-	-
TOTAL	**5,113**	**386**	**5,499**	*3,984*	*1,314*	*5,298*

7. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS

	2025 (£'000)	*2024 (£'000)*
Salaries and wages	**1,018**	*864*
Social security costs	**97**	*83*
Employers contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**171**	*158*
Other costs	**(4)**	*9*
TOTAL	**1,282**	*1,114*

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

	2025 FTE	*2024 FTE*
Grant & project administration	**11**	*12*
Management & administration	**6**	*6*
Fundraising & promotion	**7**	*4*
TOTAL	**24**	*22*

The number of staff whose salaries exceeded £60,000, excluding employer pension contributions, and fell within the following bands were:

	2025	*2024*
£90,000 - £99,999	**1**	*-*
£80,000 - £89,999	**1**	*1*
£70,000 - £79,999	**1**	*-*
£60,000 - £69,999	**-**	*2*

Employer's contributions totalling £39,151 (2024: £30,618) were made to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the above.

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and life assurance premiums of the key management personnel (members of the Senior Management Team - SMT) was £365,607 (2024: £360,590).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2024: £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2024: £nil).

During the year a total of £1,853 was paid for training and subsistence expenses to or on behalf of twelve Trustees (2024: twelve, £4,015).

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and £6k restricted donations from one Trustee (2024: £5k).

9. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditors' remuneration comprised an audit fee of £23,500 (exclusive of VAT), (2024: £22,500).

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS (£'000)	FURNITURE & FITTINGS (£'000)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST				
At 1 April 2024	**114**	**39**	**244**	**397**
Additions	-	-	10	**10**
Disposals at cost	(114)	-	-	**(114)**
AT 31 MARCH 2025	**-**	**39**	**254**	**293**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	**114**	**39**	**222**	**375**
Charge for the year	-	-	13	**13**
Depreciation on disposals	(114)	-	-	**(114)**
AT 31 MARCH 2025	**-**	**39**	**235**	**274**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2025	**-**	**-**	**19**	**19**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2024	*-*	*-*	*22*	*22*

11. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	2025 (£'000)	2024 (£'000)
COST		
At 1 April	199	**178**
Additions	97	**21**
AT 31 MARCH	**296**	**199**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April	163	**151**
Charge for the year	17	**12**
AT 31 MARCH	**180**	**163**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH	**116**	**36**

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	ENDOWMENT		RESTRICTED LISTED (£'000)	GENERAL/ DESIGNATED LISTED (£'000)	TOTAL 2025 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2024 (£'000)*
	LISTED (£'000)	UNLISTED (£'000)				
Market value at 1 April 2024	60,424	8	431	1,346	62,209	*60,581*
Additions at cost	24,970	-	-	-	24,970	*25,591*
Disposal proceeds	(27,787)	-	(125)	-	(27,912)	*(29,372)*
Investment gains/(losses)	130	-	17	-	147	*5,409*
AT 31 MARCH 2025	**57,738**	**8**	**322**	**1,346**	**59,414**	*62,209*
HISTORICAL COST AT 31 MARCH	**50,728**	**1**	**324**	**1,346**	**52,399**	*50,420*

The restricted investment comprises the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund and represents funds received from Graphite Capital, a leading private equity investor, which are invested in the CF Ruffer Absolute Return C Income Fund. These funds are being drawn down over a 10-year period commencing in October 2014 to support grant awards to estranged young people through our Chances for Children grant provision. Further restricted funds were received during 2022-23 in the amount of £250,000 from the Edward Gostling Foundation, with the funds invested in the CF Ruffer Charity Assets Trust. The funds are being drawn down to support Chances for Children grants over a 10-year period commencing in the year 2022-23.

Listed and Unlisted Investments in the Endowment Fund are direct holdings of the Charity. Cash invested in the Institutional Cash Series Fund at 31 March 2025 was £3,302,675 (2024: £1,847,322).

Subsequent to the year end, the total value of the fixed asset investments rose to £64.6m as at 30 June 2025 but has since been countered by ongoing volatility in the market.

13. DEBTORS

	2025 (£'000)	*2024 (£'000)*
Prepayments & accrued income	**61**	*186*
Other debtors	**5,347**	*7,761*
TOTAL	**5,408**	*7,947*

Included in the other debtors total is £4.5m (2024: £7.761m) being the amount receivable from National Lottery Community Fund in future years.

14. CREDITORS

	2025 (£'000)	2024 (£'000)
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals for CCG & Boarding grants	**685**	*974*
Accruals	**84**	*98*
Deferred income	**564**	*64*
Other creditors	**1,213**	*38*
TOTAL	**2,546**	*1,174*

15. AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025 (£'000)	2024 (£'000)
Deferred income	**189**	*252*
TOTAL	**189**	*252*

Deferred income comprises grant income received which will be spent in future accounting periods.

	2025 (£'000)	2024 (£'000)
Reconciliation of deferred income		
Balance brought forward at 1 April	**380**	*480*
Amounts released to income	**(64)**	*(164)*
Deferred in year	**564**	*64*
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH	**880**	*380*

16A. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS (CURRENT YEAR)

	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND £'000)	GENERAL FUND £'000)
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities	(1,686)	-	1,686
Net movements in 2024-25	**(1,686)**	**-**	**1,686**

16B. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS (PRIOR YEAR)

The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED FUND (£'000)
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities	(2,750)	-	2,750
Net movements in 2023-24	***(2,750)***	***-***	***2,750***

17A. RESTRICTED FUNDS (CURRENT YEAR)

	BALANCE 1 APR 2024 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES) (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 2025 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
National Lottery Community Fund	7,500	-	(3,000)	-	4,500
Comic Relief	94	23	(115)	-	2
Postcode Lottery	2	-	(2)	-	-
CTF	12	-	(12)	-	-
Graphite Capital	81	100	(94)	10	97
Edward Gostling	(22)	25	(3)	7	7
Gary Barlow Gala	199	-	(200)	1	-
Clothworker Foundation	41	40	(76)	-	5
Dulverton Trust	1	-	(1)	-	-
George M Fund	-	105	(12)	-	93
Michael Cornish Trust	-	200	(60)	-	140
Next PLC Donation	-	10	-	-	10
Terra Firm Capital	-	24	(3)	-	21
Various	903	1,166	(1,535)	(1)	533
TOTAL	**8,811**	**1,693**	**(5,113)**	**17**	**5,408**

Use of Restricted Funds

Graphite Capital — *Chances for Children* grants, estranged young people in UK

The National Lottery Community Fund — *Chances for Children* grants. The £10m is a multi-year grant to 2026/27 which has been recognised in full in 2023-24 in line with SORP provisions on income recognition. £2.5m was received during 2023/2024.

Comic Relief — *Chances for Children* grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in West Midlands

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Use of Restricted Funds (cont.)

Clothworkers' Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants
Garfield Weston Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants, estranged young people in UK
Michael Cornish Trust	*Chances for Children* grants
KPMG Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants
Dulverton trust	*Chances for Children* grants
Gary Barlow Gala event	*Chances for Children* grants
George Michael Fund	*Chances for Children grants for estranged young people identifying as LGBTQ and research projects*
Various	*Chances for Children* grants from aggregated donations from donors including regular and one-off donations

17B. RESTRICTED FUNDS (PRIOR YEAR)

	BALANCE 1 APR 23 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES) (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 24 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,846	(2,346)	-	7,500
Comic Relief	7	244	(158)	1	94
Postcode Lottery	2	-	-	-	2
CTF	12	-	-	-	12
Graphite Capital	138	100	(121)	(37)	80
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	25	(25)	(22)	(22)
McIlroy legacy	10	-	(10)	-	-
Gary Barlow gala	199	-	-	-	199
KPMG Foundation	12	25	(37)	-	-
Clothworkers' Foundation	41	40	(40)	-	41
Garfield Weston	148	-	(150)	2	-
Colin Crawshaw	50	50	(100)	-	-
Dulverton Trust	36	-	(35)	-	1
Brooks legacy	6	-	-	(6)	-
Various	784	1,018	(899)	1	904
TOTAL	**1,445**	**11,348**	**(3,921)**	**(61)**	**8,811**

18A. DESIGNATED FUNDS (CURRENT YEAR)

	BALANCE 1 APR 24 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 25 (£'000)
Buttle UK Fund	*1,000*	-	(500)	135	635
TOTAL	***1,000***	**-**	**(500)**	**135**	635

18B. DESIGNATED FUNDS (PRIOR YEAR)

	BALANCE 1 APR 23 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 24 (£'000)
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	*1,978*	-	(978)	-	*1,000*
TOTAL	***1,978***	**-**	**(978)**	**-**	***1,000***

The Board of Trustees earmarked £2m to be applied and spent on Chances for Children grants from available funds during the 3 years 2023-24 to 2025-26.

19. TOTAL RETURN APPLICATION

The Charity Commission permitted the Charity to adopt the use of the total investment powers in relation to its permanent endowment investments by an order dated 28 March 2006. The power permits the Trustees to invest the portfolio to maximize total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income (as disclosed in the funds transfers, note 16), the unapplied total return remains invested as part of the permanent endowment. The power was implemented on 1 April 2006.

The Westnedge Fund refers to a legacy received in 2001 as a permanent endowment for the benefit of adopted children.

19. TOTAL RETURN APPLICATION (CONT.)

The investment fund and application of total return to permanent endowment funds		MAIN FUND (£'000)	WESTNEDGE FUND (£'000)	TOTAL 2025 (£'000)
Value of permanent endowment at 1 April 2024		**61,086**	**111**	**61,197**
Less:	Value of Main Fund at 5 April 1978	(7,247)	-	(7,247)
Less:	Value of Westnedge Fund at 31 March 2002	-	(73)	(73)
Unapplied total return at 1 April 2024		**53,839**	**38**	**53,877**
Add:	Investment return			
Add:	Dividends and interest in the year	1,211	-	1,211
Add:	Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	(619)	(1)	(620)
Deduct:	Investment management fees	(289)	-	(289)
Unapplied total return before transfer to income		**54,142**	**37**	**54,179**
Less:	Allocated to designated fund	-	-	-
Less:	Unapplied total return applied in year	(1,686)	-	(1,686)
Unapplied total return at 31 March 2025		**52,456**	**37**	**52,494**
Add:	Endowment value at 5 April 1978	7,247	-	7,247
Add:	Endowment value at 31 March 2002	-	73	73
Permanent endowment including unapplied total return at 31 March 2025, constituting the investment fund		**59,703**	**110**	**59,813**

Trustees acknowledge that the endowment fund of Buttle UK could also act as a buffer in the short to medium term should a significant event occur. During such periods this buffer allows us to manage and address the risks. This is as result of the 'Total Return Order' granted by the Charity Commission. Trustees continue to seek to maintain the endowment in such a way as to ensure Buttle UK can deliver our aims in a financially sustainable way. The endowment fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet as at 31 March 2025 and stands at £59.8m

20. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS (LAND & BUILDINGS)

The Charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows for each of the following periods:	2025 (£'000)	2024 *(£'000)*
Less than one year	-	*75*
Between two & five years	-	-
TOTAL	-	*75*

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2025 (£'000)	*2024 (£'000)*
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(5,205)**	*10,512*
Depreciation/Amortisation	**30**	*21*
Losses/(Gains) on investments	**(147)**	*(5,409)*
Investment income	**(1,213)**	*(1,173)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**2,541**	*(7,459)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**1,309**	*12*
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(2,687)**	*(3,496)*

22A. ANALYSIS OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS

	AT 1 APRIL 2024 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31 MARCH 2025 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	2,106	(441)	-	1,665
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	1,860	1,802	-	3,662
TOTAL	**3,966**	**1,361**	**-**	**5,327**

The charity does not hold any debt therefore the net debt analysis has not been provided.

22B. ANALYSIS OF CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS (PRIOR YEAR)

	AT 1 APRIL 2023 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31 MARCH 2024 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	745	1,361	-	2,106
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	1,798	62	-	1,860
TOTAL	**2,543**	**1,423**	**-**	**3,966**



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

It would be easy to be overwhelmed by the issues and problems affecting the children and young people that we support across each of the UK's four nations. All of us should be frustrated and angry with how tough it is for them growing up in poverty right now. Every day we hear from just a small proportion of those needing help and behind each application is a complex and unique story of hurt, of hardship, of being let down by the people or the structures that should have been supporting them and helping them thrive. But each one is also a small sign of hope – however faint – by the person and family concerned that perhaps things can change for the better. Our hope is that we can provide them with the critical things that all of us need to make a difference in our everyday lives, and that next year can be better than the last as a result. Along with them – and despite the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the deepening state of child poverty – we know this to be true.

Next year will be the final year of our five-year strategy. As part of this, we are on track to have supported over 25,000 children and young people – and, by extension, thousands of people in their families – over this period. In the past year alone, we have delivered the highest amount of grants thanks to the tireless work of our grants delivery team, with each staff member contributing to those numbers and providing invaluable help to those individuals. This work was only possible due to the generous funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and all of our incredible donors who help us in a myriad ways: financial, "in kind", by volunteering their time (and often by doing all three). We have also committed to 'Step Up' alongside our donors and contribute additional resources from our endowment during this time of acute need. Our fundraising team continues to work with the amazing donors we have, approaching new ones, organising events and ensuring that we continue to be able to do what we do every week.

Could we do things differently to increase our impact? Inevitably, the end of one five-year strategy means it's time to consider the next. We have already been doing extensive work to canvas the opinions of all who work and volunteer with us and those we help to understand how we can improve and what we can do better. We remain steadfast in our certainty that our work is needed, vital and unique. Our evaluation of our grants and our "Growing up in Poverty" report make it clear that child poverty continues to increase and the stresses and physical and mental health problems it inflicts on children and their families will continue to get worse. We know that change is needed at national and local levels to provide better support for those that continue desperately to need it and we will continue to advocate for it. But we are also looking at our grants criteria, the projects that we undertake and the support we provide – as well as the systems and approaches that we take to our office functions and fundraising. I am looking forward to sharing the results of that strategic review with you in the coming year.

We already know it will contain some things: our co-production work, developed over the last two years, will continue to grow, meaning young people get more involved in ensuring their voices are heard across all levels of Buttle UK. We know our work on improving the IT and financial systems that are the backbone of the organisation will need to carry on. We will continue to settle into the bright new office that we moved into a few months ago, better reflecting the identity and work of the charity whilst saving future funds for our grants and other charitable activities. We will build on the work we have done in collaboration with other grant makers and charities, calling for wider change for children & young people in poverty and building on the programmes we have developed together.
We will also continue our lead role with the End Child Poverty Coalition, which is at the forefront of this work.

And as last year and in the years before, we will continue to provide the crucial items and support to children and young people who count on us.
To our donors and trustees, to the children and young people we exist to support and to our staff team – as well as every other person working for and with Buttle UK, thank you for standing with us.

Because we know that we shouldn't lose track of the anger and frustration that we feel at what we see and the stories that we hear. But we also can't lose track of the hope we have for change.



Peter Orlov, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT BUTTLE UK

Founded in 1953, Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to supporting children and young people across the UK who face crisis situations, financial hardship, and multiple social challenges. Our mission is to enhance emotional, educational, and social outcomes through targeted interventions, primarily through our Chances for Children grants. For those experiencing particularly disruptive home environments, we also provide grants enabling access to boarding school placements. These initiatives are designed to create safe, nurturing environments and foster wellbeing, ultimately empowering children and young people to thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

In this financial year, 2023-2024, Buttle UK disbursed £5.3million in grants, benefitting 6,364 children and young people nationwide. Our focus on grant-making reflects our deep-rooted expertise and commitment to maximising impact where it matters most. Beyond direct support, our work generates invaluable data and insights into the realities of vulnerability and poverty, informed directly by those with lived experiences and our frontline partners. This information is shared collaboratively within the children's and social care sectors, contributing to broader efforts aimed at systemic change and sustainable solutions to alleviate child poverty and trauma.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis who are financially excluded.

Overall aim

We believe that all children across the UK should have a chance for change. We aim to ensure "the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are in need of financial assistance, with a preference for children who are, or were, adopted, children of lone parents or children who are orphaned and who have or are being deprived of a normal family life."

These aims are consistent with the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In planning activities, and reviewing grant policy and criteria, Trustees consider the 'public benefit requirement' and are confident that all activities we undertake demonstrate this requirement.



Our key strategic pillars:

Pillar 1

Creating Chances for Children 2.0 for more children in crisis

We continue to learn more about our Chances for Children grants every day, and refining and developing them to ensure we support a wider range of crises affecting children and young people, is a key aspect of our five-year strategy. Crucial to this development will be to focus on the clear purpose of our grants in the short and long term, the difference we aim to see and can demonstrate through direct evidence and we would like to see through relevant broader research. We will increase the support offered through our Chances for Children grants to more children and young people in crisis and align these grants with our Support for Boarding grants to offer integrated, individually focused funding by everyone in our Grants Development team.

Pillar 2

Co-production and Accountability

Through our grants, Buttle UK gives children and young people in crisis the power to shape a better future for themselves. We pride ourselves on the expertise within our team and the connections we have with frontline services and want to give the same recognition to 'experts by experience'. Our research has shown how impactful grants can be when provided alongside other support. We are also aware referrers are stretched and families (particularly children) and young people are not always consulted. It is when their voices come together with professionals that the support we offer can best meet their needs. We can trigger a wider effect of our grants by encouraging partner agencies to work in a more flexible, holistic and child-centred way.

Pillar 3

Collaborating to maximise the breadth & impact of our support

Throughout our history we have built a significant network of individuals and organisations with whom we can collaborate to help further the impact we have as a charity for children and young people across the UK. Collaborating with key stakeholders will enable us to increase the number of children and young people our funds support and improve the impact and experience of our support by working as a collective, rather than a single unit. With an improved, collective offer, we will then look to collaborate on joint funding bids/partnerships.

Pillar 4

Income Growth

Through investment in fundraising, we will build support for our Chances for Children grants from the general public, corporates and trusts, and therefore be able to offer more children and young people in crisis these grants each year. We will build strong fundraising income streams, to work alongside our endowment, which will help create a sustainable funding base for the organisation - during and beyond - the period of this strategic plan.

Pillar 5

Know, Learn, Lead: Building a Future-Ready Team

We recognise that our people and team are the single most important resource we have to achieve our strategic goals. We envision building an adaptable team with a strong trust-focused culture, that gives people the confidence to push-boundaries on what we can achieve together.

OUR CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Our strategic pillars will be influenced by and have an impact on other areas of our work.

Key cross-cutting themes are:

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
We aim for all our staff and trustees to become inclusive by instinct in the way we work at Buttle UK. We believe that we can build better grant support for children and young people by embracing diversity across our teams. Engagement of thought from different demographics is vital to ensuring our grants remain relevant for those we work with. We must also support a diverse range of communities in our grant giving and adapt our processes to enable this.

Impact Measurement
Our impact measurement will be aligned to our Theory of Change so that everything we do is measured against our purpose. We will know when we are successful in our interventions and what we are not doing well so that we can continuously improve our work.

Marketing and Communications
Since changing our grant giving from 'basic essentials' to Chances for Children grants we have updated much of our communications, but key external communication tools such as our website, brand and elevator pitch highlight what we do, not why we do it. Using the Theory of Change to focus on our purpose will have a major effect on our internal and external communications messaging. Our fundraising growth strategy will also influence our communications.

Technology
Technology can provide the exponential difference we need to ensure the best possible service and impact for children and young people we work with. We will consider the enabling power of technology across each of our strategic themes, working with experts where needed and not being afraid to lead the way where we feel the biggest difference can be made.



PURSUING OUR STRATEGIC GOALS IN THE COMING YEAR

In 2024-25 we will deliver the final year of our 'Working Together for Children and Young People', 2020-25 strategy. Despite inflation coming down over the last six months, the children, and families that we support - who have been through a significant crisis - are finding cold comfort in these figures, as their own experience is not getting easier.

The additional 'Stepping Up' commitment from our endowment (£500k), National Lottery funding (£2.5m), and significant additional fundraising support from our donors means that we can offer the highest grants budget in our history. As part of our plan for 2024-25 we will invest in our fundraising resources to increase our income at a time where grants budgets are also high.

Our 2020-25 strategy pushes for continuous improvement in our grant making, working in collaboration with other grant makers and charities, calling for wider change for children & young people in poverty, and involving their expertise in the future direction of our organisation.

Staff and trustees will also work alongside our key stakeholders this year to collectively build our next strategy, using the mechanisms we have created in this strategic period to particularly engage young people and our advisory panel (parents/carers/ frontline workers) to set our future path.

Based on our current strategy, we have set the following key objectives for 2024–25:

a) Chances for Children 2.0 We will deliver 3,000 Chances for Children grants, supporting 5,500 children, with a budget of £5m. We will review our Chances for Children criteria and application process to ensure our system is most effective, efficient, equitable, and that the administrative burden on referrers is reduced. We will also support 55 young people through our Support for Boarding programme with a budget of £800k. Additionally, we will continue our Multi-Year Grants pilot (Y2) and complete Year 1 (following on from our pilot) of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust.

b) Co–production and Accountability We will recruit at least 10 young people to the Buttle UK Youth Group and develop and embed a model for co-production at Buttle UK to engage all teams in their day-to-day work.

c) Collaboration We will co-create our new strategy engaging key stakeholder groups in this process including staff, trustees, Buttle UK's Youth Group and Advisory Network, funders and sector partners. We will use our data to build partnerships and advocate for children and young people in crisis and poverty in this election year.

d) Income growth We will raise funds to ensure that the total available to spend on Chances for Children Grants (CCG) in 2023-24 is £5m and target £2.5m income in non-Lottery funds for 2025- 26. We will also develop and activate our fundraising investment plans for High Value and Individual Giving (based on approval by the Board of Trustees).

e) Know, Learn, Lead We will develop a staff committee where staff representatives from across teams can feed into discussions around employment, pay and benefits at Buttle UK. We will create a safer recruitment, induction, and training plan for all staff and support the office-based team to move into a new working space.

OUR GRANTMAKING AND THEORY OF CHANGE

The children and young people we support are living in significant poverty, on average on incomes of less than £20,000 per year, well below recognised minimum income standards[1]. They suffer deprivation as a result. Unfortunately, everyone we support also faces or has been seriously affected by issues such as domestic abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, estrangement, exploitation, neglect, behavioural or mental health issues.

Our funds support children and young people to help them achieve personal and transformative change to move on from crisis. Each case is individual so what is offered through our grants varies too. Frontline workers, who make the applications on behalf of the children and young people, work with them to find out about their needs as well as their interests and ambitions. Our financial support is holistic and assists with improving emotional, mental and social wellbeing and increases young people's capacity to engage with education and learning.

This can be as simple as a new school uniform to help them settle in school; support for family or play therapy; or membership of a club or activity so that they can explore something they enjoy, socialise and have opportunities to make friends. Many children we help, escaping domestic abuse, have no belongings and may have been moved hundreds of miles across the UK to escape the perpetrator. We can help with items like beds, toys, clothes or even a TV. Our grants help children to live a life that feels a little more like other children's.

In 2023-24 the average grant value was £1,630. The upper limit of our awards was £2,400.

We have learnt from our Chances for Children grant-making that:

- A grant of £1,500+ has the potential to make a lasting difference and support the family to move beyond crisis, towards a genuine turning point in their lives.
- Our grants help service providers to work beyond funding and resource constraints and so they are able to do more for their clients, building trust and achieving better outcomes.

Referrers sign up to the grant terms and conditions for all grants and submit receipts against spend. We monitor grants closely for mis-spend, misuse or fraud and act quickly to address inconsistencies or issues.

Our boarding school bursaries support a small number of children and young people, aged between 11 and 16, whose ongoing home environment is very challenging. In partnership with boarding schools, we have been supporting boarding places for young people for 70 years. We have seen that boarding can support a child's developmental needs through providing routine, increased stability and emotional and social support. The level of aspiration offered by a boarding education can also help to raise a young person's educational attainment

1. Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimated that in April 2022 a single person needs to earn £25,500 a year to reach a minimum acceptable standard of living. A couple with two children needs to earn £43,400 between them.



BUTTLE UK THEORY OF CHANGE

TO PROMOTE **Improved social & emotional wellbeing & increased capacity to engage in education**

TO ENSURE

Home
Children & young people are growing up in a safe & nurturing place that meets their learning and development needs

Wider Community
Children & young people access activities that promote wellbeing and learning and build support networks

TO PROVIDE The items & activities that we expect all children to have & the extra resources that can help to overcome crisis & unlock opportunities

BY FUNDING

Chances for Children
Individually tailored grants that invest in children & young people's present & future lives

WE SUPPORT **Children & young people living in poverty & crisis**

INCREASING LIFE CHANCES

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Achievements against 2023/24 aims and objectives
Through our direct grant giving, we are able to create a positive change to children and young people's lives, giving them a chance to focus more on their education or gaining employment, lifting them out of a crisis at a critical period in their life.

We set the following goals in 2023/24 to further this work, in line with our overall strategy:

a) Chances for Children 2.0

We will deliver 3,166 Chances for Children grants, supporting 5,500 children. We will also support 63 young people through our Support for Boarding programme, whilst continuing its re-development and future plans. Additionally, we will fund and complete our pilot and evaluation of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme with T2Us and Smallwood Trust.

- We have delivered 2,800 grants reaching 6,364 children and young people, including 81 boarders. As a comparison, we delivered a total of 2,314 grants supporting 4,378 children and young people in 2022/23.
- We have provided Chances for Children funding to support 21,594 children and young people in crisis since the beginning of our current strategy in April 2020.
- We have completed year 1 (of five years) testing our new 'multi-year grants' offer. This is based on criteria and by invitation only.
- We have completed work to understand the diversity of all our grant-making, shared this externally and made changes to increase diversity where needed.

b) Co-production and Accountability

We will recruit x10 young people to a Youth Panel and x100 to an Advisory Network, building engaging activities across the organisation, including with trustees.

- We have recruited over 200 people to our Advisory Network with Youth Panel recruitment being completed in 2024/25.
- We have a Co-production payment policy to make sure children & young people's time and expertise in co-production is properly recognised.

c) Collaboration

We will publish our individual grants data on 360Giving with the Grant-Makers' Alliance (GMA) /Association of Charitable Organisations (ACO) and build advocacy relationships with appropriate organisations alongside our work with the End Child Poverty Coalition to advocate for change for children, families and young people.

- All of our grants data for 2022/23 has now been shared using the 360Giving platform with plans to share our wider, historic data.
- Our CEO has become Chair of the End Child Poverty Coalition, leading a campaign to remove the two-child limit and significantly reduce the level of child poverty in the UK

d) Income Growth

We will raise funds to ensure that the total available to spend on our grants in 2023-24 is £5.5m. We will also work with the trustee board to develop a long-term growth strategy.

- The fundraising team has successfully raised £4.2m this financial year to support our own 'Stepping Up' support and funds for Boarding to deliver £5.3m in grants and other charitable activities.
- Trustees approved a plan to increase our resources in the fundraising team to support our work with corporates, trusts and major donors.
- We have created an annual impact report and a 'State of Child Poverty Report' highlighting the voices of frontline workers and young people/families we work with.

e) Know, Learn, Lead

we will clarify and improve our home/blended working model for all roles and complete plans for a move away from our current office base.

- We continue to score highly in our annual staff survey, whilst reviewing the key elements for improvement to support our team.
- We audited our safeguarding framework and created a new policy with cross-team leadership and training for staff and trustees.

BUTTLE UK'S EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) STRATEGY

Our journey to become inclusive by instinct.

Our vision for this strategy is that *our Trustees and Staff will have a deep understanding of EDI, the self-awareness of how it relates to the organisation's work and systems we work in. We will have a continued process of engagement, reflection and action taken for progression.* We will become inclusive by instinct. Our annual Business Plan sets specific goals for the year to ensure constant reflection on improvements and identifies areas that need further support.

The below highlights our work against these goals in 2024-25:

1) We will become inclusive by instinct and represent the communities we aim to support. Whilst 'one off' EDI training on a number of topics has been attended by staff and the majority of Trustees have attended EDI training, our programme needs to be developed to include support for new starters within our induction process. A review of our induction process is in our HR & EDI plans for the 2024-25 financial year.

Our EDI strategy highlights how critical a diverse team is to delivering the best for the communities we support. We have carried out a skills and diversity audit for our Trustee Board and included these results on our website **here**. We have recently recruited new trustees and intend to update this after sharing with Trustees in our June Board Meeting. We have also improved our application processes for candidates, providing a full recruitment pack with details including salary, the role, benefits, flexible working, and support to attend interviews if needed. We also anonymise applications for our shortlisting process and include young people on all of our trustee/staff recruitment interviews to ensure a diverse panel of stakeholders. Our focus is however not just on staff and trustees. Additionally, we are creating our new organisational strategy this year and, through our co-production work, we are engaging with our young people group and advisory network (including parents/carers and frontline workers) to develop this.

Our staff benefits package has been created with inclusion at their heart, this is highlighted in all our job packs and on the recruitment page when we have roles advertised. Staff are consulted and involved in major decisions regarding the benefits we offer and, whilst this is a package that we are proud of, we know that there is always more that can be done and learning from others that we can take.

2) Improve the access and experience of children and young people that could benefit from our grants. This goal closely aligns with the work we are doing within our co-production and accountability focus of our strategy, building a Youth Panel and Advisory Network to engage with our staff and Trustees regarding our decision-making in our organisation. The Youth Panel have supported us in a number of organisational projects, including a discussion with our trustee board regarding how our endowment is invested – a blog on this activity is **here**. In addition, we have improved our grants application process to provide greater demographic information on the children and families we support, so that we can improve the diversity of our grant-making where necessary. We analyse geographic data already and our **impact report** this year shows the national and regional breakdown of our grant giving by ethnicity as well.

3) Holding ourselves to account and sharing our EDI challenges and achievements with others. We have shared our updated Trustee/Staff recruitment packs and process with other grant-making organisations, set up an EDI Working Group with other CEO members of ACO and have presented on our Trustee recruitment process in a webinar led by Action for Trustee Racial Diversity. Our CEO has also led the first webinar for the ACO EDI Working Group on the strength of diverse charity boards featuring CEOs and trustees from Family Fund, Buttle UK and the British Dental Association Benevolent Fund. Our Trustees are accountable for ensuring that the organisation has appropriate structures, processes and resources in place to ensure that EDI are embedded into Buttle UK and monitor progress through Buttle UK's annual business plan. Please do read more about our EDI Strategy **here**.

CASE STUDIES

THE DIFFERENCE OUR SUPPORT MAKES

SARAH AND JOE

Joe is twelve years old and lives with his mum, Sarah. Joe has lived with parental alcohol and drug misuse all his life. Tragically, this resulted in his father passing away recently. Sarah has also struggled with alcohol issues but is working hard to address these. She has reduced her alcohol use dramatically and is actively seeking support. Home conditions are poor and Sarah is working hard to improve this, but they live in financial hardship.

Joe has had periods of lack of school attendance which has impacted his education and friendships. He experiences low confidence and worries about his mum since the death of his father. He really wants to help his mum make the house more of a home. There are no wardrobes or drawers in the property and clothes are in boxes. He doesn't have friends around as he is embarrassed by the condition of the house. Items have broken in the home and they cannot afford to replace them.

We were able to provide a grant of £2,400 to support the family to create a home, start recovering from the loss of Joe's father and continue the hard work they are doing to move forward.

Through this grant, the family have had family days out and started swimming at the local leisure centre. For the home we were able to fund a cooker and other white goods, storage and furniture. For Joe's bedroom we provided a desk and wardrobes and other items to make it a space he could be proud of. We also provided a laptop and broadband to help him with his education, as well as school uniform and other clothing.

Things are improving at home, although a lack of money still stops the family from enjoying life fully. Joe's attendance at school has improved and he has good relationships at school with staff and is making friends.



Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity.

MERYEM AND MAYA

Maya is 9 years old and lives with mum Meryem. They were forced to flee their home, due to extreme domestic abuse and isolation. Maya's father hid a camera in the home and watched them all the time to make sure they did not speak to anyone else. Meryem tried to escape with Maya on a number of occasions but was unsuccessful and this resulted in further domestic abuse.

Eventually they managed to flee the home and go to a refuge. They moved away to ensure there was less chance of being found. They lived in shared accommodation for nearly a year and eventually moved into their own home but have very limited funds while their refugee status is being considered. The move has meant that Maya is struggling to settle. She has found it difficult to adjust and make friends, and this is impacting on her emotional and social wellbeing.

Maya is learning English as an additional language but although she has good levels of spoken English, she is struggling with reading and writing which is affecting her learning and education in a new school. Maya was witness to domestic abuse which has affected her sense of safety. Due to their financial hardship, Meryem has found it challenging to create a family home where they can both feel safe.

With funding from our donors, Buttle UK provided the family with a grant of £2,350. With this grant Maya has started to attend after school clubs and activities and has a laptop, desk and chair to help her with her learning.

For the family home we were able to provide white goods, a television and other home furnishings to create a welcoming environment where they can sit together and enjoy family time. We were also able to fund family days out to help them create new, happier memories.

Meryem and Maya have positively engaged with all the support offered and Meryem is in regular contact with the school to support Maya's education and wellbeing. They are working hard to create positive family routines as they adjust to life in their new home.

Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity.



KEY STATISTICS

Through our grant-making in 2023/34

We supported **6,364 children and young people with 2,800 grants.**

Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024, we funded **£4,148m** on Chances for Children Grants, **£731k** on Support for Boarding grants and **£150k** on the Gendered poverty project in Middlesborough, amounting to **£5,298m** in total. As at 29 August 2024, a total of **c.£31k** in refunds was received back on grants awarded in 2023–2024. This is unadjusted for in the accounts as immaterial. The Gendered poverty programme in Middlesbrough. This was put towards support for co-production activity, grants for families and children in the area and project costs.

Against our main areas of impact, we awarded:

- **£2,280,124** towards education, training and employment (this included £731k towards boarding school fees)
- **£1,799,740** towards safe and equipped homes
- **£1,080,942** towards social & emotional wellbeing

The average Chances for Children grant awarded was £1,630.

Through our Chances for Children grants, the top 10 items and costs that we funded are in the table to the right.

BOARDING SCHOOL FEES	142 items	£731,340
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHING	3,203 items	£651,041
LAPTOP/TABLET	2,454 items	£659,772
BEDS & BEDDING	2,026 items	£493,687
CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR	1,926 items	£416,476
TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES	2,292 items	£353,588
WHITE GOODS	704 items	£196,146
SCHOOL UNIFORM	2,375 items	£216,279
SOCIAL ACTIVITY/DAYS OUT	1,092 items	£150,674
CARPETING & FLOORING	580 items	£188,159

IMPACT AND EVALUATION

Since 2022/23, we have reported directly on measures of improvement. This gives us a deeper understanding and insight into where the impact is greatest, and where it could be improved. The figures below relate to responses that indicate any level of improvement – from improved a little, somewhat improved to improved a lot. A more detailed analysis and breakdown of this information is in the 2024 Impact Report.

This year's evaluation data shows that our impact has been consistent and, in some areas, growing in strength. For families, there are consistently high levels of improvement for the home environment. Similarly, respondents indicate high levels of improvement in aspects of their children's wellbeing and their family relationships. This is positive in light of the extreme difficulties we know children and young people are facing due to the cost-of-living crisis, the challenges it presents to wellbeing, and pressures on frontline support (as indicated by our 2023 State of Child Poverty report, and the 2024 Family Poverty report).

Improvements were not consistent across the wellbeing measures, dropping below 90% in places, and for parent coping, which may be reflective of those wider challenges. However, to achieve such consistently good feedback across a range of measures is positive, especially in light of the challenging economic environment. The two tables below highlight the results of discussions with EYP and families in general.

FAMILY

Key outcomes reported three months after the grant

Percentage of respondents who reported an improvement (N = 547)[2]

KEY OUTCOMES	% IMPROVEMENT
Wellbeing – anxiety/unhappy	95%
Wellbeing – self-confidence	95%
Wellbeing – physical activity	91%
Wellbeing – friendships	88%
Wellbeing - behaviour	89%
Education	90%
Access to activities	95%
Home – physical environment	97%
Home – playing and relaxing	95%
Family Relationships	95%
Parent Coping	89%

2 The data is from respondents to the evaluation survey between April 2023 – March 2024, three months after they received their grant. 547 families and 55 young people responded to the invite.



The picture is positive for responses from Estranged Young People (EYPs). Their responses to the same questions (though a scaled back version) had interesting variations from families.

The highest improvements for wellbeing following a grant were physical activity and friendships. Lower numbers of young people told us that their grant made an improvement to how often they were anxious or unhappy. For the reasons outlined above, it could be that this is reflective of the lack of mental health support available, as we know that EYPs are a very vulnerable group.

98% of respondents indicated that they had improved access to activities. This was 95% for families. Both are such a long way ahead of the levels of access reported in recent years during and post-lockdown. Qualitative responses indicated the powerful impact of days out and social activities for wellbeing in 2023- 24.

EYP

Key outcomes reported three months after the grant

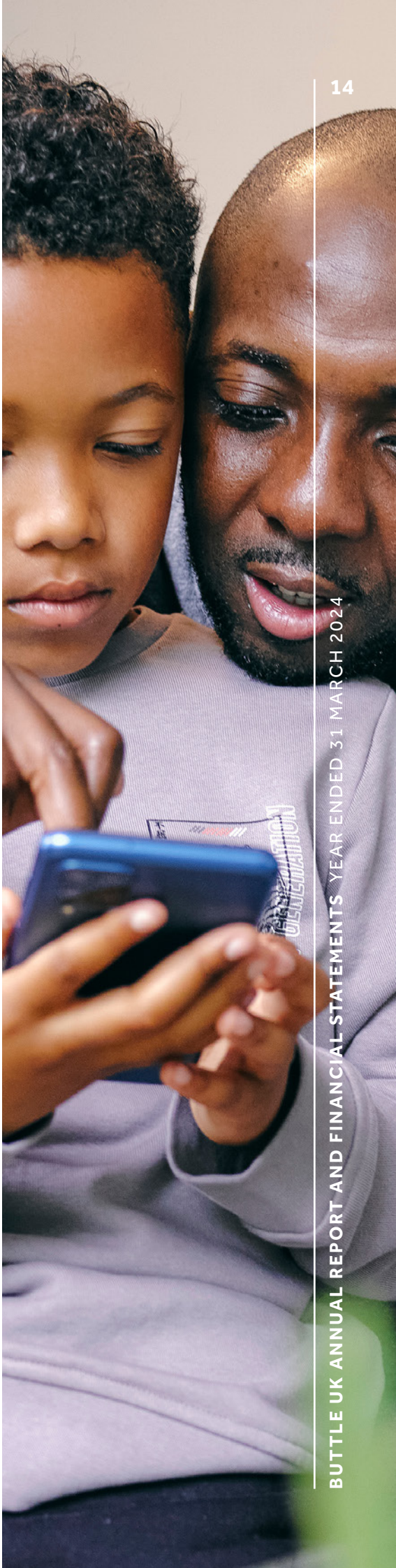
Percentage of respondents who reported an improvement (N = 55)

KEY OUTCOMES	% IMPROVEMENT
Wellbeing – anxiety/unhappy	82%
Wellbeing – self-confidence	89%
Wellbeing – physical activity	94%
Wellbeing – friendships	94%
Education	91%
Access to activities	98%
Home – physical environment	90%

Our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy is designed to create a continued process of engagement, reflection and action, through which we aim, as an organisation, to become inclusive by instinct. One indicator of this is the diversity of our grant-making. The table below lists 2023-24 Chances for Children awards by ethnicity. As in other years, we see our grants being awarded to a wide and diverse range of children and young people.

All awards by ethnicity, 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

ETHNICITY	NOS	% AWARDS
White British	1,703	61%
Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	354	13%
Asian or Asian British	242	9%
Other White	225	8%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	118	4%
Other ethnic groups	111	5%
Not disclosed	28	1%
Missing	6	0.20%
	2,787	**100%**



SUPPORT FOR BOARDING EVALUATION

In 2023–24:

In 2023/24 we completed a review of our boarding activity and relaunched a Support for Boarding programme that seeks to find and support children and young people most in need of boarding. We now only accept applications for this programme for young people who are experiencing an ongoing crisis and are being supported by social workers and safeguarding leads in schools.

Within the year we have funded £731k to support 81 students in boarding schools. Our funding is matched by bursaries from boarding schools, and for 13 pupils, we are funding alongside both schools and Royal Springboard's Looked After and Vulnerable Children programme. Our support contributes to the cost of fees, boarding, school uniforms, trips and extra-curricular activities. 25 pupils left in July 2023 after taking GCSEs and A Levels.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total fundraised income increased in 2023-24 by 74%, mainly from the £10m multi-year grant award from The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) of which £2.5m was received during the year. The grant runs from 2023/24 through to 2027/28.

The grants team continued to operate at full capacity and was on target for delivering the budgeted amount for the year in grants. The second tranche of the Designated Stepping Up fund was deployed which provided £978k of charitable expenditure. The designation was approved in March 2023 as a continuation of trustees' plan to use unrestricted reserves of the Charity as dedicated grants to support grants for boarding and other areas of grant-making. Designated funds were drawn from Buttle UK unrestricted reserves.

Investment income dropped 9.6% on 2022-23 levels. This reflects the global pressures within the financial markets as a result of the geo-political headwinds caused by, among other things, inflationary pressures brought on by the war in Ukraine, a slowing down in major economies as well as the continued tightening cycle of global central banks.

The transfer from the endowment provided a total of £2.75m to fund overheads as well as the Support for Boarding programme.

The surplus for the year 2023-24 prior to adjustments for revaluation of investments was a surplus of £5.103m. (2022-23 deficit of £2.427m) largely as a result of the £10m multi-year grant recognised in full in our Statement of Financial Activities in line with Statement of Recommended Practices for Charities (SORP) provisions. Of the £10m awarded £7.5m has been carried forward into 2024/25 and future years as restricted funds. Unrestricted administrative costs during the year of £3.51m was funded through the planned withdrawal from our endowment, unrestricted grants received and contributions to our core costs from funders. The total value of the endowment increased by 6.1% compared to prior year.

Principal Donors 2023–24

RECEIVED IN YEAR	AMOUNT (£'000)
The National Lottery Community Fund	2,500
Comic Relief UK	224
Graphite Capital	100
The Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	64
Aston Wood Golf Club	62
Colin Crawshaw	50
The Clothworkers' Foundation	40
The Schroder Foundation	40
Ajaz.com	30
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	30
KPMG Foundation	25
The Edward Gostling Foundation	25
Say So Media Ltd	10
Legacies	279
Anonymous gifts	150
Other donations	98
	3,727

Expenditure

The expenditure on grants and the associated administration and infrastructure costs of delivering those grants increased to reflect the higher level of awards in the year. This also shows the continued high demand for Buttle UK services to our grantees and the ability to fund the grant awards. The cost of grants ratio for the year came in at 24% (20% - 2022 -2023). The board of trustees has set a level of 25% as a self-regulating level to ensure that day-today support costs are kept at a manageable level.

Overall expenditure on overheads increased in 2023-24 by £393k which is 22% on 2022-2023 costs (2022- 2023 - 20 % -£299k). Staff team numbers increased in-year by four, with total staff costs increasing by £208k. There was also an increase of £111k on fundraising costs to build upon the work done in the previous year.

Net surplus before any gains and losses on investments came in at £5.103m. Further details are in the Reserves Policy section of this report.

Investments & investment policy

The investment portfolio is managed by two major fund managers. BlackRock manages a total of approximately £48.98million (March 2023 £45.8m) in a mix of active and passive funds investing in global equities and fixed interest. The portfolio of directly invested UK equities was sold down and closed during the period under review. The funds were instead invested in the BlackRock Developed Markets Sustainable Fund. There are also some non-discretionary holdings in property and private equity investments, predominantly held through funds. Additionally, Buttle UK holds an investment in the Mayfair PITCH fund, which is a property fund, with excellent ESG credentials. Ruffer manage approximately £10.9million in their Charity Assets Trust. The overall investment policy is to maximise long term total return, accepting a medium level of risk, such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfil its grant giving obligations. Whilst noting that performance is of paramount importance, the trustees have engaged with the need to include a sustainable investment framework within the investment strategy and have reflected this engagement in their updated statement of investment principles document. The performance of both managers is measured against market-based benchmarks and monitored by the finance and investment committee comprising six trustees, some with relevant financial services expertise. The overall performance in the year was positive as the value of the endowment increased by 6.1% as at the end of 2023-2024.

Buttle UK updated its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) in December 2022 in order to more closely align our investment strategy to take account of sustainable investment. The Trustees take their responsibilities as stewards of the Charity's assets seriously and strive to appoint investment managers who invest responsibly in keeping with the Charity's beliefs. This entails both excluding certain sectors, and ongoing engagement within sectors and with individual companies. The Trustees encourage their managers to engage with companies on issues that support our charitable beliefs. The Trustees seek to appoint investment managers who are actively involved in applying Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria across the investment process. In addition, the finance and investment committee regularly reviews the investment managers' policies on ESG matters including monitoring their track record of positive engagement with businesses. The Trustees encourage their investment managers to notify the finance and investment committee of investment opportunities which will help Buttle invest according to the Charity's core beliefs. Both of our managers are signatories to the UN's Principles of Responsible Investment.

During 2023-24, Trustees actively managed their investment allocation strategy together with their Investment Managers. The focus remained on deployment of funds into the Developed Markets Sustainable Fund and a shift away from the UK stock market to become more focused on global markets. Additionally, the allocation to Fixed income investments enabled some cushioning from the volatility of the stock markets. The percentage of assets of the endowment that were invested in funds that pursued a focus on enhanced ESG criteria remained stable as at 31 March 2024.

The Trustees monitor the ongoing climate change debate and advocate active ownership and engagement rather than disinvestment as a general principle. This applies especially with regard to fossil fuels as the large oil and gas companies are the biggest contributors both to the ongoing exploitation of natural resources as well as being one of the biggest investors in renewable energy infrastructure.

Buttle UK endeavours to avoid investing in companies or organisations whose primary activities are detrimental to child welfare including the exploitation of child labour as this is contrary to the Charity's objectives. Specific sectors where the Charity does not knowingly invest are (1) the manufacture/dealing in certain weapons and armaments (2) payday lending (3) any company which derives more than 25% of its revenue from gambling, any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of alcohol and any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of tobacco.

The assets of the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund (£244k) and the Edward Gostling Foundation (£186k) are restricted investment funds and are carried in the balance sheet as deferred income. These assets include realised gains on investments during the term of the investment. Both restricted funds are managed in separate accounts by Ruffer within their Charity Assets Trust and they follow the same investment principles as are applied to the Buttle UK investment also held by them. £115.8k remains deferred of the £154.4k recognised in the balance sheet in 2023-24 and represents the balance of funds received from Mercer's Foundation in March 2021 to be spent over 5 years from March 2022 to March 2027.

Total return

In 2006, the Charity Commission granted Buttle UK a total return order, permitting the spending of the unapplied total return of its endowment, but with the key responsibility of balancing the needs of current and future children and young people we support. Annually, the Trustees decide on an appropriate amount to allocate to unrestricted funds from the endowment, which can include an element of capital from the unapplied total return. Due consideration is given to ensure the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, is not affected by any allocation to unrestricted reserves. The split between the

real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, and the capital from the unapplied total return, as adjusted for inflation, is calculated annually, reported and then carried forward for consideration in future years.

The total return allocation for 2023-24 was fixed by the Trustees at £3.1m for the ongoing regular activities of the Charity. However, £350k of the earmarked sum was met from unrestricted reserves brought forward from previous years. The total transfer in 2023-24 at £2.75m represents 4.45% of the endowment value at year-end. and this reflects the decision to use the accumulated unapplied total return to increase the funds available for grant-making. The Trustees keep the level of the sums withdrawn annually under review.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, an amount of £978k of Designated funds was spent on CCG awards utilising excess unrestricted reserves over and above the Reserves policy.

The details of the movement on the unapplied total return are set out in Note 20.

Reserves
We highlight the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of six years.

The Trustees have determined that Buttle UK will hold the equivalent of three months of our core planned operational costs as free reserves to enable flexibility in organisational or grant expenditure if a critical situation arises. We have selected the level of reserves after taking account of the most significant risks in our risk register and the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of six years. Our reserves will help to ensure that our invested funds can continue to drive long term growth to support the next generation of children and young people's wellbeing and capacity to engage in education. The level of free reserves held will be subject to annual review.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £61.2m. In addition, restricted reserves stand at £8.811m. All restricted funds, including the £7.5m balance from the National Lottery Community Fund, are restricted for specific purposes set out by the funders and not available for the general purposes of the charity.

The balance of Designated Funds of £1m will be spent on Chances for Children Grants by March 2026.

The level of unrestricted free reserves at the balance sheet date was £1.746m. Planned activities in 2024/2025 will result in a reduction in the level of our unrestricted reserves as we spend on fundraising initiatives and other projects.

Therefore, continued fundraising income is crucial to supporting the charity's work and maintaining the level of support for children.

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

At year-end, Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Buttle UK and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that Buttle UK is a going concern.

The value of the endowment remains significantly in excess of the value of existing commitments and planned spending over the coming year.

The income of Buttle UK has not been materially affected by the increased level of activities as our fundraised income has also grown. We continue to build on our increasing fundraising initiative successes to ensure diversification of our income streams and to protect the capital value of our permanent endowment. We have modelled our cashflow up to the end of 2025 and our cash holdings enable us to continue to meet our obligations as and when due.

We have also modelled a number of our activities such that income directly correlates with expenditure and we are able to adjust these should the need arise.

Having considered the cashflow, reserves levels and future plans, the Trustees confirm that there are no material uncertainties which will prevent the charity from continuing as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Risk management
The Trustees have considered the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, have a process of regularly reviewing those risks and have established systems and processes to manage them. They are of the view that an appropriate control framework is in place, recognising that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance of elimination of risk.

The highest risks may be summarised as follows:

(a) Financial – The investment portfolio is mismanaged or there are serious adverse conditions in the market, such that the capital value and income are seriously diminished.

Buttle UK employs reputable investment managers, selected through a competitive process. Their performance is assessed against benchmarks by the Investment Committee on a regular basis with face-toface meetings. An analysis of the investment management contracts is commissioned every five years with a review scheduled for 2024/2025. Risks associated with major stock market fluctuations are unavoidable. The policy on liquid funds would ensure the short- term continuance of Buttle UK's activities in

all circumstances that can reasonably be foreseen. The investment managers have agreed with the Investment Committee a rebalance of the strategic asset allocation to focus on investments with ESG characteristics. Inflationary pressures continue to impact on global monetary policy and central banks are increasing interest rates that have been a support to global equities. Fortunately, the Endowment portfolio is hedged 22% to limit any sharp downturn that might occur. The Fundraising investment strategy also aims to reduce the organisational dependence on high levels of drawdown from the endowment, particularly in times of crisis.

(b) Cyber Security Computer operations or a cyber security event causes serious interruption to service provision and control.

Two step verification is included on all our key systems at Buttle. Staff have been trained on cyber security and on using their Google accounts securely. We are currently reviewing all of our cyber security provisions with an aim to complete the Cyber Essentials accreditation in 2024/25. An insurance policy is in place to compensate in case of cybercrime activity.

(c) Operational The Grants web-based database fails, thereby creating an inability to receive, assess or award grants.

The database is an excellent system and is supporting the grant development officers well. Further development is continuously being added based on our changing needs alongside fixes to bugs. Major issues with the system are dealt with swiftly by the database consultancy. However, the grants database is run by a company largely reliant on a single person and we still have risk in this area that we are seeking to mitigate. We started a database future proofing exercise in Feb 2024 to complete actions to mitigate this risk on an ongoing basis. We aim for completion of this in April 2025.

(d) Operational Grant programmes become open to wholesale fraud and abuse.

We have put in place and retained more due diligence and controls to monitor and manage risk, including fraud. The mitigating measures include ensuring that the line managers at the referring agencies are aware of grants awarded, that the grant recipients are informed of grant awards and provided with our contact details in case of any real or perceived irregularity, and that receipts are actively managed. We have in place due diligence for all applications plus guidance on how to respond and manage misspend, misuse and fraud. We limit new referrers to two live applications at any time. Checks and controls are continually reviewed and updated.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Charitable status
Buttle UK is a registered charity for the benefit of children and young people, administered and managed in accordance with the rules of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 26 March 1971, as amended by Charity Commission Schemes dated 19 August 1972, 22 February 1988, 26 October 1993 and 5 September 2006. Buttle UK is a registered charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission and in Scotland under OSCR. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has begun registering charities but Buttle UK has not yet been called forward to apply for registration.

Public benefit
The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Governance
Buttle UK's Scheme provides for a minimum of eight Trustees and a maximum of twenty. The current twelve Trustees provide substantial support and advice to the work of the Charity through Board meetings and Committee Meetings. We also have four co-opted members to our committees that will become board members in December 2024. We have reviewed and updated our committee structure in 2024 and these are listed below:

- Governance & Workplace Committee
- Finance & Investment Committee
- Grants Committee
- Campaign Board (volunteer fundraising committee)

Trustees acknowledge that governance is not a role for Trustees alone; it includes the way the Trustees work with the Chief Executive and staff to ensure that the Charity is effectively and properly run and meets the needs of the communities we work with through a good, quality service. The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Governance Code and have used this to make significant improvements in our governance in 2023-24 including strengthening our committee structure as set out above and sharing annual board and committee plans for the year ahead.

No trustees are remunerated for their roles on the trustee board, although expenses for travel are paid if requested.

Recruitment, induction and training of trustees
Buttle UK understands that a diverse board of trustees can improve the discussions and decision-making on the board. Our Trustee recruitment mirrors Buttle UK's staff recruitment process, actively seeking a diverse group of candidates. An EDI monitoring form is required for each candidate but this remains separate from any application and is used to monitor the diversity of our applications to ensure we can make improvements to our process where needed. A full recruitment pack is offered including details of the role, the diversity of our board, the dates of all board meetings and our plans for the year ahead.

A mixture of SMT, Trustees and young people interview candidates, and the roles are advertised across a broad range of publications, websites and social media. A skills and diversity audit is carried out in advance of recruiting any trustee to the Board and updated annually.

Trustees are recruited for a period of three years with an expectation that this would be renewed, so a six-year term is usual, following which they will normally resign from their roles. Renewal for a further term is possible in extenuating circumstances but resignation must occur after nine years.

Buttle UK's Trustee Succession Planning process considers a three-year time horizon and aims to improve how we meet current skills/diversity gaps as current Trustee terms finish and provides a stronger induction/learning period for an incoming trustee. Better planning also means that incoming Trustees - no matter their background and previous experience – are welcomed to Buttle UK with the best support we can provide. Current Trustees are also empowered to engage in thinking about their next steps with the Board by providing a clearer forward plan, offering the chance for them to have open conversations with the Chair/Deputy about their future on the Board.

It is recognised that Trustees have differing skills and time commitments, and that our governance model should allow flexibility in helping Trustees to offer these skills and time in the way that fits their needs as well as our organisation's. There are a number of functions and roles that Trustees are invited to contribute to, including the development of our future strategy, the policy of our grant giving programmes, the overseeing of projects, support in developing partnerships to enhance our work, support for our fundraising activities, audit, finance and investment, governance, education and social care.

Fundraising disclosure
Fundraising at Buttle UK is undertaken by the internal fundraising team, a volunteer committee (the Chances for Children Campaign Board) and a professional fundraising agency who is a member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising and Fundraising Regulator. The professional fundraising agency conducted door to door and private site fundraising on our behalf in 2023. We have a detailed contract and agreed set of policies and approaches with this agency which were reviewed regularly. The Board of Trustees regularly review the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on fundraising (CC20) and are satisfied that Buttle UK's practices conform with this guidance.

Buttle UK is registered with and subscribes to the Fundraising Regulator, including the Fundraising Preference Service. We are also signed up to the Telephone Preference Service. No failures have been reported in respect to industry-recognised fundraising standards in 2023-24. Since its inception in 2017 up to 31/03/2023, the charity has received – and acted upon – three suppression requests from the Fundraising Preference Service, two of which were received in the year to 31 March 2024.

There have been no reported failures by Buttle UK, or any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or regulation. Four fundraising complaints were received in relation to our door-to-door activity in the year to 31 March 2024. Each of these was investigated and resolved by the fundraising team. All staff and volunteers representing the Charity for the purposes of fundraising have either a job description and process of internal appraisal (in the case of staff) or clear terms of reference (in the case of volunteers). There are regular meetings between volunteers and staff. As required by the Charity Commission guidance, Buttle UK has complied with both available guidance and legislation to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviours which constitute an unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, are unreasonably persistent or places undue pressure on a person to give money or other property. We ensure that our suppliers have an approach to protecting people in vulnerable circumstances and insist on checking their policies in this regard as part of the tendering process.

We regularly provide training sessions with our agency partner to make sure they meet our high standards and monitor their activities through quality checks during welcome calls to ensure they are maintaining these standards and agreed approaches and we receive sample recordings of telephone contacts. We have an agreed process to screen people against the Telephone Preference Service register when selecting them for an approach by telephone; we do not share or sell data with third parties for their marketing benefit. We give our supporters the opportunity to opt out of communications and ensure we put in place appropriate intervals between fundraising approaches.

Safeguarding statement
In 2023/24, with the support of a safeguarding consultant from Barnardos, we completely overhauled our approach to safeguarding in recognition of increased direct work with young people through our co-production activity. We created a new Safeguarding Policy (available on our website); reporting and risk assessment templates and a code of conduct for staff and volunteers. We appointed a Lead Trustee for safeguarding; a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and three Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSOs). The four latter roles are completed by staff in addition to their core Buttle roles. The DSL and DSOs were trained in Autumn 2023; all Trustees received safeguarding training in Q4 of 23/24 and staff training took place in Q1 24/25. Safeguarding concerns are reported at every Trustee meeting and reviewed, as necessary, in Committees.

Anyone within the organisation can raise a concern by talking to the DSL or DSOs and completing an internal form. If someone outside the organisation wants to report a safeguarding concern about a Buttle UK member of staff and trustee or activity they can email **Safeguarding@buttleuk.org.**

Management
The Chief Executive is responsible for the delivery of Buttle UK's objectives and related performance management processes through the staff group. Board members are kept up to date on progression of the organisation's business plan through the inclusion of a tracker in the CEO's report in the quarterly board papers. Trustees continue to be kept informed of the activities of the Charity through quarterly trustee/staff seminars which will be arranged throughout 2024-25. An updated performance and development system ensures that staff work to objectives and that their skills development is encouraged and rewarded.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLG) consists of the SMT and members of the staff team selected to co-lead on the development of our five key strategic pillars within the 2020-25 strategy. Each SMT member is responsible for ensuring we have appropriate members of the team working on each pillar and the key objectives for the year are completed. The staff members of the SLT will work with the appropriate SMT member to support them on this. Any member of the wider Buttle UK team will support delivery of the business plan, the SLT will ensure it is on course.

The Charity's pay progression process involves reviewing the salaries of all employees annually. The process used to review all staff pay annually focuses on three parts:

- A benchmark review of similar job grades in the charity sector
- A cost of living (COL) review, based on a review of changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and charity sector COL benchmarking.

These will ensure we annually review the pay scales of all our job grades against the sector and in consideration of the cost of living. For greater transparency, pay scales for every job grade are shared with staff.

Finally, to ensure staff are rewarded for competency in their role, the third part of the process includes:

- A discussion with line managers as a part of staff members' annual appraisal in Jan/Feb focusing on their level of competency. This section of the appraisal is also aimed to help staff to consider the Learning & Development support we can provide to improve skills/ability where needed.

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, Scotland and Northern Ireland 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Charity'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 this information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors
HaysMac LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as the Charity's auditors

Approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Orlov - Chair of Trustees



Mark Alexander - Trustee

Registered Charity No: 313007 /
Scotland - SCO37997

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Trustees
Peter Orlov – **Deputy Chair** (Chair from 7 Dec 2023)
Mark Alexander
Lucinda Baxter
Nigel Bolton – appointed 7 Dec 2023
David Buttle – resigned 7 Dec 2023
Chantelle Chamberlin
Tania Cohen – appointed 7 Dec 2023
Tracey Dwamenah- (Deputy Chair from 7 Dec 2023)
Jill Dinsmore – (Chair - resigned 7 Dec 2023)
Thomasina Findlay - resigned 06 June 2024
Claire Hoyle – appointed 7 Dec 2023
Aaron McDonald – resigned 11 Sept 2023
Rosemary Norris – resigned 7 Dec 2023
Mary O'Callaghan – appointed 7 Dec 2023
Michael Seaton – resigned 7 Dec 2023
Alex Tennant
Harriet Ward
Leo Wong – resigned 7 Dec 2023

Staff
Chief Executive: Joseph Howes

Senior Management Team:
Director of Finance & Administration:
Paddy Zervudachi (until 17 Nov 2023)
Director of Finance & Operations:
Olu Lampejo (from 15 Jan 2024)
Director of Fundraising & Marketing:
Richard Barron (until 1 Dec 2023)
Director of Fundraising & Marketing:
Analiese Doctrove (from 15 Jan 2024)
Director of Grants Development:
Clare McGread

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUTTLE UK

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Buttle UK for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of the charity's net movement in funds 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 Chair's Statement and Trustees' Annual Report. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charity 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 for the financial statements
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 24, the trustees 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. 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), and the Trustee Investments Act, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended), Charities SORP (2019) and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to the recognition of voluntary income and grant commitments. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiries of management regarding correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing the controls and procedures of the charity, particularly in relation to the recording of income and processing of payments and payroll, to ensure these were in place throughout the year, including during the Covid-19 remote working period;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing and testing journal entries made in the year, particularly those made as part of the year-end financial reporting process; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates which comprise depreciation and amortisation, accruals and deferred income and bad debt provision.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

HaysMac LLP
Statutory Auditors,
10 Queen Street Place,
London EC4R 1AG

HaysMac LLP.

12 December 2024

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

BUTTLE UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2024	*TOTAL 2023*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies		-	1,320	150	**1,470**	*2,039*
From charitable activities						
The National Lottery Community Fund	17		9,846	154	10,000	*-*
Comic Relief	17	-	244	-	244	*285*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	17	-	-	-	-	*100*
Investment	3	1,166	-	7	**1,173**	*1,299*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,166**	**11,410**	**311**	**12,887**	*3,723*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	984	**984**	*810*
Investment management fees	20	291	-	-	**291**	*348*
Total raising funds		**291**	**-**	**984**	**1,275**	*1,158*
Charitable Activities	5, 6, 7					
Chances for Children grants		-	**3,770**	1,487	**5,257**	*4,095*
Support for boarding grants		-	**214**	743	**957**	*1,145*
Research & projects		-	**1**	294	**295**	*72*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**3,985**	**2,524**	**6,509**	*5,312*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**291**	**3,985**	**3,508**	**7,784**	*6,470*
Net income/(expenditure)		**875**	**7,425**	**(3,197)**	**5,103**	*(2,747)*
Transfers between funds	16	(2,750)	-	2,750	-	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(1,875)**	**7,425**	**(447)**	**5,103**	*(2,747)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	22	5,468	(59)	-	**5,409**	*(4,363)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**3,593**	**7,366**	**(447)**	**10,512**	*(7,110)*
Balances at 1 April 2023		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

In accordance with Charities SORP FRS 102 charitable activities comprise both grants and the associated support costs allocated to each activity. Details are shown in notes 5 & 6. Full details of the grants given are shown in the Trustees' Report.

The notes on pages **30 to 42** form part of these financial statements.

BUTTLE UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2023	*TOTAL 2022*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies	17	-	2,039	-	**2,039**	*1,622*
From charitable activities						
Comic Relief	17	-	285	-	285	*-*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	17	-	100	-	100	*100*
Investment	3	1,283	13	3	**1,299**	*1,293*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,283**	**2,437**	**3**	**3,723**	*3,015*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	810	**810**	*652*
Investment management fees	20	347	1	-	**348**	*371*
Total raising funds		**347**	**1**	**810**	**1,158**	*1,023*
Charitable Activities	5, 6, 7					
Chances for Children grants		-	**2,304**	1,791	**4,095**	*3,854*
Grants for children's eduction		-	**217**	928	**1,145**	*1,193*
Research & projects		-	-	72	**72**	*49*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**2,521**	**2,791**	**5,312**	*5,096*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**347**	**2,522**	**3,601**	**6,470**	*6,119*
Net income/(expenditure)		**936**	**(85)**	**(3,598)**	**(2,747)**	*(3,104)*
Transfers between funds	16	(4,644)	(6)	4,650	-	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(3,708)**	**(91)**	**1,052**	**(2,747)**	*(3,104)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	22	(4,359)	(4)	-	**(4,363)**	*4,689*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(8,067)**	**(95)**	**1,052**	**(7,110)**	*1,585*
Balances at 1 April 2022		**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**	*67,767*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*

BUTTLE UK
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2024

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL 2024 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2023 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	-	22	**22**	*17*
Intangible assets	11	-	-	36	**36**	*27*
Investments	12	60,432	431	1,346	**62,209**	*60,581*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**60,432**	**431**	**1,404**	**62,267**	*60,625*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	100	7,818	29	**7,947**	*488*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	665	1,852	1,449	**3,966**	*2,543*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**765**	**9,670**	**1,478**	**11,913**	*3,031*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14		(1,038)	(136)	**(1,174)**	*(1,098)*
Net current (Liabilities)/assets		**765**	**8,632**	**1,342**	**10,739**	*1,933*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**61,197**	**9,063**	**2,746**	**73,006**	*62,558*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(252)	-	**(252)**	*(316)*
NET ASSETS		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund	20	61,197	-	-	**61,197**	*57,604*
Restricted Funds	17	-	8,811	-	**8,811**	*1,445*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	1,000	***1,000***	*1,978*
General Fund	19	-	-	1,746	***1746***	*1,215*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**2,746**	**2,746**	*3,193*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**	*62,242*

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Peter Orlov - Chair of Trustees



Mark Alexander - Trustee

The notes on pages **30 to 42** form part of these financial statements.

BUTTLE UK BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL 2023 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2022 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	-	17	**17**	*6*
Intangible assets	11	-	-	27	**27**	*28*
Investments	12	57,516	602	2,463	**60,581**	*67,046*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**57,516**	**602**	**2,507**	**60,625**	*67,080*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	88	322	78	**488**	*471*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	53	1,736	754	**2,543**	*2,781*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**141**	**2,058**	**832**	**3,031**	*3,252*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(53)	(899)	(146)	**(1,098)**	*(655)*
Net current (Liabilities)/assets		**88**	**1,159**	**686**	**1,933**	*2,597*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**57,604**	**1,761**	**3,193**	**62,558**	*69,677*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(316)	-	**(316)**	*(325)*
NET ASSETS		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund	20	57,604	-	-	**57,604**	*65,671*
Restricted Funds	17	-	1,445	-	**1,445**	*1,540*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	1,978	***1,978***	*999*
General Fund	19	-	-	1,215	***1,215***	*1,142*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**3,193**	**1,215**	*1,142*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*

BUTTLE UK
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
AT 31 MARCH 2024

	NOTE	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	22	(3,496)	***(3,615)***
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Income from investments	3	1,173	*1,299*
Purchase of fixed asset investments	12	(25,591)	*(48,032)*
Proceeds from the sale of fixed asset investments	12	29,372	*50,134*
Net purchase of fixed assets		(35)	*(24)*
Net cash provided by investing activities		**4,919**	***3,377***
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**1,423**	***(238)***
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		2,543	*2,781*
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	23	**3,966**	***2,543***

The notes on pages **30 to 42** form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

a) Statement of Compliance
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The accounts are prepared in pounds Sterling (GBP).

b) General information
The Charity is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales (charity number 313007) and also a registered charity in Scotland (charity number SCO37997). The Charity's registered office is 15 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB.

c) Public benefit entity
The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

d) Going concern
The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been prepared on a going concern basis. Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of Buttle UK and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities for the foreseeable future. The trustees are of the view that Buttle UK is a going concern.

e) Donations and legacies
Grants, donations and legacies are accounted for when receivable. Where a donor imposes time restrictions on when a donation can be spent and there are no performance-related restrictions on the grant, the relevant amounts are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and amounts receivable are carried forward as restricted funds.

f) Income from fixed asset investments
Dividend income is recognised on the basis of the ex-dividend date. Fixed interest security income is accounted for on an accruals' basis.

g) Grants payable
Grants are given in accordance with the Rules of Buttle UK (approved 6 July 1987, subsequently revised by several resolutions drawn up by committees and approved by the Trustee Board). Grants are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are authorised. Any amounts which have been authorised but which remain unpaid at the year-end are included within current liabilities in the balance sheet. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

h) Expenditure
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio, raising investment income and fundraising expenses. Fundraising expenses include an estimate of staff time spent on this activity in accordance with note 5.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made in their different categories, plus an apportionment of staff and overhead costs in accordance with notes 5 and 6. The cost of the overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising salary, operational and administration costs are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straightline basis over the minimum period of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets, including computer software, valued at £500 or more are capitalised.

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over 5 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	Over 4 yrs
Intangible assets (database)	Over 5 yrs

k) Intangible fixed assets
Intangible fixed assets valued at £500 or more are capitalised.

Database	Over 5 yrs
Software	Over 3 yrs

l) Fixed asset investments
Listed equity shares and fixed interest stocks are included in the balance sheet at market values as at the year-end. Unlisted securities are valued at the most recent sale value or Directors' valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund and movements are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

m) Endowment fund
The permanent endowment fund comprises the original capital fund, and the unapplied accumulated gains on this fund, established to provide income for the Charity.

Buttle UK has adopted a total return approach to its endowment allowing both income and some capital gains to be spent in furthering the objects of the Charity. Further information is given in notes 2 and 20 to the accounts.

The fund is principally represented by the capital investments included in fixed assets, with thebalance held as net current assets.

Gains on sale and revaluation of related investment assets are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

n) Restricted and unrestricted funds
Restricted funds are those the use of which is restricted by the conditions imposed by the donors.

Designated funds are those which Trustees have decided must be used for a specific purpose. The purpose of which is recorded in the charity's board minutes.

General funds are those used for the general advancement of the Charity's objectives. The General Fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

o) Pension scheme
Contributions to the defined contributions scheme are charged in the SOFA in the year they are due.

p) Staff Benefits
Accrued holiday pay is calculated and recognised at year end. The amount is included in creditors payable.

q) Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the following basis:

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within current liabilities.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

r) Significant judgement and sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 require the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Charity's accounting policies. There are no significant areas where judgement was needed other than on those already included in the accounting policies.

2. Endowment

The Endowment Fund was first established in 1937 to provide an income for the charitable and philanthropic work of the Charity. The Scheme made in 1971 by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960), which now governs the operation of theCharity, perpetuates the terms of the original endowment. This provided for the fund to be retained, and only the income arising available to be spent.

However, on 28 March 2006 the Charity Commission granted an order to the Charity entitling it to adopt a total return approach to its endowment, and this approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006. This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 16.

3. Investment Income

	2024		2023	
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:	**£'000**	**%**	*£'000*	*%*
Equity shares & Property Funds	1,019	87	*1,096*	*84*
Fixed interest stocks	87	7	*158*	*12*
TOTAL	**1,106**	**94**	*1,254*	*97*
FX:				
Differences/Gains/(Losses)	60	5	38	3
Interest on deposits	7	1	*7*	*1*
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	**1,173**	**100**	***1,299***	***100***

4a. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (current year)

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS	TOTAL	GOVERNANCE	FUNDRAISING	IMPACT & EVALUATION	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING
Percentage (%)	**100% (£'000)**	**5.00% (£'000)**	**38.40% (£'000)**	**3.00% (£'000)**	**36.00% (£'000)**	**17.20% (£'000)**
Staff costs (note7)	**1,114**	56	308	91	570	89
Premises	**260**	14	100	7	94	45
Communications	**72**	4	28	2	26	12
IT & depreciation	**90**	5	34	4	32	15
Fundraising	**370**	-	370	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**16**	1	6	-	6	3
Training & recruitment	**56**	3	22	2	20	9
Audit, legal & professional fees	**82**	4	31	3	29	15
Trustee	**58**	3	22	2	21	10
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**64**	3	25	2	23	11
General	**-**	(93)	38	2	36	17
TOTAL 2024	***2,182***	***-***	***984***	***115***	***857***	***226***
TOTAL 2023	***1,788***	***-***	***810***	***72***	***614***	***292***

Basis of allocation: Staff costs are allocated based on estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated based on staff costs except for fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

4b. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (prior year)

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS	TOTAL	GOVERNANCE	FUNDRAISING	IMPACT & EVALUATION	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING
Percentage (%)	**100% (£'000)**	**5.00% (£'000)**	**38.40% (£'000)**	**3.00% (£'000)**	**36.00% (£'000)**	**17.20% (£'000)**
Staff costs (note7)	**906**	51	248	51	375	181
Premises	**219**	11	84	7	79	38
Communications	**94**	5	36	3	34	16
IT & depreciation	**96**	5	38	3	35	15
Fundraising	**307**	-	307	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**23**	1	10	1	8	3
Training & recruitment	**36**	3	13	1	13	6
Audit, legal & professional fees	**50**	3	19	2	18	8
Trustee	**12**	1	5	-	4	2
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**45**	2	17	1	17	8
Reallocation of governance	**-**	(82)	33	3	31	15
TOTAL 2023	***1,788***	***-***	***810***	***72***	***614***	***292***
TOTAL 2022	***1,489***	***72***	***580***	***49***	***532***	***256***

5. Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2024 (£'000)	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2023 (£'000)*
Chances for Children grants	4,567	857	**5,424**	3,092	614	*3,706*
Support for Boarding	731	226	**957**	1,242	292	*1,534*
Impact & Evaluation	-	115	**115**	-	72	*72*
TOTAL	**5,298**	**1,198**	**6,496**	*4,334*	*978*	*5,312*

6. Analysis of Grants to Individuals & Organisations

	RESTRICTED COSTS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED (£'000)	2024 (£'000)	RESTRICED COSTS (£'000)	UN-RESTRICTED (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS						
Chances for Children grants	3,770	797	**4,567**	1,846	1,246	*3,092*
Grants for children's education	214	517	**731**	253	989	*1,242*
TOTAL	**3,984**	**1,314**	**5,298**	*2,099*	*2,235*	*4,334*

7. Analysis of Staff Costs

	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
Salaries and wages	**864**	*733*
Social security costs	**83**	*87*
Employers contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**158**	*77*
Other costs	**9**	*9*
TOTAL	**1,114**	*906*

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

	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
Grant & project administration	**12**	*10*
Management & administration	**6**	*3*
Fundraising & promotion	**4**	*5*
TOTAL	**22**	*18*

The number of staff whose salaries exceeded £60,000, excluding employer pension contributions, and fell within the following bands were:

	2024	*2023*
£80,000 - £89,999	**1**	*1*
£70,000 - £79,999	**-**	*-*
£60,000 - £69,999	**2**	*2*

Employer's contributions totalling £30,618 (2023: £26,624) were made to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the above.

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and life assurance premiums, of the key management personnel were £360,590 (2023: £324,156).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2023: £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2023: £nil).

During the year a total of £4,015 was paid for training and subsistence expenses to or on behalf of twelve Trustees (2023: six, £11,543).

8. Related Party Transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business. Restricted donations of £2,000 were received from a related party (2023: None).

9. Auditors' Remuneration

Auditors' remuneration comprised an audit fee of £22,500 (exclusive of VAT), (2023: £19,100).

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS (£'000)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (£'000)	FURNITURE & FITTINGS (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST				
At 1 April 2023	114	229	39	**382**
Additions	-	15	-	**15**
AT 31 MARCH 2024	**114**	**224**	**39**	**397**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	114	212	39	**365**
Charge for the year	-	10	-	**10**
AT 31 MARCH 2024	**114**	**222**	**39**	**375**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2024	**0**	**22**	**0**	**22**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2023	*0*	*17*	*0*	*17*

11. Intangible Fixed Assets

	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
COST		
At 1 April	**178**	*168*
Additions	**21**	*10*
AT 31 MARCH	**199**	*178*
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April	**151**	*140*
Charge for the year	**12**	*11*
AT 31 MARCH	**163**	*151*
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH	**36**	**27**

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12. Fixed Asset Investments

	ENDOWMENT		RESTRICTED	GENERAL/ DESIGNATED	TOTAL	*TOTAL*
	LISTED (£'000)	UNLISTED (£'000)	LISTED (£'000)	LISTED (£'000)	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
Market value at 1 April 2023	57,508	8	602	2,463	60,581	*67,046*
Additions at cost	25,578	0	13	-	25,591	*48,032*
Disposal proceeds	(29,247)	-	(125)	-	(29,372)	*(50,134)*
TOTAL	**53,839**	**8**	**490**	**2,463**	**56,800**	***64,944***
Investment gains/(losses)	5,468	-	(59)	-	5,409	*(4,363)*
Due to unrestricted		-	-		-	*0*
Allocated to designated fund not yet withdrawn	1,117	-	-	(1,117)	-	*-*
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**60,424**	**8**	**431**	**1,346**	**62,209**	***60,581***
HISTORICAL COST AT 31 MARCH 2023	**50,196**	**1**	**429**	**1,346**	**51,972**	***50,420***

The restricted investment comprises the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund and represents funds received from Graphite Capital, a leading private equity investor, which are invested in the CF Ruffer Absolute Return C Income Fund. These funds are being drawn down over a 10-year period commencing in October 2014 to support grant awards to estranged young people through our Chances for Children grant provision. Additional income received on the invested funds is also available for use for the same purpose. Further restricted funds were received during 2022/2023 in the amount of £250,000 from the Edward Gostling Foundation, with the funds invested in the CF Ruffer Charity Assets Trust. The funds are being drawn down to support Chances for Children grants over a 10-year period commencing in the year 2022/23

Listed and Unlisted Investments in the Endowment Fund are direct holdings of the Charity. Cash invested in the Institutional Cash Series Fund at 31 March 2024 was £1,847,322 (2023: £1,228,830).

Subsequent to the year end, the total value of the fixed asset investments rose to £63.7m as at 31 July 2024 but has since been countered by ongoing volatility in the market.

13. Debtors

	2024 (£'000)	*2023 (£'000)*
Prepayments & accrued income	**186**	*231*
Other debtors	**7,761**	*257*
TOTAL	**7,947**	*488*

Included in the total of £7.761m of other debtors in Note 13 above is £7.5m being the amount receivable from the National Lottery Community Fund in future years

14. Creditors

	2024 (£'000)	2023 (£'000)
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals for CCG grants	**974**	*735*
Accruals	**98**	*99*
Deferred income	**64**	*164*
Other creditors	**38**	*100*
TOTAL	**1,174**	*1,098*

15. Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2024 (£'000)	2023 (£'000)
Deferred income	**252**	*316*
TOTAL	**252**	*316*

Deferred income comprises grant income received in the current accounting period which will be spent in future accounting periods.

	2024 (£'000)	2023 (£'000)
Reconciliation of deferred income		
Balance brought forward at 1 April	**480**	*450*
Amounts released to income	**(164)**	*(125)*
Deferred in year	**64**	*155*
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH	**380**	*480*

16a. Transfers Between Funds 2024

	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND £'000)	GENERAL FUND £'000)
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities:			
Regular transfer	(2,750)	-	2,750
Single transfer - allocated to designated fund			
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2024	**(2,750)**	**-**	**2,750**

16. Transfers Between Funds (Prior year) 2023

The following transfers were made between funds during the year to March:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities			
Regular transfer	*(2,644)*	*(6)*	*2,650*
Single transfer - allocated to designated fund	*(2,000)*	*-*	*2,000*
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2023	*(4,644)*	*(6)*	*4,650*

17a. Restricted Funds (Current Year) 2023–2024

	BALANCE 1 APR 23 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSES) (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 24 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,846	(2,346)		7,500
Comic Relief	7	244	(158)	1	94
Postcode Lottery	2	-	-		2
CTF	12	-	-		12
Graphite Capital	138	100	(121)	(37)	80
Edward Gostling Foundation	-	25	(25)	(22)	(22)
McIlroy legacy	10	-	(10)		0
Gary Barlow gala	199	-	-		199
KPMG Foundation	12	25	(37)		-
Clothworkers' Foundation	41	40	(40)		41
Garfield Weston	148	-	(150)	2	-
Colin Crawshaw	50	50	(100)		-
Dulverton Trust	36		(35)		1
Brooks legacy	6			(6)	-
Various	784	1,018	(899)	1	904
TOTAL	**1,445**	**11,348**	**(3,921)**	**(61)**	**8,811**

Use of Restricted Funds

Graphite Capital	Chances for Children grants, estranged young people in UK
The National Lottery	Chances for Children grants. The £10m is a multi-year grant to 2026/27 which has been recognised in full in 2023/24 in line with SORP provisions on income recognition. £2.5m was received during 2023/2024 of which £154k was provided as support costs.
Comic Relief	Chances for Children grants in London
Mercers' Company	Chances for Children, support for Boarding
Clothworkers' Foundation	Chances for Children grants
Garfield Weston Foundation	Chances for Children grants, estranged young people in UK
CTF	Chances for Children grants
KPMG Foundation	Chances for Children grants
Dulverton trust	Chances for Children grants

17b. Restricted Funds (Prior Year) 2022 –2023

	BALANCE 1 APR 22 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 23 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
Comic Relief	2	285	(281)	1	7
Postcode Lottery	3	100	(100)	(1)	2
CTF	219	3	(210)	-	12
Graphite Capital	114	127	(100)	(3)	138
Edward Gostling Foundation	1	28	(28)	(1)	-
City Bridge Trust	16	-	(16)	-	-
Mercers	199	(154)	(45)	-	-
KPMG Foundation	25	28	(40)	(1)	12
Clothworkers' Foundation	37	40	(36)	-	41
Garfield Weston	165	200	(217)	-	148
Colin Crawshaw	50	50	(50)	-	50
Dulverton Trust	37	35	(36)	-	36
Various	672	1,690	(1,357)	(6)	999
TOTAL	**1,540**	**2,437**	**(2,522)**	**(10)**	**1,445**

Transfers to/from restricted funds, also disclosed in Note 11 above, have been made principally to match administration and support costs funded by donors for a specific project or grant programme or where funds have been incorrectly disclosed in prior years.

18a. Designated Funds (Current Year) 2023 – 2024

	BALANCE 1 APR 23 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 24 (£'000)
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	*1,978*	-	(978)	-	1,000
TOTAL	***1,978***	**-**	**(978)**	**-**	1,000

18b. Designated Funds (Prior Year) 2022 – 2023

	BALANCE 1 APR 22 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 23 (£'000)
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	*999*	-	(1,021)	2,000	*1,978*
TOTAL	***999***	**-**	**(1,021)**	**2,000**	***1,978***

The Board of Trustees earmarked £2m to be applied and spent on Chances for Children grants from available funds during the 3 years 2023-24 to 2025-26.

19a. Analysis of Net Assets (Current Year) 2023 – 2024

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS & DESIGNATED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	58	**58**
Investments	60,432	431	1,346	**62,209**
Current assets	765	9,670	1,478	**11,913**
Current liabilities	-	(1,038)	(136)	**(1,174)**
Long term liabilities	-	(252)	-	**(252)**
TOTAL	**61,197**	**8,811**	**2,746**	**72,754**

19b. Analysis of Net Assets (Prior Year) 2022 – 2023

	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	44	**44**
Investments	57,516	602	2,463	**60,581**
Current assets	141	2,058	832	**3,031**
Current liabilities	(53)	(899)	(146)	**(1,098)**
Long term liabilities	-	(316)	-	**(316)**
TOTAL	**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**

20. Total Return Application

The Charity Commission permitted the Charity to adopt the use of the total investment powers in relation to its permanent endowment investments by an order dated 28 March 2006. The power permits the Trustees to invest the portfolio to maximize total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income (as disclosed in the funds transfers, note 11), the unapplied total return remains invested as part of the permanent endowment. The power was implemented on 1 April 2006.

The Westnedge Fund refers to a legacy received in 2001 as a permanent endowment for the benefit of adopted children.

The investment fund and application of total return to permanent endowment funds		**MAIN FUND** (£'000)	**WESTNEDGE FUND** (£'000)	**TOTAL 2024** (£'000)
Value of permanent endowment at 1 April 23		**57,493**	**111**	**57,604**
Less:	Value of Main Fund at 5 April 1978	(7,247)	-	(7,247)
Less:	Value of Westnedge Fund at 31 March 2002	-	(73)	(73)
Unapplied total return at 1 April		**50,246**	**38**	**50,284**
Add:	Investment return			
Add:	Dividends and interest in the year	1,166	-	1,166
Add:	Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	5,468	-	5,468
Deduct:	Investment management fees	(291)	-	(291)
Unapplied total return before transfer to income		**56,589**	**38**	**56,627**
Less:	Allocated to designated fund	-	-	-
Less:	Unapplied total return applied in year	(2,750)	-	(2,750)
Unapplied total return at 31 March		**53,839**	**38**	**53,877**
Add:	Endowment value at 5 April 1978	7,247	-	7,247
Add:	Endowment value at 31 March 2002	-	73	73
Permanent endowment including unapplied total return at 31 March, constituting the investment fund		**61,086**	**111**	**61,197**

Trustees acknowledge that the endowment fund of Buttle UK could also act as a buffer in the face of a significant event in the short to medium term to enable us to address the risks. This is as a result of the 'Total Return Order' awarded by the Charity Commission. We continue to seek to maintain our endowment in such a way that ensures we can deliver on our aims in a financially sustainable way. The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £61.2million (after taking into account the renewal of the Designated Stepping Up fund of which £1m remains to be expended).

21. Operating Lease Commitments (Land & Buildings)

The Charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows for each of the following periods:

	2024 (£'000)	2023 (£'000)
Less than one year	**75**	*149*
Between two & five years	**0**	*75*
TOTAL	**75**	*244*

22. Reconciliation Of Net Income/(Expenditure) To Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities

	2024 (£'000)	2023 (£'000)
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**10,512**	*(7,110)*
Depreciation/Amortisation	**21**	*14*
Losses/(Gains) on investments	**(5,409)**	*4,363*
Non-market adjustment to unquoted investment value	**-**	*-*
Investment income	**(1,173)**	*(1,299)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(7,459)**	*(17)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**12**	*434*
NET CASH PROVIDED USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(3,496)**	*(3,615)*

23a. Analysis of Net Debt (Current Year) 2023 – 2024

	AT 1st APRIL 2022 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2024 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	*745*	1,361	-	**2,106**
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	*1,798*	62	-	**1,860**
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	***2,543***	**1,423**	**-**	**3,966**

The charity does not hold any debt therefore the net debt analysis has not been provided.

23b. Analysis of Net Debt (Prior Year) 2022 – 2023

	AT 1st APRIL 2022 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2023 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	*(38)*	783	-	*745*
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	*2,819*	(1,021)	-	*1,798*
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	***2,781***	**(238)**	**-**	***2,543***

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

As we move into the fourth year of our 2020-25 strategy: 'Working Together for Children and Young People', it feels like Buttle UK is at a critical moment. Our work has never been needed more and our annual grant funding is at the highest we have delivered in our history.

This is in response to the significant challenges that children and young people have had to face since 2020 and are set to continue. We are taking a long-term view regarding our grants funding, continuing to double the value of our pre-covid offer. We can do this by extending the 'Stepping Up' commitment we have made from our endowment, having already spent an additional £2m over the last two years in addition to significant fundraising support from our donors. Combined, this gives us the basis to deliver a higher level of support for at least the next four years. It also provides us with both a positive challenge; to ensure we can deliver this funding to the communities we serve, and a time-bound opportunity; to develop our fundraising in the meantime and therefore continue a higher level of support for children and young people across the UK for years to come.

Poverty has tightened its grip on so many more children and young people this year. 4.2m children in the UK are currently living in poverty, with expectations that this figure will continue to increase due to the challenges faced in the cost-of-living crisis. This is illustrated, very bleakly, in our latest annual State of Child Poverty research, which shows that education has become a luxury an increasing number of families can no longer afford. One social worker sums up the scale of the challenge: 'I have never known times that have been as bad as it is today. Children of this generation do not stand a chance in life; it is so wrong that the families that we work with think that how they are living is normal and accept it.' This is not the kind of society any of us want, we must do more. This year, as we deliver our biggest funding budget yet for children and young people, we will be focusing on the diversity of the communities we support through our grantmaking and highlighting the impact of our work across the UK. Our grants programmes can help many in the most challenging situations, but we cannot reach everyone. Whilst our focus is to support children and young people right now, we also must share the insights of our work to create further positive change for the future. We will therefore work with the End Child Poverty coalition, and others, to call for wider change for all children held down by poverty and crisis.

The opportunity we have to develop sustainable fundraising growth also comes at a time when other key strategic initiatives are coming to fruition. We are now actively involving children, young people, parents/carers, and frontline workers in the development of our organisation and our work. Within the next year our Youth Panel and Advisory Network will be fully established in order to continue this work into the future. Our understanding of co-produced and collaborative grant-making is also being transformed through the progress we are making with a new gendered poverty programme in Middlesbrough. We are working there to develop grant giving in partnership with mothers and carers who have direct, current experience of poverty - an exciting collaboration with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust.

So many children and young people in the UK do not have access to the most basic items and activities. We all know the importance of these things from our own experiences, to be able to grow up healthy and happy and to further our future chances in life. Every child deserves the chance of a healthy and happy future. So, we will work harder and go further - in these toughest of times - to support that vision. Please do continue to stand alongside us.



Jill Dinsmore, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT BUTTLE UK

Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to helping children and young people in the UK who have experienced crisis, live in financial hardship and deal with multiple challenging social issues. We have been doing this since 1953.

We provide support designed to improve emotional, educational and social outcomes through our Chances for Children grants and, for some children whose home environment is particularly disruptive and chaotic, grants which allow them to go to boarding school. All our grants are designed to help provide a safe and nurturing environment to grow up in and access to activities that promote wellbeing and help strengthen support networks. Ultimately, we aim to increase the capacity of children and young people to engage in education and improve their social and emotional wellbeing.

We focus our support on grantmaking because this is where we have expertise and experience to make the biggest difference. Buttle UK operates across the UK and, in 2022-2023, provided £4 million in timely, individually targeted grants to support 4,378 children and young people. There are fantastic organisations fighting for systems change to build long-term solutions to end child poverty. Our work generates extensive data and insights into levels of vulnerability and poverty from those with direct experience and the frontline teams that they work with. We share what we hear and learn with the wider social care sector to support positive change for children and young people in crisis and poverty.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis and who are financially excluded.



Overall aim

We believe that all children across the UK should have a chance for change. We aim to ensure "the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are in need of financial assistance, with a preference for children who are, or were, adopted, children of lone parents or children who are orphaned and who have or are being deprived of a normal family life."

These aims are consistent with the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In planning activities, and reviewing grant policy and criteria, Trustees consider the 'public benefit requirement', and are confident that all activities we undertake demonstrate this requirement.

PURSUING OUR STRATEGIC GOALS IN THE COMING YEAR

As we move into the fourth year of our 'Working Together for Children and Young People', 2020-25 strategy, it feels like we are at a critical moment for Buttle UK. Our work has never been more needed. Our grants fund will be the highest we have delivered annually in our history. This is in response to the significant challenges that children and young people have had to face over the last three years. The additional 'Stepping Up' commitment from our endowment, and significant fundraising support from our donors, means that we can continue to offer a higher level of support for the next 3-4 years.

Our 2020-25 strategy pushes for continuous improvement in our grantmaking, working in collaboration with other grantmakers and charities, calling for wider change for children and young people in poverty, and involving their expertise in the future direction of our organisation. The opportunity we have to develop sustainable fundraising growth also comes at an exciting time, when we are well set to begin involving the communities we support in the development of our organisation and work, through our Youth Panel and Advisory Network. Our understanding of co-produced and collaborative grant-making is also bolstered this year as we progress our pilot of a gendered poverty programme. Here we are working with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust alongside mothers/carers in Middlesbrough who are living in poverty.

We will also use our relationship with the End Child Poverty coalition to support its call for change as we head into a likely election year in 2024. Because, whilst our focus is to support children and young people right now, we also must share the insights of our work in order to create further change in the future for the communities we support.

Our key strategic pillars:

Pillar 1

Creating Chances for Children 2.0 for more children in crisis

We continue to learn about our Chances for Children grants every day. Refining and developing them to ensure we support a wider range of crises affecting children and young people is a key aspect of our five-year strategy. Crucial to this development will be to focus on the clear purpose of our grants in the short term and long term; the difference we aim to see and can prove through direct evidence, and that we would like to see through relevant broader research. We will increase the support offered through our Chances for Children grants to more children and young people in crisis and align these grants with our Support for Boarding grants to offer integrated, individually focused funding by everyone in our Grants Development Team.

Pillar 2

Co-production and Accountability

Through our grants, Buttle UK gives children and young people in crisis the power to shape a better future for themselves. We aim to bring lived and learned expertise of families and professionals into Buttle UK, and for the voices of children and young people to help shape and energise our organisation. We want to move away from the historical approach of grant-giving organisations, i.e. that this money is ours, and families, young people and professionals must justify why they are deserving of financial help in order for us to give any of our money out to them. This does not sit well with our approach as a charity which is child-focused and empathetic, and it further disempowers those who already face significant hardship and challenges in their lives. Of course, we still need families to tell us why they need help and – because there is only so much money – we have to make decisions based on whose circumstances best fit our criteria. But we know there are ways for us to be more transparent and open about our grant decisions, and for us to be more accountable to those who we are here to support.

Pillar 3

Collaborating to maximise the breadth & impact of our support

Throughout our history we have built a significant network of individuals and organisations with whom we can collaborate to help further the impact we have as a charity for children and young people across the UK. Collaborating with key stakeholders will enable us to increase the number of children and young people our funds support and improve the impact and experience of our support by working as a collective, rather than a single unit. With an improved, collective offer, we will then look to collaborate on joint funding bids/partnerships.

Pillar 4

Income Growth

Through investment in fundraising, we will build support for our Chances for Children grants from the general public, corporates and trusts, and therefore be able to offer more children and young people in crisis these grants each year. We will build strong fundraising income streams, to work alongside our endowment, that help create a sustainable funding base for the organisation - during and beyond the period of this strategic plan.

Pillar 5

Know, Learn, Lead: Building a Future-Ready Team

We recognise that our people and team are the single most important resource we have to achieve our strategic goals. We envision building an adaptable team with a strong trust-focused culture, that gives people the confidence to push the boundaries on what we can achieve together.



Our cross-cutting themes

Our strategic pillars will be influenced by, and have an impact on, other areas of our work. Key cross-cutting themes are:

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – We aim for all our staff and trustees to become inclusive by instinct in the way we work at Buttle UK. We believe that we can build better grant support for children and young people by embracing diversity across our team. Diversity of thought from different demographics is vital to ensuring our grants remain relevant for those we work with. We must also support a diverse range of communities in our grant giving and adapt our processes to enable this.

Impact Measurement – Our impact measurement will be aligned to our Theory of Change so that everything we do is measured against our purpose. We will know when we are successful in our interventions, and what we are not doing well, so that we can continuously improve our work.

Marketing and Communications – Since changing our grant giving from 'basic essentials' to Chances for Children grants we have updated much of our communications, but key external communication tools highlight what we do, not why we do it. Using the Theory of Change to focus on our purpose will have a major effect on our internal and external communications messaging. Our fundraising growth strategy will also influence our communications.

Technology – Technology can provide the exponential difference we need to ensure the best possible service and impact for children and young people we work with. We will consider the enabling power of technology across each of our strategic themes, working with experts where needed and not being afraid to lead the way where we feel the biggest difference can be made.

Based on this strategy, we have set the following key objectives for 2023/24:

A) Chances for Children 2.0

We will deliver 3,166 Chances for Children grants, supporting 5,500 children, with a budget of £4.5m. A diversity review of our Chances for Children grants, with actions, will be completed. We will also support 63 young people through our Support for Boarding programme with a budget of £900k, whilst continuing its re-development and future plans. Additionally, we will fund (£100k) and complete the pilot and evaluation of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust. Our full grants budget to support children and young people will be £5.5m.

B) Co-production and Accountability

We will recruit 12 young people to a Youth Panel and 100 individuals to an Advisory Network, building engagement across the organisation, including with trustees.

C) Collaboration

We will publish our individual grants data on 360Giving with the GMA/ACO and build advocacy relationships with appropriate organisations alongside our work with the End Child Poverty Coalition to advocate for change for children, families, and young people.

D) Income growth

We will raise funds to ensure the total available to spend on our grants in 2023-24 is £5.5m and target £2.5m income (in addition to funds from the National Lottery Community Fund for 24-25). We will also work with the trustee board to develop a long-term growth strategy.

E) Know, Learn, Lead

We will clarify and improve our home/blended working model for all roles and complete plans for a move away from our current office base.

Our Grantmaking and Theory of Change

The children and young people we support are living in severe poverty, on average on incomes of less than £18,000 per year, well below recognised minimum income standards[1]. They suffer significant deprivation as a result. Unfortunately, everyone we support also faces, or has been affected by, issues such as domestic abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, estrangement, illness, distress, abuse, neglect, behavioural or mental health issues.

Our funds support children and young people to help them achieve personal and transformative change to move on from crisis. Each case is individual so what is offered via our grants varies too. Frontline workers, who make the applications on behalf of children and young people, work with them to find out about their needs as well as their interests and ambitions. Our financial support assists with improving emotional, mental and social wellbeing and increases young people's capacity to engage with education and learning.

This can be as simple as a new school uniform to help them settle in school; support for family or play therapy; or membership of a club or activity so that they socialise and have opportunities to make friends. Many children we help, escaping domestic abuse, have no belongings and may have been moved hundreds of miles across the UK to escape the perpetrator. For them we can help with items like beds, toys, clothes or even a TV. Our grants help children to live a life that is a little more normal.

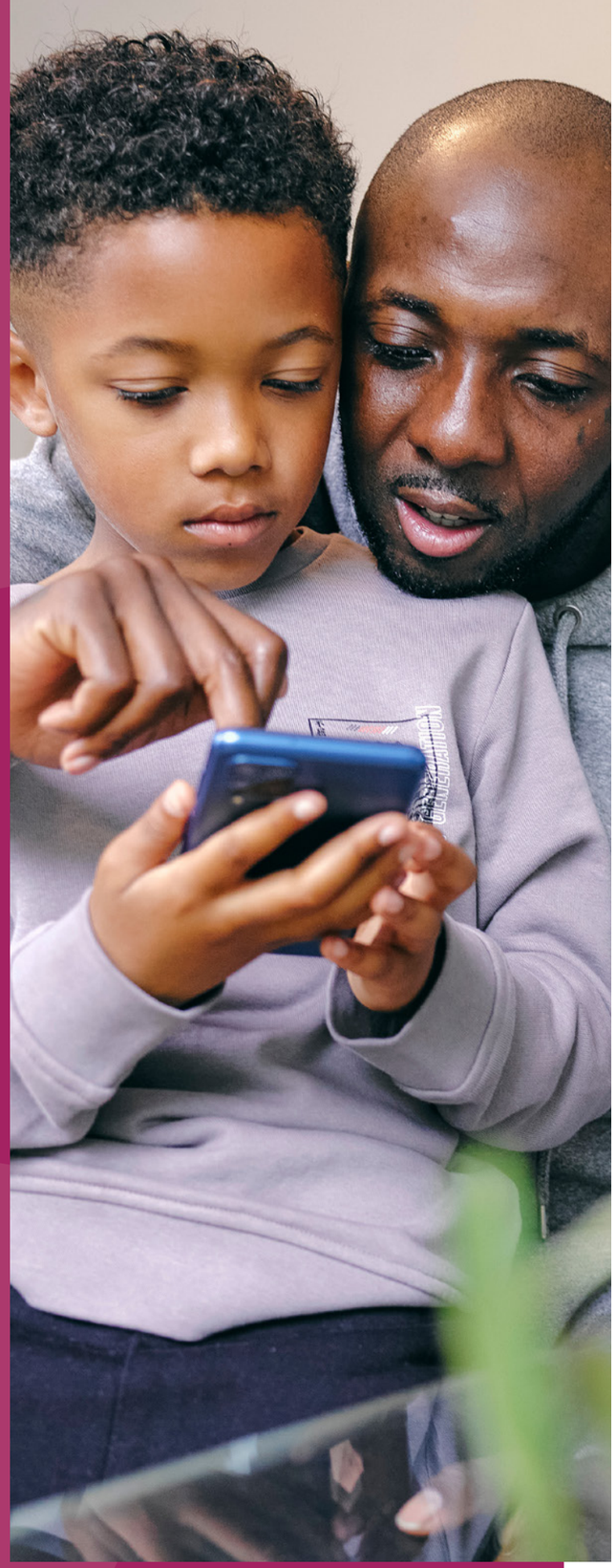
Inflation has had an impact on how much we can provide, so we increased our upper limit to £2,200 this year and in 2023-24 it has increased again since, to £2,400.

We have learnt from our Chances for Children grantmaking that:

- A grant of £1,500 - £2,000 has the potential to make a lasting difference and support the family to move beyond crisis, towards a genuine turning point in their lives.
- Our grants help service providers to work beyond funding and procedure constraints and so they can do more for their clients, building trust and achieving better outcomes.

Applicant organisations sign up to the grant terms and conditions for all grants and submit receipts against spend. We monitor grants closely for misspend, misuse or fraud and act quickly to address inconsistencies or issues.

Our boarding school offer supports a small number of children and young people, aged between 11 and 16, whose ongoing home environment is so challenging that there is a risk of family breakdown. We have been supporting boarding places for young people for 70 years. We have seen that boarding can support a child's developmental needs through providing routine, increased stability and emotional and social support. The level of aspiration offered by a boarding education can also help to raise a young person's educational attainment.



1. Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimated that in April 2022 a single person needs to earn £25,500 a year to reach a minimum acceptable standard of living. A couple with two children needs to earn £43,400 between them.

BUTTLE UK THEORY OF CHANGE

TO PROMOTE — **Improved social & emotional wellbeing & increased capacity to engage in education**

TO ENSURE

Home
Children & young people are growing up in a safe & nurturing place that meets their learning and development needs

Wider Community
Children & young people access activities that promote wellbeing and learning and build support networks

TO PROVIDE — The items & activities that we expect all children to have & the extra resources that can help to overcome crisis & unlock opportunities

BY FUNDING — **Chances for Children**
Individually tailored grants that invest in children & young people's present & future lives

WE SUPPORT — **Children & young people living in poverty & crisis**

INCREASING LIFE CHANCES

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Achievements against 2022/23 aims and objectives

Through our direct grant giving, we can create a positive change to children and young people's lives, giving them a chance to focus more on their education or gaining employment and lifting them out of a crisis at a critical time.

We set the following goals in 2022/23 to further this work, in line with our overall strategy:

a) Chances for Children 2.0
We will deliver 2,500 Chances for Children grants across the team and embed our new application forms to improve delivery, impact, diversity and understanding in our grantmaking.

b) Co-production and Accountability
We will resource, plan and engage with a Youth Panel and Advisory Board to support our decision making in the organisation.

c) Collaboration
We will complete the inception phase of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme and develop a system with 360Giving and the ACO to share individual grantmaking data externally and collectively.

d) Income Growth
We will aim to achieve a stretch target of £2.5m to spend in year and continue to test an individual giving fundraising approach.

e) Know, Learn, Lead
We will embed our 'People & Culture' offer for all staff and improve our cross-team work and information sharing to support our blended working approach.

Key Achievements in 2022/23

- In **2022/23** we have awarded **2,314 grants**, reaching **4,378 children and young people**, including 111 boarders.
- We have spent **£3,092,256** on Chances for Children Grants and **£881,684** on Boarding, meaning a **total grant spend of £3,973,940** within the year.
- We have continued to hold a higher line of support during the Covid-19/ Cost-of-Living crisis. This includes delivery of our second £1m tranche from our 'Stepping up' fund. As a comparison, we delivered a total of **2,550 grants** supporting a total of **4,519 children and young people** across the full year in 2021/22 with higher Covid funding support.
- The fundraising team has successfully raised **£3.96m**. £2.52m of this has been allocated towards Grant awards for the year 2022-23. The remainder of the fundraised and received funds amounting to **c£1.45m** will be carried forward and allocated towards the 2023-24 budget.
- We have created a shared vision for co-production across Buttle UK, **establishing policies, processes and systems.**
- We have **involved young people** in the work of our organisation, interviewing all new staff members as part of our recruitment panels, leading the creation of our **'Surviving Estrangement'** report and highlighting these challenges in the media and on conference platforms.
- We have developed and delivered our new **pay progression process** to recognise and develop staff competency as a part of our **'People and Culture' offer**.
- We have reviewed and updated our recruitment process for staff and trustees with an aim to **improve the diversity, and inclusivity** of Buttle UK.
- Worked with the **Grantmakers' Alliance** and **360Giving** to enable all individual grantmakers to share our **grants data transparently**.



Buttle UK's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy – Our journey to become inclusive by instinct.

Our vision for this strategy is that our Trustees and Staff will have a deep understanding of EDI, the self-awareness of how it relates to the organisation's work and the systems we work in. We will have a continued process of engagement, reflection and action taken. We will become inclusive by instinct. Our annual Business Plan sets specific goals for the year to ensure constant reflection on improvements and identifies areas that need further support.

Our work against these goals in 2022-23 is highlighted below:

1) We will become inclusive by instinct and represent the communities we aim to support. We have updated our trustee and staff recruitment processes to support a more inclusive approach and to strengthen the diversity of our full team. This process is detailed further in the governance section of this report. We have also published details on the diversity of our current trustee board on our website which can be viewed here; **https://buttleuk.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion**. Our staff recruitment process additionally supports positive action for any new role at Buttle UK, focusing on supporting applications from those that:

- are from the global majority
- have lived experience in relation to the issues that Buttle UK seeks to tackle
- don't have socio-economic privilege, and/or identify as working class
- identify as D/deaf or disabled or both

To support applicants through the recruitment process, we also commit to:

- Paying for childcare for the hours in and around the interview process
- Supporting any accessibility needs in the application and interview process
- If interviews are face to face we will cover the cost of reasonable expenses to attend the interview

Training on unconscious bias, disability awareness and LGBTQ+ has also been provided to staff and trustees this year.

2) Improve the access and experience of children and young people that could benefit from our grants. This goal closely aligns with the work we are doing within our co-production and accountability strategic pillar to work closer with the communities we support by building a Youth Panel and Advisory Network to engage with our staff and Trustees.

3) Holding ourselves to account and sharing our EDI challenges and achievements with others. Overall, our focus has largely been on the first two elements of the strategy as we build our own knowledge and review improvements we can make internally. As this continues, we will begin to share our learning and work with other organisations to further collective change in the grant-making sector, particularly for organisations that support individuals.

Our Trustees are accountable for ensuring that the organisation has appropriate structures, process and resources in place so that EDI is embedded into Buttle UK, and monitor progress through Buttle UK's annual business plan. Please do read more about our EDI Strategy here; **https://buttleuk.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/**

THE DIFFERENCE OUR SUPPORT MAKES

MOHAMMAD AND HASAN

Asma and her two sons, Mohammad (7) and Hasan (11), had to flee from the North to the South of England after Asma experienced domestic abuse from the boys' father, which they both witnessed. Mohammad and Hasan were both home-schooled when they lived in the North, so have missed out on many opportunities for socialising with their peers and with their development. When they fled their abuser's home, they had nothing.

Since moving to the South, the family were placed in temporary accommodation and were then awarded a permanent home. The boys are attending a new school. Asma is on low income and their new home was unfurnished, without any of the essentials. She managed to purchase carpets and her support worker helped her get pillows and duvets, but the family were sleeping on the floor.

With their Chances for Children grant, we awarded funding so the boys could have a bed to sleep on with a mattress; toys and games; uniforms for their new school (thanks to our partnership with Asda); a fridge freezer to store food and a washing machine. So that Asma could spend some quality time with the boys and help them move on from their crisis and upheaval, we also funded a family trip to Legoland so that they could spend some quality time together and have fun.

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ELIZABETH

Life had always been challenging for Elizabeth (19), who never truly felt comfortable in her body. She was already suffering from emotional, physical and financial abuse at home, so when she made the brave decision to come out as transgender to her family, the abuse only got worse. Due to the abuse, Elizabeth's intrusive thoughts only got worse as time went on. She was expected to wake up at 5 every morning to clean the house and would have to cook every meal for the family. She felt that she was being treated as a slave in her own home.

Elizabeth's parents did not support her in her transition from male to female and restricted her ability to express herself socially and visually. Elizabeth was able to move into a local hostel which supports young people under the age of 25 and was able to access support from a charity supporting homeless young people. Through this, she was able to start volunteering for a local mountaineering charity that specialises in environmental care. And this allowed her to begin meeting new people. Whilst all of this was going on, she was maintaining her studies of Level 3 Music Technology at college.

Elizabeth dreamed of moving on to studying for a degree in music composition. Our Chances for Children grant was able to provide Elizabeth with a laptop to be able to run all the software she needs to finish her college course and that she needs for music composition. We also provided her with headphones to accompany the laptop, some new bedding and furnishings to make her experience in the hostel more comfortable, some art supplies so that she could express herself creatively and some new clothes that fit her gender identity.

Our Chances for Children grant was able to provide Elizabeth with a laptop to be able to run all the software she needs to finish her college course and that she needs for music composition.

JAMES

James is 15-years-old who lives with his mother. His mother has significant mental health challenges and frequently receives support in hospital for these. James is witness to his mother's mental health struggles and is the responsible adult in the home when his mother is in crisis. James has an older brother who lives away from the home but takes care of James when his mother is admitted to hospital. Boarding was seen as an opportunity to give James stability and Buttle UK has been been supporting his attendance at boarding school for a number of years.

James has been thriving socially in school; however, he has struggled with some of his learning during the last academic year. Despite this, the school have shared that he is still making excellent progress. James enjoys taking care of his physical health by exercising regularly in the gym and he has a stable group of friends at school. In recent mock examinations, James performed well, and he is hoping to remain at his current school for Sixth Form.

Boarding was seen as an opportunity to give James stability and Buttle UK has been been supporting his attendance at boarding school for a number of years.

Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity



THROUGH OUR GRANTMAKING

In 2022–23:

We supported **4,378 children and young people with 2,314 grants.**

Between 1 April and 31 March 2023, we spent **£3,973,940** across both grant programmes. **£3,092,256** on **Chances for Children Grants** and **£881,684** on **Support for Boarding.**

Against our main areas of impact, we awarded:

- **£1,921,408**
  towards education, training and employment (this includes £870,590 towards boarding school fees)
- **£1,379,125**
  towards safe and equipped homes
- **£673,587**
  towards social & emotional wellbeing

The average grant awarded was £1,404.

Through our Chances for Children grants, the top 10 items and costs that we funded are in the table on the right.



FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHING
2,346 items **16% | £484,320**

LAPTOP/TABLET
1,635 items **14% | £428,145**

BEDS & BEDDING
1,461 items **13% | £392,775**

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR
1,310 items **9% | £269,253**

TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES
1,530 items **8% | £251,037**

WHITE GOODS
654 items **6% | £195,040**

SCHOOL UNIFORM
2,646 items **6% | £168,979**

SOCIAL ACTIVITY/DAYS OUT
1,069 items **5% | £164,017**

CARPETING & FLOORING
431 items **5% | £139,959**

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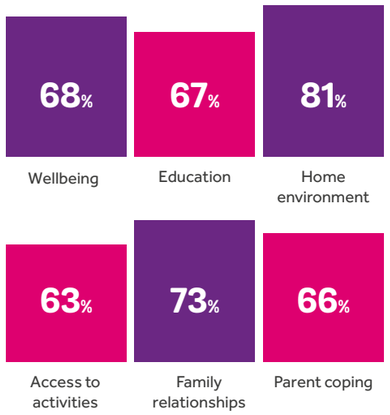
IMPACT OF OUR GRANTS

We have continued to collect regular evaluation data from grantees at 3 months after receiving their grants. Evaluation data shows consistently high levels of improvement, particularly for family relationships and the home environment. The latter has seen an increase of 10 percentage points since last year. However, since 2021/22, there have been drops in the improvement scores for wellbeing (-5%), education (-4%) and parent coping (-10%). We know that these are very challenging socio-economic times for families and young people, and that wider contextual factors are likely to be influencing our impact. This is explored in our 2023 State of Child Poverty Report.

FAMILY

Key outcomes reported three months after the grant

Percentage of respondents who reported an improvement (No = 412)

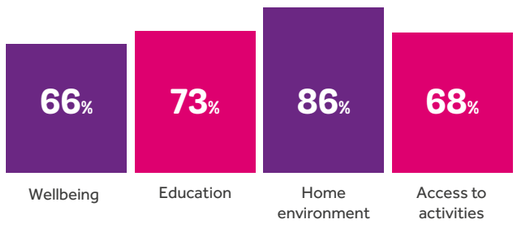


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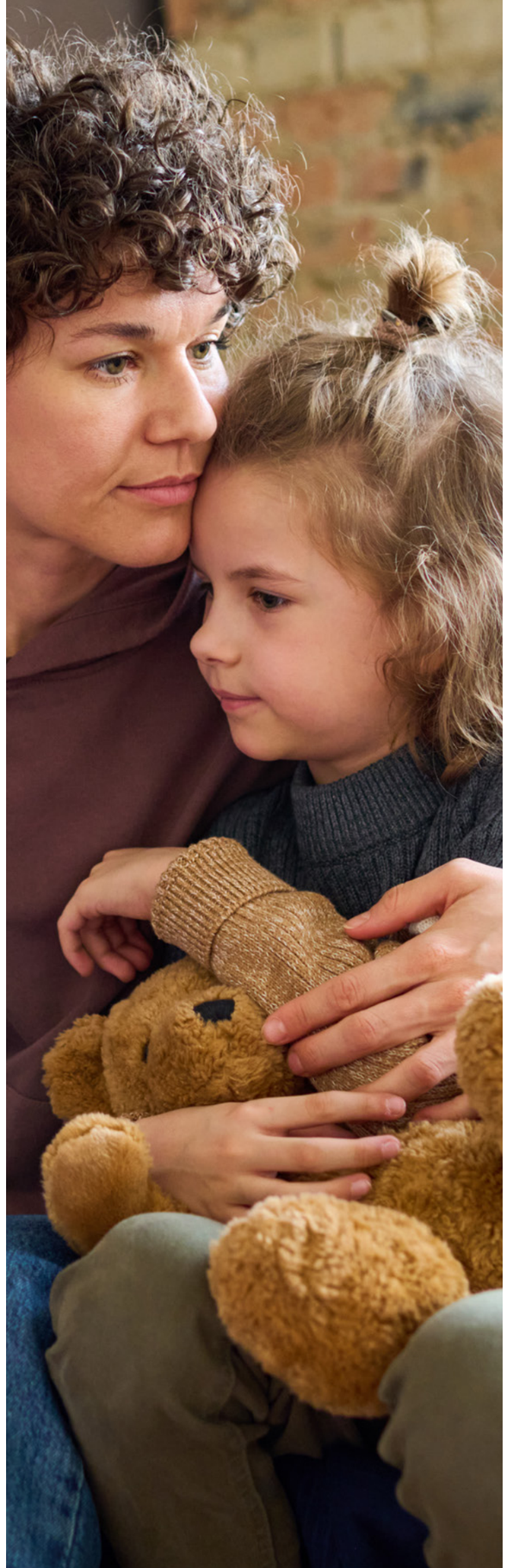
Key outcomes reported three months after the grant

This year, we can report on the improvement scores for Estranged Young People separately following a change in the survey practices for this group. Though the cohort is small, it is encouraging to see that young people do consistently rate positive improvements across the areas we measure for their age group. This is particularly evident in the home environment and education.

Percentage of respondents who reported an improvement (No = 35)



Our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy is designed to create a continued process of engagement, reflection, and action, though which we aim, as an organisation, to become inclusive by instinct.



Below is data on our applications and awards split by race and ethnicity, compared to population data from the 2021 England and Wales Census. We will publish further analysis, including data from Wales at a later date. In the meantime, we are using this data to understand where we need to do outreach and to monitor our work.

RACE AND ETHNIC GROUPS (AS DEFINED IN THE 2021 CENSUS)	% ENGLAND POPULATION 2022 - 2023	% APPLICANTS TO BUTTLE UK 2022 - 2023	% AWARDS FROM BUTTLE UK 2022 - 2023
Asian: Bangladeshi	0.80%	1.80%	2.10%
Asian: Chinese	0.60%	0.10%	0.10%
Asian: Indian	2.50%	1.50%	1.80%
Asian: Pakistani	2.00%	4.30%	5.30%
Asian: Other Asian	1.30%	3.00%	2.60%
Black / Black British: African	1.80%	9.00%	9.10%
Black / Black British: Caribbean	0.70%	5.40%	4.50%
Black / Black British: Other Black	0.40%	1.50%	1.80%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: White & Asian	0.70%	0.60%	0.40%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: White & Black African	0.40%	0.60%	0.60%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: White & Black Caribbean	0.70%	2.20%	2.30%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: Other	0.70%	1.40%	1.50%
White: English, Welsh, Scottish, N. Irish or British	79.30%	58%	57.50%
White: Irish	0.70%	0.30%	0.30%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.10%	0.60%	0.80%
White: Roma	0.10%	0%	0%
White: Other White	5.40%	5.50%	5.40%
Arab	0.40%	1.40%	1.60%
Any other ethnic group	1.20%	1.90%	1.60%
Race / ethnicity not disclosed to Buttle UK	NA	0.90%	0.50%



SUPPORT FOR BOARDING EVALUATION

In 2022–23:

We have funded **111 pupils** in boarding at a total value of **£881,684** (14 of them in partnership with Royal Springboard's Looked after & Vulnerable Children's programme). Our support, in partnership with schools, covers fees, boarding costs and items such as school uniforms, trips and extra–curricular activities.

Of the 37 pupils that completed their funding in July 2022 after GSCEs ad A Levels, the 19 for whom we have results for their GSCEs achieved the following:

- **They took on average 9 GCSEs, above the national average of just shy of 8 GCSEs.**
- **97% of the GCSEs taken resulted in a score of 4 or above, above the national average of 73%.**
- **78% of this cohort achieved a result of 5 in both Maths and English, above the national average of 50%.**

We aim to better understand boarders' wellbeing. Surveys completed with caregivers consistently rated the highest improvements in their child's: behaviour in class (80% overall improvement); towards their peers (78%); the quality of their friendships (87%), and access to extra–curricular and wellbeing support (92%). Other analysis suggest an overall improvement in wellbeing, but for some children, their wellbeing worsened. We talk to schools and parents when we identify any concerning signs.

A separate evaluation report on Boarding, available on our website, provides more detail.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

The following summarises the key figures from the 2022/23 SOFA

ALL FUNDS	DIRECT COSTS £'000	SUPPORT COSTS £'000	2022-23 TOTAL £'000	*2021-22 TOTAL £'000*	CHANGE %
Income					
Investment			1,299	*1,293*	0.46%
Charitable activities			385	*100*	285%
Donations and legacies			2,039	*1,622*	25.71%
Total income			**3,723**	*3,015*	*23.48%*
Expenditure					
Raising funds			**810**	*625*	24.23%
Investment Manager Fees			348	*371*	-6.20%
Total Expenditure on Raising Funds			1,158	*1,023*	13.20%
Charitable activities					
- Grants to individuals and charities	3,092	614	3,706	*3,854*	-3.84%
- Grants for Children's Education	1,242	292	1,534	*1,193*	28.58%
- Research and Projects		**72**	**72**	*49*	46.94%
Total charitable activities	**4,334**	**978**	**5,312**	*5,096*	4.24%
Total expenditure			**6,470**	*6,119*	5.74%
Net expenditure before revaluation of investments			**-2,747**	*-3,104*	-11.50%

Total Fundraised income increased in 2022-23 by 40.76%. Additionally, funds amounting to £1.54m in restricted funds were raised in 2021-22, but not yet spent since receipt was during the final quarter of the year and these funds were therefore allocated to the 2022-23 year for spending on CCG.

The grants team continued to operate at full capacity and was on target for delivering the budgetedamount for the year in grants. The second tranche of the Designated Stepping Up fund was deployed which provided £1m of the charitable expenditure. Designated funds were drawn from Buttle UK unrestricted reserves.

Investment income was 0.46% higher than in 2021-22. This reflects good global corporate returns over the period, even though stock markets continued to be under pressure because of the geopolitical headwinds caused by, among other things, inflationary pressures brought on by the war in Ukraine as well as the continued tightening cycle of global central banks.

The Drawdown from the endowment provided a total of £2,650k to fund overheads as well as the Support for Boarding programme.

The extract from this year's SOFA shows that the deficit of £2,747k, before the revaluation of investments, is greater than the Drawdown by £97k.

The total value of the endowment dropped 9.1% compared to prior year. This would have been greater had we not reviewed the strategic asset allocation. This moved 16% of investments in the endowment from stocks to fixed income. Additionally, the overweight positioning in GBP was reduced which protected returns as well.

Principal Donors

RECEIVED IN YEAR	AMOUNT (£'000)
Comic Relief UK	285
Gala Dinner	225
Garfield Weston Foundation	200
Asda	125
Graphite Capital	120
Postcode Children Trust	100
The Schroder Foundation	70
Aston Wood Golf Club	58
Colin Crawshaw	50
The Clothworkers' Foundation	40
Mercers' Charitable Foundation	39
The Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	36
Dulverton Trust	35
Ajaz.com	30
KPMG Foundation	28
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	25
The Edward Gostling Foundation	25
Dreams Beds	10
Mat Waugh	10
The Charles Lewis Foundation	10
The Billingtons Group	9
Argo Global	5
Legacies	279
Anonymous gifts	472
Other donations	138
	2,424

Expenditure

The expenditure on grants and the associated administration and infrastructure costs of delivering those grants is shown in the financial statements with an increase of 4.2%. An amount of £389k has been included that relates to the joint funding of boarding school places with the Royal Springboard Trust until 2027. This reflects the continued high demand for Buttle UK services to our grantees and the ability of the charity to provide services. The grants team were operating at full stretch.

The 10-year grant history, by programme, is set out in the table below and this also shows the overall cost, as a percentage, of delivering a grant over that same period. For 2022-23 that cost of grants ratio came in at 18.47%. The board of trustees has set a level of 25% as a self-regulating level to ensure that support costs do not climb too high.

Overall expenditure on overheads increased in 2022-23 by 19.8% or £296k. This was largely as a result of Fundraising activities which resumed after the lull during the period of the Covid pandemic. Notwithstanding this increase in overheads, the result for the year is below the original budget which was set 11.35% higher at £2.025m. Notable categories of under-expenditure are staff costs which came in £59k lower than budgeted, Fundraising cost, which was budgeted at £373k and so was £68k lower than budgeted figures and IT spending, which contained higher depreciation expectations than were the case.

Net expenditure came to minus £2.747k (2021 -22 minus £3.104m). This deficit was funded from the capital element of the total return allocation referred to below which amounted to a drawdown of £2.65m. Additionally the second tranche of funds from the Trustees Designated Stepping Up Fund were spent. These funds came from the unrestricted reserves of the Charity. In March 2023, trustees decided to continue with the Designated Stepping Up fund and this is detailed in the Reserves Policy section of this report.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £57.6million. In addition, there are £1.445m of restricted reserves, £1.978m of Designated Funds and £1.215m of unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date.

Grant history by programme, with support costs as a percentage of total charitable expenditure, 2013–23

YEAR	SMALL GRANTS[5]		CHANCES FOR CHILDREN[1]		BOARDING		DAY FEES[2]		TOTAL		SUPPORT	TOTAL	%
	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	£'000	£'000	SUPPORT
2013-14	11,888	2,689	-	-	312	892	106	116	12,306	3,697	666	**4,363**	15.30%
2014-15[3]	10,197	2,189	504	474	314	974	28	46	11,043	3,683	821	**4,504**	18.20%
2015-16[4]	9,148	2,321	583	596	323	991	14	26	10,068	3,934	934	**4,868**	19.30%
2016-17	9,408	2,603	576	414	276	917	3	7	10,263	3,941	1,047	**4,988**	21.00%
2017-18	11,505	3,144	946	593	242	866	1	3	12,694	4,606	1,369	**5,975**	22.91%
2018-19	4,093	1,000	1,580	1,765	186	752	0	0	5,859	3,517	947	**4,845**	19.55%
2019-20	0	0	1,411	1,363	182	790	0	0	1,593	2,322	828	**3,672**	22.55%
2020-21	0	0	6,211	4,139	122	642	0	0	6,333	4,781	920	**6,210**	14.81%
2021-22	0	0	4,398	3,188	121	937	0	0	4,519	4,125	909	**5,034**	18.06%
2022-23	0	0	4,266	3,092	111	1,242	0	0	4,377	4,334	982	**5,316**	18.47%

[1] These include the various enhanced package approach projects, Viz Anchor, Estranged Young People.

[2] This programme closed in 2013 and no further grants will be made.

[3] The increase in support costs as a % of total charitable expenditure from 2014 onwards is due to the enhanced package approach to grant giving which requires more caseworker input to build a bespoke grant that can make a more significant difference in a child/young person's life.

[4] The first-time application of the Charities SORP FRS 102 in 2015-16 led to a change in the way support costs were calculated. Governance costs were required to be included as a charitable activity cost for the first time.

[5] This programme closed in 2019 and no further grants will be made.

INVESTMENTS & INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment portfolio is managed by three fund managers. BlackRock manages a total of approximately £45.574million (March 2022 £50.489m) in a mix of active and passive funds investing in global equities and fixed interest. The portfolio of directly invested UK equities was sold down and closed during the period under review. The funds were instead invested in the BlackRock Developed Markets Sustainable Fund. There are also some non-discretionary holdings in property and private equity investments, predominantly held through funds. Additionally, Buttle UK holds an investment in the Mayfair PITCH fund, which is a property fund, with excellent ESG credentials. Ruffer manage approximately £13million in their Charity Assets Trust. The overall investment policy is to maximise long term total return, accepting a medium level of risk, such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfil its grant giving obligations. Whilst noting that performance is of paramount importance, the trustees have engaged with the need to include a sustainable investment framework within the investment strategy and have reflected this engagement in their updated statement of investment principles document. The performance of both managers is measured against market -based benchmarks, and monitored by an Investment Committee comprising six trustees, some with relevant financial services expertise. The overall performance in the year was negative as the value of the endowment decreased by 9%. However, the hedged part of the portfolio had a positive year in 2022 as a whole and was down only 4% when comparing 31 March 2022 to 31 March 2023 performance.

Buttle UK updated its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) in order to more particularly align our investment strategy to take account of sustainable investment. The Trustees take their responsibilities as stewards of the Charity's assets seriously and strive to appoint investment managers who invest responsibly in keeping with the Charity's beliefs. This entails both excluding certain sectors, and ongoing engagement within sectors and with individual companies. The Trustees encourage their managers to engage with companies on issues that support our charitable beliefs. The Trustees seek to appoint investment managers who are actively involved in applying Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria across the investment process. In addition, the Investment Committee regularly reviews the investment managers' policies on ESG matters including monitoring their track record of positive engagement with businesses.

The Trustees encourage their investment managers to notify the Investment Committee of investment opportunities which will help Buttle invest according to the Charity's core beliefs. Both of our managers are signatories to the UN's Principles of Responsible Investment.

During 2022-23, Trustees actively managed their investment allocation strategy together with their Investment Managers. The main shift was to terminate the segregated UK Equity portfolio. The redeployment of those funds into the Developed Markets Sustainable Fund enabled a shift away from the UK stock market and so to become more focused on global markets. Additionally, the allocation to Fixed income investments enabled some cushioning from the volatility of the stock markets. The percentage of assets of the endowment that were invested in funds that pursued a focus on enhanced ESG criteria remained stable at 68.5% as at 31 March 2023.

The Trustees monitor the ongoing climate change debate and advocate active ownership and engagement rather than disinvestment as a general principle. This applies especially with regard to fossil fuels as the large oil and gas companies are the biggest contributors both to the ongoing exploitation of natural resources as well as being one of the biggest investors in renewable energy infrastructure.

Buttle UK endeavours to avoid investing in companies or organisations whose primary activities are detrimental to child welfare including the exploitation of child labour as this is contrary to the Charity's objectives. Specific sectors where the Charity does not knowingly invest are (1) the manufacture/ dealing in certain weapons and armaments (2) payday lending (3) any company which derives more than 25% of its revenue from gambling, any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of alcohol and any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of tobacco.

The assets of the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund (£374k), and the Edward Gostling Foundation (£228k), are restricted investment funds and are carried in the balance sheet as deferred income. Both restricted funds are managed in separate accounts by Ruffer in their Charity Assets Trust, and they follow the same investment principles as are applied to the Buttle UK investment also held by them. A further amount of deferred income amounting to £154.4k is recognised in this year's balance sheet representing the balance of funds received from Mercer's Foundation in March 2021 for spending in the 5 years from March 2022 to March 2027.

Total return

In 2006, the Charity Commission granted Buttle UK a total return order, permitting the spending of the unapplied total return of its endowment, but with the key responsibility of balancing the needs of current and future children and young people we support.

Annually, the Trustees decide on an appropriate amount to allocate to unrestricted funds from the endowment, which can include an element of capital from the unapplied total return. Due consideration is given to ensure the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, is not affected by any allocation to unrestricted reserves. The split between the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, and the capital from the unapplied total return, as adjusted for inflation, is calculated annually, reported and then carried forward for consideration in future years.

The total return allocation was fixed by the Trustees at £2.65 million in 2022-23 for the ongoing regular activities of the Charity. The total drawdown in 2022-23 at £2.65m represents 4.3% of the that year's endowment value and this reflects the decision to draw on the accumulated unapplied total return to increase, inter alia, the funds available for grant giving. The Trustees keep the level of the sums withdrawn annually under review.

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, an amount of £1m of Designated funds was spent on CCG awards utilising excess unrestricted reserves over and above the Reserves policy.

The details of the movement on the unapplied total return are set out in note 16.

Reserves
The endowment fund of Buttle UK could be available to act as a reserve as a result of the Total Return Order awarded by the Charity Commission. Nevertheless, we highlight the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of six years. We will, however, continue to hold unrestricted reserves to enable flexibility in organisational or grant expenditure if a critical situation arises. We have selected the level of reserves after taking account of the most significant risks in our risk register. Our reserves will help to ensure that our invested funds can continue to drive long term growth to support the next generation of children and young people's wellbeing and capacity to engage in education. Therefore, the unrestricted reserves will maintain a balance that approximates three months of core organisational expenditure. This will be subject to annual review.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £57.6million (after taking account of the renewal of the Designated Stepping Up fund) . In addition, there are £1.445m of restricted reserves, and £1.215m of unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date. An amount of £2m has been earmarked by the Trustees as Designated Funds in the Stepping Up fund. These funds are to be drawn from the Endowment as required. Expenditure of the Designated Fund is to be made on CCG of which £1m during the year 2023-24 and the other £1m in equal measure during the following two years.

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

The financial year 2022-23 saw the charity continue to provide its services at a higher level owing to continued strong demand for its services.

The year 2022-23 saw a similar level of Chances for Children Grants (CCG) as the prior year with a total value of £3.092m grants awarded. This is thanks not only on the generosity of our donors, but also thanks to the second tranche of Designated funds amounting to £1m carved out of unrestricted reserves to be spent on CCG in 2022-23.

At the tail end of 2022-23 Buttle UK signed a five-year grant award with the National Lottery Community Fund for £10m. This will enable Buttle UK to continue to provide CCG at a higher level for longer. The CCG budget for 2023-24 has increased by 31% to £4.5m.

The value of the Endowment Fund decreased 9% over the year under review and was valued at 31st March 2023 at £60.8m (including the valuation of deferred income). Since 31 March 2023, the investment markets have continued to remain somewhat under pressure. The Endowment is valued at £59.8m as at 31 May 2023 which is a small decrease from the end of March value shown on the balance sheet. The drawdown from the endowment will be at £3.1m during the year 2023-24. This takes account of an increased budget investing in securing future fundraised income on a more regular basis.

A further £1m will be drawn from the Endowment to take account of the additional monies that the Trustees allocated to the Designated "Stepping Up" fund to be spent on CCG for the year 2023-24.

Cash reserves are healthy with cash balances at 31 May 2023 of £2.635m in restricted and unrestricted funds.

The restricted funds include donor funds carried forward that were unspent during 2022-23. In order to continue to roll out the 2020-25 strategic plan, management has recruited four additional members of staff including a Senior Finance Officer and two GDOs to handle the NLCF Grant. We have also added a part-time HR Advisor to the team.

Risk management
The Trustees have considered the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, have a process of regularly reviewing those risks and have established systems and processes to manage them. They are of the view that an appropriate control framework is in place, recognising that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance of elimination of risk. In addition, a 'blue sky' session considering risk is included in the trustee annual away day each year, inviting trustees to consider the most challenging situations that could arise for Buttle UK.

The highest risks may be summarized as follows:

(a) Financial – The investment portfolio is mismanaged or there are serious adverse conditions in the market, such that the capital value and income are seriously diminished.

Buttle UK employs respected investment managers, selected through a competitive process. Their performance is assessed against benchmarks by the Investment Committee on a regular basis with face to face meetings. An analysis of the investment management contracts is commissioned every five years. Risks associated with major stock market fluctuations are unavoidable. The policy on liquid funds would ensure the short- term continuance of Buttle UK's activities in all circumstances that can reasonably be foreseen. The investment managers have agreed with the Investment Committee a rebalance of the strategic asset allocation to include investments with ESG characteristics. There has also been a reduction in equity holdings to gain exposure to fixed income assets. The global investment environment is currently less positive than over the past 3 years. Inflationary pressures continue to impact on global monetary policy and central banks are increasing interest rates that have been a support to global equities. The markets are uncertain whether there will be a hard or a soft landing and this leads to higher volatility which is generally negative for returns. Fortunately, the Endowment portfolio is hedged 22% to limit any sharp downturn that might occur.

(b) Cyber Security – Computer operations or a cyber security event causes serious interruption to service provision and control.

Two-step verification is included on all our key systems at Buttle. Staff have been trained on cyber security and on using their Google accounts securely. We have also updated our Data Breach notification policy should an internal or external breach occur. An insurance policy is in place to compensate in case of cybercrime activity.

(c) Operational - The Grants web-based database fails, thereby creating an inability to receive, assess or award grants.

The database is an excellent system and is supporting the grant development officers well. Further development is continuously being added based on our changing needs alongside fixes to bugs. Major issues with the system are dealt with swiftly by the database consultancy.

(d) Operational - Grant programmes become open to wholesale fraud and abuse.

We have put in place and retained more due diligence and controls to monitor and manage risk. The mitigating measures include ensuring that the line manager at agencies are aware of grants awarded, that the grant recipients are informed of grant awards and provided with our contact details in case of any real or perceived irregularity, and that receipts are actively managed. We have put in place due diligence for all applications plus guidance on how to respond and manage misspend, misuse and fraud. We limit new referrers to two live applications at any time. Checks and controls are continually reviewed and updated.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Charitable status
Buttle UK is a registered charity for the benefit of children and young people, administered and managed in accordance with the rules of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 26 March 1971, as amended by Charity Commission Schemes dated 19 August 1972, 22 February 1988, 26 October 1993 and 5 September 2006. Buttle UK is a registered charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission and in Scotland under OSCR. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has begun registering charities, but Buttle UK has not yet been called forward to apply for registration.

Public benefit
The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Governance
Buttle UK's Scheme provides for a minimum of eight Trustees and a maximum of twenty. The current fourteen Trustees provide substantial support and advice to the work of the Charity through Board meetings and Committee Meetings. Additional Committees are listed below:

- Governance Advisory Committee
- Investment Committee
- Grants Committee
- Campaign Board (volunteer fundraising committee).

Trustees acknowledge that governance is not a role for Trustees alone; it includes the way the Trustees work with the Chief Executive and staff to ensure that the Charity is effectively and properly run, and meets the needs of the communities we work with through a good, quality service. The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Governance Code and have used this in to make significant improvements in our governance in 2022-23 including strengthening our succession planning, opportunity to engage all board voices in meetings and planning our governance cycle for the year ahead.

No trustees are remunerated for their roles on the trustee board although expenses for travel and accommodation are paid, if requested.

Recruitment, induction and training of trustees
Buttle UK understands that a diverse board of trustees can improve the discussions and decision-making on the board. Our Trustee recruitment mirrors Buttle UK's staff recruitment process, actively seeking a diverse group of candidates. Applications are anonymized (in particular considering name, age, time spent in organisations and education). An EDI monitoring form is also required for each candidate, but this remains separate from any application and is used to monitor the diversity of our applications to ensure we can make improvements to our process where needed. A full recruitment pack is offered including details of the role, the diversity of our board, the dates of all board meetings and our plans for the year ahead. A mixture of SMT, Trustees and young people interview candidates who are sought from an open application process, and the role/s are advertised across a broad range of publications, websites and social media. A skills and diversity audit is carried out in advance of recruiting any trustee to the Board. Trustees are recruited for a period of three years with an expectation that this would be renewed, so a six-year term is usual. Renewal for a further term is possible in extenuating circumstances but resignation must occur after nine years.

Buttle UK's Trustee succession planning process considers a three-year time horizon and aims to improve how we meet current skills/diversity gaps as current Trustee terms finish and provides a stronger induction/learning period for an incoming Trustee. Better planning also means that incoming Trustees – no matter their background and previous experience – are welcomed to Buttle UK with the best support we can provide. The process supports new Trustees to buddy alongside current Trustees. This gives an opportunity to handover their learning, experiences and to support any transition. Current Trustees are also empowered to engage in thinking about their next steps with the Board by providing a clearer forward plan, offering the chance for them to have open conversations with the Chair/Deputy about their future on the Board.

It is recognised that Trustees have differing skills and time commitments, and that our governance model should allow flexibility in helping Trustees to offer these skills and time in the way that fits their needs as well as those of our organisation. Buttle UK offers ongoing training opportunities to Trustees, in particular around governance, investments and diversity. For Trustees with no previous experience on boards we also offer coaching support for the first year at least.

There are a number of functions and roles that Trustees are invited to contribute to, including the development of our future strategy, the policy of our grant giving programmes, the overseeing of projects, support in developing partnerships to enhance our work, support our fundraising activities, audit, finance and investment, governance, education, and social care.

Fundraising disclosure
Fundraising at Buttle UK is undertaken by the internal fundraising team, a volunteer committee (the Chances for Children Campaign Board) and a professional fundraising agency who is a member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising and Fundraising Regulator. The professional fundraising agency conducts door to door and private site fundraising on our behalf. We have a detailed contract and an agreed set of policies and approaches with this agency which are reviewed regularly.

The Board of Trustees regularly review the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on fundraising (CC20) and are satisfied that Buttle UK's practices conform with this guidance. Buttle UK is registered with the Fundraising Regulator.

There have been no reported failures by Buttle UK, or any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or regulation, in 2022 /23 (or, indeed, at any point previously), and the same is true of complaints in relation to fundraising activities. All staff and volunteers representing the Charity for the purposes of fundraising have either a job description and process of internal appraisal (in the case of staff) or a clear term of reference (in the case of volunteers). There are regular meetings between volunteers and staff. As required by the Charity Commission guidance, Buttle UK has complied with both available guidance and legislation to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviours which constitute an unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, are unreasonably persistent or places undue pressure on a person to give money or other property. We ensure that our suppliers have an approach to protecting people in vulnerable circumstances and insist on checking their policies in respect of this as part of the tendering process. We regularly hold training sessions with our agency partner to make sure they meet our high standards and monitor their activities through quality checks during welcome calls to ensure they are maintaining these standards and agreed approaches; we receive sample recordings of telephone contacts.

We have an agreed process to screen people against the Telephone Preference Service register when selecting them for an approach by telephone; we do not share or sell data with third parties for their marketing benefit. We give our supporters the opportunity to opt out of communications and ensure we put in place appropriate intervals between fundraising approaches.

Management
The Chief Executive is responsible for the delivery of Buttle UK's objectives and related performance management processes through the staff group. Board members are kept up to date on progression of the organisation's business plan through the inclusion of a tracker in the CEO's report in the quarterly board papers. Trustees continue to be kept informed of the activities of the Charity through quarterly trustee/staff seminars which will be arranged throughout 2023-24. An updated performance and development system ensures that staff work to objectives and that their skills development is encouraged and rewarded.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLG) consists of the SMT and members of the staff team selected to co-lead on the development of our five key strategic pillars within the 2020-25 strategy. Each SMT member is responsible for ensuring we have appropriate members of the team working on each pillar and the key objectives for the year are completed. The staff members of the SLT will work with the appropriate SMT member to support them on this. Any member of the wider Buttle UK team will support delivery of the Business Plan and the SLT will ensure it is on course.

The Charity's pay progression process involves reviewing the salaries of all employees annually. The process used to review all staff pay annually focuses on three parts:

1) A benchmark review of similar job grades in the charity sector
2) A cost of living (COL) review, based on a review of changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and charity sector COL benchmarking.

These will ensure we annually review the pay scales of all our job grades against the sector and in consideration of the cost of living. For greater transparency, pay scales for every job grade are shared with staff.

Finally, to ensure staff are rewarded for competency in their role, the third part of the process includes:

3) A discussion with line managers as a part of staff members' annual appraisal in Jan/Feb focussing on their level of competency. This section of the appraisal is also aimed to help staff to consider the Learning & Development support we can provide to improve skills/ability where needed.

Statement of the 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, Scotland and Northern Ireland 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity'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 this information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors
Haysmacintyre LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as the Charity's auditors.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees* **Mark Alexander** *Trustee*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUTTLE UK

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Buttle UK for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the Charity's net movement in funds 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 Chair's Statement and Trustees' Annual Report. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Charity 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 for the financial statements
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 24, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report 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.

IIrregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), and the Trustee Investments Act, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended), Charities SORP (2019) and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the recognition of voluntary income and grant commitments. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiries of management regarding correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing the controls and procedures of the charity, particularly in relation to the recording of income and processing of payments and payroll, to ensure these were in place throughout the year, including during the Covid-19 remote working period;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing and testing journal entries made in the year, particularly those made as part of the year-end
- financial reporting process; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates which comprise depreciation and amortisation, accruals and deferred income and bad debt provision.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all Irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors,
10 Queen Street Place,
London EC4R 1AG

Haysmacintyre LLP

11 October 2023

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.



BUTTLE UK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2023	*TOTAL 2022*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies	17	-	2,039	-	**2,039**	*1,622*
From charitable activities						
Comic Relief	17	-	285	-	285	*-*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	17	-	100	-	100	*100*
Investment	3	1,283	13	3	**1,299**	*1,293*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,283**	**2,437**	**3**	**3,723**	*3,015*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	810	**810**	*652*
Investment management fees	20	347	1	-	**348**	*371*
Total raising funds		**347**	**1**	**810**	**1,158**	*1,023*
Charitable Activities	5, 6, 7					
Chances for Children grants		-	**2,304**	1,791	**4,095**	*3,854*
Grants for children's eduction		-	**217**	928	**1,145**	*1,193*
Research & projects		-	-	72	**72**	*49*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**2,521**	**2,791**	**5,312**	*5,096*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**347**	**2,522**	**3,601**	**6,470**	*6,119*
Net income/(expenditure)		**936**	**(85)**	**(3,598)**	**(2,747)**	*(3,104)*
Transfers between funds	16	(4,644)	(6)	4,650	**-**	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(3,708)**	**(91)**	**1,052**	**(2,747)**	*(3,104)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	22	(4,359)	(4)	-	**(4,363)**	*4,689*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**(8,067)**	**(95)**	**1,052**	**(7,110)**	*1,585*
Balances at 1 April 2022		**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**	*67,767*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

In accordance with Charities SORP FRS 102 charitable activities comprise both grants and the associated support costs allocated to each activity. Details are shown in notes 5 & 6. Full details of the grants given are shown in the Trustees' Report.

The notes on pages **29-42** form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)	TOTAL 2022 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2021 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	10	-	-	17	**17**	*6*
Intangible assets	11	-	-	27	**27**	*28*
Investments	12	57,516	602	2,463	**60,581**	*67,046*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**57,516**	**602**	**2,507**	**60,625**	*67,080*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	13	88	322	78	**488**	*471*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	53	1,736	754	**2,543**	*2,781*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**141**	**2,058**	**832**	**3,031**	*3,252*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(53)	(899)	(146)	**(1,098)**	*(655)*
Net current (Liabilities)/assets		**88**	**1,159**	**686**	**1,933**	*2,597*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**57,604**	**1,761**	**3,193**	**62,558**	*69,677*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(316)	-	**(316)**	*(325)*
NET ASSETS		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,558**	*69,677*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund	20	57,604	-	-	**57,604**	*65,671*
Restricted Funds	17	-	1,445	-	**1,445**	*1,540*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	1,978	***1,978***	*999*
General Fund	19	-	-	1,215	***1,215***	*1,142*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**3,193**	**1,215**	*1,142*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**	*69,352*

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 03 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:
Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees* and **Mark Alexander** *Trustee*

The notes on pages **29-42** form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTE	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	(3,615)	***(4,235)***
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Income from investments	3	1,299	*1,293*
Purchase of fixed asset investments	20	(48,032)	*(18,944)*
Proceeds from the sale of fixed asset investments	20	50,134	*19,983*
Net purchase of fixed assets		(24)	*(5)*
Net cash provided by investing activities		**3,377**	***2,327***
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**(238)**	***(1,908)***
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	23	2,781	*4,689*
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		**2,543**	***2,781***

The notes on pages **29-42** form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

a) Statement of Compliance
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The accounts are prepared in pounds Sterling (GBP).

b) General information
The Charity is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales (charity number 313007) and also a registered charity in Scotland (charity number SCO37997). The Charity's registered office is 15 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB.

c) Public benefit entity
The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

The financial year 2022-23 saw the charity continue to provide its services at a high-level owing to continued strong demand for its services as a result of the cost-of-living crisis.

At the tail end of 2022-23 Buttle UK signed a five-year grant award with the National Lottery Community Fund for £10m. This will enable Buttle UK to continue to provide CCG at a higher level for longer. The CCG budget for 2023-24 has increased by 31% to £4.5m.

The investment markets remain volatile, nevertheless the Endowment is valued at £53.5m as at 31 July 2023 which provides support to the continuing activities of the charity. The drawdown from the endowment will be at £3.1m during the year 2023-24. This takes account of an increased budget investing in securing future fundraised income on a more regular basis.

A further £1m will be drawn from the Endowment to take account of the additional monies that the Trustees allocated to the Designated "Stepping Up" fund to be spent on CCG for the year 2023-24.

Cash reserves are healthy with cash balances at 31 July 2023 of £3.392m in restricted and unrestricted funds.

e) Donations and legacies
Grants, donations, and legacies are accounted for when receivable. Where a donor imposes time restrictions on when a donation can be spent the relevant amounts are carried forward as deferred income.

f) Income from fixed asset investments
Dividend income is recognised on the basis of the ex-dividend date. Fixed interest security income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

g) Grants payable
Grants are given in accordance with the Rules of Buttle UK (approved 6 July 1987, subsequently revised by several resolutions drawn up by committees and approved by the Trustee Board). Grants are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are authorised. Any amounts which have been authorised but which remain unpaid at the year-end are included within current liabilities in the balance sheet. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

h) Expenditure
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio, raising investment income and fundraising expenses. Fundraising expenses include an estimate of staff time spent on this activity in accordance with note 5.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made in their different categories, plus an apportionment of staff and overhead costs in accordance with notes 5 and 6. The cost of the overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising salary, operational and administration costs are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straightline basis over the minimum period of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets, including computer software, valued at £500 or more are capitalised.

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over 5 yrs
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	Over 4 yrs
Intangible assets (database)	Over 5 yrs

k) Intangible fixed assets
Intangible fixed assets valued at £500 or more are capitalized.

Database	Over 5 yrs
Software	Over 3 yrs

l) Fixed asset investments
Listed equity shares and fixed interest stocks are included in the balance sheet at market values as at the year-end. Unlisted securities are valued at the most recent sale value or Directors' valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund and movements are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

m) Endowment fund
The permanent endowment fund comprises the original capital fund, and the unapplied accumulated gains on this fund, established to provide income for the Charity.

Buttle UK has adopted a total return approach to its endowment allowing both income and some capital gains to be spent in furthering the objects of the Charity. Further information is given in notes 2 and 20 to the accounts.

The fund is principally represented by the capital investments included in fixed assets, with thebalance held as net current assets.

Gains on sale and revaluation of related investment assets are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

n) Restricted and unrestricted funds
Restricted funds are those the use of which is restricted by the conditions imposed by the donors.

Designated funds are those which Trustees have decided must be used for a specific purpose. The purpose of which is recorded in the charity's board minutes.

General funds are those used for the general advancement of the Charity's objectives. The General Fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

o) Pension scheme
Contributions to the defined contributions scheme are charged in the SOFA in the year they are due.

p) Staff Benefits
Accrued holiday pay is calculated and recognised at year end. The amount is included in creditors payable.

q) Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the following basis:

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within current liabilities.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

r) Significant judgement and sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 require the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Charity's accounting policies. There are no significant areas where judgement was needed other than on those already included in the accounting policies.

2. Endowment

The Endowment Fund was first established in 1937 to provide an income for the charitable and philanthropic work of the Charity. The Scheme made in 1971 by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960), which now governs the operation of theCharity, perpetuates the terms of the original endowment. This provided for the fund to be retained, and only the income arising available to be spent.

However, on 28 March 2006 the Charity Commission granted an order to the Charity entitling it to adopt a total return approach to its endowment, and this approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006. This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 16.



3. Investment Income

	2023 £'000	%	2022 £'000	%
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:				
Equity shares & Property Funds	1,096	84	*1,185*	*92*
Fixed interest stocks	158	12	*102*	*8*
TOTAL	**1,254**	**97**	*1,287*	*100*
FX:				
Differences/Gains/(Losses)	38	3		
Interest on deposits	7	1	*6*	*0*
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	**1,299**	**100**	*1,293*	*100*

4a. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (current year)

SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	RESEARCH/ PROJECTS (£'000)	SMALL GRANTS (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100%**	**5.00%**	**38.40%**	**3.00%**	**0.00%**	**36.00%**	**17.20%**
Staff costs (note 7)	**906**	51	248	51	-	375	181
Premises	**219**	11	84	7	-	79	38
Communications	**94**	5	36	3	-	34	16
IT & depreciation	**96**	5	38	3	-	35	15
Fundraising	**307**	-	307	-	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**23**	1	10	1	-	8	3
Training & recruitment	**36**	3	13	1	-	13	6
Audit, legal & professional fees	**50**	3	19	2	-	18	8
Trustee	**12**	1	5	-	-	4	2
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**45**	2	17	1	-	17	8
Reallocation of governance	**-**	(82)	33	3	-	31	15
TOTAL 2023	**1,788**	**-**	**810**	**72**	**-**	**614**	**292**
TOTAL 2022	*1,489*	*72*	*580*	*49*	*-*	*532*	*256*

Basis of allocation:
Staff costs are allocated based on estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated based on staff costs except for fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

4b. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (prior year)

SUPPORT COST	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	IMPACT & EVALUATION (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	SUPPORT FOR BOARDING (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100%**	**5.00%**	**38.40%**	**3.00%**	**36.00%**	**17.20%**
Staff costs (note7)	**896**	51	248	36	379	182
Premises	**183**	9	71	5	66	32
Communications	**46**	2	18	1	17	8
IT & depreciation	**101**	5	40	3	36	17
Fundraising	**164**	-	164	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**6**	-	3	-	2	1
Training & recruitment	**21**	1	7	1	8	4
Audit, legal & professional fees	**25**	1	10	1	9	4
Trustee	**5**	-	2	-	2	-
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**44**	2	17	1	16	8
General	**1**	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL 2022	***1,492***	***71***	***581***	***48***	***535***	***257***
TOTAL 2021	***1,416***	***57***	***496***	***39***	***579***	***244***

5. Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2022-23 (£'000)	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2021-22 (£'000)*
Chances for Children grants	3,092	614	**3,706**	3,322	532	*3,854*
Support for Boarding	1,242	292	**1,534**	937	256	*1,193*
Impact & Evaluation	-	72	**72**	-	49	*49*
TOTAL	**4,334**	**978**	**5,312**	*4,259*	*837*	*5,096*

Included in the total expenditure of £1,242k for Grants for children's education is an amount of £389k that relates to future liabilities of the joint funding agreement with the Royal Springboard Trust for the period up to 2027.

6. Analysis of Grants to Individuals & Organisations

	RESTRICTED COSTS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED/ DESIGNATED (£'000)	2022-23 (£'000)	RESTRICED COSTS (£'000)	UN-RESTRICTED (£'000)	*2021-22 (£'000)*
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS						
Chances for Children grants	1,846	1,246	**3,092**	2,321	1,001	*3,322*
Grants for children's education	253	989	**1,242**	226	711	*937*
TOTAL	**2,099**	**2,235**	**4,334**	*2,547*	*1,712*	*4,259*

7. Analysis of Staff Costs

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Salaries and wages	**733**	*711*
Social security costs	**87**	*77*
Employers contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**77**	*70*
Other costs	**9**	*35*
TOTAL	**906**	*893*

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

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Grant & project administration	**10**	*9*
Management & administration	**3**	*4*
Fundraising & promotion	**5**	*5*
TOTAL	**18**	*18*

The number of staff whose salaries exceeded £60,000, excluding employer pension contributions, and fell within the following bands were:

	2023	*2022*
£80,000 - £89,999	**1**	*1*
£70,000 - £79,999	**-**	*-*
£60,000 - £69,999	**2**	*2*

Employer's contributions totalling £26,624 (2022: £18,634) were made to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the above.

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and life assurance premiums, of the key management personnel were £324,156 (2022:£263,636).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2022: £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2022: £nil).

During the year a total of £11,543 was paid for training and subsistence expenses to or on behalf of twelve Trustees (2022: six, £4,649).

8. Related Party Transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties (2022: None). Donations were received from 2 Trustees and/or their spouse in the amount of a total of £10,641 (2022: £8,004).

9. Auditors' Remuneration

Auditors' remuneration comprised an audit fee of £19,100 (exclusive of VAT), (2022: £18,700).

10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS (£'000)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (£'000)	FURNITURE & FITTINGS (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST				
At 1 April 2022	114	215	39	**368**
Additions	-	14	-	**14**
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**114**	**229**	**39**	**382**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	114	209	39	**362**
Charge for the year	-	3	-	**3**
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**114**	**212**	**39**	**365**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2023	**0**	**17**	**0**	**17**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2022	*0*	*6*	*0*	*6*

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11. Intangible Fixed Assets

	DATABASE (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST		
At 1 April 2022	168	**168**
Additions	10	**10**
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**178**	**178**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April 2022	140	**140**
Charge for the year	11	**11**
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**151**	**151**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2023	**27**	**27**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2022	*28*	*28*

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12. Fixed Asset Investments

	ENDOWMENT		RESTRICTED	GENERAL/	TOTAL	*TOTAL*
	LISTED (£'000)	UNLISTED (£'000)	LISTED (£'000)	DESIGNATED LISTED (£'000)	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Market value at 1 April 2022	66,324	1	721	0	67,046	*63,396*
Non-market adjustment to unquoted investment value		-	-	0	-	*0*
Additions at cost	48,015	7	10	0	48,032	*18,944*
Disposal proceeds	(50,009)	-	(125)	0	(50,134)	*-19,983*
TOTAL	**64,330**	**8**	**606**	**0**	**64,944**	*62,357*
Investment gains/(losses)	(4,359)	0	(4)	0	(4,363)	*4689*
Due to unrestricted	(463)	0	0	463	0	*0*
Allocated to designated fund not yet withdrawn	(2,000)	0	0	2,000	0	*0*
AT 31 MARCH 2023	**57,508**	**8**	**602**	**2,463**	**60,581**	*67,046*
HISTORICAL COST AT 31 MARCH 2023	**47,419**	**1**	**537**	**2,463**	**50,420**	*55,331*

The restricted investment comprises the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund and represents funds received from Graphite Capital, a leading private equity investor, which are invested in the Ruffer Charity Assets Trust. These funds are being drawn down over a 10-year period commencing in October 2014 to support grant awards to estranged young people through our Chances for Children grant provision. Further restricted funds were received during the period in the amount of £250,000 from the Edward Gostling Foundation, which are invested in the Ruffer Charity Assets Trust. These funds are being drawn down to support Chances for Children grants over a 10-year period commencing in the year 2022/23.

Listed and Unlisted Investments in the Endowment Fund are direct holdings of the Charity.

Cash invested in the Institutional Cash Series Fund at 31 March 2023 was £1,228,830 (2022: £2,251,016).

Subsequent to the year end, the total value of the fixed asset investments has fallen to £53.5m as of 31 July 2023 which is a decrease of about 7.5%

13. Debtors

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Prepayments & accrued income	**231**	*202*
Other debtors	**257**	*269*
TOTAL	**488**	*471*

14. Creditors

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals for CCG grants	**735**	*404*
Accruals	**99**	*52*
Deferred income	**164**	*125*
Other creditors	**100**	*74*
TOTAL	**1098**	*655*

15. Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Deferred income	**316**	*325*
TOTAL	**316**	*325*

Deferred income comprises grant income received in the current accounting period which will be spent in future accounting periods.

	2023 (£'000)	*2022 (£'000)*
Reconciliation of deferred income		
Balance brought forward at 1 April	**450**	*300*
Amounts released to income	**(125)**	*(100)*
Deferred in year	**155**	*250*
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2023	**480**	*450*

16a. Transfers Between Funds (Current year)

Current year - The following transfers were made between funds du ring the year:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND £'000)	GENERAL FUND £'000)
Transfer to Restricted Funds from General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	-	-
Funds incorrectly disclosed as Restricted in prior year	-	-	-
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities:			
Regular transfer	(2,644)	(6)	2,650
Single transfer	(2,000)	-	2,000
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2022-23	**(4,644)**	**(6)**	**4,650**

16b. Transfers Between Funds (Prior year)

Prior year - The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)
Transfer from Restricted Funds to General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	-	-
Funds incorrectly disclosed as Restricted in prior year	-	-	-
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities			
Regular transfer	(2,394)	(6)	2,400
Single transfer			
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2021-22	*(2,394)*	*(6)*	*(2,400)*

17a. Restricted Funds (Current Year)

	BALANCE 1 APR 22 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSES) (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 23 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
Comic Relief	2	285	(281)	-	7
Postcode Lottery	3	100	(100)	-	2
CTF	219	3	(210)	-	12
Graphite Capital	114	127	(100)	(3)	138
Edward Gostling	1	28	(28)	(1)	-
City Bridge Trust	16	-	(16)	-	-
Mercers	199	(154)	(45)	-	-
KPMG Foundation	25	28	(40)	-	12
Clothworkers' Foundation	37	40	(36)	-	41
Garfield Weston	165	200	(217)	-	148
Colin Crawshaw	50	50	(50)	-	50
Dulverton Trust	37	35	(36)	-	36
Various	673	1,690	(1,357)	(7)	998
TOTAL	**1,540**	**2,437**	**(2,522)**	**(10)**	**1,445**

Transfers to/from restricted funds, also disclosed in Note 12 above, have been made principally to match administration and support costs funded by donors for a specific project or grant programme or where funds have been incorrectly disclosed in prior years.

Use of Restricted Funds

Westnedge	*Chances for Children* grants for adopted children
Graphite Capital	*Chances for Children* grants, estranged young people in UK
Postcode Lottery	*Chances for Children* grants
Comic Relief	*Chances for Children* grants
Mercers' Company	*Chances for Children*, support for Boarding
Clothworkers' Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants
Garfield Weston Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants, estranged young people in UK
CTF	*Chances for Children* grants
KPMG Foundation	*Chances for Children* grants
Dulverton trust	*Chances for Children* grants

17b. Restricted Funds (Prior year)

	BALANCE 1 APR 21 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 22 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
NLCF Covid response	313	-	(321)	-	(8)
National Lottery	7	-	-	1	8
Postcode Lottery	3	100	(100)	-	3
CTF	215	10	(6)	-	219
Graphite Capital	193	100	(118)	(61)	114
Edward Gostling	-	-	-	1	1
City Bridge Trust	16	-	-	-	16
Comic Relief	101	76	(175)	-	2
Mercers' Company	238	45	(84)	-	199
KPMG Foundation	1	50	(26)	-	25
Clothworkers' Foundation	37	35	(35)	-	37
Garfield Weston	15	200	(50)	-	165
Masonic Foundation	60	-	(60)	-	(0)
Colin Crawshaw	100	50	(100)	-	50
STV Appeal	-	-	-	-	-
Dulverton Trust	2	35	-	-	37
Various	1,020	1,026	(1,466)	92	673
TOTAL	**2,321**	**1,732**	**(2,547)**	**34**	**1,540**

18a. Designated Funds (current year)

	BALANCE 1 APR 22 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 23 (£'000)
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	*999*	-	(1,021)	2,000	1,978
TOTAL	***999***	**-**	**(1,021)**	**2,000**	1,978

The Board of Trustees applied £2m from available funds to spend on Chances for Children grants over the two years 2021-22 & 2022-23 in equal amounts. In the current year, a further £2m has been applied to be spent on Chances for Children grants during the 3 years 2023-24 to 2025-26.

18b. Designated Funds (prior year)

	BALANCE 1 APR 21 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MAR 22 (£'000)
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	*2,000*	-	1,001		*999*
TOTAL	***2,000***	**-**	**1,001**		***999***

19a. Analysis of Net Assets (current year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS & DESIGNATED FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	44	**44**
Investments	57,516	602	2,463	**60,581**
Current assets	141	2,058	832	**3,031**
Current liabilities	(53)	(899)	(146)	**(1,098)**
Long term liabilities	-	(316)	-	**(316)**
TOTAL	**57,604**	**1,445**	**3,193**	**62,242**

19b. Analysis of Net Assets (prior year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	34	**34**
Investments	66,325	721	-	**67,046**
Current assets	(654)	1,673	2,233	**3,252**
Current liabilities		(529)	(126)	**(655)**
Long term liabilities	-	(325)	-	**(325)**
TOTAL	**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**

20. Total Return Application

The Charity Commission permitted the Charity to adopt the use of the total investment powers in relation to its permanent endowment investments by an order dated 28 March 2006. The power permits the Trustees to invest the portfolio to maximize total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income (as disclosed in the funds transfers, note 16a), the unapplied total return remains invested as part of the permanent endowment. The power was implemented on 1 April 2006.

The Westnedge Fund refers to a legacy received in 2001 as a permanent endowment for the benefit of adopted children.

The investment fund and application of total return to permanent endowment funds		MAIN FUND (£'000)	WESTNEDGE FUND (£'000)	TOTAL 2023 (£'000)
Value of permanent endowment at 1 April 22		**65,548**	**117**	**65,665**
Less:	Value of Main Fund at 5 April 1978	(7,247)	-	(7,247)
Less:	Value of Westnedge Fund at 31 March 2002	-	(73)	(73)
Unapplied total return at 1 April		**58,301**	**44**	**58,345**
Add:	Investment return		-	-
Add:	Dividends and interest in the year	1,293	3	1,296
Add:	Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	(4,357)	(2)	(4,359)
Deduct:	Investment management fees	(347)	(1)	(348)
Unapplied total return before transfer to income		**54,890**	**44**	**54,934**
Less:	Allocated to designated fund	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
Less:	Unapplied total return applied in year	(2,644)	(6)	(2,650)
Unapplied total return at 31 March		**50,246**	**38**	**50,284**
Add:	Endowment value at 5 April 1978	7,247	-	7,247
Add:	Endowment value at 31 March 2002	-	73	73
Permanent endowment including unapplied total return at 31 March, constituting the investment fund		**57,493**	**111**	**57,604**

21. Operating Lease Commitments

The Charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows for each of the following periods:

	2023 (£'000)	2022 (£'000)
Less than one year	**149**	*149*
Between two & five years	**75**	*224*
TOTAL	**224**	*373*

22. Reconciliation Of Net Income/(Expenditure) To Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities

	2023 (£'000)	2022 (£'000)
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(7,110)**	*1,585*
Depreciation/Amortisation	**14**	*42*
Losses/(Gains) on investments	**4,363**	*(4,689)*
Non-market adjustment to unquoted investment value	**-**	*-*
Investment income	**(1,299)**	*(1,293)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(17)**	*(354)*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**434**	*474*
NET CASH PROVIDED USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(3,615)**	*(4,235)*

23a. Analysis of Net Debt (current year)

	AT 1st APRIL 2022 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2023 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	*(38)*	783	-	**745**
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	*2,819*	(1,021)	-	**1,798**
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	***2,781***	**(238)**	**-**	**2,543**

The charity does not hold any debt therefore the net debt analysis has not been provided.

23b. Analysis of Net Debt (prior year)

	AT 1st APRIL 2021 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2022 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	*1,575*	(1,613)	-	*(38)*
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	*3,114*	(295)	-	*2,819*
TOTAL CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	***4,689***	**(1,908)**	**-**	***2,781***



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Shortly after launching our new 5-year strategy in March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic struck the UK and forced the first lockdown. In the face of such high demand for our Chances for Children grants, we made the decision to focus the Buttle UK team on grant making and fundraising as much as possible. If we could help people directly in this time of need, we wanted to focus all our attention on doing so. We received an incredible amount of funding for our grants, and we directed every penny to those struggling the most. Our Chances for Children grants budget nearly trebled in the first year of our strategy as funders came to us to support vulnerable children and young people in their homes. A huge thanks to all funders that have supported us in this time.

To help maintain this higher level of grant provision as the demand for our support continued into the second year of the Covid-19 crisis, we increased funding from our own endowment as part of our 'Stepping Up' fund. We added an additional £1m in 2021/22, with the same again in this current year. We also made the decision to re-engage with our organisational strategy in full. Work on progressing this, alongside maintaining the increased level of grant funding and distribution, has undoubtedly been challenging, with the team stretched on all fronts. We have carried out a remarkable amount of work since the Covid-19 pandemic first hit the UK and I would like to acknowledge and thank our passionate and committed staff that are critical to successfully delivering our work to support children and young people in crisis during this time. However, we recognised that in order to maintain performance against operational need and our strategic intent, we needed to increase the level of resources in the team, and so this is what we have done.

On top of our grant making focus, we have a range of projects this year that will further our strategic work, and really begin to build ways in which we hold ourselves accountable to the communities we support; this includes setting up a Youth Panel and Advisory Group, where the insight of those with lived and frontline experience will become increasingly integral to our decision making at Buttle UK. Data from our new online application forms, created this year, will help us to develop our understanding of our impact, the diversity of our grants, and the improvements we should be focusing on in our next Business Plan. We will also collaborate with Turn2Us and Smallwood Trust to design and develop a co-produced local programme to support women and their children in crisis.

At a time when the country has begun to learn to live with Covid-19, our 'Stepping Up' fund has been there to maintain support for those children and young people struggling most with the challenges the pandemic left in its wake. But, the cost-of-living crisis has hit families on the lowest incomes with an absolute sucker punch; without the essential support to cover food and energy costs, children and young people already living in poverty are going to suffer more and the economic issues we face nationally will surely see more join them. We will not step back from this challenge. For the third year in a row, we aim to deliver a Chances for Children grants budget of over double the pre-Covid-19 level thanks to our funders and our own endowment. We will also increase our Support for Boarding funding this year so that children struggling in the most challenging situations at home can receive the best wraparound support, and ultimately remain with their families in the long term.

We believe our grants will be more vital in the coming year than they were at even the worst points during the Covid-19 period, and with your help we will ensure children and young people in crisis do not go without the essential items and activities they need to thrive.



Jill Dinsmore, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT BUTTLE UK

Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to helping children and young people in the UK who have experienced crisis, live in financial hardship and deal with multiple challenging social issues. We have been doing this since 1953.

We provide support designed to improve emotional, educational and social outcomes through our Chances for Children grants and, for some children whose home environment is particularly disruptive and chaotic, grants which allow them to go to boarding school. All our grants are designed to help provide a safe and nurturing environment to grow up in and access to activities that promote wellbeing and help strengthen support networks. Ultimately, we aim to increase the capacity of children and young people to engage in education and improve their social and emotional wellbeing.

We focus our support on grantmaking because this is where we have expertise and experience to make the biggest difference. Buttle UK operates across the UK and, in 2021/22, provided £4.26m in timely, individually targeted grants to support 4,519 children and young people. There are fantastic organisations fighting for systems change to build long-term solutions to end child poverty. Our work generates extensive data and insights into levels of vulnerability and poverty from those with direct experience and the frontline teams that they work with. We share what we hear and learn with the wider social care sector to support positive change for children and young people in crisis and poverty.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis and who are financially excluded.



Overall aim

At Buttle UK we aim to ensure "the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are in need of financial assistance, with a preference for children who are, or were, adopted, children of lone parents or children who are orphaned and who have or are being deprived of a normal family life.'

These aims are consistent with the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In planning activities, and reviewing grant policy and criteria, Trustees consider the 'public benefit requirement', and are confident that all activities we undertake demonstrate this requirement.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

As the country begins to learn to 'live with Covid', we are mindful of the challenges still in play for children and young people, particularly as the current cost of living crisis continues. Our grants will continue to be needed as much now as they have been over the last two years. To meet the ongoing challenges, we continue to target an increase in voluntary income to stand alongside support from our own endowment. Our strategy pushes for continuous improvement in our grantmaking, working in collaboration with other grantmakers and charities, calling for wider change for children in poverty, and involving their expertise in the future direction of our organisation.

We have a range of projects in the coming year that will further this work, and really begin to build ways in which we hold ourselves accountable to the communities we support. This includes setting up a Youth Panel and Advisory Group; involving the insight of those with lived and frontline experience when making decisions at Buttle UK. We will also collaborate with Turn2Us and the Smallwood Trust to design and develop a co-produced programme to support women and their children in crisis.

Our key strategic pillars:

Pillar 1
Creating Chances for Children 2.0 for more children in crisis

We continue to learn more about our Chances for Children grants every day, and refining and developing them is a key aspect of our five-year strategy. Crucial to this development will be to focus on the clear purpose of our grants in the short and long term, the difference we aim to see and can prove through direct evidence, and we would like to see through relevant broader research. We will increase the support offered through our Chances for Children grants to more children and young people in crisis and align these grants with our Support for Boarding grants to offer integrated, individually focused funding by everyone in our Grants Development team

Pillar 2
Co-production and Accountability

Through our grants, Buttle UK gives children and young people in crisis the power to shape a better future for themselves. We pride ourselves on the expertise within our team and the connections we have with front-line services and want to give the same recognition to 'experts by experience'. Our research has shown how impactful grants can be when provided alongside other support. We are also aware referrers are stretched and families (particularly children) and young people are not always consulted. It is when their voices come together with professionals that support offered can best meet their needs. We can trigger a wider effect of our grants by encouraging partner agencies to work in a more flexible, holistic and child-centred way.

Pillar 3
Collaborating to maximise the breadth & impact of our support

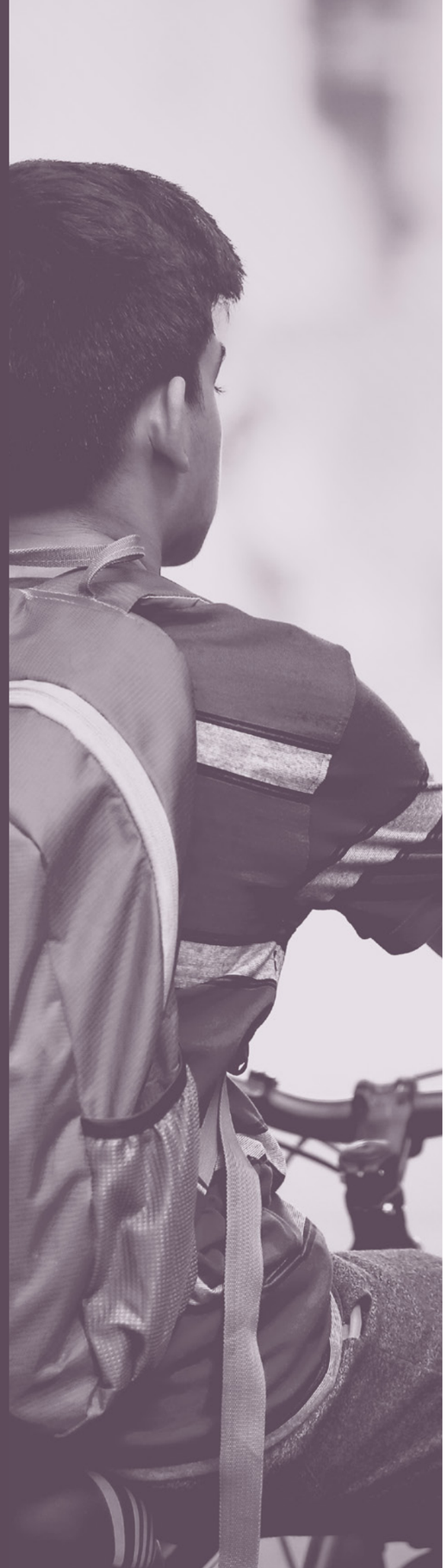
Throughout our history we have built a significant network of individuals and organisations with whom we can collaborate to help further the impact we have as a charity for children and young people across the UK. Collaborating with key stakeholders will enable us to increase the number of children and young people our funds support and improve the impact and experience of our support by working as a collective, rather than a single unit. With an improved, collective offer, we will then look to collaborate on joint funding bids/partnerships.

Pillar 4
Income Growth

Through investment in fundraising, we will build support for our Chances for Children grants from the general public, corporates and trusts, and therefore be able to offer more children and young people in crisis these grants each year. We will build strong fundraising income streams to work alongside our endowment, that help create a sustainable funding base for the organisation - during and beyond - the period of this strategic plan

Pillar 5
Know, Learn, Lead: Building a Future-Ready Team

We recognise that our people and team are the single most important resource we have to achieve our strategic goal. We envision building an adaptable team with a strong trust-focused culture, that gives people the confidence to push boundaries on what we can achieve together.



Our cross-cutting themes

Our strategic pillars will be influenced by, and have an impact on, other areas of our work. Key cross-cutting themes are:

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
We aim for all our staff and Trustees to become inclusive by instinct in the way we work at Buttle UK. We believe that we can build better grant support for children and young people by embracing diversity across our team. Engagement of thought from different demographics is vital to ensuring our grants remain relevant for those we work with. We must also support a diverse range of communities in our grant giving and adapt our processes to enable this.

Impact Measurement
Our impact measurement will be aligned to our Theory of Change so that everything we do is measured against our purpose. We will know when we are successful in our interventions and what we are not doing well so that we can continuously improve our work.

Marketing and Communications
Since changing our grant giving from 'basic essentials' to Chances for Children grants we have updated much of our communications, but key external communication tools such as our website, brand and elevator pitch highlight what we do, not why we do it. Using the Theory of Change to focus on our purpose will have a major effect on our internal and external communications messaging. Our fundraising growth strategy will also influence our communications.

Technology
Technology can provide the exponential difference we need to ensure the best possible service and impact for children and young people we work with. We will consider the enabling power of technology across each of our strategic themes, working with experts where needed and not being afraid to lead the way where we feel the biggest difference can be made.

Based on this strategy, we have set the following key objectives for 2022/23:

A) Chances for Children 2.0
We will deliver 2,500 Chances for Children grants across the team and embed our new application forms to improve our understanding and delivery of impact and diversity in our grantmaking.

B) Co-production and Accountability
We will resource, create and engage with a Youth Panel and Advisory Board to support our decision making in the organisation.

C) Collaboration
We will complete the inception phase of our co-produced Gendered Poverty Programme, and develop a system with 360Giving and the ACO to share individual grantmaking data externally and collectively.

D) Income growth
We will aim to achieve a stretch target of £2.5m to spend in the year and continue to test an individual giving fundraising approach.

E) Know, Learn, Lead
We will embed our 'People & Culture' offer for all staff, and improve our cross-team work and information sharing to support our blended working approach.

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Our Grantmaking and Theory of Change

We provide individually tailored grants of up to £2,000 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and educational engagement. We fund items and activities to help improve children and young people's social and emotional wellbeing and increased capacity to engage in education and learning.

Our funds support children and young people from newborns to 20-year-olds to help them achieve personalised and transformative change to move on from crisis.

The children and young people we support are living in severe poverty, on average, on incomes of less than £14,000 per year. They suffer significant deprivation as a result and face additional serious social issues around them such as domestic violence, drug and alcohol misuse, estrangement, illness, distress, abuse, neglect, behavioural or mental health issues.

Each case is individual so what is offered via our grants varies too. Frontline workers, who make the applications on behalf of the children and young people, work with them to find out about their needs as well as their interests and ambitions. Our financial support assists with improving emotional, mental and social wellbeing and increases young people's capacity to engage with education and learning through funding activities, items for the home, clothes, therapeutic support and much more.

We have learnt from our Chances for Children grantmaking that:

- A grant averaging £1,500 has the potential to make a lasting difference and facilitate outcomes of other service providers in moving a family or young person beyond crisis, towards a genuine turning point in their lives.
- A these larger grants help service providers to work beyond funding and procedure constraints and so they are able to do more for their clients.

Referrers sign up to the grant terms and conditions for all grants and submit receipts against spend. We monitor grants closely for misspend, misuse or fraud and act quickly to address inconsistencies or issues.

Our boarding school offer supports a small number of children and young people, aged between 11 and 16, whose ongoing home environment is so challenging that there is a serious risk of family breakdown. We have been supporting boarding places for young people for more than 65 years. We have seen that boarding can support a child's developmental needs through providing routine, increased stability, and emotional and social support. The level of aspiration offered by aboarding education can also help to raise a young person's educational attainment.



BUTTLE UK THEORY OF CHANGE

TO PROMOTE — **Improved social & emotional wellbeing & increased capacity to engage in education**

TO ENSURE

Home
Children & young people are growing up in a safe & nurturing place that meets their learning and development needs

Wider Community
Children & young people access activities that promote wellbeing and learning and build support networks

TO PROVIDE — The items & activities that we expect all children to have & the extra resources that can help to overcome crisis & unlock opportunities

BY FUNDING — **Chances for Children**
Individually tailored grants that invest in children & young people's present & future lives

WE SUPPORT — **Children & young people living in poverty & crisis**

INCREASING LIFE CHANCES

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Achievements against 2021/22 aims and objectives

Through our direct grant giving, we are able to create a positive change to children and young people's lives, giving them a chance to focus more on their education or gaining employment, lifting them out of a crisis at a critical period in their life.

We set the following goals in 2021/22 to further this work, in line with our overall strategy:

a) Chances for Children 2.0
We will deliver 2,320 Chances for Children grants across the team and align our application, outcomes and impact to our updated theory of change.

b) Co-production and Accountability
We will agree a plan for ongoing involvement of children, young people and families in the organisation.

c) Collaboration
We will deliver collective funding pilots with other individual grant givers in the sector and engage local authorities in their role to play.

d) Income Growth
We will aim to achieve a stretch target of £1.95m and test an individual giving fundraising approach.

e) Know, Learn, Lead
We will provide staff with the tools, training, support and systems to ensure a flexible working environment that delivers for children and young people in crisis.

Key Achievements in 2021/22

- Delivered **2,550 Chances for Children bespoke packages** of grants for children and young people, holding a higher line of support during the Covid-19 crisis. This includes delivery of our first **£1m from our 'Stepping Up' fund.**
- **Supported 4,519 children and young people in total.** This figure includes 121 children supported into boarding school this year, 25 of whom are new.
- **Overall fundraising income raised of £2.012m.** Some of this income will be spent on grants in the financial year of 2022/23 (£5.5m in 2020/21 and £1.99m in 2019/20). **In 2021/22 we have spent £4.259m on our grants** - Chances for Children grants (£3.322m) and Support for Boarding grants (£937k).
- Developed plans and resources for a **Youth Panel and Advisory Group** to support our Co- production and Accountability work.
- **Updated our grants application process,** eligibility criteria and improved the demographics data we collect on the children and young people we support.
- **Launched a new £10m Chances for Children fundraising campaign.**
- Created a new **People and Culture strategy** to support our staff team to ensure staff feel valued, rewarded, have opportunities for development and a sense of inclusion in their role at Buttle UK and as a member of our team.
- **Recruited three new Trustees** to further develop the skills and diversity of our Trustee Board.



Buttle UK's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy – Our journey to become inclusive by instinct.

Our vision for this strategy is that 'our Trustees and Staff will have a deep understanding of EDI, the self-awareness of how it relates to the organisation's work and systems we work in. We will have a continued process of engagement, reflection and action taken for progression. We will become inclusive by instinct.' Our annual Business Plan sets specific goals for the year to ensure constant reflection on improvements and identifies areas that need further support. We acknowledge as an organisation that we do not all start from the same place of knowledge and understanding but are here to achieve this same vision.

1) We will become inclusive by instinct and represent the communities we aim to support
Staff and Trustees have attended EDI training and we are now looking to add Unconscious Bias, and Disability Awareness training in the first quarter of 2022/23, followed by LGBTQ+ training. All Trustees will be invited to these sessions. Our Chair and CEO have also taken part in a number of anti-racism sessions in order to learn more together and champion a new way of working. SMT and the EDI Working Group have additionally had training in Equality Impact Assessment Forms and 'It's About Race Training' on inclusive recruitment. Our Trustee Recruitment process has been completed, with the addition of three new Trustees, increasing the racial diversity of our Board. Induction work, training, coaching and buddy support is now being provided to our new Trustees.

2) Improve the access and experience of children and young people that could benefit from our grants
This goal closely aligns with the work we are doing within our Co-production and Accountability strategic pillar to work closer with the communities we support by building a Youth Panel and Advisory Group to engage with our staff and Trustees. In addition, the new grants application has been completed, providing additional demographic information on the children and families we support. This includes more information on protected characteristics of grantees, although we will need at least six months to collect sufficient data to review. We currently analyse geographic data on our grantmaking and for the first time, our impact report this year has shown the national and regional breakdown of our grant giving by ethnicity.

3) Holding ourselves to account and sharing our EDI challenges and achievements with others
Overall, our focus has largely been on the first two elements of the strategy as we build our own knowledge and review improvements we can make internally. As this continues, we will begin to share our learning and work with other organisations to further collective change in the grantmaking sector, particularly for organisations that support individuals. We are now sharing our Trustee Recruitment process documentation and experience with other organisations to support them in creating change on their Trustee Boards.

Our Trustees are accountable for ensuring that the organisation has appropriate structures, processes and resources in place to ensure that EDI are embedded into Buttle UK and monitor 7 progress through Buttle UK's annual Business Plan. Please do read more about our EDI Strategy here: **https://buttleuk.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/**

THE DIFFERENCE OUR SUPPORT MAKES

DAVID AND SIMON

Since the day he was born, David, 5, has constantly been a witness to, and at times a victim of, ongoing abuse and violence. His father emotionally, physically and financially abused David and his mother, Irene until it finally got too much, and Irene called the police and escaped with David and her youngest son Simon, 1, to a women's refuge.

Although the perpetrator remains in custody, and the family are now safe, things are still proving difficult for the family due to their past experiences. Having witnessed the abuse and violence his mother was subjected to; David's behaviour has been significantly impacted. He will often act out and get angry, which can be difficult for mum to handle whilst also looking after a baby. He is also afraid to sleep on his own and stays with his mum. As well as this, due to the move to the refuge, the family are now living significantly further away from David's school and have to take public transport to get there. Unfortunately, Irene cannot afford this which has meant David was often only attending school a couple of times a week. Simon is only young and so has not been impacted as much as David; however, he is very jumpy and startles very easily which is worrying for Irene.

Our Chances for Children grants were able to provide the family with some items to help them start afresh and recover from their experiences. Firstly, the grant funded a new tablet. This will allow David to have access to educational programmes and games and allow him to keep up with his studies, so he does not fall further behind. As well as this, the grant also funded transport so that David is able to get to school now that he lives further away. Furthermore, new bedding and a night light were also bought for David's room to make his bedroom feel more comfortable and hopefully encourage him to sleep in his own bed. Finally, the grant provided the family with new clothes and shoes as the boys were quickly growing out of theirs, as well as some new toys to help the boys settle into the refuge and give them a chance to play and bond with mum.

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PIPER

Piper is currently 16 years old and from the West Midlands. Both of her parents have serious, deteriorating health conditions, that have put her in the position of being their carer. Her parents have been unable to work due to their health, and the family's finances have been slowly deteriorating as they have become more and more dependent on benefits to get by.

Piper had always been a strong student, but her parents were concerned that their health was impacting her life more and more. Already they had had to move further away from her school to find affordable housing and Piper was taking on a lot of responsibilities for cooking, cleaning, and caring for both her parents.

We were able to work with the school to not only cover her tuition, but to secure extra support that covers additional costs such as school supplies, school uniform, trips and experiences

Piper's parents felt boarding school would give Piper the space to pursue her studies and also to enjoy being a teen away from the pressures of home. Piper qualified for a boarding school place, but the family could not afford it. The school was a Buttle UK Support for Boarding partner, and we were able to work with the school to cover not only her tuition, but to secure extra support that covers additional costs such as school supplies, school uniforms, trips, and experiences.

Piper has thrived for the past two years in her boarding school. Her grades have continued to be excellent, and she has become involved in music and the school play. The school has committed to full-funding for her when she begins her A-levels.



LUCY

Lucy started spending nights away from home at age 12. Her mother rarely noticed. Ever since Lucy was 8 her mother had struggled with alcohol abuse and was often unaware of what was happening in Lucy's life. Not only did this mean a difficult home life, it also meant that when Lucy was diagnosed with dyslexia at school, she did not get all the support she was entitled to.

By 15, Lucy had permanently left home and was sofa-surfing. It was 2 years before she was identified as homeless and started getting the support she needed. With the support of local services, she has managed to secure her own tenancy. She also now has the support to complete her education and has an apprenticeship lined up for a business administration role. Lucy's progress is a testament to her strength and determination. However, with a new house and a new job, there are lots of things Lucy needs for her new life, but it is difficult to manage with only basic income support.

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Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity



THROUGHOUT OUR GRANT MAKING

In 2021–22:

We supported **4,519 children and young people.**

Between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, we spent **£4,259,658** across both grant programmes. **£3,321,687** on Chances for Children Grants and **£937,971** on Support for Boarding.

Against our main areas of impact, we awarded:

- **£1,992,996 towards education, training and employment**
  (includes £854,781 towards boarding school fees)
- **£1,448,768 towards safe and equipped homes**
- **£621,894 towards social and emotional wellbeing**

The average grant awarded was £1,312.

Through our Chances for Children grants, the top 10 items and costs that we funded are in the table on the right.

Boarding School Fees
21.03% | £886,169

Furniture and Home Furnishing
12.15% | £493,701

IT Equipment
11.26% | £457,438

Home Appliances
9.20% | £373,870

Beds and Bedding
8.97% | £364,704

Toys, Books and Games
8.17% | £332,018

Children's Clothing & Footwear
6.86% | £278,781

School Uniform and Equipment
3.98% | £161,563

Rank in 2020/21:
Carpeting & Flooring
3.89% | £157,998

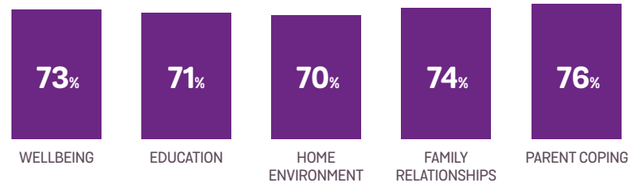
Sports Activities
3.13% | £127,338



Evaluation data, gathered through regular surveying at three and six months, has demonstrated that despite serious ongoing socio-economic issues, the impact of our Chances for Children Grants has remained highly effective. Throughout 2021/22, improvement scores reported by families have remained consistent. The graphic below shows improvement reported by parents/carers three months after the grant. During the year we have seen improvement scores rise largest for access to activities, which reflects the UK opening up, post lockdowns.

Key outcomes reported three months after the grant

Percentage of respondents who reported an improvement (Nos. 460)



Our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy is designed to create a continued process of engagement, reflection, and action, through which we aim, as an organisation, to become inclusive by instinct. There are many changes for us to consider and make as we undertake this journey, particularly broadening our understanding of the communities we support with protected characteristics. Below is data on our grant split by ethnicity compared to UK population data from the 2011 census.

ETHNICITY	CASES	% CASES	% OF UK POPULATION
White	1361	58.10%	85%
Black or Black British	299	12.80%	3%
Asian or Asian British	216	9.20%	7%
Other	213	9.10%	1%
Mixed	171	7.30%	2%
Not Disclosed	77	3.30%	-
Chinese	4	0.20%	1%
Total	**2341**	**100%**	

Support for Boarding Evaluation

This year we have introduced deeper evaluation via standardised surveys and one-to-one interviews, to understand more about the impact of boarding on the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of the young people we support. This additional data will be presented in future reports.

In 2021/22 five young people funded through our Support for Boarding grants finished their A-Levels and 24 young people finished their GCSEs. We have results for 69% of these grantees (N=20).

- The pass rate was 98.6% for all GCSEs taken
- On average, each student took 8.8 subjects at GCSE, above the national average of 7.85
- 93.4% of students achieved a pass (9-4 or A*-C) in their Maths and English GCSEs
- 100% of students received 5 or more GCSEs at 9-4 (A*-C)

A separate evaluation report on Boarding provides more detail.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

The following summarises the key figures from the 2021/22 SOFA

ALL FUNDS	DIRECT COSTS	SUPPORT COSTS	2021-22 TOTAL	*2020-21 TOTAL*	% CHANGE
Income					
Investment			1,293	*992*	30%
Charitable activities			100	*2,372*	-96%
Donations and legacies			1,622	*3,531*	-54%
Total income			**3,015**	*6,895*	
Expenditure					
Raising funds			**1,023**	*855*	+ 19.6%
Charitable activities					
- Grants to individuals and charities	3,322	532	3,854	*4,712*	-18.2%
- Grants for Children's Education	937	256	1,193	*886*	35%
- Research and Projects		**49**	**49**	*39*	+25.6%
Total charitable activities	**4,259**	**837**	**5,096**	*5,637*	-9.6%
Total expenditure			**6,119**	*6,492*	-5.7%
Net expenditure before revaluation of investments			**(3,104)**	*403*	

All figures expressed in £'000.

Total fundraised income dropped in 2021/22, as expected, because the prior year was heavily boosted by our Covid-19 Emergency Appeal. Notwithstanding the substantial drop in income of about 56.3%, the charitable expenditure was down only by 9.6%. This was largely achieved by deployment of the designated Stepping Up fund which provided £1m of additional charitable expenditure which was drawn from Buttle UK unrestricted reserves.

Investment income was 30% higher than in 2020/21. This reflects good global stock market performance including resumption of higher dividends after the difficult year, which saw many companies cut dividends when the global economy was pretty much closed for the second quarter of 2020.

The Drawdown from the endowment provided a total of £2.4m to fund overheads as well as the Support for Boarding programme. The extract from this year's SOFA shows that the deficit of £3.1m is therefore covered through the Drawdown and the Stepping Up Fund. Additionally, investment revaluations to market value provide a further £4.649m of positive adjustment to assets. This is lower than the prior year, but is still a healthy surplus.

Principal Donors

RECEIVED IN YEAR	AMOUNT (£'000)
The Edward Gostling Foundation	250
Garfield Weston Foundation	200
Comic Relief	116
Barclays Community Aid Package	100
Graphite Capital	100
Peoples's Postcode Lottery	100
Colin Crawshaw	50
KPMG Foundation	50
Band Trust	50
Mercers' Company	45
The Italian job	41
Ajaz.org	40
Schroder Foundation	40
Dulverton Trust	35
Clothworkers' Foundation	35
Rob Rinder appearance on Who Wants to be a Millionaire	32
Taylor Family Foundation	30
Denbighshire Foyer Company	25
Cyril Taylor Charitable Foundation	23
Dreams Beds	13
KIDLY	13
Mat Waugh	12
CTF Training	10
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	10
Medlock Charitable Trust	10
Other Trust donations	18
Anonymous or private donations	357
Other donations	207
	2,012

Expenditure

The expenditure on grants, and the associated administration and infrastructure costs of delivering those grants, was down by 9.6%. This reflects the continued high demand for Buttle UK services to our grantees, and the ability of the fund to provide services despite the 56% drop in income.

The 10-year grant history, by programme, is set out in the table below and this also shows the overall cost, as a percentage, of delivering a grant over that same period.

The increase in overall expenditure on overheads in 2021/22 was limited to £54k instead of the £297k originally planned for in the budget. There were many variances to the budget which had originally been agreed in March 2020 as a result of continued deployment of the 2020-25 strategy as well as the continued disruption caused by the restrictions imposed by government owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Two additional members of staff were recruited for part of the year to support the GDPR strategy and to assist in the implementation of the new finance system. The biggest variance in expenditure from the budget was for fundraising expenditure as for the second year running, all planned events were cancelled because of Covid-19 restrictions. Further savings were found in the categories of Premises, IT, Communications, Impact & Evaluation, Audit & Legal and General Expenditure. A new category of expense was brought in to reflect the growth in the usage of prepaid cards to deliver grant awards as this now forms approximately 76% of payments to grantees.

The deficit of (£3.104m) before gains on investments is a big swing from the £403k surplus in 2020-21. This deficit was funded from the capital element of the total return allocation, referred to below, which amounted to a drawdown of £2.4m. Additionally the first tranche of funds from the Trustees designated Stepping Up fund were spent. These funds came from the unrestricted reserves of the Charity. The second tranche of the fund will be spent on Chances for Children grants in the amount of £1m during the year 2022/23. The designated fund is referred to as the "Stepping Up" fund.

Grant history by programme, with support costs as a percentage of total charitable expenditure, 2012–22

YEAR	SMALL GRANTS		*CHANCES FOR CHILDREN*[1]		BOARDING		DAY FEES[2]		TOTAL		SUPPORT	TOTAL	%
	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	£'000	£'000	SUPPORT
2012-13	11,654	2,675	-	-	282	766	280	356	12,216	3,797	641	**4,438**	14.40%
2013-14	11,888	2,689	-	-	312	892	106	116	12,306	3,697	666	**4,363**	15.30%
2014-15	10,197	2,189	504	474	314	974	28	46	11,043	3,683	821	**4,504**	18.2%[3]
2015-16	9,148	2,321	583	596	323	991	14	26	10,068	3,934	934[4]	**4,849**	19.30%
2016-17	9,408	2,603	576	414	276	917	3	7	10,263	3,941	1,047	**4,981**	21.00%
2017-18	11,505	3,144	946	593	242	866	1	3	12,694	4,606	1,369	**5,975**	22.90%
2018-19	4,093	1,000	1,580	1,765	186	752	0	0	5,859	3,517	1,328	**4,845**	27.40%
2019-20	0	0	1,411	1,363	182	790	0	0	1,593	2,322	1,350	**3,672**	36.70%
2020-21	0	0	6,211	4,139	122	642	0	0	6,333	4,781	1,429	**6,210**	23.01%
2021-22	0	0	4,398	3.322	121	937	0	0	4,519	4,259	1,489	**6,119**	24.33%

[1] These include the various enhanced package approach projects, Viz: Anchor, Estranged Young People.

[2] This programme closed in 2013 and no further grants will be made.

[3] The increase in support costs as a percentage of total charitable expenditure from 2014 onwards is mainly due to the enhanced package approach to grant giving which requires more caseworker input to build a bespoke grant that can make a more significant difference in a child/young person's life.

[4] The firs-time application of the Charities SORP FRS 102 in 2015-16 led to a change in the way that support costs were calculated in that governance costs were required to be included as a charitable activity cost for the first time.

INVESTMENTS & INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment portfolio is managed by two major fund managers. BlackRock manage a total of approximately £50.8 million, in a mix of active and passive funds investing in global equities and fixed interest, and a portfolio of directly invested UK equities. In addition, there are some non-discretionary holdings in property and private equity investments, predominantly held through funds. Additionally, Buttle UK holds an investment in the Mayfair PITCH fund, which is a property fund, with excellent ESG credentials. Ruffer manage approximately £13 million in their Charity Assets Trust. The overall investment policy is to maximise long term total return, accepting a medium level of risk, such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfill its grant giving obligations. Whilst noting that performance is of paramount importance, the Trustees have engaged with the need to include a sustainable investment framework within the investment strategy and have reflected this engagement in their updated statement of investment principles document. The performance of both managers is measured against market-based benchmarks, and monitored by an Investment Committee comprising six Trustees, some with relevant financial services expertise. The overall performance in the year was very positive thanks to the global equity markets robust response to the economic climate. Annual performance of the endowment was 5.35%. Since the end of the financial year, global stock markets have been volatile as a result of the resurgence of inflation, with expectations rising that this may cause a recession. This has had a negative impact of close to 8% on the value of the endowment.

Buttle UK updated its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) to more particularly align our investment strategy to take account of sustainable investment. The Trustees take their responsibilities as stewards of the Charity's assets seriously and strive to appoint investment managers who invest responsibly in keeping with the Charity's beliefs. This entails both excluding certain sectors, and ongoing engagement within sectors and with individual companies. The Trustees encourage their managers to engage with companies on issues that support our charitable beliefs. The Trustees seek to appoint investment managers who are actively involved in applying Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria across the investment process. In addition, the Investment Committee regularly reviews the investment managers' policies on ESG matters including monitoring their track record of positive engagement with businesses. The Trustees encourage their investment managers to notify the Investment Committee of investment opportunities which will help Buttle invest according to the Charity's core beliefs. Both of our managers are signatories to the UN's Principles of Responsible Investment.

During 2021/22, Trustees actively managed their investment allocation strategy together with their Investment Managers. By 31 March 2022, the percentage of assets of the endowment that were invested in funds that pursued a focus on enhanced ESG criteria increased to 69.5%.

The Trustees monitor the ongoing climate change debate and advocate active ownership and engagement rather than disinvestment as a general principle. This applies especially regarding fossil fuels as the large oil and gas companies are the biggest contributors both to the ongoing exploitation of natural resources as well as being one of the biggest investors in renewable energy infrastructure.

Buttle UK endeavours to avoid investing in companies or organisations whose primary activities are detrimental to child welfare, including the exploitation of child labour as this is contrary to the Charity's objectives. Specific sectors where the Charity does not knowingly invest are (1) the manufacture/dealing in certain weapons and armaments (2) payday lending (3) any company which derives more than 25% of its revenue from gambling, any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of alcohol and any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution, or sale of tobacco.

The assets of the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund (£470k) and the Edward Gostling Foundation (£250k) are restricted investment funds. Both restricted funds are managed in separate accounts by Ruffer in their Charity Assets Trust, and they follow the same investment principles as are applied to the Buttle UK investment also held by them.

Total return
In 2006, the Charity Commission granted Buttle UK a total return order, permitting the spending of the unapplied total return of its endowment, but with the key responsibility of balancing the needs of current and future children and young people we support. Annually, the Trustees decide an appropriate amount to allocate to unrestricted funds from the endowment, which can include an element of capital from the unapplied total return. Due consideration is given to ensure the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, is not affected by any allocation to unrestricted reserves. The split between the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, and the capital from the unapplied total return, as adjusted for inflation, is calculated annually, reported, and then carried forward for consideration in future years.

The total return allocation was fixed by the Trustees at £2.4 million in 2021/22 for the ongoing regular activities of the Charity. The total drawdown in 2021/22 at £2.4m represents 3.7% of the current endowment value and this reflects the decision to draw on the accumulated unapplied total return to increase, inter alia, the funds available for grant giving. The Trustees keep the level of the sums withdrawn annually under review.

The details of the movement on the unapplied total return are set out in note 18.

Reserves
The Endowment Fund of Buttle UK could be available to act as a reserve as a result of the Total Return Order awarded by the Charity Commission. Nevertheless, we highlight the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of six years. We will, however, continue to hold unrestricted reserves to enable flexibility in organizational or grant expenditure if a critical situation arises. We have selected the level of reserves after taking account of the most significant risks in our risk register. Our reserves will help to ensure that our invested funds can continue to drive long term growth to support the next generation of children and young people's wellbeing and capacity to engage in education. Therefore, the unrestricted reserves will maintain a balance in the region of £400,000 which amount to approximately three months of core organizational expenditure. This will be subject to annual review.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £65.67million. In addition, there are £1.54m of restricted reserves, a designated fund of £999k and £1.142m of unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date.

Risk management
The Trustees have considered the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, have a process of regularly reviewing those risks and have established systems and processes to manage them. They are of the view that an appropriate control framework is in place, recognising that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance of elimination of risk. In addition, the Governance Advisory Committee provides a mechanism for reviewing compliance with policy, law, and systems.

The highest risks may be summarized as follows:

(a) Governance risks – a lack of progression on EDI within the organisation impacts on our organisational strength to challenge ourselves to build the best possible support for, and with, children and young people.

Diversity is a fantastic strategy for driving change and improvement. A diverse organisation is, or should be, a more challenging organisation – more difficult to manage, where leaders of all kinds need to expect to be questioned or challenged. Our EDI Strategy and Co-production & Accountability plan will help us to increase diversity within the organisation and develop our staff and Trustees understanding of building a more equitable and inclusive place of work for our team and who we work with. To ensure the strongest mitigation Trustees and staff must continue to work together to further our EDI strategy.

(b) Financial risks – hat the endowment assets are mismanaged to the extent the capital value and income is seriously diminished; the risk that restricted funds are not spent properly, or the risk that there are insufficient unrestricted funds for the Charity to operate in the long term.

Buttle UK employs respected investment managers, selected through a competitive process. Their performance is assessed against benchmarks by the Investment Committee on a regular basis with face-to-face meetings. An analysis of the investment management contracts is commissioned every five years. Risks associated with major stock market fluctuations are unavoidable. The policy on liquid funds would ensure the short- term continuance of Buttle UK's activities in all circumstances that can reasonably be foreseen. The investment managers have agreed with the Investment Committee a rebalance of the strategic asset allocation to include investments with ESG characteristics. There has also been a reduction in equity holdings to gain exposure to fixed income assets. The global investment environment is currently less positive than over the past three years. Inflationary pressures have begun to impact on global monetary policy and central banks have begun to withdraw the quantitative easing that has been a support to global equities as well as start to increase interest rates. The impact on investment returns is more likely to be negative over the coming year than it has been since 2020.

(c) Cyber Security – computer operations failure or a cyber security event causes serious interruption to service provision and control.

We have in place a two-step verification process with all of our referral agencies to eliminate fraudulent access to our grants application portal. We have implemented the dual-authorisation recommendation for all payments, and all staff login to our google accounts uses dual-authorisation as well. Staff have been trained on cyber security and on using their Google accounts securely. We have also updated our Data Breach notification policy should an internal or external breach occur. We aim to gain Cyber Essentials accreditation by the end of Q4 2022/23.

(d) Fundraising – income falls, after the immediate response to the Covid-19 crisis, to the point where the core activities of Buttle UK are threatened, and we are over-dependent on short-term income from fundraising for funding its core activities.

The current fundraising strategy is designed to contribute to operating costs and increase funds available for grant giving, research and project development. Where core costs (i.e., salaries and overheads) for pilot projects are short term, review of this and the longer-term implications will be considered in a timely fashion and exit strategies put in place. Trustees have agreed to 'Step Up' support from the endowment in the period 2021 to 23. We have successfully used this to ask other funders to join our stance and show their support as well.

(e) Operational – grant programmes become open to wholesale fraud and abuse. The potential for fraud increases at times of economic uncertainty. In 2021/22 we put in place and retained more due diligence and controls to monitor and manage risk. The mitigating measures include ensuring that the line managers at referral agencies are aware of grants awarded, that the grant recipients are informed of grant awards and provided with our contact details in case of any real or perceived irregularity, and that receipts are actively managed. We have put in place due diligence for all applications and guidance on how to respond and manage misspend, misuse and fraud. We limit new referrers to two live applications at any time. Checks and controls are continually reviewed and updated.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Charitable status
Buttle UK is a registered charity for the benefit of children and young people, administered and managed in accordance with the rules of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 26 March 1971, as amended by Charity Commission Schemes dated 19 August 1972, 22 February 1988, 26 October 1993 and 5 September 2006. Buttle UK is a registered charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission and in Scotland under OSCR. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has begun registering charities but anticipate this will take another two to three years to complete. Buttle UK has not yet been called forward to apply for registration.

Public benefit
The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Governance
Buttle UK's Scheme provides for a minimum of eight Trustees and a maximum of twenty. The current fourteen Trustees provide substantial support and advice to the work of the Charity through Board meetings and Committee Meetings. Additional Committees are listed below:

- Governance Advisory Committee
- Investment Committee
- Grants Committee
- Campaign Board (volunteer fundraising committee).

Trustees acknowledge that governance is not a role for Trustees alone; it includes the way the Trustees work with the Chief Executive and staff to ensure that the Charity is effectively and properly run and meets the needs of the communities we work with through a good, quality service. The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Governance Code and we have referred to the Governance Code in order to make significant improvements to our governance in 2021/22 including strengthening the diversity of our Board and our induction process, creating an annual Board evaluation process, clarification of Trustee tenure, and improvements/additions made to our governance manual.

Trustees are not remunerated for their roles on the Trustee Board, although expenses for travel are paid if requested.

Recruitment, induction and training of trustees
Our Trustee recruitment mirrors Buttle UK's staff recruitment process, actively seeking a diverse group of candidates. Applications are anonymized (in particular considering name, age, time spent in organisations and education). An EDI monitoring form is also required for each candidate, but this remains separate from any application and is used to monitor the diversity of our applications to ensure we can make improvements to our process where needed. A mixture of SMT, Trustees and young people interview candidates who are sought from an open application process, and the role/s are advertised across a broad range of publications, websites and social media. A skills and diversity audit is carried out in advance of recruiting any Trustee to the Board. Trustees are recruited for a period of three years with an expectation that this would be renewed, so a six-year term is usual. Renewal for a further term is possible in certain circumstances but resignation must occur after nine years.

Buttle UK's Trustee succession planning process considers a three-year time horizon and aims to improve how we meet current skills/diversity gaps as current Trustee terms finish and provides a stronger induction/learning period for an incoming Trustee. Better planning also means that incoming Trustees – no matter their background and previous experience – are welcomed to Buttle UK with the best support we can provide. The process supports new Trustees to buddy alongside current Trustees. This gives an opportunity to handover their learning, experiences and to support any transition. Current Trustees are also empowered to engage in thinking about their next steps with the Board by providing a clearer forward plan, offering the chance for them to have open conversations with the Chair/Deputy about their future on the Board.

It is recognised that Trustees have differing skills and time commitments, and that our governance model should allow flexibility in helping Trustees to offer these skills and time in the way that fits their needs as well as those of our organisation. Buttle UK offers ongoing training opportunities to Trustees, in particular around governance, investments and diversity. For Trustees with no previous experience on boards we also offer coaching support for the first year at least.

There are a number of functions and roles that Trustees are invited to contribute to, including the development of our future strategy, the policy of our grant giving programmes, the overseeing of projects, support in developing partnerships to enhance our work, support our fundraising activities, audit, finance and investment, governance, education, and social care.

Fundraising disclosure
Fundraising at Buttle UK is undertaken by the internal fundraising team and a volunteer committee (the Chances for Children Campaign Board). The Board of Trustees regularly review the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on fundraising (CC20) and are satisfied that Buttle UK's practices conform with this guidance.

Buttle UK is registered with the Fundraising Regulator.

There have been no reported failures by Buttle UK, or any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or regulation, in 2021/22 (or, indeed, at any point previously), and the same is true of complaints in relation to fundraising activities. All staff and volunteers representing the Charity for the purposes of fundraising have either a job description and process of internal appraisal (in the case of staff) or a clear term of reference (in the case of volunteers). There are regular meetings between volunteers and staff. As required by the Charity Commission guidance, Buttle UK has complied with both available guidance and legislation to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviours which constitute an unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, are unreasonably persistent or places undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

Management
The Chief Executive is responsible for the delivery of Buttle UK's objectives and related performance management processes through the staff group. Board members are kept up to date on progression of the organisation's Business Plan through the inclusion of a tracker in the CEO's report in the quarterly board papers. Trustees continue to be kept informed of the activities of the Charity through quarterly Trustee/staff seminars which will be arranged throughout 2022/23 and where appropriate, through contact with Grant Development Officers local to them. An updated performance and development system ensures that staff work to objectives and that their skills development is encouraged.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLG) consists of the SMT and members of the staff team selected to co-lead on the development of our five key strategic pillars within the 2020-25 strategy. Each SMT member is responsible for ensuring we have appropriate members of the team working on each pillar and the key objectives for the year are completed. The staff members of the SLT will work with the appropriate SMT member to support them on this. Any member of the wider Buttle UK team will support delivery of the Business Plan and the SLT will ensure it is on course.

The Charity's remuneration policy is to review the salaries of all employees annually in December and benchmark them against published salary survey data within the charity sector. This will be reviewed in 2022/23 with a view to further increase the transparency and clarity of this for our staff team. Adjustments are made to ensure employees are paid a fair salary for the work they do and in line with other similar organisations in the sector. We are a living wage employer.

Statement of the 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, Scotland and Northern Ireland 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity'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 this information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors
Haysmacintyre LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as the Charity's auditors.

Approved by the Trustees on 22 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees*



Mark Alexander *Trustee*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUTTLE UK

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Buttle UK for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of the Charity's net movement in funds 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity 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 Charity'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 Chair's Statement and Trustees' Annual Report. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the Charity 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 for the financial statements
As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 24, the Trustees 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 Charity'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 Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), and the Trustee Investments Act, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended), Charities SORP (2019) and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the recognition of voluntary income and grant commitments. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:
- Enquiries of management regarding correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing the controls and procedures of the Charity, particularly in relation to the recording of income and processing of payments and payroll, to ensure these were in place throughout the year, including during the Covid-19 remote working period;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing and testing journal entries made in the year, particularly those made as part of the year-end financial reporting process; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates which comprise depreciation and amortisation, accruals and deferred income and bad debt provision.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the evens and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also

greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors
10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG
28th September 2022

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2022	*TOTAL 2021*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies	16	-	1,622	-	**1,622**	*3,531*
From charitable activities						
Grants – NLCF COVID Response	16	-	-	-	**-**	
Grants – National Lottery	16	-	-	-	**-**	*2,070*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	16	-	100	-	**100**	*302*
Investment	3	1,280	10	3	**1,293**	*992*
TOTAL INCOME		**1,280**	**1,732**	**3**	**3,015**	*6,895*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	652	**652**	*553*
Investment management fees	18	371	-	-	**371**	*302*
Total raising funds		**371**	**-**	**652**	**1,023**	*855*
Charitable Activities	5, 6, 7					
Chances for Children grants		-	**2,321**	1,533	**3,854**	*4,712*
Grants for children's eduction		-	**226**	967	**1,193**	*886*
Research and projects		-	-	49	**49**	*39*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**2,547**	**2,549**	**5,096**	*5,637*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**371**	**2,547**	**3,201**	**6,119**	*6,492*
Net income/(expenditure)		**909**	**(815)**	**(3,198)**	**(3,104)**	*(403)*
Transfers between funds	10	(2,394)	(6)	2,400	**-**	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(1,485)**	**(821)**	**(798)**	**(3,104)**	*(403)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	13	4,649	40	-	**4,689**	*(13,284)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**3,164**	**(781)**	**(798)**	**1,585**	*(13,687)*
Balances at 1 April 2021		**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**	*54,080*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**	*67,767*

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

In accordance with Charities SORP FRS 102 charitable activities comprise both grants and the associated support costs allocated to each activity. Details are shown in notes 5 & 6. Full details of the grants given are shown in the Trustees' Report. The prior year SOFA is included in Note 24 to these financial statements.

The notes on pages 27-44 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2022

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)	TOTAL 2022 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2021 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	11	-	-	6	**6**	*2*
Intangible assets	12	-	-	28	**28**	*69*
Investments	13	66,325	721	-	**67,046**	*63,396*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**66,325**	**721**	**34**	**67,080**	*63,467*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	14	159	256	56	**471**	*117*
Cash at bank and in hand	21	(813)	1,417	2,177	**2,781**	*4,689*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**(654)**	**1,673**	**2,233**	**3,252**	*4,806*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	-	(529)	(126)	**(655)**	*(306)*
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		**(654)**	**1,144**	**2,107**	**2,597**	*4,500*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**65,671**	**1,865**	**2,141**	**69,677**	*67,967*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(325)	-	**(325)**	*(200)*
NET ASSETS		**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**	*67,767*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund		65,671	-	-	**65,671**	*62,507*
Restricted Funds	16	-	1,540	-	**1,540**	*2,321*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	17	-	-	999	***999***	*2,000*
General Fund		-	-	1,142	***1,142***	*939*
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**1,142**	**1,142**	*939*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**	*65,767*

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:
Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees* and **Mark Alexander** *Trustee*

The notes on pages 27-44 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	NOTES	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	20	(4,235)	*(568)*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Income from investments		1,293	*992*
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(18,944)	*(52,035)*
Proceeds from the sale of fixed asset investments		19,983	*53,178*
Net purchase of fixed assets		(5)	*(50)*
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**2,327**	***2,085***
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		**(1,908)**	***1,517***
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,689	*3,172*
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		**2,781**	***4,689***

The notes on pages 27-44 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

a) Statement of Compliance
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The accounts are prepared in pounds Sterling (GBP).

b) General information
The Charity is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales (Charity Number 313007) and also a registered charity in Scotland (charity number SCO37997). The Charity's registered office is 15 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB.

c) Public benefit entity
The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

The Covid-19 pandemic has raised serious issues for the country. However, Buttle UK has been able to rise to the challenges that this brings. It is clear that Covid-19 has caused an increase in the demand for Buttle UK services. And this continues even after all government mandated restrictions on the economy have been lifted for some time.

The financial year 2021/22 saw the charity continue to provide its services at a higher level than might have been envisaged otherwise.

The year 2021/22 saw a dip of about 12% in the level of the value of Chances for Children grant awards. This is thanks not only on the generosity of our donors, but also thanks to the Trustees Designated fund of £2,000,000 carved out of unrestricted reserves to be spent equally on Chances for Children grants over the years 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Additionally, the Endowment Fund has performed well during the period under review and was valued at 31st March 2022 at £65.671m. Since 31 March 2022, the investment markets have come under pressure as a result of a change in monetary policy by the Bank of England which has started a cycle of interest rate rises. The Endowment is valued at £60.8m as at the middle of June 2022 which is a decrease of 7.4% from the end of March valuation. The drawdown from the endowment will be at £2.65m. This takes account of an increased budget investing in securing future fundraised income on a more regular basis. The restricted reserves take account of donor funds carried forward that were unspent during 2021/22.

Cash reserves are healthy with cash balances at 17 June 2022 of £3.64m in restricted and unrestricted funds.

In order to continue to roll out the 2020-25 strategic plan, management is recruiting for three additional members of staff one of which is part-time and another is time limited for a one-year period.
The Senior Management Team (SMT) is being strengthened by the addition of a Director of Grants position (instead of Head of Grants) and the GDO team will have in place a Grants Manager (recruited internally) to handle more operational matters for the grants team. This will allow the Director of Grants to focus more on strategic work.

e) Donations and legacies
Grants, donations and legacies are accounted for when receivable. Where a donor imposes time restrictions on when a donation can be spent the relevant amounts are carried forward as deferred income.

f) Income from fixed asset investments
Dividend income is recognised on the basis of the ex-dividend date. Fixed interest security income is accounted for on an accrual's basis.

g) Grants payable
Grants are given in accordance with the Rules of Buttle UK (approved 6 July 1987, subsequently revised by several resolutions drawn up by committees and approved by the Trustee Board). Grants are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are authorised. Any amounts which have been authorised but which remain unpaid at the year-end are included within current liabilities in the balance sheet. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

h) Expenditure
Expenditure is included on an accrual's basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio, raising investment income, and fundraising expenses. Fundraising expenses include an estimate of staff time spent on this activity in accordance with note 5.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made in their different categories, plus an apportionment of staff and overhead costs in accordance with notes 5 and 6. The cost of the overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising salary, operational and administration costs are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the minimum period of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets, valued at £500 or more are capitalised. Fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:
Leasehold improvements - Over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment - Over 4 years

k) Intangible fixed assets
Intangible fixed assets valued at £500 or more are capitalized:
Database - Over 5 years
Software - Over 3 years

l) Fixed asset investments
Listed equity shares and fixed interest stocks are included in the balance sheet at market values as at the year-end. Unlisted securities are valued at the most recent sale value or Directors' valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund, and movements are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

m) Endowment fund
The permanent Endowment Fund comprises the original capital fund, and the unapplied accumulated gains on this fund, established to provide income for the Charity.

Buttle UK has adopted a total return approach to its endowment allowing both income and some capital gains to be spent in furthering the objectives of the Charity. Further information is given in notes 2 and 19 to the accounts.

The fund is principally represented by the capital investments included in fixed assets, with the balance held as net current assets.

Gains on sale and revaluation of related investment assets are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

n) Restricted and unrestricted funds
Restricted funds are those of which the use of is restricted by the conditions imposed by the donors.

General funds are those used for the general advancement of the Charity's objectives. The General Fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

o) Pension scheme
Contributions to the defined contributions scheme are charged in the SOFA in the year they are due.

p) Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the following basis:

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within current liabilities.

Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

q) Significant judgement and sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 require the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Charity's accounting policies. There are no significant areas where judgement was needed other than on those already included in the accounting policies.

2. Endowment

The Endowment Fund was first established in 1937 to provide an income for the charitable and philanthropic work of the Charity. The Scheme, made in 1971 by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960), which now governs the operation of the Charity, perpetuates the terms of the original endowment. This provided for the fund to be retained, and only the income arising available to be spent.

However, on 28 March 2006 the Charity Commission granted an order to the Charity entitling it to adopt a total return approach to its endowment, and this approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006. This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 18.approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006. This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 18.



3. Investment Income

	2022 £'000	%	2021 £'000	%
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:				
Equity shares & Property Funds	1,185	92	*959*	*97*
Fixed interest stocks	102	8	*25*	*2*
TOTAL	**1,287**	**100**	*984*	*99*
Interest on deposits	6	0	*8*	*1*
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	**1,293**	**100**	***992***	***100***

4a. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (Current Year)

SUPPORT COST	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	RESEARCH/ PROJECTS (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	BOARDING GRANTS (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100%**	**5.00%**	**38.40%**	**3.00%**	**36.00%**	**17.20%**
Staff costs	**893**	51	248	36	376	182
TOTAL STAFF COSTS (NOTE 7)	**893**	**51**	**248**	**36**	**376**	**182**
Premises	**196**	10	75	6	71	34
Communications	**46**	2	18	1	17	8
IT & depreciation	**101**	5	40	3	36	17
Fundraising	**164**	-	164	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**6**	-	3	-	2	1
Training & recruitment	**21**	1	7	1	8	4
Audit, legal & professional fees	**25**	1	10	1	9	4
Trustee	**5**	-	2	-	2	1
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**31**	2	12	1	11	5
General	**1**	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL 2022	**1,489**	**72**	**580**	**49**	**532**	**256**
TOTAL 2021	***1,416***	***57***	***496***	***39***	***579***	***244***

Basis of allocation:
Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated on the basis of staff costs with the exception of fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

4b. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (continued)

SUPPORT COST PRIOR YEAR	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	RESEARCH/ PROJECTS (£'000)	SMALL GRANTS (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	BOARDING GRANTS (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100%**	**9%**	**30%**	**-**	**-**	**39%**	**22%**
Staff costs	**865**	17	266	38	-	399	145
TOTAL STAFF COSTS (NOTE 8)	**865**	**17**	**266**	**38**	**-**	**399**	**145**
Premises	**204**	18	61	-	-	80	48
Communications	**52**	5	16	-	-	20	11
IT & depreciation	**91**	8	27	-	-	35	20
Fundraising	**94**	-	94	-	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**23**	2	7	-	-	9	5
Training & recruitment	**14**	1	4	-	-	6	3
Audit, legal & professional fees	**37**	3	11	-	-	15	8
Trustee	**1**	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bank and Pre-paid Card	**34**	3	10	1	-	13	7
General	**1**	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL 2021	**1,416**	**57**	**496**	**39**	**-**	**579**	**244**

Basis of allocation:
Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated on the basis of staff costs, with the exception of fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only

5. Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2022 (£'000)	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2021 (£'000)*
Small grants	-	-	**-**	-	-	-
Chances for Children grants	3,322	532	**3,854**	4,133	579	*4,712*
Support for Boarding	937	256	**1,193**	642	244	*886*
Impact & Evaluation	-	49	**49**	-	39	*39*
TOTAL	**4,259**	**837**	**5,096**	*4,775*	*862*	*5,637*

6. Analysis of Grants to Individuals & Organisations

	RESTRICTED COSTS (£'000)	GENERAL COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2022 (£'000)	RESTRICED COSTS (£'000)	GENERAL COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2021 (£'000)*
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS						
Chances for Children grants	2,321	1,001	**3,322**	4,288	(155)	*4,133*
Grants for children's education	226	711	**937**	160	482	*642*
Grants for students education and training	-	-	**-**	-	-	*-*
TOTAL	**2,547**	**1,712**	**4,259**	*4,448*	*327*	*4,775*

7. Analysis of Staff Costs

	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Salaries and wages	**711**	*720*
Social security costs	**77**	*72*
Employers contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**70**	*61*
Other costs	**35**	*12*
TOTAL	**893**	*865*

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

	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Grant & project administration	**9**	*9*
Management and administration	**4**	*3*
Fundraising and promotion	**5**	*5*
TOTAL	**18**	*17*

The number of staff whose salaries exceeded £60,000, excluding employer pension contributions, and fell within the following bands were:

	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
£80,000 - £89,999	**1**	*1*
£60,000 - £69,999	**2**	*2*

Employer's contributions totalling £18,634 (2021: £18,212) were made to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the above.

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and life assurance premiums, of the key management personnel were £263,636 (2021: £260,523).

The Trustees were not paid and did not receive any other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2021: £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2021: £nil).

During the year a total of £4,649 was paid for training and subsistence expenditure to or on behalf of six Trustees (2021: four, £927).

8. Related Party Transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties (2021: None)

9. Auditors' Remuneration

Auditors' remuneration comprised an audit fee of £12,700 (exclusive of VAT), (2021: £12,300).

10. Transfers Between Funds

Current year - The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)
Transfer to Restricted Funds from General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	-	-
Funds incorrectly disclosed as Restricted in prior year	-	-	-
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities:			
Regular transfer	(2,394)	(6)	2,400
Single transfer			
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2021-22	**(2,150)**	**(71)**	**2,221**

Prior year - The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUND (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)
Transfer from Restricted Funds to General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	-	-
Funds incorrectly disclosed as Restricted in prior year	-	(65)	65
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities			
Regular transfer	(2,150)	(6)	2,156
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2020-21	**(2,150)**	**(71)**	**2,221**

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS (£'000)	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT (£'000)	FURNITURE & FITTINGS (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST				
AT 1 APRIL 2021	114	210	39	**363**
Additions	-	5	-	**5**
AT 31 MARCH 2022	**114**	**215**	**39**	**368**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
AT 1 APRIL 2021	114	208	39	**361**
Charge for the year	-	1	-	**1**
AT 31 MARCH 2022	**114**	**209**	**39**	**362**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2022	**0**	**6**	**0**	**6**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2021	*0*	*2*	*0*	*2*

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12. Intangible Fixed Assets

	DATABASE (£'000)	TOTAL (£'000)
COST		
AT 1 APRIL 2021	168	**168**
Additions	-	**0**
AT 31 MARCH 2022	**168**	**168**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
AT 1 APRIL 2021	99	**99**
Charge for the year	41	**41**
AT 31 MARCH 2022	**140**	**140**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2022	**28**	**28**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2021	*69*	*69*

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

13. Fixed Asset Investments

	ENDOWMENT		RESTRICTED	TOTAL	*TOTAL*
	LISTED (£'000)	UNLISTED (£'000)	LISTED (£'000)	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Market value at 1 April 2021	62,864	1	531	63,396	*51,451*
Non-market adjustment to unquoted investment value		-	-	-	*(196)*
Additions at cost	18,694	-	250	18,944	*52,035*
Disposal proceeds	(19,883)	-	(100)	(19,983)	*(53,178)*
TOTAL	**61,675**	**1**	**681**	**62,357**	***50,112***
Investment gains/(losses)	4,649	0	40	4,689	*13,284*
AT 31 MARCH 2022	**66,324**	**1**	**721**	**67,046**	***63,396***
HISTORICAL COST AT 31 MARCH 2022	**54,868**	**1**	**462**	**55,331**	***55,331***

The restricted investment comprises the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund and represents funds received from Graphite Capital, a leading private equity investor, which are invested in the CF Ruffer Charity Assets Trust Fund. These funds are being drawn down over a 10-year period commencing in October 2014 to support grant awards to Estranged Young People through our Chances for Children grant provision. Further restricted funds were received during the period in the amount of £250,000 from the Edward Gostling Foundation, which are invested in the CF Ruffer Charity Assets Trust. These funds are being drawn down to support Chances for Children grants over a 10-year period commencing in the year 2022/23.

Listed and unlisted investments in the Endowment Fund are direct holdings of the Charity.
Cash invested in the Institutional Cash Series Fund at 31 March 2022 was £2,251,016 (2021: £2,549,122).

Subsequent to the year end, the value of the fixed asset investments has fallen to £61.7m at the end of June 2022 which is a decrease in value of about 8%.

14. Debtors

	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Prepayments & accrued income	**202**	*76*
Other debtors	**269**	*41*
TOTAL	**471**	*117*

15a. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Accruals for CCG grants	**404**	*110*
Accruals	**52**	*50*
Deferred income	**125**	*100*
Other creditors	**74**	*46*
TOTAL	**655**	*306*

15b. Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year

	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Deferred income	**325**	*200*
TOTAL	**325**	*200*

Deferred income comprises grant income received in the current accounting period which will be spent in future accounting periods

Reconciliation of deferred income	2022 (£'000)	*2021 (£'000)*
Balance brought forward at 1 April	**300**	*400*
Amounts released to income	**-100**	*-100*
Deferred in year	**250**	*0*
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2022	**325**	*300*

16a. Restricted Funds (Current Year)

	BALANCE 1 APRIL 2021 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MARCH 2022 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
NLCF Covid response	313	-	(321)	-	(8)
National Lottery	7	-	-	1	8
Postcode Lottery	3	100	(100)	-	3
CTF	215	10	(6)	-	219
Graphite Capital	193	100	(118)	(61)	114
Edward Gostling	-	-	-	1	1
City Bridge Trust	16	-	-	-	16
Comic Relief	101	76	(175)	-	2
Mercers' Company	238	45	(84)	-	199
KPMG Foundation	1	50	(26)	-	25
Clothworkers' Foundation	37	35	(35)	-	37
Garfield Weston	15	200	(50)	-	165
Masonic Foundation	60	-	(60)	-	(0)
Colin Crawshaw	100	50	(100)	-	50
STV Appeal	-	-	-	-	-
Dulverton Trust	2	35	-	-	37
Various	1,020	1,026	(1,466)	92	673
TOTAL	**2,321**	**1,732**	**(2,547)**	**34**	**1,540**

Transfers to/from restricted funds, also disclosed in Note 11 above, have been made principally to match administration and support costs funded by donors for a specific project or grant programme or where funds have been incorrectly disclosed in prior years.

16a. Restricted Funds (continued)

Westnedge	*Chances for Children grants for adopted children*
NLCF – Covid-19 Emergency	*Chances for Children grants, grants for children in England*
National Lottery	*Chances for Children grants, grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in West Midlands*
Postcode Lottery	*Chances for Children grants*
CTF	*Chances for Children grants*
Graphite Capital	*Chances for Children grants, Estranged Young People in UK*
Edward Gostling Foundation	*Chances for Children grants*
City Bridge Trust	*Chances for Children grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in London*
Comic Relief	*Chances for Children grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in West Midlands*
Mercers' Company	*Chances for Children, Support for Boarding*
KPMG Foundation	*Chances for Children grants*
Clothworkers' Foundation	*Chances for Children grants*
Garfield Weston Foundation	*Chances for Children grants, estranged young people in UK*
Masonic Foundation	*Chances for Children grants*
Colin Crawshaw	*Chances for Children grants*
Dulverton Trust	*Chances for Children grants*

16b. Restricted Funds (Prior year)

	BALANCE 1 APRIL 2020 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MARCH 2021 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
NLCF Covid - 19 response	-	2,070	(1,757)	-	313
National Lottery	-	302	(295)	-	7
Postcode Lottery	74	-	(72)	1	3
CTF	-	215	-	-	215
Graphite Capital	70	118	(103)	108	193
City Bridge Trust	48	161	(145)	(48)	16
Comic Relief	34	610	(540)	(3)	101
Mercers' Company	15	238	-	(15)	238
KPMG Foundation	-	100	(99)	-	1
Clothworkers' Foundation	-	85	(48)	-	37
Garfield Weston	(2)	300	(283)	-	15
Masonic Foundation	-	250	(190)	-	60
Colin Crawshaw	-	100	-	-	100
STV Appeal		100	(100)	-	-
Dulverton Trust	-	50	(48)	-	2
Various	589	1,212	(774)	(7)	1,020
TOTAL	**828**	**5,916**	**(4,460)**	**37**	**2,321**

Transfers to/from restricted funds, also disclosed in Note 11 above, have been made principally to match administration and support costs funded by donors for a specific project or grant programme or where funds have been incorrectly disclosed in prior years.

17a. Designated Funds (current year)

	BALANCE 01-APR-21 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	*BALANCE 31 MARCH 2022 (£'000)*
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	2,000	-	(1,001)	-	*999*
TOTAL	**2,000**	**-**	**(1,001)**	**-**	***999***

17b. Designated Funds (prior year)

	BALANCE 01-APR-20 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	*BALANCE 31 MARCH 2021 (£'000)*
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	-	-	-	2,000	-
TOTAL	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**	***2,000***

The Board of Trustees has applied £2m from available funds to spend on Chances for Children grants over the two years 2021-22 & 2022-23 in equal amounts.

18. Total Return Application

The Charity Commission permitted the Charity to adopt the use of the total investment powers in relation to its permanent endowment investments by an order dated 28 March 2006. The power permits the Trustees to invest the portfolio to maximize total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income (as disclosed in the funds transfers, note 11), the unapplied total return remains invested as part of the permanent endowment. The power was implemented on 1 April 2006.

The Westnedge Fund refers to a legacy received in 2001 as a permanent endowment for the benefit of adopted children.

The investment fund and application of total return to permanent endowment funds	**MAIN FUND** (£'000)	**WESTNEDGE FUND** (£'000)	**TOTAL 2022** (£'000)
Value of permanent endowment at 1 April	**62,390**	**117**	**62,507**
Less: Value of Main Fund at 5 April 1978	(7,247)	-	(7,247)
Value of Westnedge Fund at 31 March 2001	-	(73)	(73)
Unapplied total return at 1 April 2019	**55,143**	**44**	**55,187**
Add: Investment return			
Dividends and interest in the year	1,275	5	1,280
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	4,647	2	4,649
Deduct: Investment management fees	(370)	(1)	(371)
Unapplied total return before transfer to income	**60,695**	**50**	**60,745**
Less: Unapplied total return applied	(2,394)	(6)	(2,400)
Unapplied total return at 31 March 2021	**58,301**	**44**	**58,345**
Add: Endowment value at 5 April 1978	7,247		7,247
Endowment value at 31 March 2001	-	73	73
Permanent endowment including unapplied total return at 31 March 2022, constituting the investment fund	**65,548**	**117**	**65,665**

19. Operating Lease Commitments (Land and Buildings)

The Charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows for each of the following periods:

	2022 (£'000)	2021 (£'000)
Less than one year	**150**	*150*
Between two & five years	**71**	*221*
TOTAL	**221**	*371*

20. Reconciliation Of Net Income/(Expenditure) To Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities

	2022 (£'000)	2021 (£'000)
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**1,585**	*13,687*
Depreciation	**42**	*39*
(Gains)/losses on investments	**(4,689)**	*(13,284)*
Change in investment cash and capital commitments	**-**	*197*
Investment income	**(1,293)**	*(992)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(354)**	*86*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**474**	*(301)*
NET CASH PROVIDED USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(4,235)**	*(568)*

21. Analysis of Net Debt

	AT 1st APRIL 2021 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2022 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	1,575	(1,613)	-	(38)
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	3,114	(295)	-	2,819
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**4,689**	**(1,908)**	**-**	**2,781**

The Charity does not hold any debt therefore the net debt analysis has not been provided.

22a. Analysis of Net Assets (current year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	34	**34**
Investments	66,325	721	-	**67,046**
Current assets	(654)	1,673	2,233	**3,252**
Current liabilities	-	(529)	(126)	**(655)**
Long term liabilities	-	(325)	-	**(325)**
TOTAL	**65,671**	**1,540**	**2,141**	**69,352**

22b. Analysis of Net Assets (prior year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	71	**71**
Investments	62,865	531	-	**63,396**
Current assets	(208)	2,198	2,816	**4,806**
Current liabilities	(150)	(208)	52	**(306)**
Long term liabilities	-	(200)	-	**(200)**
TOTAL	**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**

23. Staff Retirement Benefit Scheme

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme operated with Aviva (formerly Friends Life), whereby the Charity pays 12% of Members' salaries plus life insurance and administration costs for members who joined before 2018. Contributions for members joining from 2018 onwards are at the rate of 7%. Contributions (including member contributions) and premiums paid in the year (2022) amounted to £61,609 (2021: £98,557).

24. Statement Of Financial Activities (Prior year)

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOWMENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2021	*TOTAL 2020*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies	16	-	3,491	-	**3,491**	*1,192*
From charitable activities						
Grants – NLCF COVID Response	16	-	2,070	-	2,070	*-*
Grants – National Lottery	16	-	302	-	302	*-*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	16	-	100	-	**100**	*-*
Investment	3	976	13	3	**992**	*1,158*
TOTAL INCOME		**976**	**5,876**	**3**	**6,855**	*2,639*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	553	**553**	*570*
Investment management fees	18	290	12	-	**302**	*270*
Total raising funds		**290**	**12**	**559**	**855**	*840*
Charitable Activities	5, 6					
Chances for Children grants		-	**4,288**	424	**4,712**	*1,877*
Grants for children's eduction		-	**160**	726	**886**	*1,021*
Research and projects		-	-	39	**39**	*35*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**4,448**	**1,189**	**5,637**	*2,933*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**290**	**4,460**	**1,742**	**6,492**	*3,773*
Net income/(expenditure)		**686**	**1,416**	**(1,739)**	**363**	*(1,134)*
Transfers between funds	10	(2,150)	(71)	2,221	-	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(1,464)**	**(1,345)**	**(482)**	**(363)**	*(1,134)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	13	13,177	107	-	**13,284**	*(3,442)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**11,713**	**1,452**	**482**	**13,647**	*(4,576)*
Balances at 1 April 2021		**50,795**	**828**	**2,457**	**54,080**	*58,656*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**62,508**	**2,280**	**2,939**	**67,727**	*54,080*



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

This has been an incredibly challenging year for the children and young people we work with. We have seen a 68% increase in applications for our Chances for Children grants and I am extremely proud of our response to this. It has been clear that whilst we have all struggled, we are not 'all in the same boat' and the pandemic has exacerbated the inequalities children in crisis already faced across the UK.

Our funders have also been amazing and worked with us to ensure we were able to help so many in crisis. We hope to continue our close work with them and, using more of our own endowment alongside their support, plan to 'step up' and maintain a higher level of grant funding for at least the next two years, as the longer-term aftermath of COVID-19 becomes more apparent. I must congratulate the Campaign Board, our funders and the fundraising team for the amazing achievement of raising £10m as part of the Chances for Children campaign. What an incredible success, a huge thank you to all of the work they have done to make this happen. The need to continue the campaign is clear and the Campaign Board have agreed a new goal of an additional £10m over the next 3-5 years. The next phase will launch this year, with a focus on securing funds to increase the wellbeing, and capacity to engage in education, of the children and young people so affected by this pandemic.

Whilst we aim to provide more Chances for Children grants than in pre-COVID times, we will return our focus to our full strategy in 2021-22. Our ongoing challenge in this pandemic will be to maintain a balance between our frontline grant provision and our strategic delivery, both are critical to being able to deliver the best possible support for children and young people. We have managed to update our systems this year, delivering and integrating a new finance system and website, and early in 2021-22 we will have an improved grant application system for our referral agencies, making the process of providing applicant information easier and clearer.

There is only so much we can and should do on our own. The challenges children and young people face are too complicated for one organisation to solve. This year - whilst continuing to work with agencies to deliver our grants – we will also work with other individual grant providers to learn about the benefits and challenges of collectively supporting children, young people and their families. In recognition that we must refocus our efforts on building a more equitable, diverse and inclusive organisation, we will also begin our strategic journey towards Buttle UK becoming 'inclusive by instinct', something that will involve all staff and trustees. In many ways, our focus on involving children, young people and families in our decision-making will support us on our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion journey too as we begin to engage their wealth of diverse experiences to help us improve our grants. Finally, we will continue to ensure we are providing the best possible support and development to our staff team, who have achieved so much this year whilst working from their homes.

Our Chances for Children grants pay for normal things that we would want all children and young people to have, but their parent or carers cannot otherwise afford. Not extraordinary, but critical things in their lives. While there is now hope that restrictions can finally be lifted, and that the recovery process can begin, the accumulated problems of the last 12 months for these children and young people will be felt for a long time yet.



Jill Dinsmore, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT BUTTLE UK

Buttle UK is a charity dedicated to helping children and young people in the UK who have experienced crisis, living in financial hardship and dealing with multiple challenging social issues.

We have been doing this since 1953. We provide support designed to improve emotional, educational and social outcomes through our Chances for Children grants and, for some children whose home environment is disruptive and chaotic, grants which allow them to go to boarding school. All our grants are designed to help provide a safe and nurturing environment to grow up in and access to activities that promote wellbeing and help strengthen support networks. Ultimately, we aim to increase the capacity of children and young people to engage in education and improve their social and emotional wellbeing.

Chances for Children grants offer direct financial support of up to £2,000. These grants provide a holistic package of support addressing the physical, emotional and educational needs of children aged 0-20. The grants pay for everyday things that most of us would take for granted, such a child's bed, a cooker or a fridge. But they also pay for things that enable a child to thrive, like after school activities or IT equipment to support their education. Evaluation has repeatedly found that these grants can have a disproportionately positive impact compared to their monetary value.

Where a child's home environment is not the best place for us to provide support, we offer grants that allow for a place at boarding school. We have been offering this type of support for more than 65 years, and have consistently seen over this time that boarding can support a child's developmental needs through providing routine, increased stability and emotional and social support. The level of aspiration offered by a boarding education can also help to raise a young person's educational attainment. In some cases, it is transformational.

We focus our support on grantmaking, this is where we have expertise and experience to make the biggest difference. Buttle UK operates across the UK and, in 2020-21, provided £4.78m in timely, individually targeted grants to support 6,333 children and young people. There are fantastic organisations fighting for policy changes within government to build long-term solutions to end child poverty. Our work generates extensive data and insights into levels of vulnerability and poverty from those with direct experience and the frontline teams that they work with. We share what we hear and learn with the wider social care sector to support positive change for children and young people in crisis and poverty.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis and who are financially excluded.



Overall aim

At Buttle UK we aim to ensure "the maintenance, education and advancement in life of children and young people who are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom who are in need of financial assistance, with a preference for children who are, or were, adopted, children of lone parents or children who are orphaned and who have or are being deprived of a normal family life.'

These aims are consistent with the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In planning activities, and reviewing grant policy and criteria, Trustees consider the 'public benefit requirement', and are confident that all activities we undertake demonstrate this requirement.

Buttle UK provides grants for children and young people in crisis and who are financially excluded. The impact we seek from our grantmaking is to improve children and young people's wellbeing and increase their capacity to engage in education.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

In 2020-21, we began the first year of our five-year strategy for Buttle UK created by staff and trustees. COVID-19 altered the breadth of our plans over the previous year: our main focus was on providing a significant increase in our Chances for Children grants. However, our five-year strategy frames our approach to grantmaking in the longer term and progress has still been achieved. Within this strategic period, we will focus on the power of experts inside and outside of our organisation to increase and improve our Chances for Children grants. Combining the talent of our own team, the experience of those we support, the expertise of frontline agencies and the pool of funding and data from grant givers in our sector and beyond, we will deliver the best for disadvantaged children and young people in crisis.

Buttle UK will deliver more Chances for Children grants to children facing a wide range of issues. Their voices will guide our decision making as they will be an active part of our expert team, as we strive to improve our work. We will lead the way as an impact focussed grant-giver because the difference we seek in children's lives will be clear, monitored and improved. This impact clarity will drive our communications and fundraising to increase awareness and financial support. Whilst our niche grant giving will remain, we will deliver funds alongside other organisations to increase the number of children, young people and families we work with and ensure they have the best grants package available, providing simple support in a time of crisis.

Our key strategic pillars:

We continue to learn more about our Chances for Children grants every day, and refining and developing them is a key aspect of our five-year strategy. Crucial to this development will be to focus on the clear purpose of our grants in the short and long term, the difference we aim to see and can prove through direct evidence and we would like to see through relevant broader research. We will increase the support offered through our Chances for Children grants to more children and young people in crisis and align these grants with our Support for Boarding grants to offer integrated, individually focused funding by everyone in our Grants Development team.

Pillar 1
Creating Chances for Children 2.0 for more children in crisis

Through our grants, Buttle UK gives children and young people in crisis the power to shape a better future for themselves. We pride ourselves on the expertise within our team and the connections we have with frontline services, and want to give the same recognition to 'experts by experience'. Our research has shown how impactful grants can be when provided alongside other support. We are also aware referrers are stretched and families (particularly children) and young people are not always consulted. It is when their voices come together with professionals that support offered can best meet their needs. We can trigger a wider effect of our grants by encouraging partner agencies to work in a more flexible, holistic and child-centred way.

Pillar 2
Co-production and Accountability

Throughout our history we have built a significant network of individuals and organisations with whom we can collaborate to help further the impact we have as a charity for children and young people across the UK. Collaborating with key stakeholders will enable us to increase the number of children and young people our funds support and improve the impact and experience of our support by working as a collective, rather than a single unit. With an improved, collective offer, we will then look to collaborate on joint funding bids/partnerships.

Pillar 3
Collaborating to maximise the breadth & impact of our support

Through investment in fundraising, we will build support for our Chances for Children grants from the general public, corporates and trusts, and therefore be able to offer more children and young people in crisis these grants each year. We will build strong fundraising income streams, to work alongside our endowment, that help create a sustainable funding base for the organisation - during and beyond - the period of this strategic plan.

Pillar 4
Income Growth

We recognise that our people and team are the single most important resource we have to achieve our strategic goals. We envision building an adaptable team with a strong trust-focused culture, that gives people the confidence to push boundaries on what we can achieve together.

Pillar 5
Know, Learn, Lead: Building a Future-Ready Team



Our cross-cutting themes

Our strategic pillars will be influenced by and have an impact on other areas of our work. Key cross-cutting themes are:

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
We aim for all our staff and trustees to become inclusive by instinct in the way we work at Buttle UK. We believe that we can build better grant support for children and young people by embracing diversity across our team. Engagement of thought from different demographics is vital to ensuring our grants remain relevant for those we work with. We must also support a diverse range of communities in our grant giving and adapt our processes to enable this.

Impact Measurement
Our impact measurement will be aligned to our Theory of Change so that everything we do is measured against our purpose. We will know when we are successful in our interventions and what we are not doing well so that we can continuously improve our work.

Marketing and Communications
Since changing our grant giving from 'basic essentials' to Chances for Children grants we have updated much of our communications, but key external communication tools such as our website, brand and elevator pitch highlight what we do, not why we do it. Using the Theory of Change to focus on our purpose will have a major effect on our internal and external communications messaging. Our fundraising growth strategy will also influence our communications.

Technology
Technology can provide the exponential difference we need to ensure the best possible service and impact for children and young people we work with. We will consider the enabling power of technology across each of our strategic themes, working with experts where needed and not being afraid to lead the way where we feel the biggest difference can be made

Based on this strategy, what was achieved and was delayed because of our focus on delivering a high volume of grants, and in consideration of how Buttle UK will step up in our response to COVID-19, we have set the following key objectives for 2021-22:

A) Chances for Children 2.0
We will deliver 2,320 Chances for Children grants across the team and align our application, outcomes and impact to our updated theory of change.

B) Co-production and Accountability
We will agree a plan for ongoing involvement of the communities we support in the organisation.

C) Collaboration
We will deliver collective funding pilots with other individual grant givers in the sector and engage local authorities in their role to play.

D) Income growth
We will aim to achieve a stretch target of £1.95m and test an individual giving fundraising approach.

E) Know, Learn, Lead
We will provide staff with the tools, training, support and systems to ensure a flexible working environment that delivers for children and young people in crisis.

Delivering and improving Chances for Children grants is the focus of our new strategy.

Buttle UK has developed Chances for Children grants after our testing indicated that increasing the value of a grant from around £300 to between £1,000 and £2,000, tailored to the specific needs of the grantee, could have a much greater impact. The impact we seek from our work is highlighted in our 'Theory of Change'.

These are innovative, high impact grants that offer a service that is unique to Buttle UK. We have provided these grants across a range of key target groups (families affected by domestic abuse, young people estranged from their families and struggling families).

The results have been incredibly positive and we have learned:

- A grant averaging £1,500 has the potential to make a lasting difference and facilitate outcomes of other service providers in moving family or young person beyond crisis, towards a genuine turning point in their lives.
- These larger grants help service providers to work beyond funding and procedure constraints and so they are able to do more for their clients.

Children and young people living in poverty are both materially and socially deprived. Their families are unable to afford even a limited range of the social activities enjoyed by most children and young people. The funding of 'extra-curricular' activities builds confidence, self-esteem and socialisation skills. Alongside meeting material needs, these grants offer a very cost-effective intervention if used for children who are experiencing developmental issues, or young people suffering isolation.

In addition, our grants can support children with places at boarding school, for children who come from very disrupted and chaotic homes, where the opportunity to attend a boarding school brings stability, security and aspiration that may be missing at home. This is something that Buttle UK has done for all of its 68 years, and independent evaluation has demonstrated how these grants remain an important way to both fulfil our objectives and meet all aspects of our 'Theory of Change'. Indeed, for the right child, at the right time, the opportunity can be transformative.

BUTTLE UK THEORY OF CHANGE

TO PROMOTE — **Improved social & emotional wellbeing & increased capacity to engage in education**

TO ENSURE

Home
Children & young people are growing up in a safe & nurturing place that meets their learning and development needs

Wider Community
Children & young people access activities that promote wellbeing and learning and build support networks

TO PROVIDE — The items & activities that we expect all children to have & the extra resources that can help to overcome crisis & unlock opportunities

BY FUNDING — **Chances for Children**
Individually tailored grants that invest in children & young people's present & future lives

WE SUPPORT — **Children & young people living in poverty & crisis**

INCREASING LIFE CHANCES

Grant making policies

We provide individually tailored grants of up to £2,000 for children and young people who have experienced a crisis that has recently had a significant and enduring impact on their social and emotional wellbeing and educational engagement. We fund items and activities to help improve children and young people's social and emotional wellbeing and increased capacity to engage in education and learning.

Our funds support children and young people from newborns to 20-year-olds to help them achieve personalised and transformative change to move on from crisis.

The children and young people we support are living in severe poverty, on average on incomes of less than £14,000 per year. They suffer deprivation as a result and face additional serious social issues around them such as domestic violence, drug and alcohol misuse, estrangement, illness, distress, abuse, neglect, behavioural or mental health issues.

Each case is individual so what is offered via our grants varies too. Frontline workers, who make the applications on behalf of the children and young people, work with them to find out about their needs as well as their interests and ambitions. Our financial support assists with improving emotional, mental and social wellbeing and increases young people's capacity to engage with education and learning through funding activities, items for the home, clothes, therapeutic support and much more. Each package of support can be worth up to £2,000.

Our boarding school offer supports a small number of children and young people, aged between 11 and 16, whose home environment is so challenging that there is a serious risk of family breakdown. We have been supporting boarding places for young people for more than 65 years. We have seen that boarding can support a child's developmental needs through providing routine, increased stability and emotional and social support. The level of aspiration offered by a boarding education can also help to raise a young person's educational attainment.

ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE & PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Achievements against 2020/21 aims and objectives

Through our direct grant giving, we are able to create a positive change to children and young people's lives, giving them a chance to focus more on their education or gaining employment, lifting them out of a crisis at a critical period in their life.

We set the following goals in 2020/21 to further this work, in line with our overall strategy:

a) Chances for Children 2.0
We will deliver 1,800 Chances for Children grants across the team and align our application, outcomes and impact to our updated theory of change.

b) Co-production and Accountability
We will agree a plan for ongoing involvement of the communities we support in the organisation.

c) Collaboration
We will deliver collective funding pilots with other individual grant givers in the sector and engage local authorities in their role to play.

d) Income Growth
We will achieve a stretch target of £1.95m and test an individual giving fundraising approach.

e) Know, Learn, Lead
We will understand the baseline of our current staff offer and develop this whilst improving the basics process documents for the team.

Achievements in 2020–21

- Delivered 3,084 Chances for Children bespoke packages of grants for children and young people (1,593 grants in 2019/20), significantly increasing our support in response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Supported 6,333 children and young people in total so far this year (2,580 children in 2019/20). This figure includes 122 children supported into boarding school this year, 21 of which are new.
- Overall fundraising income raised of £5.86m. Some of this income will be spent on grants in the first quarter of 2021/22 (£1.99m raised in 2019-20). In 2020/21 we will have spent £4.85m on Chances for Children grants (c£4.2m) and Support for Boarding grants (c£650k).
- Achieved our £10m Chances for Children Campaign target within our five-year timeline set.
- Delivered a new finance system and website.
- Our range of payment systems increased to include pre-paid cards, BACS, cheques, and using suppliers to directly provide items and equipment.
- The Trustee Board have set aside a Designated Fund of £2m as a 'Stepping up' fund to support our Chances for Children grants over the next two financial years.
- Agreed a new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy for the organisation.
- Received excellent coverage for our work in a wide range of national and local media, in print and online, as well as radio and television.
- All the above has been achieved with staff working from home.



In our response to the COVID-19 pandemic we decided that our focus should be on raising funds and delivering the greatest volume of Chances for Children grants to children and young people at a time they were being hit harder than ever. As can be seen, this has been highly successful. This has, however, had an effect on some goals in our business plan, particularly within the 'Co-production & Accountability' and 'Collaboration' sections. We have therefore carried over the key goals in these areas to 2021-22 as we see these as critical to Buttle UK's future. Whilst we are committed to provide more Chances for Children grants than in pre-COVID times, we will return our focus to our full strategy in 2021-22. Our challenge will be to maintain a balance between our frontline grant provision and our strategic delivery. Both are critical to delivering the best for children and young people.

Buttle UK's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy – Our journey to become inclusive by instinct.

In a year when we have achieved so much, as highlighted above, we also recognise there are areas that need focus and improvement. Our work on EDI in the organisation is particularly of note here. In 2020 we have seen that a general warmth to EDI has not created the change in our society perhaps we all aspired to before the weight of our everyday workload takes hold. Our personal values and EDI focus are challenged by tight deadlines and a reversion to doing what we have always done to complete the job, often repeating systems that restrict opportunities. This will continue to be the case unless we actively change our approach.

We need to act where we can to enhance diversity in the makeup and skills of our team ensuring that Buttle UK is somewhere that Staff, Trustees and Partner Agencies are comfortable to bring their whole selves and confident to challenge the ways in which we work. We need to make sure we are an accessible organisation for all children and young people experiencing crisis and poverty and respond to their diverse needs, many of whom may feel marginalised and unheard. We do not have the capacity to help everyone we reach but we can do more to diversify those we are reaching out to. A strong EDI strategy that is lived and breathed by our team everyday will ensure we challenge ourselves to understand who we are not reaching and why.

By developing our understanding, we will challenge each other towards delivering more than we can set ourselves as targets right now. Our vision for this strategy is that our Trustees and Staff will have a deep understanding of EDI, the self-awareness of how it relates to the organisation's work and systems we work in. We will have a continued process of engagement, reflection and action taken for progression. We will become inclusive by instinct. Our annual Business Plan will set specific goals for the year to ensure constant reflection on improvements and identify areas that need further support. We acknowledge as an organisation that we do not all start from the same place of knowledge and understanding, but are here to achieve this same vision.

Trustees are accountable for ensuring that the organisation has appropriate structures, processes and resources in place to ensure that EDI are embedded into Buttle UK, and monitor progress through Buttle UK's annual business plan. Please do read more about our EDI Strategy here **https://buttleuk.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/**

CASE STUDIES

THE ELLIS FAMILY

Tina is a single mother caring for her three children aged Jon 15, Beccy 9 and Marcus 7. The family have recently moved into a new home, following a period living in refuge, having escaped extensive domestic abuse involving the children's father. The family have moved to a new area, and all of the children have had to change schools as a result. They all grew up witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse, and this has had an enormous impact on their wellbeing.

The family are receiving support from social services. Jon is very quiet and withdrawn, and struggles to open up. Marcus is displaying aggressive behaviour, and even before schools closed was on a reduced timetable and unable to fully engage with education. However, Beccy has found the school move more positive and was starting to form new friendship groups, before the COVID19 pandemic forced schools to close.

The first lockdown was very difficult for all the children. They have been relying on their mother's mobile phone to access school work, meaning that none of them have been able to fully engage with their education. Furthermore, having recently moved the family home is in need of furnishings. Mum is getting by on a low income, supplemented by benefits, making it impossible for her to afford all the items needed for the home, which are even more urgent due to lockdown and the children being forced to remain at home all the time.

Buttle UK's Chances for Children grant awarded items to support the children in engaging with education during lockdown...

Buttle UK's Chances for Children grant awarded items to support the children in engaging with education during lockdown, and to help them settle and spend more time in their home. Funds were given for a laptop, tablet and printer so that all of the children could learn from home. Funding was also provided for books, toys and craft materials for the children to help give them some entertainment while they remain at home. Finally, funds were also awarded for a bed and storage space to make the home more comfortable for the children.

Note: names have been changed to protect anonymity. Images are not of the individuals involved.

HENRY

Henry is ten years old and has been living with his maternal grandmother for the last few years. This is a permanent informal kinship care arrangement that was put in place after his mother's issue with addiction and ongoing mental health challenges meant that she was unable to care for Henry. While living with his mother Henry experienced domestic abuse and neglect, which has had a serious impact on his long-term emotional wellbeing.

Henry's support worker explains that he struggles with the rejection he experienced from his mother and has been diagnosed with attachment disorder. Henry finds it very difficult to form friendships and struggles with anxiety and behavioural difficulties. His grandmother lives on a very low income, which means she has struggled to pay for household essentials, as well as activities for Henry, since moving in to live with her. They have also just moved to more suitable accommodation that is less overcrowded, however the property is in poor condition and with little income to spare it is difficult for Henry's grandmother to improve this. Henry is currently sleeping on a mattress on the floor as his bed broke during the move.

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Buttle UK's Chances for Children grants provided Henry and his grandmother with items for their new home, including a fridge freezer, storage furniture and a new bed and bedding for Henry. Funding was also provided for a laptop as Henry will start secondary school soon and will need it to complete work from home. He also struggles with typing and a laptop will give him the opportunity to practice before he starts at a new school. Finally, funding was awarded for some outdoor activities for Henry, prior to the current health crisis, so that he could interact with children his own age in a fun environment.





Buttle UK supported Jacob in a boarding place so that Jacob could attend school full time and have respite from the difficulties he faced at home.

JACOB

Jacob grew up watching his dad be violent to his mum, and as he got older, Dad started to physically abuse Jacob and his brothers. As well as having to cope with domestic abuse, Mum also experienced sexual abuse from her father in-law, who kept Mum and the children trapped in the house. After suffering years of domestic abuse, Mum fled to refuge. At this point, Jacob and one of his siblings were taken into temporary foster care. They went back to live with Mum once a child protection plan had been put in place. The children struggled to deal with the abuse they had experienced and witnessed, and at times, Jacob and his brothers copied their Dad's behaviour and were aggressive towards Mum. The family moved to a deprived area and were ostracised from their community and support network because Mum's separation from her husband went against the family's religious beliefs.

On top of this, one of Jacob's siblings had additional learning and health needs. They were often aggressive to Mum but as they also had mobility issues, they required a lot of attention and care from Mum. Because of this, Jacob did not always receive all the care he needed and was suffering as a result. Jacob's sibling often refused to attend school, which meant that Mum was also unable to take Jacob, resulting in poor attendance for them both. Buttle UK supported Jacob in a boarding place so that Jacob could attend school full time and have respite from the difficulties he faced at home.

Jacob was supported through GCSEs and A-Levels. He obtained three Bs in his A Levels and is now going to university. As a result of boarding, Mum reported that Jacob is now a lot more confident and physically healthier, and has much better quality friendships. Mum saw Jacob's enjoyment of school and performance improve a lot throughout his time in boarding. The family now get along a lot better and spend more quality time together. Mum's wellbeing has also improved a lot; she feels less stressed, happier, and better able to look after her children.

REBECCA

Rebecca was 16 years of age when she was forced to leave her family home as a result of a complete breakdown in the relationships with her parents. The family has been known to social services since the early 2000s and there is a long history of domestic abuse, addiction, mental health issues and child neglect. For her own health and safety Rebecca was forced to leave home, spending a period of time in homeless accommodation, before eventually securing a tenancy of her own with the help of her support worker.

Since moving to her own tenancy Rebecca has been struggling to completely furnish her home. She has received support in obtaining the essentials including a bed and white goods, however she was without much else in the home, such as any storage furniture, anywhere to sit, bedding, towels or items for the kitchen. She is struggling financially on a low income, and with COVID-19 restrictions, has had to spend a lot of time on her own in a largely unfurnished home. Despite everything that she has been through Rebecca has continued to pursue her education. She is studying for exams which she hopes will eventually enable her to attend University. However, Rebecca was without a laptop or WIFI at home making it difficult for her to work on coursework. She also struggles to afford travel costs so that she can make it to school. All of this is creating further challenges, particularly as COVID-19 has meant that many assignments are being set online, and further school closures are a possibility.

Buttle UK's Chances for Children grant provided Rebecca with the help she needed to settle into her new home and to continue with her studies. Funding was provided for a laptop, a WIFI router, and stationery to help support Rebecca in working from home during the COVID-19 health crisis, but also an annual travel pass to and from school when they are open. Funding was also provided for Rebecca's home, towards bedding and towels, kitchen utensils, storage furniture and a sofa.

KEY STATISTICS

In 2020–21:

We achieved the goal of our Chances for Children Campaign, reaching **£10m** in pledged or received income. We raised **£3.9m** specifically as part of our **COVID–19 Direct Emergency Response for Children and Young People Fund.**

Applications for Chances for Children grants were **68% higher** than the previous year.

We spent **£4,783,841** on grants: **£4,137,904** on Chances for Children grants and **£645,937** on Support for Boarding. This allowed us to support **6,333 children and young people**, compared to 2,580 children and young people the previous year.

The average grant was £1,397. This is **£436** higher than the average grant value in 2019–20, Through our Chances for Children grants, the Top 10 items and costs that we funded are in the table on the right. The changes compared to last year illustrate how what we funded changed in response to the needs and circumstances of the COVID crisis.

Rank in 2019/20: 3
IT Equipment
2,801 items | **£886,169**

Rank in 2019/20: 4
Home Appliances
2,109 items | **£466,564**

Rank in 2019/20: 2
Bed and/or Bedding
1,921 items | **£448,409**

Rank in 2019/20: 6
Educational Toys & Books
2,309 items | **£445,740**

Rank in 2019/20: 11
Children's Clothing
1,580 items | **£367,174**

Rank in 2019/20: 5
Home Furnishing
1,736 items | **£336,117**

Rank in 2019/20: 8
Storage Furniture
1,059 items | **£288,001**

Rank in 2019/20: 13
Carpet & Flooring
494 items | **£192,554**

Rank in 2019/20: 6
School Uniform & Equipment
806 items | **£154,147**

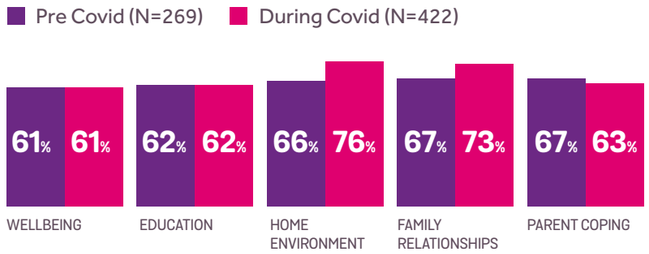
Rank in 2019/20: 1
Sport, Art, Music & Leisure Activities*
503 items | **£102,161**

* Grouped with other after school activities in 2019-20



Evaluation - through our surveying - has demonstrated that despite the increase in issues, and the worsening crises that families have faced over the past year, the support of our Chances for Children grants has remained highly effective. Feedback this past year has shown that improvement scores for our outcomes have remained at similar levels to those prior to the health crisis, in the case of some outcomes we have seen improvement levels rise over the past year.

Key outcome at 3 months



Our EDI strategy, which was approved by trustees in November 2020, is designed to create a continued process of engagement, reflection and action, though which we aim, as an organisation, to become inclusive by instinct. There are many changes for us to consider and make as we undertake this journey, particularly broadening our understanding of the communities we support with protected characteristics; however, below is data on our grant split by ethnicity.

ETHNICITY	CASES	% CASES	% OF UK POPULATION
White	1688	57.00%	85%
Black or Black British	394	13.30%	3%
Other	275	9.30%	1%
Asian or Asian British	265	8.90%	7%
Mixed	216	7.30%	2%
Not Disclosed	114	3.90%	-
Chinese	9	0.30%	1%
Total	**2961**	**100%**	

Overall, 40 students funded through our Support for Boarding grants completed exams in summer 2020. Thirty-three students completed GCSEs and seven completed A-Levels.

Due to COVID-19, exams were not able to take place as usual, meaning this cohort's results were based on coursework and predicted grades. For those whom we have results data N=29, 90% received five or more A*-Cs including Maths and English. All students received at least one numerical grade 5 (B equivalent), which is substantially greater than the 58.2% national average.

Whilst there is limited data on 2020 attainment among disadvantaged pupils, the FFT Datalab has analysed results from over 1200 schools across the UK, with findings indicating that 56% of disadvantaged pupils obtained at least one grade 4, which is nearly half that of the Buttle UK boarding cohort.[1]

[1]FFT education datalab 2020 attainment gap analysis
https://fft.educationdatalab.org.uk/2020/09/gcse-results-2020-did-attainment-gaps-increase/

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

The following summarises the key figures from the 2020-21 SOFA

ALL FUNDS	DIRECT COSTS	SUPPORT COSTS	2020-21 TOTAL	*2019-20 TOTAL*	% CHANGE
Income					
Investment			992	*1,158*	(-14%)
Charitable activities			2,372	*289*	+821%
Donations and legacies			3,531	*1,190*	+293%
Total income			**6,895**	*2,637*	
Expenditure					
Raising funds			**855**	*875*	-2.5%
Charitable activities					
- Grants to individuals and charities	4,139	573	4,712	*2,048*	+231%
- Grants for Children's Education	642	244	886	1,021	(-12.9%)
- Research and Projects		**39**	**39**		
Total charitable activities	**4,781**	**856**	**5,637**	*3,069*	(+84%)
Total expenditure			**6,492**	*3,944*	+66%
Net expenditure before revaluation of investments			**403**	*1,307*	(-72%)

All figures expressed in £'000.

Total Fundraised income was higher in 2020-21 by £4.38m and the reasons for this are very clear. This was an exceptional year in terms of the demands for the services of Buttle UK. The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that applications for emergency grants increased substantially. It has been well documented that the restrictions imposed on households has meant that tensions within households became intolerable for many vulnerable families resulting in the growth of applications for our Chances for Children grants.

Buttle UK put out an appeal to our regular major donors which resulted in a tremendous response as we received £3.9m in response to this as well as a further amount of £1.96m for spending on our Chances for Children grants. Included in the Covid response was an amount of £2.07m from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Investment income was slightly lower than in 2019-20. In the circumstances, this would seem to be a good result.

Principal Donors

RECEIVED IN YEAR	TOTAL (£)
National Lottery Community Fund	2,372,303
Comic Relief	650,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	300,000
Masonic Charitable Foundation	250,000
Mercers' Company	238,000
CTF Training	215,000
City Bridge Trust	160,932
Colin Crawshaw	100,000
Graphite Capital	117,639
KPMG Foundation	100,000
STV Children's Appeal	100,000
Clothworkers' Foundation	85,000
Kathleen Flynn Legacy	79,667
Jefferies Financial Group	77,967
Dulverton Trust	50,000
Lund Trust (a charitable fund of Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin)	50,000
Schroder Foundation	40,000
ArgoGlobal	32,282
Steve Morgan Foundation	25,000
Band Trust	25,000
Denbighshire Foyer	25,000
Edward Gostling Foundation	25,000
Cyril Taylor Foundation	22,500
Mat Waugh	13,979
Eleanor Hamilton Educational Trust	10,000
Charles Lewis Foundation	10,000
Anonymous or private donations	552,983
Other donations	145,747
	5,860,021

Expenditure

The expenditure on grants and the associated administration and infrastructure costs of delivering those grants increased as a result of the increased funds available to deliver.

The 10-year grant history, by programme, is set out in the table below and this also shows the overall cost, as a percentage, of delivering a grant over that same period.

Overall expenditure on overheads increased by £79,000 in 2020-21. There were many variances to the budget which had originally been agreed in March 2020 as a result of changes brought about by the restrictions imposed by government owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Two new members of staff were recruited to the grants team to handle the increased volume of applications for our grants. We invested in a new finance system, and signed up to a prepaid card programme which enabled us to continue to deliver the CCG grants effectively and we built a new website. Reductions in spending occurred as a result of no fundraising events taking place as this activity was curtailed by the Covid restrictions.

There was a surplus of £403k in 2020-21. The capital element of the total return allocation referred to below amounted to a drawdown of £2.15m. This enabled the Trustees to create a Designated fund out of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity. The purpose of the Designated fund is to spend funds on Chances for Children grants in two equal instalments of £1m each over the next two years. The Designated Fund has been called the "Stepping Up" fund.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £62.5m. In addition, there are £2.32m of restricted reserves, £2m of reserves in a Designated fund and £939k of unrestricted reserves. The value of the Endowment Fund was adversely affected by the violent moves in the global stock markets during the final quarter of the financial year. Since the end of the financial year, global stock markets have rebounded and this has had a positive impact of close to +10% on the value of the endowment.

Grant history by programme, with support costs as a percentage of total charitable expenditure, 2011–21

YEAR	SMALL GRANTS		*CHANCES FOR CHILDREN*[1]		BOARDING		DAY FEES[2]		TOTAL		SUPPORT	TOTAL	%
	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	NO	£'000	£'000	£'000	SUPPORT
2011-12	9,279	2,135	-	-	305	782	291	373	9,875	3,290	635	**3,925**	16.2%
2012-13	11,654	2,675	-	-	282	766	280	356	12,216	3,797	641	**4,438**	14.4%
2013-14	11,888	2,689	-	-	312	892	106	116	12,306	3,697	666	**4,363**	15.3%
2014-15	10,197	2,189	504	474	314	974	28	46	11,043	3,683	821	**4,504**	18.2%
2015-16	9,148	2,321	583	596	323	991	14	26	10,068	3,934	934	**4,849**	19.3% [3]
2016-17	9,408	2,603	576	414	276	917	3	7	10,263	3,941	1,047 [4]	**4,981**	21.0%
2017-18	11,505	3,144	946	593	242	866	1	3	12,694	4,606	1,369	**5,975**	22.9%
2018-19	4,093	1,000	1,580	1,765	186	752	0	0	5,859	3,517	1,328	**4,845**	27.4%
2019-20	0	0	1,411	1,363	182	790	0	0	1,593	2,322	1,350	**3,672**	36.7%
2020-21	0	0	6,2111	4,139	122	642	0	0	6,333	4,781	1,429	**6,210**	23.01%

[1] These include the various enhanced package approach projects, Viz: Anchor, Estranged Young People.

[2] This programme closed in 2013 and no further grants will be made.

[3] The increase in support costs as a percentage of total charitable expenditure from 2014 onwards is mainly due to the enhanced package approach to grant giving which requires more caseworker input to build a bespoke grant that can make a more significant difference in a child/young person's life.

[4] The first-time application of the Charities SORP FRS 102 in 2015-16 led to a change in the way that support costs were calculated in that governance costs were required to be included as a charitable activity cost for the first time.

INVESTMENTS & INVESTMENT POLICY

The investment portfolio is managed by two major fund managers. BlackRock manage a total of approximately £48.2 million in a mix of active and passive funds investing in global equities and fixed interest and a portfolio of directly invested UK equities. In addition, there are some non-discretionary holdings in property and private equity investments, predominantly held through funds. Ruffer manage approximately £12.7 million in their Charity Assets Trust. The overall investment policy is to maximise long term total return, accepting a medium level of risk, such that the real capital value is maintained whilst allowing the Charity to fulfill its grant giving obligations. Whilst noting that performance is of paramount importance, the trustees have engaged with the need to include a sustainable investment framework within the investment strategy and have reflected this engagement in their updated statement of investment principles document. The performance of both managers is measured against market-based benchmarks, and monitored by an Investment Committee comprising six trustees, some with relevant financial services expertise. The overall performance in the year was very positive thanks to the global equity markets robust response to the economic climate. Annual performance of the endowment was 23.3%. Since the end of the financial year, global stock markets have rebounded and this has had a positive impact of close to +10% on the value of the endowment.

Buttle UK has recently updated its Statement of Investment Principles (SIP) in order to more particularly align our investment strategy to take account of sustainable investment. The Trustees take their responsibilities as stewards of the Charity's assets seriously and strive to appoint investment managers who invest responsibly in keeping with the Charity's beliefs. This entails both excluding certain sectors, and ongoing engagement within sectors and with individual companies. The Trustees encourage their managers to engage with companies on issues that support our charitable beliefs. The Trustees seek to appoint investment managers who are actively involved in applying Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria across the investment process. In addition, the Investment Committee regularly reviews the investment managers' policies on ESG matters including monitoring their track record of positive engagement with businesses. The Trustees encourage their investment managers to notify the Investment Committee of investment opportunities which will help Buttle invest according to the Charity's core beliefs. Both of our managers are signatories to the UN's Principles of Responsible Investment.

During 2020-21, Trustees actively managed their investment allocation strategy together with their Investment Managers. By 31 March 2021, 44% of discretionary assets of the endowment were invested in funds that pursued a focus on enhanced ESG criteria. Further, in order to mitigate against any potential market disruption, investment allocation included a 20% allocation to fixed income, an increase from a 5% allocation.

The Trustees monitor the ongoing climate change debate and advocate active ownership and engagement rather than disinvestment as a general principle. This applies especially with regard to fossil fuels as the large oil and gas companies are the biggest contributors both to the ongoing exploitation of natural resources as well as being one of the biggest investors in renewable energy infrastructure.

Buttle UK endeavours to avoid investing in companies or organisations whose primary activities are detrimental to child welfare including the exploitation of child labour as this is contrary to the Charity's objectives. Specific sectors where the Charity does not knowingly invest are (1) the manufacture/dealing in certain weapons and armaments (2) payday lending (3) any company which derives more than 25% of its revenue from gambling, any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of alcohol and any company where more than 25% of its turnover derives from the production, distribution or sale of tobacco.

The assets of the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund (£0.5m), a restricted investment fund, are managed by Ruffer in their Charity Assets Trust and they follow the same investment principles as are applied to the Buttle UK investment also held by them.

Total return
In 2006, the Charity Commission granted Buttle UK a total return order, permitting the spending of the unapplied total return of its endowment, but with the key responsibility of balancing the needs of current and future children and young people we support. Annually, the Trustees decide on an appropriate amount to allocate to unrestricted funds from the endowment, which can include an element of capital from the unapplied total return. Due consideration is given to ensure the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, is not affected by any allocation to unrestricted reserves. The split between the real capital value of the endowment, as adjusted for inflation, and the capital from the unapplied total return, as adjusted for inflation, is calculated annually, reported and then carried forward for consideration in future years. The total return allocation was fixed by the Trustees at £2.15 million in 2020-21 for the ongoing regular activities of the Charity.

The total drawdown in 2020-21 at £2.15m represents 3.4% of the current endowment value and this reflects the decision to draw on the accumulated unapplied total return to increase, inter alia, the funds available for grant giving. The Trustees keep the level of the sums withdrawn annually under review.

The details of the movement on the unapplied total return are set out in note 19.

Reserves
The endowment fund of Buttle UK could be available to act as a reserve as a result of the Total Return Order awarded by the Charity Commission. Nevertheless, we highlight the future commitment to children in our Support for Boarding programme who may have awards granted to them over a period of six years. We will, however, continue to hold unrestricted reserves to enable flexibility in organizational or grant expenditure if a critical situation arises. We have selected the level of reserves after taking account of the most significant risks in our risk register. Our reserves will help to ensure that our invested funds can continue to drive long term growth to support the next generation of children and young people's wellbeing and capacity to engage in education. Therefore, the unrestricted reserves will maintain a balance in the region of £400,000 which amount to approximately three months of core organizational expenditure.
This will be subject to annual review.

The Endowment Fund is the Charity's principal asset in the balance sheet at £62.5million.
In addition, there are £2.32m of restricted reserves, a designated fund of £2m and £939k of unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date.

Risk management
The Trustees have considered the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, have a process of regularly reviewing those risks and have established systems and processes to manage them. They are of the view that an appropriate control framework is in place, recognising that no system of internal control can provide absolute assurance of elimination of risk. In addition, the Governance Advisory Committee provides a mechanism for reviewing compliance with policy, law and systems.

The highest risks may be summarized as follows:

(a) Governance risks – A lack of progression on EDI within the organisation impacts on our organisational strength to challenge ourselves to build the best possible support for and with children and young people.

Diversity is a fantastic strategy for driving change and improvement. A diverse organisation is, or should be, a more challenging organisation – more difficult to manage, where leaders of all kinds need to expect to be questioned or challenged. Our EDI Strategy and Co-production & Accountability plan will help us to increase diversity within the organisation and develop our staff and trustees understanding of building a more equitable and inclusive place of work for our team and who we work with. To ensure the strongest mitigation trustees and staff must work together to further our EDI strategy.

(b) Financial – the risk the endowment assets are mismanaged to the extent the capital value and income is seriously diminished; the risk that restricted funds are not spent properly or the risk that there are insufficient unrestricted funds for the Charity to operate in the long term.

The majority of the Endowment assets are managed by two reputable external fund management organisations who are closely monitored by the Investment Committee.
The portfolio is well diversified and a proportion of investments are held in liquid funds to ensure there is sufficient cash to manage the Charity.
The investment managers have agreed with the Investment Committee a rebalance of the strategic asset allocation to include investments with ESG characteristics. The Charity has an adequate reserves policy that is reviewed by the Board of Trustees annually. The global stock markets have entered a period of exceptional volatility which means that the risk to the value of the Endowment assets has increased. Trustees are in regular contact with their Investment Managers and have put in place a hedge to mitigate market movements.

(c) Reputation – the risk that Trustees, Staff or Volunteers act inappropriately or cause a serious breach of confidentiality with any of the Charity's stakeholders; the risk that there are safeguarding issues at schools where we are funding children's education which brings us into disrepute.

Policies are in place, and regularly reviewed, to ensure all personnel understand their responsibilities when acting on the Charity's behalf. Full briefing notes are provided to Trustees and volunteers to ensure the correct message is conveyed externally and schools are continually assessed to ensure they provide the best environment for children.

(d) Fundraising: Income falls, after the immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis, to the point where the core activities of Buttle UK are threatened, and we are over-dependent on short-term income from fundraising for funding its core activities.

The current fundraising strategy is designed to contribute to operating costs and increase funds available for grant giving, research and project development. The endowment will ensure there is always sufficient funding available for committed expenditure in the short term and trustees have agreed to 'step up' support from the endowment in 2021-23. We have asked other funders to add to this additional support committed.

(e) Operational: Chances for Children Grants budgets are used up much earlier than the end of the financial year.

Grants Expenditure is monitored weekly in SMT meetings with closer analysis within the Grants Team. The grants budget is £3.1m in 2021/22 and is reliant on support from funders to increase this. Our aim is to provide our grants all year-round. Close consideration of the grants budget will continue to ensure support remains through the financial year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Charitable status
Buttle UK is a registered charity for the benefit of children and young people, administered and managed in accordance with the rules of a Scheme made by the Secretary of State for Education and Science on 26 March 1971, as amended by Charity Commission Schemes dated 19 August 1972, 22 February 1988, 26 October 1993 and 5 September 2006. Buttle UK is a registered charity in England and Wales under the Charity Commission and in Scotland under OSCR. The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has begun registering charities but anticipate this will take another two to three years to complete. Buttle UK has not yet been called forward to apply for registration.

Public benefit
The Trustees confirm they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Governance
Buttle UK's Scheme provides for a minimum of eight Trustees and a maximum of twenty. The current eleven Trustees provide substantial support and advice to the work of the Charity through Board meetings and Committee Meetings. Additional Committees are listed below:

- Governance Advisory Committee
- Investment Committee
- Grants Committee
- Campaign Board (volunteer fundraising committee).

Trustees acknowledge that governance is not a role for Trustees alone; it includes the way the Trustees work with the Chief Executive and staff to ensure that the Charity is effectively and properly run, and meets the needs of the communities we work with through a good, quality service.
The Trustees confirm they have due regard to the Charity Governance Code and have used this in 2020-21 to carry out a desk-based audit to consider improvements needed to ensure the best governance is maintained at Buttle UK. These improvements are planned for 2021-22.

No trustees are remunerated for their roles on the trustee board although expenses for travel are paid if requested.

Recruitment, induction and training of trustees
Induction programmes are tailored to Trustees' individual needs and ongoing training is provided as required. Trustees are supported to attend good governance training and basic training in investments is provided for Trustees with limited experience of working with endowments.
Our Trustee recruitment mirrors Buttle UK's staff recruitment process with a mixture of SMT and trustees and young people interviewing candidates who are sought from an open application process, advertised across relevant publications, websites and social media. Trustees are recruited for a period of three years with an expectation that this would be renewed so a six-year term is usual. Renewal for a further term is possible in certain circumstances but resignation must occur after nine years.

The Board has recently updated its Trustee Succession Planning process with an aim to improve how we meet current skills/diversity gaps and those created as Trustee terms finish. Board succession

and the recruitment cycle should be planned over a longer time horizon to ensure that a balance of skills and diversity on the Board can be developed and the organisation does not risk losing expertise in key areas as Trustees move on. Better planning also means that incoming Trustees - no matter their background and previous experience – are welcomed to Buttle UK with the best support we can provide. The new Trustee Succession Planning Process has been considered to support new and current board members to plan their journey with us. It supports interested new recruits by offering the opportunity to learn alongside current Trustees, particularly if they are in their last year with Buttle. There will be more time planned to handover their learning, experiences and to support any transition. Current Trustees are also empowered to engage in thinking about their next steps with the board by providing a clearer forward plan, offering the chance for them to have open conversations with the Chair/Deputy about their future on the Board.

It is recognised that Trustees have differing skills and time commitments, and that the governance model should allow flexibility in helping Trustees to offer these skills and time in the way that is appropriate for both them and Buttle UK. There are a number of functions and roles that Trustees are invited to contribute to, including the development of our future strategy, the policy of our grant giving programmes, the overseeing of projects, support in developing partnerships to enhance our work, support our fundraising activities, audit, finance and investment, governance, education and social care.

Fundraising disclosure
Fundraising at Buttle UK is undertaken by the internal fundraising team and a volunteer committee (the Chances for Children Campaign Board). The Board of Trustees regularly review the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on fundraising (CC20) and are satisfied that Buttle UK's practices conform with this guidance.

Buttle UK is registered with the Fundraising Regulator.

There have been no reported failures by Buttle UK, or any person acting on its behalf, to comply with fundraising standards or regulation, in 2019/20 (or, indeed, at any point previously), and the same is true of complaints in relation to fundraising activities. All staff and volunteers representing the Charity for the purposes of fundraising have either a job description and process of internal appraisal (in the case of staff) or a clear term of reference (in the case of volunteers). There are regular meetings between volunteers and staff. As required by the Charity Commission guidance, Buttle UK has complied with both available guidance and legislation to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from behaviours which constitute an unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, are unreasonably persistent or places undue pressure on a person to give money or other property.

Management
The Chief Executive is responsible for the delivery of Buttle UK's objectives and related performance management processes through the staff group. Board members are kept up to date on progression of the organisation's business plan through the inclusion of a tracker in the CEO's report in the quarterly board papers. Trustees continue to be kept informed of the activities of the Charity through quarterly trustee/staff seminars which will be arranged throughout 2021-22 and through contact with Grant Development Officers local to them where appropriate. A performance and development system ensures that staff work to objectives and that their skills development is encouraged.

The Strategic Leadership Team (SLG) consists of the SMT and members of the staff team selected to co-lead on the development of our five key strategic pillars within the 2020-25 strategy. Each SMT member is responsible for ensuring we have appropriate members of the team working on each pillar and the key objectives for the year are completed. The staff members of the SLT will work with the appropriate SMT member to support them on this. Any member of the wider Buttle UK team will support delivery of the business plan, the SLT will ensure it is on course.

The Charity's remuneration policy is to review the salaries of all employees annually in December and benchmark them against published salary survey data within the charity sector. Adjustments are made to ensure employees are paid a fair salary for the work they do and in line with other similar organisations in the sector. We are a living wage employer.

Statement of the 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, Scotland and Northern Ireland 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 Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements 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; and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the Charity'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 this information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditors
Haysmacintyre LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as the Charity's auditors

Approved by the Trustees on 16 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees*



Mark Alexander *Trustee*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUTTLE UK

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Buttle UK for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:
- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of the charity's net movement in funds 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for opinion
We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity 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 charity'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 Chair's Statement and Trustees' Annual Report. 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity; or
- sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the charity 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 for the financial statements
As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 20, the trustees 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 charity'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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), and the Trustee Investments Act, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations (as amended), Charities SORP (2019) and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the recognition of voluntary income and grant commitments. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiries of management regarding correspondence with regulators and tax authorities; Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud; Reviewing the controls and procedures of the charity, particularly in relation to the recording of income and processing of payments and payroll, to ensure these were in place throughout the year, including during the Covid-19 remote working period;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reviewing and testing journal entries made in the year, particularly those made as part of the year-end financial reporting process; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates which comprise depreciation and amortisation, accruals and deferred income and bad debt provision.

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 auditor's report.

Use of our report
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act, and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors
10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG
16th September, 2021

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

All figures expressed in £'000	NOTE	ENDOW-MENT FUND	RESTRICTED FUNDS	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS	TOTAL 2021	*TOTAL 2020*
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & legacies	17	-	3,531	-	**3,531**	*1,192*
From charitable activities	17		2,070		**2,070**	
Grants – NLCF COVID Response		-		-		
Grants – National Lottery	17	-	302	-	302	*189*
Grants – Postcode Lottery	17	-	-	-	-	*100*
Investment	3	976	13	3	992	*1,158*
TOTAL INCOME		**976**	**5,916**	**3**	**6,895**	*2,639*
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Voluntary income	4	-	-	553	**553**	*570*
Investment management fees	19	290	12	-	**302**	*270*
Total raising funds		**290**	**12**	**559**	**855**	*840*
Charitable Activities	5,6					
Chances for Children grants		-	**4,288**	424	**4,712**	*1,877*
Grants for children's eduction		-	**160**	726	**886**	*1,021*
Research and projects		-	-	39	**39**	*35*
Total charitable activities		**-**	**4,448**	**1,189**	**5,637**	*2,933*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**290**	**4,460**	**1,742**	**6,492**	*3,773*
Net income/(expenditure)		**686**	**1,456**	**(1,739)**	**403**	*(1,134)*
Transfers between funds	10	(2,150)	(71)	2,221	**-**	*-*
Net (expenditure)/income before other recognised gains/(losses)		**(1,464)**	**1,385**	**482**	**403**	*(1,134)*
Gains/(Losses) on investments	13	13,176	108	-	**13,284**	*(3,442)*
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		**11,712**	**1,493**	**482**	**13,687**	*(4,576)*
Balances at 1 April 2020		**50,795**	**828**	**2,457**	**54,080**	*58,656*
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	23	**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**	*54,080*

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

In accordance with Charities SORP FRS 102 charitable activities comprise both grants and the associated support costs allocated to each activity. Details are shown in notes 5 & 6. Full details of the grants given are shown in the Trustees' Report.

The notes on pages 26 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2021

	NOTES	ENDOWMENT FUND (£'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	GENERAL FUND (£'000)	TOTAL 2021 (£'000)	*TOTAL 2020 (£'000)*
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	11	-	-	2	**2**	*-*
Intangible assets	12	-	-	69	**69**	*60*
Investments	13	62,865	531	-	**63,396**	*51,451*
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**62,865**	**531**	**71**	**63,467**	*51,511*
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	14	76	40	1	**117**	*203*
Cash at bank and in hand	22	(284)	2,158	2,815	**4,689**	*3,173*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**(208)**	**2,198**	**2,816**	**4,806**	*3,376*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(150)	(208)	52	**(306)**	*(507)*
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		**(358)**	**1,990**	**2,868**	**4,500**	*2,869*
NET ASSETS BEFORE LONG TERM CREDITORS		**62,507**	**2,521**	**2,939**	**67,967**	*54,380*
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	-	(200)	-	**(200)**	*(300)*
NET ASSETS		**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**	*54,080*
FUNDS						
Endowment Fund		62,507	-	-	**62,507**	*50,795*
Restricted Funds	17	-	2,321	-	**2,321**	*828*
Unrestricted Funds						
Designated Fund	18	-	-	2000	***2000***	*-*
General Fund		-	-	939	***939***	*2,457*
TOTAL GENERAL & DESIGNATED FUNDS		**-**	**-**	**2,939**	**939**	*2,457*
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	**23**	**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**	*54,080*

Approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 16 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:
Jill Dinsmore *Chair of Trustees* and **Mark Alexander** *Trustee*

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	NOTES	2021 (£'000)	2020 (£'000)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash used in operating activities	21	(568)	*(2,241)*
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Income from investments		992	*1,158*
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(52,035)	*(13,673)*
Proceeds from the sale of fixed asset investments		53,178	*15,035*
Net purchase of fixed assets		(50)	*(15)*
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		**2,085**	*2,505*
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		**1,517**	*264*
Net Debt at the beginning of the year		3,172	*2,908*
NET DEBT AT THE END OF THE YEAR	22	**4,689**	*3,172*

The notes on pages 26 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

1. Accounting Policies

a) Statement of Compliance
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed asset investments and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The accounts are prepared in pounds Sterling (GBP).

b) General information
The Charity is an unincorporated charity registered in England & Wales (charity number 313007) and also a registered charity in Scotland (charity number SCO37997). The Charity's registered office is 15 Greycoat Place, London, SW1P 1SB.

c) Public benefit entity
The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

The Covid – 19 pandemic has raised serious issues for the country. However, Buttle UK has been able to rise to the challenges that this brings. It is clear that Covid – 19 has caused an increase in the demand for Buttle UK services. As a result, donors recognise the situation and have been willing to respond positively to enable the Charity to continue its work.

The financial year 2020-21 enabled the charity to more than double its grant-giving activities.

Inevitably, the year 2021-22 will mean a lower budget for the charity's work, but to provide a measure of stability to the reduction in activity, the Trustees have set up a designated fund of £2,000,000 out of reserves to be spent equally on Chances for Children grants over the years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Additionally, the Endowment Fund has performed well during the period under review and was valued at 31st March at its highest level yet. Since 31 March 2021, the investment markets have continued to strengthen. The Endowment is valued at £66.78m at the end of June 2021 which is an increase of 6.7% from the end of March valuation. The drawdown from the endowment will be at £2.4m. This takes account of an increased budget investing in securing future fundraised income on a more regular basis. The increase in restricted reserves takes account of funds carried forward that were unspent during 2020-21.

Cash reserves are healthy with cash balances at 30 June 2021 of £3.64m in restricted and unrestricted funds.

In order to manage the increased demand for Buttle UK services, management is retaining an additional 2 members of staff who are contracted on a time limited basis until the end of August 2021, by which time the Covid-19 emergency funding that has been received will have to be spent out.

e) Donations and legacies
Grants, donations and legacies are accounted for when receivable. Where a donor imposes time restrictions on when a donation can be spent the relevant amounts are carried forward as deferred income.

f) Income from fixed asset investments
Dividend income is recognised on the basis of the ex-dividend date. Fixed interest security income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

g) Grants payable
Grants are given in accordance with the Rules of Buttle UK (approved 6 July 1987, subsequently revised by several resolutions drawn up by committees and approved by the Trustee Board). Grants are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are authorised. Any amounts which have been authorised but which remain unpaid at the year-end are included within current liabilities in the balance sheet. Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled.

h) Expenditure
Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds comprise those costs directly attributable to managing the investment portfolio, raising investment income and fundraising expenses. Fundraising expenses include an estimate of staff time spent on this activity in accordance with note 5.

Costs of charitable activities include grants made in their different categories, plus an apportionment of staff and overhead costs in accordance with notes 5 and 6. The cost of the overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising salary, operational and administration costs are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of staff time attributable to each activity. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases
Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the minimum period of the lease.

j) Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets, including computer software, valued at £500 or more are capitalised.

Fixed assets are depreciated at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over 5 years
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	Over 4 years
Intangible assets (database)	Over 5 years

k) Fixed asset investments
Listed equity shares and fixed interest stocks are included in the balance sheet at market values as at the year-end. Unlisted securities are valued at the most recent sale value or Directors' valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on assets held in a particular fund form part of that fund and movements are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

l) Endowment fund
The permanent endowment fund comprises the original capital fund, and the unapplied accumulated gains on this fund, established to provide income for the Charity.

Buttle UK has adopted a total return approach to its endowment allowing both income and some capital gains to be spent in furthering the objects of the Charity. Further information is given in notes 2 and 19 to the accounts.

The fund is principally represented by the capital investments included in fixed assets, with the balance held as net current assets.

Gains on sale and revaluation of related investment assets are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities.

m) Restricted and unrestricted funds
Restricted funds are those the use of which is restricted by the conditions imposed by the donors.

General funds are those used for the general advancement of the Charity's objectives. The General Fund represents the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

n) Pension scheme
Contributions to the defined contributions scheme are charged in the SOFA in the year they are due.

o) Financial instruments
Basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable are accounted for on the following basis:

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within current liabilities.

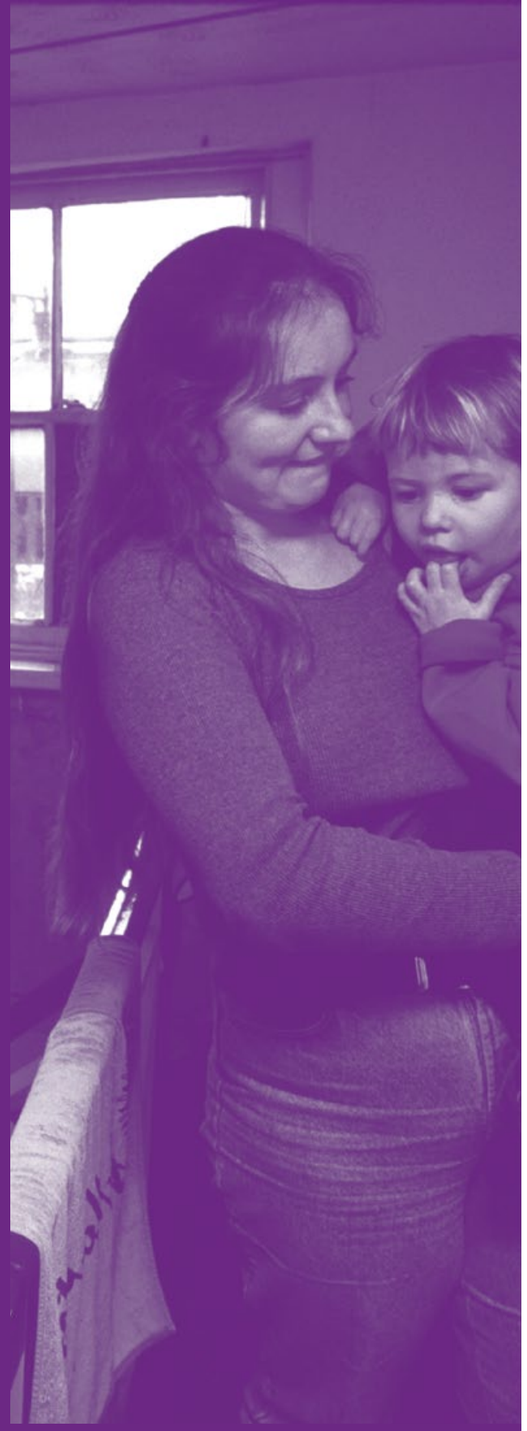
Debtors and creditors
Debtors and creditors are measured at the transaction price less any provision for impairment. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised as expenditure.

p) Significant judgement and sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 require the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Charity's accounting policies. There are no significant areas where judgement was needed other than on those already included in the accounting policies.

2. Endowment

The Endowment Fund was first established in 1937 to provide an income for the charitable and philanthropic work of the Charity. The Scheme made in 1971 by the Secretary of State for Education and Science (Under Section 18 of the Charities Act 1960), which now governs the operation of the Charity, perpetuates the terms of the original endowment. This provided for the fund to be retained, and only the income arising available to be spent.

However, on 28 March 2006 the Charity Commission granted an order to the Charity entitling it to adopt a total return approach to its endowment, and this approach was adopted as from 1 April 2006. This entitles the Charity to spend the unapplied total return of the endowment, but within the context of balancing the interests of current and future beneficiaries. The movements on the fund in the year are detailed in note 19.



3. Investment Income

	2021 £'000	2021 %	*2020 £'000*	*2020 %*
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:				
Equity shares	959	97	*1,134*	*98*
Fixed interest stocks	25	2	*-*	*-*
TOTAL	**984**	**99**	*1,134*	*98*
Interest on deposits	8	1	*24*	*2*
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	992	100	*1,158*	*100*

4a. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (Current Year)

SUPPORT COST	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	RESEARCH/ PROJECTS (£'000)	SMALL GRANTS (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	BOARDING GRANTS (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100**	**9**	**30**	**-**	**-**	**39**	**22**
Staff costs	**865**	17	266	38	-	399	145
TOTAL STAFF COSTS (NOTE 7)	**865**	**17**	**266**	**38**	**-**	**399**	**145**
Premises	**204**	18	61	-	-	80	45
Communications	**52**	5	16	-	-	20	11
IT & depreciation	**91**	8	27	-	-	35	20
Fundraising	**94**	-	94	-	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**23**	2	7	-	-	9	5
Training & recruitment	**14**	1	4	-	-	6	3
Audit, legal & professional fees	**37**	3	11	-	-	15	8
Trustee	**1**	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bank and pre-paid card charges	**34**	3	10	1	-	13	7
General	**1**	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL 2021	**1,416**	**57**	**496**	**39**	**-**	**579**	**244**

Basis of allocation:
Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated on the basis of staff costs with the exception of fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

4b. Allocation of Support Costs & Overheads (continued)

SUPPORT COST PRIOR YEAR	TOTAL (£'000)	GOVERNANCE (£'000)	FUNDRAISING (£'000)	RESEARCH/ PROJECTS (£'000)	SMALL GRANTS (£'000)	CHANCES FOR CHILDREN GRANTS (£'000)	BOARDING GRANTS (£'000)
Percentage (%)	**100%**	**9%**	**30%**	**-**	**-**	**39%**	**22%**
Staff costs	**782**	10	247	35	-	350	140
TOTAL STAFF COSTS (NOTE 8)	**782**	**10**	**247**	**35**	**-**	**350**	**140**
Premises	**165**	15	50	-	-	64	36
Communications	**63**	6	19	-	-	25	13
IT & depreciation	**111**	10	33	-	-	43	25
Fundraising	**149**	-	149	-	-	-	-
Impact & Evaluation	**23**	2	7	-	-	9	5
Training & recruitment	**20**	2	6	-	-	8	4
Audit, legal & professional fees	**27**	2	8	-	-	11	6
Trustee	**8**	1	2	-	-	3	2
General	**2**	-	1	-	-	1	-
TOTAL 2020	**1350**	**48**	**522**	**35**	**-**	**514**	**231**

Basis of allocation:
Staff costs are allocated on the basis of estimates of actual time worked on each activity. Other costs are allocated on the basis of staff costs with the exception of fundraising costs which are allocated to Fundraising only.

5. Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2021 (£'000)	DIRECT COSTS (£'000)	SUPPORT COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2020 (£'000)*
Chances for Children grants	4,133	579	**4,712**	1,534	514	*2,048*
Boarding grants	642	244	**886**	790	231	*1,021*
Research/projects	-	39	**39**	-	35	*35*
TOTAL	**4,775**	**862**	**5,637**	*2,324*	*780*	*3,104*
Grants not utilised*	-	-	**-**	(171)	-	*(171)*
ADJUSTED TOTAL	**4,775**	**862**	**5,637**	*2,153*	*780*	*2,933*

* Grants not utilised are historical grants that have been unnecessarily carried as current liabilities beyond the period during which they are expected to be spent. Uncashed cheques have been a continuing problem for many years. This write-off addresses the issue.

6. Analysis of Grants to Individuals & Organisations

	RESTRICTED COSTS (£'000)	GENERAL COSTS (£'000)	TOTAL 2021 (£'000)	RESTRICED COSTS (£'000)	GENERAL COSTS (£'000)	*TOTAL 2020 (£'000)*
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS						
Chances for Children grants	4,288	(155)	**4,133**			
Grants for children's education	160	482	**642**	616	174	*790*
TOTAL	**4,448**	**327**	**4,775**	*2,150*	*174*	*2,324*
Grants not utilised*				(171)	-	*(171)*
ADJUSTED TOTAL	**4,448**	**327**	**4,775**	*1,979*	*174*	*2,153*

7. Analysis of Staff Costs

	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Salaries and wages	**720**	*654*
Redundancy costs	**-**	*10*
Social security costs	**72**	*69*
Employers contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	**61**	*49*
Other costs	**12**	*-*
TOTAL	**865**	*782*

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

	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Grant & project administration	**9**	*9*
Management and administration	**3**	*3*
Fundraising and promotion	**5**	*4*
TOTAL	**17**	*16*

The number of staff whose salaries exceeded £60,000, excluding employer pension contributions, and fell within the following bands were:

	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
£80,000 - £89,999	**1**	*1*
£60,000 - £69,999	**2**	*2*

Employer's contributions totalling £18,212 (2020: £14,965) were made to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the above.

The total employee benefits, including pension contributions and life assurance premiums, of the key management personnel were £260,523 (2020: £249,114).

The Trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2020: £nil). No Trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Charity (2020: £nil).

During the year a total of £927 was paid for training and subsistence expenditure to or on behalf of four Trustees (2020: six £7,190).

8. Related Party Transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties (2020: None)

9. Auditors' Remuneration

Auditors' remuneration comprised an audit fee of £12,300 (exclusive of VAT), (2020: £11,100)

10. Transfers Between Funds

Current year - The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	**ENDOWMENT FUND** (£'000)	**RESTRICTED FUND** (£'000)	**GENERAL FUND** (£'000)
Transfer to Restricted Funds from General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	-	-
Funds incorrectly disclosed as Restricted in prior year	-	(65)	65
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities:			
Regular transfer	(2,150)	(6)	2,156
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2021	**(2,150)**	**(71)**	**2,221**

Prior year - The following transfers were made between funds during the year:	**ENDOWMENT FUND** (£'000)	**RESTRICTED FUND** (£'000)	**GENERAL FUND** (£'000)
Transfer from Restricted Funds to General Funds in relation to support recovery costs	-	183	(183)
Transfer from unapplied total return to General and Restricted Funds in respect of charitable activities			
Regular transfer	(2,400)	-	2,400
NET MOVEMENTS IN 2020	**(2,400)**	**183**	**2,217**

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS (£'000)	**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT** (£'000)	**FURNITURE & FITTINGS** (£'000)	**TOTAL** (£'000)
COST				
AT 1 APRIL 2020	114	206	39	**359**
Additions	-	4	-	**4**
AT 31 MARCH 2021	**114**	**210**	**39**	**363**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
AT 1 APRIL 2020	114	206	39	**359**
Charge for the year	-	2	-	**2**
AT 31 MARCH 2021	**114**	**208**	**39**	**361**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2021	**-**	**2**	**-**	**2**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2020	-	-	-	-

12. Intangible Fixed Assets

	DATABASE (£'000)	**TOTAL** (£'000)
COST		
AT 1 APRIL 2020	122	**122**
Additions	46	**46**
AT 31 MARCH 2021	**168**	**168**
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
AT 1 APRIL 2020	62	**62**
Charge for the year	37	**37**
AT 31 MARCH 2021	**99**	**99**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2021	**69**	**69**
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31 MARCH 2020	*60*	*60*

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

13. Fixed Asset Investments

	ENDOWMENT		**RESTRICTED**	**TOTAL 2020**	***TOTAL 2019***
	LISTED (£'000)	**UNLISTED** (£'000)	**LISTED** (£'000)	(£'000)	*(£'000)*
Market value at 1 April 2020	50,932	1	518	51,451	*56,256*
Non-market adjustment to unquoted investment value	(196)	-	-	(196)	*-*
Additions at cost	51,474	-	561	52,035	*13,672*
Disposal proceeds	(52,522)	-	(656)	(53,178)	*(15,035)*
TOTAL	**49,688**	**1**	**423**	**50,112**	***54,893***
Investment gains/(losses)	13,176	-	108	13,284	*(3,442)*
AT 31 MARCH 2021	**62,864**	**1**	**531**	**63,396**	***51,451***
HISTORICAL COST AT 31 MARCH 2021	**54,868**	**1**	**462**	**55,331**	***46,698***

The restricted investment comprises the Graphite Capital Bursary Fund and represents funds received from Graphite Capital, a leading private equity investor, which are invested in the CF Ruffer Absolute Return C Income Fund. These funds are being drawn down over a 10-year period commencing in October 2014 to support grant awards to Estranged Young People through our Chances for Children grant provision.

Listed and Unlisted Investments in the Endowment Fund are direct holdings of the Charity.

Cash invested in the Institutional Cash Series Fund at 31 March 2021 was £2,549,122. (2020: £2,003,019). Subsequent to the year end, the value of the fixed asset investments has risen to £66.7m at the end of June 2021 which is a rise of about 6.7%. This continues rise in value which occurred during the period under review.

14. Debtors

	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Prepayments & accrued income	**76**	*183*
Other debtors	**41**	*20*
TOTAL	**117**	*203*

15. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Accruals for grants	**110**	*326*
Accruals & deferred income	**150**	*100*
Other creditors	**46**	*81*
TOTAL	**306**	*507*

16. Amounts falling due after more than one year:

	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Deferred income	**200**	*300*
TOTAL	**200**	*300*

Deferred income comprises grant income received in the current accounting period which will be spent in future accounting periods

Reconciliation of deferred income	2021 (£'000)	*2020 (£'000)*
Balance brought forward at 1 April	**300**	*400*
Amounts released to income	**(100)**	*(100)*
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH	**200**	*300*

17a. Restricted Funds (Current Year)

	BALANCE 1 APRIL 2020 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	BALANCE 31 MARCH 2021 (£'000)
FOR GRANTS					
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
NLCF Covid-19 response	-	2,070	(1,757)	-	313
National Lottery	-	302	(295)	-	7
Postcode Lottery	74	-	(72)	1	3
CTF	-	215	-	-	215
Graphite Capital	70	118	(103)	108	193
City Bridge Trust	48	161	(145)	(48)	16
Comic Relief	34	610	(540)	(3)	101
Mercers' Company	15	238	-	(15)	238
KPMG Foundation	-	100	(99)	-	1
Clothworkers' Foundation	-	85	(48)	-	37
Garfield Weston	(2)	300	(283)	-	15
Masonic Foundation		250	(190)		60
Colin Crawshaw		100			100
STV Appeal		100	(100)		-
Dulverton Trust		50	(48)		2
Various	589	1,212	(774)	(7)	1,020
TOTAL	**828**	**5,916**	**(4,460)**	**37**	**2,321**

Transfers to/from restricted funds, also disclosed in Note 10 above, have been made principally to match administration and support costs funded by donors for a specific project or grant programme or where funds have been incorrectly disclosed in prior years.

USE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

Westnedge	Chances for Children grants for adopted children
Graphite Capital	*Chances for Children grants, estranged young people in UK*
City Bridge Trust	*Chances for Children grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in London*
Comic Relief	*Chances for Children grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in West Midlands*
Mercers' Company	*Chances for Children, Support for Boarding*
Clothworkers' Foundation	*Chances for Children grants*
Garfield Weston Foundation	*Chances for Children grants, estranged young people in UK*
National Lottery	*Chances for Children grants, grants for those children affected by domestic abuse in West Midlands*
NLCF – Covid Emergency	*Chances for Children grants, grants for children in England*
Postcode Lottery	*Chances for Children grants*

17b. Restricted Funds (continued – prior year)

	BALANCE 1 APRIL 2019 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	*BALANCE 31 MARCH 2020 (£'000)*
FOR GRANTS					
BBC Children in Need	9	-	(9)	-	-
Westnedge	-	5	(6)	1	-
SFIA	120	-	(120)	-	-
Goldman Sachs Gives	8	-	-	(8)	-
Graphite Capital	62	107	(107)	8	*70*
City Bridge Trust	47	75	(74)	-	*48*
Comic Relief	(17)	76	(16)	(9)	*34*
Mercers' Company	15	45	(45)	-	*15*
Clothworkers' Foundation	35	-	(35)	-	-
Garfield Weston Foundation	75	-	(68)	(9)	*(2)*
National Lottery	-	189	(148)	(41)	-
Postcode Lottery	-	100	(26)	-	*74*
Various	782	891	(1,332)	248	*589*
TOTAL	**1,136**	**1,488**	**(1,986)**	**190**	*828*

18. Designated Funds (current year)

	BALANCE 01-APR-20 (£'000)	INCOME (£'000)	EXPENDITURE (£'000)	TRANSFERS & INVESTMENT GAINS (£'000)	*BALANCE 31 MARCH 2021 (£'000)*
Buttle UK Stepping UP Fund	-	-	-	2,000	*2,000*
TOTAL	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,000**	*2,000*

The Board of Trustees has applied £2m from available funds to spend on Chances for Children grants over years 2021-22 & 2022-23 in equal amounts.

19. Total Return Application

The Charity Commission permitted the Charity to adopt the use of the total investment powers in relation to its permanent endowment investments by an order dated 28 March 2006. The power permits the Trustees to invest the portfolio to maximize total return and to apply an appropriate portion of the unapplied total return to income each year. Until the power is exercised to transfer a portion of unapplied total return to income (as disclosed in the funds transfers, note 11), the unapplied total return remains invested as part of the permanent endowment. The power was implemented on 1 April 2006.

The Westnedge Fund refers to a legacy received in 2001 as a permanent endowment for the benefit of adopted children.

The investment fund & application of total return to permanent endowment funds	**MAIN FUND** (£'000)	**WESTNEDGE FUND** (£'000)	**TOTAL 2020** (£'000)
Value of permanent endowment at 1 April	**50,677**	**118**	**50,795**
Less: Value of Main Fund at 5 April 1978	(7,247)		(7,247)
Value of Westnedge Fund at 31 March 2001	-	(73)	(73)
Unapplied total return at 1 April 2019	**43,430**	**45**	**43,475**
Add: Investment return			
Dividends and interest in the year	973	3	976
Realised and unrealised gains/(losses)	13,174	2	13,176
Deduct: Investment management fees	(289)	(1)	(290)
Unapplied total return before transfer to income	**57,288**	**49**	**57,337**
Less: Unapplied total return applied	(2,145)	(5)	(2,150)
Unapplied total return at 31 March	**55,143**	**44**	**55,187**
Add: Endowment value at 5 April 1978	7247		7,247
Endowment value at 31 March 2001		73	73
Permanent endowment including unapplied total return at 31 March 2021, constituting the investment fund	**62,390**	**117**	**62,507**

20. Operating Lease Commitments (Land and Buildings)

The Charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows for each of the following periods:

	2021 (£'000)	2020 (£'000)
Less than one year	**150**	*150*
Between two & five years	**221**	*371*
TOTAL	**371**	*521*

21. Reconciliation Of Net Income/(Expenditure) To Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities

	2021 (£'000)	2020 (£'000)
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**13,687**	*(4,576)*
Depreciation	**39**	*41*
(Gains)/losses on investments	**(13,284)**	*3,442*
Change in investment cash and capital commitments	**197**	*-*
Investment income	**(992)**	*(1,158)*
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**86**	*389*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**(301)**	*(379)*
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	**(568)**	*(2,241)*

22. Analysis of Net Debt

	AT 1st APRIL 2020 (£'000)	CASH FLOWS (£'000)	OTHER CHANGES (£'000)	AT 31st MARCH 2021 (£'000)
Cash at bank & in hand	600	975	-	1,575
Bank deposits (less than 3 months)	2,574	540	-	3,114
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**3,174**	**1,515**	**-**	**4,689**

The charity does not hold any debt therefore the net debt analysis has not been provided.

23. Analysis of Net Assets (current year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	71	**71**
Investments	62,865	531	-	**63,396**
Current assets	(208)	2,198	2,816	**4,806**
Current liabilities	(150)	(208)	52	**(306)**
Long term liabilities	-	(200)	-	**(200)**
TOTAL	**62,507**	**2,321**	**2,939**	**67,767**

23b. Analysis of Net Assets (prior year)

	ENDOWMENT FUND £'000)	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£'000)	UNRESTRICTED GENERAL (£'000)	TOTAL FUNDS (£'000)
Fixed assets	-	-	60	**60**
Investments	50,933	518	-	**51,451**
Current assets	(118)	951	2,543	**3,376**
Current liabilities	(20)	(341)	(146)	**(507)**
Long term liabilities	-	(300)	-	**(300)**
TOTAL	**50,795**	**828**	**2,457**	**54,080**

23b. Staff Retirement Benefit Scheme

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme operated with Aviva (formerly Friends Life), whereby the Charity pays 12% of Members' salaries plus life insurance and administration costs for members who joined before 2018. Contributions for members joining from 2018 onwards are at the rate of 7%. Contributions (including member contributions) and premiums paid in the year (2021) amounted to £98,557 (2020: £76,665).



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