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& Families for over 50 years"*



**Annual Report 2023 - 2024**

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## **Chairperson's Report**

This is my seventeenth annual report as Chair and I am pleased to report that the Trust goes from strength to strength following the pandemic. Some significant achievements and successes include:

- Following a tender process commencing April, success in becoming the Strategic Partner and delivery arm to the local authority for Young Carers Support commencing October 2023 with the first Strategic Partnership meeting being held in November 2023.
- A second year of confirmed funding from the Ballinger Charitable Trust towards core costs.
- Re-contracted to provide school holiday activity programmes in Roseworth and Primrose Hill through the Holiday Activities Fund/Holiday Enrichment Programmes.
- Maintaining the after-school club and open access youth provision within the Roseworth Ward through Roseworth Big Local funding.
- Continuing to be commissioned by EPIC Teesside CIO to provide their open access youth club in the Primrose Hill Community Centre.
- Gaining two new streams of funding from County Durham Community Foundation to provide heavily reduced low cost holidays to young carers and their families at our caravan at Cresswell Towers, Northumberland and a programme of off-site activities for young carers during term time.
- As an integral member of Youth United Stockton Alliance, partnering with the Young People's Foundation Trust to launch the 5-year strategy for youth provision in the Borough.
- Alongside North East Autism Society, being chosen as the Mayor's charities for the year - paving the way for greater opportunities for collaborative work.

During this year, we made a temporary move of base whilst waiting for new premises being ready in Stockton town centre which will bring our service base to the heart of the Borough alongside Council services for young people.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the continuing hard work and commitment of many people but not least our volunteer Directors and paid staff. On behalf of the vulnerable children, young people and families who benefitted from all this, I again offer an unreserved 'Thank You'.

**Jim Beall**

## Trust Manager's Report

April 2023 to March 2024 has been a fantastic year for the organisation and the isolated and disadvantaged children and young people we are here to support. As I once again reflect on the year, the key theme for me is partnerships. We have achieved so much and have a lot to look forward to from a partnership perspective.

It goes without saying that the team and I were absolutely elated that Eastern Ravens Trust (ERT) were chosen to be the Strategic Partner to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) for Young Carers Support. I was with colleagues from SBC and other agencies when the news came through, so they all got to see me in tears – happy one's of course. I'm so looking forward to developing this partnership for the next 5 years and the benefits that it will bring for young carers and their families.

Being chosen as one of the Mayor's charities is always a privilege and this year we got to share that privilege with North East Autism Society (NEAS). Both NEAS and ERT have had access to many wonderful opportunities and attended some outstanding events such as the Mayoral Inauguration, Christmas Carol Service performed by local schools, Fundraising Ball at Wynyard Hall with the auction of a McKenzie Thorpe painting and Afternoon Tea with the Mayoress and guests at Preston Park. It has also opened the doors to increased partnership work with NEAS and



during the summer NEAS opened their doors at Kiora Hall school for 2 family picnics which were fully accessible to young carers and their families including those with special educational needs and disabilities. A great time was had by all and the feedback we received was amazing. This partnership has also led to us successfully moving the youth club to the school site, in meeting the needs of the older children in the Roseworth community.

We have continued to be a part of the Building Connections Partnership project which is run by national charity The Children's Society and aimed at reducing loneliness and isolation amongst young carers.

A staff member and I attended a network meeting at their head office in London where we met workers from across the country to share good practice and our aspirations for the future for young carers.

I was fortunate to attend the Young Carers Futures Conference in Manchester hosted by the Young Carers Alliance at Carers Trust where we heard from Rt Hon Gillian Keegan MP, Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England on the future for young carers. Hearing from young carers themselves and their ideas was as always, very inspiring to listen to.

Young Carers in the Lead has been a great project to be involved with this year. The group were completely amazing in all that they did and I feel very proud to have been a part of it with them. I was also really pleased with the feedback from the grant provider about the monitoring report submitted "*the monitoring is to a really lovely standard, thank you for taking the time to fill it in comprehensively*".

Our links with partner agencies have led to many in-kind activities which further benefits the children and young people we support. In-kind activities have been provided by Creative Village, Tees Swale, Tees Active and we also developed a new partnership with Tees Rowing Club.

We have once again been very fortunate to receive so many donations throughout the year with several being received in memory of loved ones who are related to service users. A friend of the organisation ran a half-marathon in Amsterdam while the Teesside Pool League did a local fundraiser for the organisation. We were supported by a local business and colleagues from Adult Social Care to enable 22 young carers and staff to attend the National Young Carers Festival in Southampton which was truly memorable. I would just like to say a huge thank you to you all, you're all wonderful people.

Needless to say, I am enormously proud of everything we have accomplished this year. I am extremely lucky to work with such an outstanding team of paid staff who always go above and beyond their job descriptions and I can't thank you all enough for all that you do. I am also extremely grateful to our dedicated and loyal Board of Directors for their continuous support over the year. I hope you enjoy reading the remainder of our annual report and finding out more about our wonderful charity and the work we do to make a difference to children, young people's and family's lives in Stockton-on-Tees.

**Tracey Hamilton**



## Girls Group

The Girls Group has met every Tuesday evening during term time. This is an open access session for girls aged 13+ and was developed as part of the Satellite Club Programme via Tees Valley Sport. Satellite Clubs are local sport and physical activity clubs that are designed around the needs of young people and provide them with positive, enjoyable experiences that make it easy for them to become active or to develop more regular activity habits.



### Satellite Club Principles:

- Delivery focused on young people aged 14-19
- Linked to physical activity opportunities.
- Support young people at points of disruption in their lives
- Target under-represented groups
- Young people led including involving young people in decisions and design.

Over this past 12 months, 36 individuals have engaged with the group with a lot of the girls attending every week. The group has become very youth led, as such all activities are planned by the girls and this year have included:

- Christmas Pantomime
- Escape Room
- Evolve Fitness with Martial Arts
- Fitness with weighted hula hoops, obstacle courses and dodgeball
- Jump 360
- Kayaking
- Paddle boarding
- Physical activity games e.g. tag rugby, quick cricket, basketball.

The girls have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and we learned from them how they don't do PE in school due to stigma from their peers, yet feel comfortable enough to be active in this group.

Building positive relationships has also been a key outcome for this group this year. The girls have established trust with their peers and staff and had a safe space to discuss personal issues which are affecting them, and be supported through them.

Friendships, healthy food, school fights, exam pressures, knife crime, impact of suicide and parental conflict are examples of the issues the girls have expressed stress and anxiety with and wanted to talk more about. One girl had experienced a bereavement and opened up about how it was affecting her and she was harming herself. With consent from the young person and her guardian, staff were able to make a referral to The Butterwick Family Support Service for therapeutic counselling. Once the young person had finished the counselling, she fed back how much it had helped her. The young person and her guardian were extremely thankful for the support at a time when they didn't know what else to do. The girl told staff that she had not harmed herself since.

While the main focus for this group is physical activity, improving mental health and wellbeing is also a key feature. During the year we were able to access some free sessions with Hazel Rockingham a life and neuro linguistic programming coach. The girls engaged with sessions on anchoring and breathing exercises, positives and negatives in their lives and an activity called 'What's important,' where the girls thought about what/who in their life is important to them and why. Other activities the girls have done this year include slime and play dough making, fruit smoothies, colouring and scratch art, pumpkin carving, murder mystery party and Christmas bauble making.



We have hugely enjoyed developing and delivering this group for the past 2 years and have seen the girls develop confidence, skills and techniques to support their futures. Unfortunately, the funding for this targeted piece of work has come to an end. However, the girls know they are always welcome at our open access youth provision and we hope to see them all very soon.



## Just for Me, Just for You

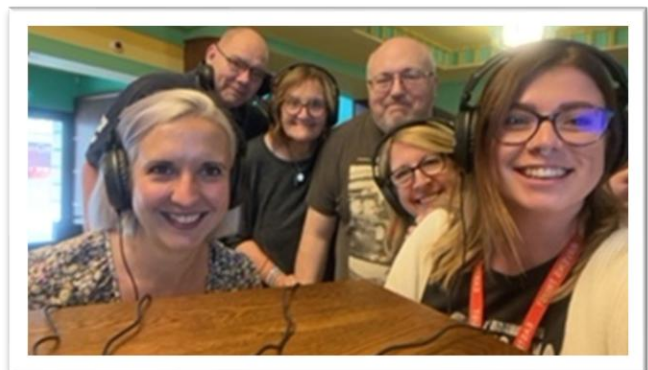
This short-term project started in February 2023 in partnership with Stockton Globe and we reported on it very briefly in last year's Annual Report. Funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Just for Me, Just for You is a project for parents/guardians of young carers aimed at extending our support at a difficult time of the year. Many of the families we support rely on welfare benefits as they are unable to work, as such, they miss out on opportunities to socialise and do something just for them. The project was aimed at:

- Relieving loneliness and hardship
- Decreasing the incidence of stress, low mood and depression
- Building confidence
- Trying new activities
- Increasing friendships.

The sessions took place each Thursday morning during term time and provided refreshments and a hot meal at lunchtime. During the period April to July, parents/guardians continued to take part in and enjoy:

- Mindfulness sessions
- Music workshops
- Quizzes and bingo
- Stockton Globe tours.

An unexpected activity also developed throughout this period which saw parents and guardians working alongside Stockton Globe's Creative Director Josh to create a song all about Eastern Ravens Trust which was written, composed and sang by parents/guardians themselves. The chorus from the song goes like this...



*There when you need them, a shoulder to lean on  
There to support us, Eastern Ravens family  
There when you need them, a shoulder to lean on  
There to support us, we're one great big family.*



We asked parents/guardians to tell us about the difference the project had made to them.

It gave me a  
purpose to  
get up.

Something  
to look  
forward to.

Don't feel as  
isolated.

Meeting new  
people.

Sharing  
problems.

Something  
to get up for.

Nice to be  
included.

Feeling  
comfortable.

Talking to  
someone who  
knows what  
you're going  
through.

## Roseworth After-School Club

This term time after-school club is delivered from Elim Hope Centre every Wednesday from 3.30-5pm for children/young people living in the ward. The venue works particularly well as we can provide a safe space for those children who require more quiet time after school alongside those who are more energetic and like to take part in more physical activities. All sessions provide refreshments and a healthy snack which children/young people welcome when they arrive straight from school.

The total number of attendances (footfall) this year is:

511

From April to July, the club was open to all children from age 5+ and as some of the older children began to attend more regularly, we recognised that we needed to make some changes to how we provided the club to meet the needs of the different age groups. From September, we changed the club to primary school children aged 5 to 10/11 only. Throughout the year, the club has offered a range of activities which extend children's learning beyond the classroom and develop their social skills through play. We welcomed Creative Village who provided 3 workshops (free of charge) where children learned how to use polymer clay, make wish cans and memory books. Alongside this, the programme of activities has been varied and included:



- Assault courses
- Balloon games.
- Bingo
- Card/poster making
- Dodgeball
- Imaginative play – talent show
- Memory games
- Odd sock week – sock decorating
- Team building games
- Traditional board games

### Case Study:

When Fiona\* joined us at afterschool club in 2023, she had moved to Roseworth after a family trauma. She was very shy, timid, withdrawn and stayed with a member of staff who she already had a relationship with from the school holiday programme; she did not engage with any other staff members. Fiona would only sit at the table and do the activities set out such as colouring in or board games, she would not venture away from the table, it was her comfort zone. She did not participate in snack time and often said she was not hungry.

After a few months, Fiona slowly started to participate in activities after a lot of encouragement from staff and her peers in the session. Fiona slowly started to build friendships with some of the younger girls but would not speak to anyone who she was not familiar with. She started to come out of her shell but would not speak in a group situation. Fiona always followed the other children in the group and activities, she never wanted to lead, she was happy being part of the group in a way that she felt comfortable.

Fiona's confidence had developed over her time with us, she now leads sessions with her friends and shows the other children cheerleading and gymnastics which she is extremely interested in. When she arrives she comes and says hello to all staff, greets her friends and goes off into the session to play. She has become a very independent 6-year-old who is more than happy to voice her opinion, views and respects that of others. Fiona's parent has said the after-school club has helped her at school as she is willing to interact with new children and has become more vocal in the classroom.

\*Name has been changed.

### Examples of feedback from children and young people about the After-School Club:



## School Holiday and Food Programmes

The school holiday and food programmes are provided via funding from the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme which covers Easter, summer and Christmas alongside the Holiday Enrichment Programme (HEP) funded by Stockton-on-Tees Public Health which covers May, October and February half-terms. The purpose of this funding is to make available free places at holiday clubs to children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for and receive benefits-related free school meals. Developed out of research which revealed that school holidays can be a particularly challenging time for many families, the research also revealed that children and young people can be negatively impacted as they are less likely to access organised out of school activities, more likely to experience unhealthy holidays and more likely to experience social isolation.

This year, we have continued to provide easily accessible programmes in the Primrose Hill and Roseworth communities which incorporated:

- Centre based and off-site enrichment activities
- Confidence building
- Developing new skills
- Healthy food education
- Healthy snacks
- Hot or cold lunch
- Making new friends
- Opportunities for children and parents to enjoy time as a family
- Trying new foods/taste testing.





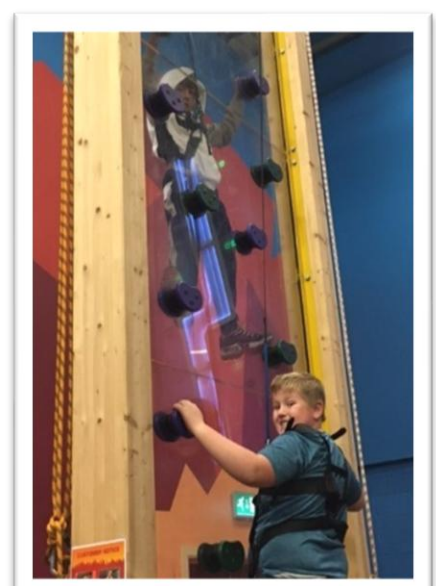
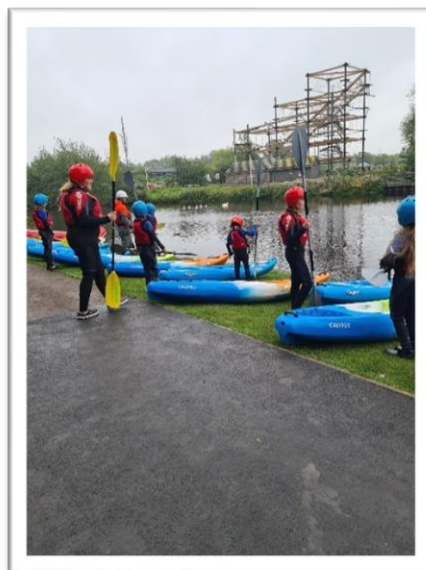
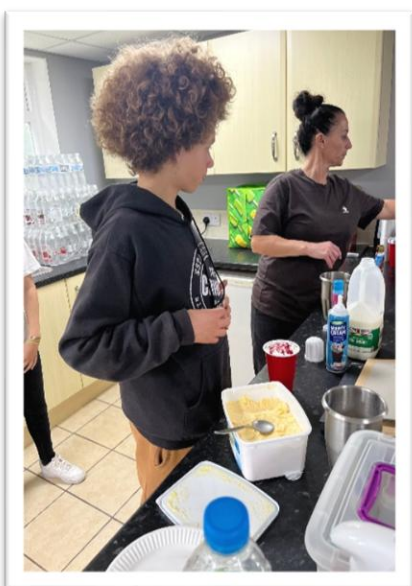
Our HAF programmes are for 4 hours per day for 4 days of the week and this year we trialled an additional 3 activity days targeted at the 11+ age group in Roseworth. Our offer encompassed:

Holiday Period	Delivery Days	Area	Places Available
Easter	4	Primrose Hill	80
	8	Roseworth	320
Summer	16	Primrose Hill	320
	19	Roseworth	700
Christmas	4	Primrose Hill	80
	4	Roseworth	160

The minimum requirement for HEP programmes is 2 hours per day and we have been able to provide 3 hours per day for 4 days per week. During the half-terms this year, we offered:

Holiday Period	Delivery Days	Area	Places Available
May	4	Primrose Hill	80
	4	Roseworth	160
October	4	Primrose Hill	80
	4	Roseworth	160
February	4	Primrose Hill	80
	4	Roseworth	160

We have work alongside many local partner agencies again this year to enhance our provision which includes Creative Village, Sprouts Community Food Charity and Tees Active. We have a regular attendance across all programmes and it is very rewarding to see the same children and young people returning each holidays.



## Young Carers in the Lead

This time framed project commenced in January for 12 months. Funded through #iwill, this is a project which enables young carers to take part in youth social action to make a positive difference on issues that affect their lives. The overall aim of the project was for young carers to take the lead on a campaign and to raise the profile of young carers and their issues in Stockton-on-Tees.

Young Carers in the Lead (YCiL) have had an extremely busy year which has encompassed:

- Meeting after school, during school holidays and weekends
- Planning and designing their awareness raising campaign
- Creating a Young Carers Ambassador role description including tasks to be undertaken and the skills and qualities an Ambassador should have
- Working with a local film maker
- Meeting with local authority Commissioners
- Reviewing the Young Carers Card
- Developing a Young Carers Champion role description
- Influencing Young Carers Transitions Assessments
- Planning the launch of their campaign and who should be invited
- Meeting with other young carers to ensure their voices are also heard.
- 2 x residential activities which included team building activities.

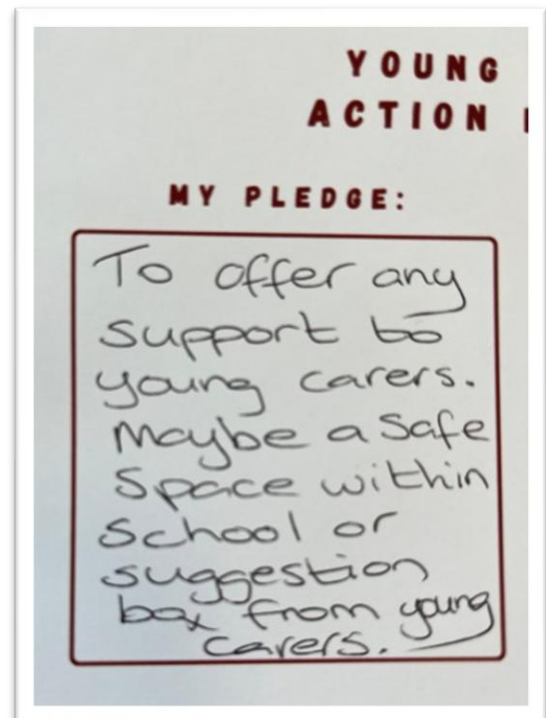
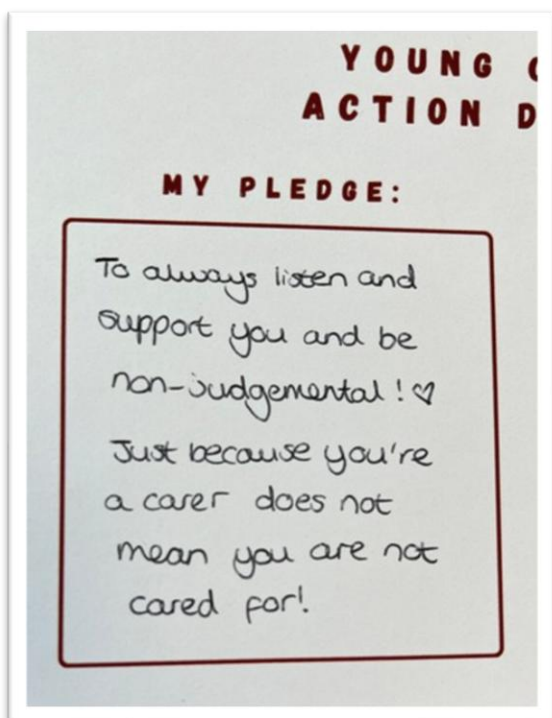


Young Carers in the Lead launched their awareness raising campaign on Young Carers Action Day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at ARC, Stockton. Attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Stockton-on-Tees, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, professionals from Children's Services, Adult Services, schools, colleges and external



agencies, young carers spoke openly and honestly about their personal experiences of being a young carer, the things they do and how it impacts their lives. There weren't many dry eyes in the house towards the end and everyone in attendance was asked to make a pledge to supporting young carers moving forward.

# YOUNG CARERS PLEDGE





As part of the funding, we had to report on the positive changes experienced by the young people taking part in the project in the context of the quality principles of youth social action. Our positive changes included:

### **Reflective:**

We have witnessed young carers reflect on their lives, the lives of their peers and the lives of young carers who are hidden and unknown and they truly want to make a difference by telling people about their lives openly. Young carers have shared:

'I get my sister ready for school'

'I change her commode'

'I bath my mam'

'I bring my mum her meals'

'I make meals and do the washing'

'It keeps me up (at night)'.

### **Challenging:**

Young carers have challenged their own comfort zones on many occasions throughout the project. Whether it was doing a zip line through the trees or learning to understand things from a different perspective, their journey has been thoroughly amazing to watch.

### **Youth Led**

Their decision making, ideas, working together, listening and resilience that young carers have shown throughout this project is highly commendable. The greatest testament to young carers is their confidence to stand up in a room full of people to launch their campaign on 13.03.24 with messages such as:

'Wouldn't you rather help now than watch a young person carry a casket'

'Don't call me a child then rely on my help. I'm the adult in this situation'

'What do you mean there is nothing wrong? Are you telling me I don't know my own parent'

'Why aren't you listening to me? I am here witnessing it for hours. You have seen 10 minutes'

### **Socially Impactful**

Young carers had so much to say to other young carers in helping them to come forward and access support which is why they thought it was important to have a video made with their messages for others. Examples include:

'Don't be scared, it's ok'.

'Make good friends'

'It's a safe space'



'You might feel nervous but it doesn't last long'.

'We do fun activities'.

## Progressive

While we consider young carers to have the confidence to join external groups and utilise the skills learned, it is not always that easy for young carers to do so. Several young carers have moved on positively from the service with increased confidence, skills and friendships which demonstrates the impact of being involved in such a project.

## Embedded

The campaign is going to be embedded into our training materials for professionals.

We also witnessed many unexpected changes for young carers which includes:

- Effective listening - giving each other time to talk
- A huge sense of not being alone
- Learning about each other and obtaining a greater understanding of their situations
- Self-recognition of what they are actually doing
- Confidence to ask for help
- Not just accept things as they are - the ability to positively stand up for themselves.

Throughout this project, we have maintained our links with the national Building Connections participation group delivered by The Children's Society's (TCS) Include Project. Three young carers completed their booklet centred upon supporting young carers' mental health. The girls wrote *"Making this booklet was very important to us all because we believe it is essential to know that you are not alone in your struggles as a young carer. We hope everyone who picks up this booklet finishes it knowing a lot more about the things that young carers have to deal with on a daily basis"*. Two of the girls went on to write a Newsletter for TCS.



From the start of the project to the end, we learned that young carers are passionate about making a difference for their lives, the lives of other young carers and those who are yet to be identified. They were a truly inspirational group and this was an amazing project to deliver.

## Young Carers Support Service

A young carer is a person under 18 who regularly provides or intends to provide care for another person. This may be in the form of emotional and/or practical support and assistance for family members who are disabled, physically or mentally unwell, or who misuse substances. Young carers often take on the role of an adult within the home and they carry out tasks such as personal care, cooking, cleaning, doing the laundry and helping to care for siblings.

This year, the organisation has supported over 300 young carers plus their family members. The service offers a flexible approach to holistic whole family working principles and while building trusting professional relationships, we are able to support households with guidance, signposting, referrals to external agencies and a non-judgemental listening ear. Our aim is to identify unmet needs and alleviate caring roles of children and young people.

### Access and Family Support

Access to the service is via referral or early help involvement form and we encourage them from a broad range of establishments, teams and services e.g. local authority, schools, health professionals, voluntary/community sector and self-referrals from families. Each family is assigned a dedicated Young Carers Key Worker, our process is as follows:



Where a young carer is identified via this process, Key Workers will work with each family to create a bespoke plan of support to alleviate caring roles and responsibilities; this often includes referrals and signposts to many external agencies in the Borough, examples include:

- Adult Mental Health Team
- Adult/Children's Social Care
- Change Grow Live
- Community Grocers
- Employment and Training Hub
- Foodbanks
- GP Support
- Occupational Therapy
- Stockton Parent Carer Forum.
- Welfare Rights

Where needed and possible, Key Workers have accompanied parents/guardians to appointments where they require additional help and support to get through the door. Key Workers have also played a vital role in supporting family members who are at crisis point and don't know where to turn to by offering a listening ear. Many parents/guardians also experience isolation/loneliness and their Key Workers have encouraged them to access local activities and groups which are inclusive of their needs.

### **Young Carers Support**

Our programme of support for young carers is varied. During term time we provide age-appropriate fortnightly respite drop-in sessions for 4 age groups:

- Group 1 primary school age 5 – 7/8
- Group 2 primary school age 8 – 11
- Group 3 secondary school age 11-14
- Group 4 secondary school/college age 14+

These drop-in sessions provide opportunities for young carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities, meet others in similar situations and make friends. They are fun and informal and activity planning is always children/young people led.

During December to March while we were waiting to move into our new base, we were able to provide a term-time programme of additional activities aimed at increasing participation, reducing financial stress and improving young carers' lives at a time of year which can be difficult for many young carers and their families.

The 4-month programme consisted of new experiences for many young carers and included 10-pin bowling, trampolining, soft play area and meals out to local restaurants which for some young carers was a great treat.

We always encourage young carers to attend the drop-in/group sessions however, we understand that not all young carers need this level of support and meeting in groups isn't for everyone. This year we have continued to organise buddying sessions with other young carers on a two-to-one basis for those who feel anxious about the drop-in sessions and one-to-one support for those experiencing specific issues, examples include:

- Bullying
- Encouragement to access therapeutic services
- Exam pressures
- Gender transition
- Not attending schools
- Not coping at home
- Safe relationships/internet safety
- Social anxiety.

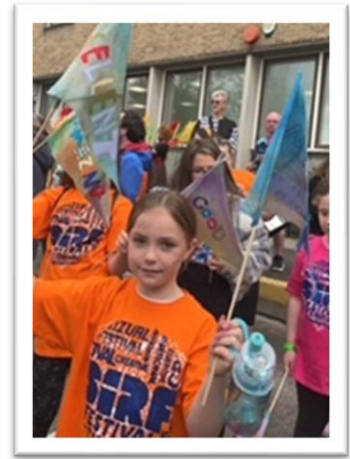
Thanks to funding from the Holidays are Fun and Holiday Enrichment programmes, we have been able to provide young carers with additional opportunities similar to their peers during the school holidays. During Easter, 2 groups went kayaking, paddle boarding and team building at Tees Barrage, young carers also enjoyed Jump 360, Play Factory and centre-based games and craft sessions. Also, thanks to additional funding from the Cohen Fund, we were able to take 2 groups to Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre for a 2-night residential where young carers took part in many amazing activities such as crate stacking, caving, orienteering, zip wire, archery and beck scrambling. We witnessed some outstanding teamwork and peer support.



May half-term saw young carers groups working alongside Sprouts Community Food Charity and Cultivate Tees Valley at their community garden at Arlington Park. The days included plant pot painting, seed sowing, decorating and eating fresh fruit, dancing and games with Funky Feet alongside football, Air Trail and Preston Park.



Summer was an action-packed school holiday programme full of fun! Young carers and staff took part in the Stockton International Riverside Festival Community Carnival. We worked with Creative Village to design and make our own banner and flags which detailed meaningful words on what Eastern Ravens meant to young carers as we paraded down the High Street. While we were at the centre in Fairfield we had a visit from the police and community support officer's from the area. Young carers were able to try on their uniforms and sit in the back of the police van; one staff member found herself handcuffed which young carers found very funny and they laughed out rather loudly. Groups also enjoyed visits to Hamsterley Forest where the younger age groups took part in the Zog trail and fun in the play park; the older groups were challenged with orienteering. Fun filled days to Adventure Valley and a trip to the weird and wonderful Forbidden Corner were also experienced this summer alongside 3 family activities to Whitby, South Shields and Sunderland Glass Centre.



During October half-term, a fun-filled night was had by all at our Family Halloween party which included a buffet, disco and party games for young carers, their siblings and parents/guardians. Families were very appreciative of the opportunity to do something together which included family members with special educational needs/disabilities and those in wheelchairs.



This year we were also able to provide activities at Christmas and before we broke up all young carers and their families were invited to a pantomime at Yarm Auditorium with a selection box for everyone too. Our Christmas activities for groups included party games, and Christmas art & crafts to take home.



Our last holiday programme of this year was February half-term and once again we worked alongside our colleagues from Sprouts Community Food Charity where young carers took part in cooking workshops. Young carers made healthy parmo's, vegetable pasta and ice-cream to finish. After they had finished cooking, they all sat together and enjoyed their meal.

One highlight of the year was the National Young Carers Festival (YCF), the theme this year was 'It's our Time'. We were able to take 22 young carers (plus 4 staff) on the long journey to Southampton for this annual weekend of respite and fun. The opening ceremony consisted of a samba band, video welcome from Joe Wicks (wellness and fitness coach) and 2 young carers from



Eastern Ravens took to the stage with other young carers from around the country to welcome almost 1000 young carers to the festival. Young carers took part in a range of activities over the weekend which included kayaking, abseiling, high ropes, tile painting, hair braiding, fairground rides and much much more!! A huge part of YCF is the Voice



Zone where young carers have the opportunity to have their voices heard and take part in competitions and 1 of our group won an I-Pad. Working alongside the Participation Worker from The Children's Society, 3 young carers facilitated one of the voice zone stands to gain information from other young carers and 2 young carers were interviewed by YCFM, the on-site radio station. As always, young carers and staff had an amazing time and made lots of new happy memories.

## Improving Identification/Capacity Building

An important part of our work for young carers and their families is to raise awareness of young carers, identifying them earlier and the issues they face with different organisations and services across the Borough. Opportunities this year have included:

- Alliance Team Meeting
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing for Children Marketplace Event
- Getting More Help Team (CAMHS) at Hardwick Hall
- Hartlepool and Stockton Health Social Prescribers
- Mental Health Forum
- Mind – Children & Young People's Social Prescribers
- Newly qualified social workers
- North Tees Hospital Discharge Team
- School Support Advisors
- Tees, Esk & Wear Valley Trust Mental Health teams
- Youth Providers Forum

We have also continued to work closely with educational settings to receive referrals, undertake assessments, broker involvement of school support services and offered:

- Access to external training opportunities
- Assemblies
- Attendance at parents' evenings/events
- Awareness raising sessions
- Individual case by case advice
- Information for noticeboards
- Staff and Governor training
- Support to achieve the Young Carers in Schools Award
- Workshops.

The team have continued to attend relevant community events hosted by external agencies with an information stand to help identify young carers and during Carers Week in June, we once again joined Stockton Adult Carers Support Service who hosted several groups and workshops across the Borough. We also attended their Carers Conference and it was great to get us all together across young and adult carers services.





## **Training**

Our team of Key Workers have continued to refresh/increase their knowledge and skills in key areas linked to their specific roles and the families that they come into contact with. Professional development opportunities this year have included:

- Criminal exploitation and county lines
- Domestic abuse level 1
- Effective communication with children and families
- Mental health awareness
- Neglect
- SAFE Talk – suicide prevention
- Sexual abuse and recognising grooming
- Trauma informed practice
- Young carers in schools webinar.

## **Donations**

We never cease to be amazed by the generosity of organisations and individuals who donate to Eastern Ravens to be able to support our families. Christmas time is always such a pleasure to be able to pass on gifts, donations, food and so much more and this year was no exception. We received presents, mountain bikes, food hampers, food vouchers and selection boxes and on top of that we were given a small grant to 'Shed a Little Light' at Christmas which was used to provide families with additional items that they needed which included Christmas trees, decorations, electric blankets, food vouchers, Christmas games, crafts and activities. Our thanks go to:

- Councillor Lisa Evans
- Holidays are Fun (Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council)
- Iron Guidance
- Mike McGrother
- Salvation Army
- Sprouts Community Food Charity



## Youth Provision

The key purpose of youth work is to *'Enable young people to develop holistically, working with them to facilitate their personal, social and educational development, to enable them to develop their voice, influence and place in society and to reach their potential'* (Youth Work National Occupational Standards). Throughout this year, we have continued to develop new positive, trusting relationships with children and young people and engage them with positive activities in their own communities.

Our youth provision has continued in the disadvantaged areas of Primrose Hill and Roseworth in Stockton-on-Tees. The provision takes place on separate evenings (Tuesday in Roseworth and Wednesday at Primrose Hill) during term time and provides us with opportunities to actively signpost and encourage children and young people to sign up to the school holiday programmes. A key change this year was moving the Roseworth Youth Club from Elim Hope Centre to Kiora Hall School in September 2023. We changed the age range and made it targeted to only secondary school children aged 11+ and renamed the session Youth Zone. Attendance initially was low with 12 young people attending. However, this soon changed and by February 2024 we had over 40 young people coming along whether that was to take part in activities in the sports hall or chill out and chat with staff in the Big Local community room.



Within this year Primrose Hill youth club (for children aged 8+) has seen regular weekly attendance ranging from 15 to 28 each session. The centre has a traditional pool table and table tennis table which children and young people still enjoy, arts & crafts, board games, alongside electronic games where they can compete against each other. The centre also has a great space to engage children and young people in physical activities indoors and outdoors, they particularly enjoy dodgeball and chaos tag.

Issue based and targeted work this year has included bonfire awareness and odd sock decorating as part of Anti-bullying week with the theme of 'Make a Noise'. Odd socks were decorated to celebrate what makes all children and young people unique.

## **Acknowledgements & Thanks**

The work of **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST** would not be possible without the relentless assistance of a dedicated and passionate team. Thanks go to:

### **Board of Directors**

Jim Beall – Chair

Kenny McGarvey – Vice Chair

Vicky Brown

Lesley Cooke

Evaline Cunningham

Pam Norman

### **Trust Manager**

Tracey Hamilton

### **Admin & Team Support**

Ann-Marie Wilson

### **Young Carers Key Workers**

Simon Honeywell

Sue McGee

Star Wilson

### **Youth Work/Holiday Activities Team**

Jan Brown

Barbara Hampson

Emma Hayes

Sophie Hunt

Abbie Jinks

Julie McArthur

Danielle Rollinson

Shirley Stenburge

Rachel Swales

Gordon Wills

Thanks also go to our **funders, partners** and **stakeholders**.

**If you would like to know more about Eastern Ravens Trust  
and our work, please give us a call:**

**01642 678454.**

**or**

**send us an email:**

**[info@easternravenstrust.org](mailto:info@easternravenstrust.org)**

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
(A company limited by guarantee not having a share capital)

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**COMPANY NUMBER : 02206156**

**REGISTERED CHARITY : 519907**

## **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**

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## **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity name: Eastern Ravens Trust

Charity registration number: 519907

Company registration number: 02206156

Registered office and  
operational address: Community Zone  
North Shore Academy  
Talbot Street  
Stockton on Tees  
TS20 2AY

#### **Board of Directors:**

Jim Beall	Chair
Kenny McGarvey	Vice-chair
Lesley Cooke	
Evaline Cunningham	
Pamela Norman	
Veronica Brown	

#### **Company Secretary**

Tracey Hamilton

#### **Trust Manager**

Tracey Hamilton

#### **Independent Examiner**

Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Gresham and Gale Accountants  
14 Fountain Street, Guisborough, TS14 6PP

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)**

**BANKERS**

Nat West Bank plc, Stockton on Tees Branch, 123 High Street, Stockton TS18 1NW

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

Governing Document

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 1987 as amended by special resolutions dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 1997 and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1998.

Recruitment and appointment of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (who are trustees of the charity) composes of not less than 5 but not more than 12, as the members of the Trust think fit. The Board of Directors are elected by the members of the Trust at each Annual General Meeting and hold office for a period of 3 years from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. At each Annual General Meeting one third of the Board of Directors retires but they can offer themselves for re-election. Those retiring are those longest in office since their last retirement. The Board of Directors has to meet at least 6 times a year. Trustees are recruited from the membership of the charity.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under company and charity law. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the most recent audited accounts, as well up to date management information. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate their role.

Risk management

The trustees monitor progress against budget and objectives and review their strategic objectives at their regular meetings. They also review the risks faced by the charity and implement strategies to mitigate those risks. This included the computerisation of the accounting records to ensure that management reports can be produced on a timely basis.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for administering the charity and for its strategic direction. A manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

Related parties

The charity does not have any related parties other than trustees and their immediate families.

## **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

#### **Objectives, activities, achievement and performance including public benefit statement**

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

This is my seventeenth annual report as Chair and I am pleased to report that the Trust goes from strength to strength following the pandemic. Some significant achievements and successes include:

- Following a tender process commencing April, success in becoming the Strategic Partner and delivery arm to the local authority for Young Carers Support commencing October 2023 with the first Strategic Partnership meeting being held in November 2023.
- A second year of confirmed funding from the Ballinger Charitable Trust towards core costs.
- Re-contracted to provide school holiday activity programmes in Roseworth and Primrose Hill through the Holiday Activities Fund/Holiday Enrichment Programmes.
- Maintaining the after-school club and open access youth provision within the Roseworth Ward through Roseworth Big Local funding.
- Continuing to be commissioned by EPIC Teesside CIO to provide their open access youth club in the Primrose Hill Community Centre.
- Gaining two new streams of funding from County Durham Community Foundation to provide heavily reduced low cost holidays to young carers and their families at our caravan at Cresswell Towers, Northumberland and a programme of off-site activities for young carers during term time.
- As an integral member of Youth United Stockton Alliance, partnering with the Young People's Foundation Trust to launch the 5-year strategy for youth provision in the Borough.
- Alongside North East Autism Society, being chosen as the Mayor's charities for the year - paving the way for greater opportunities for collaborative work.

During this year, we made a temporary move of base whilst waiting for new premises being ready in Stockton town centre which will bring our service base to the heart of the Borough alongside Council services for young people.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the continuing hard work and commitment of many people but not least our volunteer Directors and paid staff. On behalf of the vulnerable children, young people and families who benefitted from all this, I again offer an unreserved 'Thank You'.

**Jim Beall**

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

Investment powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to expend all funds on their charitable objects but recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future funding difficulties. Free reserves (i.e. those reserves not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) of £70,000 would allow the charity to continue its operations for around 4 months, while alternative funding sources were sought.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, free reserves amounted to £42,976.

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Eastern Ravens Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

By order of the trustees:

J Beall  
Trustee





## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastern Ravens Trust**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

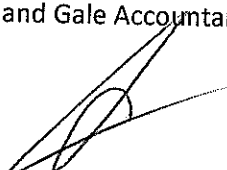
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Gresham and Gale Accountants



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# EASTERN RAVENS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donations & legacies	2	3,283	-	3,283	3,776
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Youth activities	2	27,795	235,452	263,247	216,356
Investment income		400	-	400	97
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>31,478</u>	<u>235,452</u>	<u>266,930</u>	<u>220,229</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Cost of youth activities work	3	28,018	240,055	268,073	221,742
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	3	<u>28,018</u>	<u>240,055</u>	<u>268,073</u>	<u>221,742</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		3,460	(4,603)	(1,143)	(1,513)
Transfers between funds	7	3	(3)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>3,463</u>	<u>(4,606)</u>	<u>(1,143)</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>74,722</u>	<u>30,185</u>	<u>104,907</u>	<u>106,420</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>78,185</u>	<u>25,579</u>	<u>103,764</u>	<u>104,907</u>

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	NOTE	2024	2023
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	7	4,554	6,072
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	3,474	700
Cash at bank and in hand		118,209	120,208
		<u>121,683</u>	<u>120,908</u>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	9	(22,883)	(22,073)
		<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		98,800	98,835
		<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		103,354	104,907
		<u></u>	<u></u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted	10	25,579	30,185
Designated	10	35,208	31,907
Unrestricted	10	42,976	42,815
		<u></u>	<u></u>
		103,763	104,907
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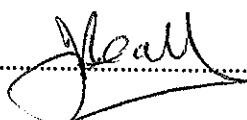
For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

J Beall..........Trustee

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity adopted SORP (FRS 102) in the current year but this has not affected the financial position or performance.

**(b) Funds**

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(c) Income recognition**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding cash in a deposit account and is recognised when it is earned.

**(d) Expenditure recognition**

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



**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 3.

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

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% straight line
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**(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

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

**(h) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST  
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(i) Employee benefits**

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

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

**(j) Tax**

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

**(k) Going concern**

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

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Donations &amp; legacies</i>				
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Core	-	-	-	-
Sundry donations	3,283	-	3,283	3,776
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>3,776</u>
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>3,776</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>				
SBC carers' grant	-	105,062	105,062	105,123
Young People's Foundation Trust (YPFT)	-	3,200	3,200	1,200
Roseworth Holiday Programme	-	7,741	7,741	7,060
CDCF Young Carers in the Lead	-	-	-	10,000
YUS Income	-	8,911	8,911	5,140
Fundraising	4,494	-	4,494	4,684
Street Games	-	400	400	1,600
Primrose Hill Youth Club	-	4,355	4,355	4,419
Roseworth After School Club	-	15,328	15,328	3,659
Caravan Income	-	9,880	9,880	5,910
Ballinger Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	16,000
Primrose Hill HAF	-	14,638	14,638	18,076
Roseworth HAF	-	25,750	25,750	16,883
Young Carers HAF	-	20,966	20,966	9,315
OPCC Bright Sparks Newtown	-	-	-	840
OPCC Young Carers in the Lead	-	-	-	6,447
Roger Bradshaw Memorial Fund	167	-	167	-
Linda McGarvey Memorial Fund	1,710	-	1,710	-
Andy Hamilton Memorial Fund	1,424	-	1,424	-
CDCF Ward Hadaway Activity Grant	-	2,730	2,730	-
Shedding a Little Light at Christmas	-	1,500	1,500	-
Roseworth Family Link Worker	-	14,158	14,158	-
LYP Capacity Building Project	-	833	833	-
	<u>27,795</u>	<u>235,452</u>	<u>263,247</u>	<u>216,356</u>

Of total income of £263,247 in 2024 (2023: £200,229), £235,452 (2023: £194,472) was credited to restricted funds and £27,795 (2023: £25,756) was credited to unrestricted funds.

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**3. EXPENDITURE**

<b>Costs directly allocated to activities</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>	<b>Charitable Costs</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	Direct	90,771	-	90,771	88,200
Professional fees	Direct	1,784	-	1,784	1,476
Activities	Direct	118,429	-	118,429	80,758
Transport costs	Direct	-	-	-	100
Subscription	Direct	1,030	-	1,030	744
Sessional staff	Direct	-	-	-	-
Insurance	Direct	1,195	-	1,195	1,228
Staff travel	Direct	1,876	-	1,876	1,505
Training	Direct	346	-	346	-
Advertising	Direct	78	-	78	265
Independent Exam	Direct	-	1,740	1,740	1,746
Miscellaneous	Direct	654	-	654	283
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Staff costs	Staff time	35,572	1,872	37,444	33,446
Depreciation	Usage	1,366	152	1,518	2,024
Premises costs	Usage	2,453	273	2,726	5,440
Professional	Usage	2,907	2,906	5,813	2,268
Office costs	Usage	2,403	267	2,670	2,259
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,864</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>268,074</b>	<b>221,742</b>

Of the £268,074 of expenditure in 2024 (2023: £221,742) £240,055 was charged to restricted funds (2023: £192,495) and £28,018 was charged to unrestricted funds (2023: £29,247).



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**4. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustees' emoluments and expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT)	1,740	1,746
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,518	2,024
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**5. STAFF COSTS & NUMBERS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	160,731	144,403
Social Security Costs	6,825	5,726
Pension costs	3,756	3,310
Recruitment costs	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>158,439</u>	<u>158,439</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000 (2023: NIL). The average number of employees during the year was 11 (2023: 14) being the manager and support staff. In addition sessional workers are employed.

**6. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS**

These relate to transfers which account for management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds.

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**7. FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	
Additions	20,870
	-
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	20,870
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	
Charge for the year	14,798
	1,518
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	16,316
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	4,554
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	6,072
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There were no commitments to capital expenditure at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 or at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**8. DEBTORS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors and prepayments	3,474	700
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**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
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**9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,003	193
Accruals	1,880	1,880
Deferred Income	20,000	20,000
Pension	-	-
	<u>22,883</u>	<u>22,073</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

£	At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Young Carers	-	105,062	(105,062)	-	-
Tristar Homes Buzzin	4,703	-	(3,959)	-	744
Roseworth After School Club	1,579	15,328	(10,895)	(1)	6,011
Roseworth Youth Club	-	8,911	(5,222)	-	3,689
Primrose Youth Club	-	4,355	(4,355)	-	-
Primrose, Roseworth & YC HEF	-	61,354	(69,095)	7,741	-
Teesside University	2,830	-	(2,830)	-	-
OPCC	3,326	-	(3,326)	-	-
Youth Provision Strategic work	-	3,200	(3,200)	-	-
Roseworth Holiday Programme	-	7,741	-	(7,741)	-
Freemasons of Durham	5,458	-	(5,458)	-	-
Street games	3,260	400	-	-	3,660
CDCF Young Carers	9,029	-	(9,029)	-	-
Caravan	-	9,880	(7,460)	-	2,420
CDCF Ward Hadaway Activity Grant	-	2,730	(2,441)	(1)	288
Shedding a Light at Christmas	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Roseworth Family Link Worker	-	14,158	(6,224)	-	7,934
LYP Capacity Building Project	-	833	-	-	833
<b>Total Restricted</b>	30,185	235,452	(240,056)	(2)	25,579
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	42,815	28,177	(28,018)	2	42,976
Designated					
Kathy Lindsey Memorial Fund	3,181	-	-	-	3,181
Lucy Evers Memorial Fund	8,726	-	-	-	8,726
Redundancy Standby Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Terry Wood Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Roger Bradshaw Memorial Fund	-	167	-	-	167
Linda McGarvey Memorial Fund	-	1,710	-	-	1,710
Andy Hamilton Memorial Fund	-	1,424	-	-	1,424
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	74,722	31,478	(28,018)	2	78,184
<b>Total Funds</b>	104,907	266,930	(268,074)	-	103,763

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS continued**

**PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>Young Carers</b>	Bespoke & tailored support to young carers and their families within the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.
<b>Tristar Homes Buzzin'</b>	This funding is to deliver a project that gives young people in need, accredited outcomes and life skills.
<b>Roseworth Big Local</b>	These grants from Big Local are to provide for positive activities for young people in the Roseworth Ward of Stockton.
<b>Youth United Stockton</b>	Delivery of 30 open access youth session per year for children from age 10.
<b>Primrose Hill Youth Club</b>	Delivery of a term time open access youth session for children from age 8 in the community.
<b>Teesside University</b>	Delivery of a term time girls only group (Tees Valley Sport) in the Roseworth Community.
<b>Butterwick Partnership Pilot</b>	To improve support for children & young people affected by a family member's cancer/life limiting illness, increase capacity of the children's support group and further identify hidden young carers.
<b>Roseworth Holiday Programmes</b>	Free school holiday activities and food provision for children and young people at a time which can be particularly hard for some families.
<b>Freemasons of Durham</b>	Regenerating Young Carers – increased access to respite breaks in communities.
<b>Caravan Holiday Home</b>	To provide young carers with a respite break and holidays with their family.

**PURPOSES OF DESIGNATED FUNDS**

**Kathy Lindsey Memorial Fund**, may be used at the discretion of the trustees to make grants to families in need.

**Lucy Evers Memorial Fund** is to be used to provide one-off grants to support children and young people in achieving their aspirations where little or no assistance is available elsewhere.

**Redundancy Standby Fund** is a contingency against any future redundancy costs.

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**11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	78,184	25,579	103,763
	<u>78,184</u>	<u>25,579</u>	<u>103,763</u>
	<u><u>78,184</u></u>	<u><u>25,579</u></u>	<u><u>103,763</u></u>

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
(A company limited by guarantee not having a share capital)

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**COMPANY NUMBER : 02206156**

**REGISTERED CHARITY : 519907**



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## **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity name: Eastern Ravens Trust

Charity registration number: 519907

Company registration number: 02206156

Registered office and  
operational address: Community Zone  
North Shore Academy  
Talbot Street  
Stockton on Tees  
TS20 2AY

#### **Board of Directors:**

Jim Beall	Chair
Kenny McGarvey	Vice-chair
Lesley Cooke	
Evaline Cunningham	
Pamela Norman	
Veronica Brown	

#### **Company Secretary**

Tracey Hamilton

#### **Trust Manager**

Tracey Hamilton

#### **Independent Examiner**

Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Gresham and Gale Accountants  
14 Fountain Street, Guisborough, TS14 6PP

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)**

**BANKERS**

Nat West Bank plc, Stockton on Tees Branch, 123 High Street, Stockton TS18 1NW

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT**

Governing Document

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 1987 as amended by special resolutions dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 1997 and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1998.

Recruitment and appointment of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (who are trustees of the charity) composes of not less than 5 but not more than 12, as the members of the Trust think fit. The Board of Directors are elected by the members of the Trust at each Annual General Meeting and hold office for a period of 3 years from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. At each Annual General Meeting one third of the Board of Directors retires but they can offer themselves for re-election. Those retiring are those longest in office since their last retirement. The Board of Directors has to meet at least 6 times a year. Trustees are recruited from the membership of the charity.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under company and charity law. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the most recent audited accounts, as well up to date management information. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate their role.

Risk management

The trustees monitor progress against budget and objectives and review their strategic objectives at their regular meetings. They also review the risks faced by the charity and implement strategies to mitigate those risks. This included the computerisation of the accounting records to ensure that management reports can be produced on a timely basis.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for administering the charity and for its strategic direction. A manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

Related parties

The charity does not have any related parties other than trustees and their immediate families.

## **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

#### **Objectives, activities, achievement and performance including public benefit statement**

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

#### **Chairperson's Report**

This is my seventeenth annual report as Chair and I am pleased to report that the Trust goes from strength to strength following the pandemic. Some significant achievements and successes include:

- Following a tender process commencing April, success in becoming the Strategic Partner and delivery arm to the local authority for Young Carers Support commencing October 2023 with the first Strategic Partnership meeting being held in November 2023.
- A second year of confirmed funding from the Ballinger Charitable Trust towards core costs.
- Re-contracted to provide school holiday activity programmes in Roseworth and Primrose Hill through the Holiday Activities Fund/Holiday Enrichment Programmes.
- Maintaining the after-school club and open access youth provision within the Roseworth Ward through Roseworth Big Local funding.
- Continuing to be commissioned by EPIC Teesside CIO to provide their open access youth club in the Primrose Hill Community Centre.
- Gaining two new streams of funding from County Durham Community Foundation to provide heavily reduced low cost holidays to young carers and their families at our caravan at Cresswell Towers, Northumberland and a programme of off-site activities for young carers during term time.
- As an integral member of Youth United Stockton Alliance, partnering with the Young People's Foundation Trust to launch the 5-year strategy for youth provision in the Borough.
- Alongside North East Autism Society, being chosen as the Mayor's charities for the year - paving the way for greater opportunities for collaborative work.

During this year, we made a temporary move of base whilst waiting for new premises being ready in Stockton town centre which will bring our service base to the heart of the Borough alongside Council services for young people.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the continuing hard work and commitment of many people but not least our volunteer Directors and paid staff. On behalf of the vulnerable children, young people and families who benefitted from all this, I again offer an unreserved 'Thank You'.

**Jim Beall**

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

Investment powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to expend all funds on their charitable objects but recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future funding difficulties. Free reserves (i.e. those reserves not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) of £70,000 would allow the charity to continue its operations for around 4 months, while alternative funding sources were sought.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, free reserves amounted to £42,976.

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**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)**  
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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Eastern Ravens Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

By order of the trustees:

J Beall  
Trustee





## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastern Ravens Trust**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

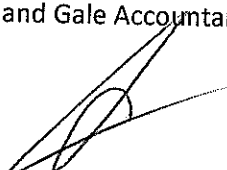
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr J Gresham FCCA  
Gresham and Gale Accountants



14 Fountain Street  
Guisborough  
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# EASTERN RAVENS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME</b>					
Donations & legacies	2	3,283	-	3,283	3,776
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Youth activities	2	27,795	235,452	263,247	216,356
Investment income		400	-	400	97
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>31,478</u>	<u>235,452</u>	<u>266,930</u>	<u>220,229</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Cost of youth activities work	3	28,018	240,055	268,073	221,742
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	3	<u>28,018</u>	<u>240,055</u>	<u>268,073</u>	<u>221,742</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		3,460	(4,603)	(1,143)	(1,513)
Transfers between funds	7	3	(3)	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>3,463</u>	<u>(4,606)</u>	<u>(1,143)</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>
Total funds brought forward		<u>74,722</u>	<u>30,185</u>	<u>104,907</u>	<u>106,420</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>78,185</u>	<u>25,579</u>	<u>103,764</u>	<u>104,907</u>

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	NOTE	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	7		4,554		6,072
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	3,474		700	
Cash at bank and in hand		118,209		120,208	
		<u>121,683</u>		<u>120,908</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	9	(22,883)		(22,073)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			98,800		98,835
			<u></u>		<u></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			103,354		104,907
			<u></u>		<u></u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted	10		25,579		30,185
Designated	10		35,208		31,907
Unrestricted	10		42,976		42,815
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			103,763		104,907
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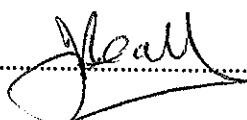
For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and signed on their behalf by

J Beall..........Trustee

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) General information and basis of preparation**

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity adopted SORP (FRS 102) in the current year but this has not affected the financial position or performance.

**(b) Funds**

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(c) Income recognition**

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

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding cash in a deposit account and is recognised when it is earned.

**(d) Expenditure recognition**

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

**EASTERN RAVENS TRUST**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(e) Support costs allocation**

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 3.

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

**(f) Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% straight line
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**(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

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

**(h) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(i) Employee benefits**

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

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

**(j) Tax**

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

**(k) Going concern**

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



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**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Donations &amp; legacies</i>				
Legacy	-	-	-	-
Core	-	-	-	-
Sundry donations	3,283	-	3,283	3,776
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>3,776</u>
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,283</u>	<u>3,776</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>				
SBC carers' grant	-	105,062	105,062	105,123
Young People's Foundation Trust (YPFT)	-	3,200	3,200	1,200
Roseworth Holiday Programme	-	7,741	7,741	7,060
CDCF Young Carers in the Lead	-	-	-	10,000
YUS Income	-	8,911	8,911	5,140
Fundraising	4,494	-	4,494	4,684
Street Games	-	400	400	1,600
Primrose Hill Youth Club	-	4,355	4,355	4,419
Roseworth After School Club	-	15,328	15,328	3,659
Caravan Income	-	9,880	9,880	5,910
Ballinger Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	16,000
Primrose Hill HAF	-	14,638	14,638	18,076
Roseworth HAF	-	25,750	25,750	16,883
Young Carers HAF	-	20,966	20,966	9,315
OPCC Bright Sparks Newtown	-	-	-	840
OPCC Young Carers in the Lead	-	-	-	6,447
Roger Bradshaw Memorial Fund	167	-	167	-
Linda McGarvey Memorial Fund	1,710	-	1,710	-
Andy Hamilton Memorial Fund	1,424	-	1,424	-
CDCF Ward Hadaway Activity Grant	-	2,730	2,730	-
Shedding a Little Light at Christmas	-	1,500	1,500	-
Roseworth Family Link Worker	-	14,158	14,158	-
LYP Capacity Building Project	-	833	833	-
	<u>27,795</u>	<u>235,452</u>	<u>263,247</u>	<u>216,356</u>

Of total income of £263,247 in 2024 (2023: £200,229), £235,452 (2023: £194,472) was credited to restricted funds and £27,795 (2023: £25,756) was credited to unrestricted funds.

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**3. EXPENDITURE**

<b>Costs directly allocated to activities</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>	<b>Charitable Costs</b>	<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	Direct	90,771	-	90,771	88,200
Professional fees	Direct	1,784	-	1,784	1,476
Activities	Direct	118,429	-	118,429	80,758
Transport costs	Direct	-	-	-	100
Subscription	Direct	1,030	-	1,030	744
Sessional staff	Direct	-	-	-	-
Insurance	Direct	1,195	-	1,195	1,228
Staff travel	Direct	1,876	-	1,876	1,505
Training	Direct	346	-	346	-
Advertising	Direct	78	-	78	265
Independent Exam	Direct	-	1,740	1,740	1,746
Miscellaneous	Direct	654	-	654	283
<b>Support costs allocated to activities</b>					
Staff costs	Staff time	35,572	1,872	37,444	33,446
Depreciation	Usage	1,366	152	1,518	2,024
Premises costs	Usage	2,453	273	2,726	5,440
Professional	Usage	2,907	2,906	5,813	2,268
Office costs	Usage	2,403	267	2,670	2,259
<b>Total</b>		<b>260,864</b>	<b>7,210</b>	<b>268,074</b>	<b>221,742</b>

Of the £268,074 of expenditure in 2024 (2023: £221,742) £240,055 was charged to restricted funds (2023: £192,495) and £28,018 was charged to unrestricted funds (2023: £29,247).

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**4. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustees' emoluments and expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT)	1,740	1,746
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,518	2,024
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**5. STAFF COSTS & NUMBERS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and Salaries	160,731	144,403
Social Security Costs	6,825	5,726
Pension costs	3,756	3,310
Recruitment costs	-	-
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	<u>158,439</u>	<u>158,439</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000 (2023: NIL). The average number of employees during the year was 11 (2023: 14) being the manager and support staff. In addition sessional workers are employed.

**6. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS**

These relate to transfers which account for management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds.

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**7. FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	
Additions	20,870
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	20,870
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	
Charge for the year	14,798
	1,518
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	16,316
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024	4,554
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At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	6,072
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There were no commitments to capital expenditure at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 or at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**8. DEBTORS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors and prepayments	3,474	700
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9. **CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,003	193
Accruals	1,880	1,880
Deferred Income	20,000	20,000
Pension	-	-
	<u>22,883</u>	<u>22,073</u>

10. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

£	At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Young Carers	-	105,062	(105,062)	-	-
Tristar Homes Buzzin	4,703	-	(3,959)	-	744
Roseworth After School Club	1,579	15,328	(10,895)	(1)	6,011
Roseworth Youth Club	-	8,911	(5,222)	-	3,689
Primrose Youth Club	-	4,355	(4,355)	-	-
Primrose, Roseworth & YC HEF	-	61,354	(69,095)	7,741	-
Teesside University	2,830	-	(2,830)	-	-
OPCC	3,326	-	(3,326)	-	-
Youth Provision Strategic work	-	3,200	(3,200)	-	-
Roseworth Holiday Programme	-	7,741	-	(7,741)	-
Freemasons of Durham	5,458	-	(5,458)	-	-
Street games	3,260	400	-	-	3,660
CDCF Young Carers	9,029	-	(9,029)	-	-
Caravan	-	9,880	(7,460)	-	2,420
CDCF Ward Hadaway Activity Grant	-	2,730	(2,441)	(1)	288
Shedding a Light at Christmas	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
Roseworth Family Link Worker	-	14,158	(6,224)	-	7,934
LYP Capacity Building Project	-	833	-	-	833
<b>Total Restricted</b>	30,185	235,452	(240,056)	(2)	25,579
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	42,815	28,177	(28,018)	2	42,976
Designated					
Kathy Lindsey Memorial Fund	3,181	-	-	-	3,181
Lucy Evers Memorial Fund	8,726	-	-	-	8,726
Redundancy Standby Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Terry Wood Memorial Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Roger Bradshaw Memorial Fund	-	167	-	-	167
Linda McGarvey Memorial Fund	-	1,710	-	-	1,710
Andy Hamilton Memorial Fund	-	1,424	-	-	1,424
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	74,722	31,478	(28,018)	2	78,184
<b>Total Funds</b>	104,907	266,930	(268,074)	-	103,763

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS continued**

**PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<b>Young Carers</b>	Bespoke & tailored support to young carers and their families within the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.
<b>Tristar Homes Buzzin'</b>	This funding is to deliver a project that gives young people in need, accredited outcomes and life skills.
<b>Roseworth Big Local</b>	These grants from Big Local are to provide for positive activities for young people in the Roseworth Ward of Stockton.
<b>Youth United Stockton</b>	Delivery of 30 open access youth session per year for children from age 10.
<b>Primrose Hill Youth Club</b>	Delivery of a term time open access youth session for children from age 8 in the community.
<b>Teesside University</b>	Delivery of a term time girls only group (Tees Valley Sport) in the Roseworth Community.
<b>Butterwick Partnership Pilot</b>	To improve support for children & young people affected by a family member's cancer/life limiting illness, increase capacity of the children's support group and further identify hidden young carers.
<b>Roseworth Holiday Programmes</b>	Free school holiday activities and food provision for children and young people at a time which can be particularly hard for some families.
<b>Freemasons of Durham</b>	Regenerating Young Carers – increased access to respite breaks in communities.
<b>Caravan Holiday Home</b>	To provide young carers with a respite break and holidays with their family.

**PURPOSES OF DESIGNATED FUNDS**

**Kathy Lindsey Memorial Fund**, may be used at the discretion of the trustees to make grants to families in need.

**Lucy Evers Memorial Fund** is to be used to provide one-off grants to support children and young people in achieving their aspirations where little or no assistance is available elsewhere.

**Redundancy Standby Fund** is a contingency against any future redundancy costs.

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**11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	78,184	25,579	103,763
	<u>78,184</u>	<u>25,579</u>	<u>103,763</u>
	<u><u>78,184</u></u>	<u><u>25,579</u></u>	<u><u>103,763</u></u>