

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC022641

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
FOR
NEW HORIZONS BORDERS (SCIO)**

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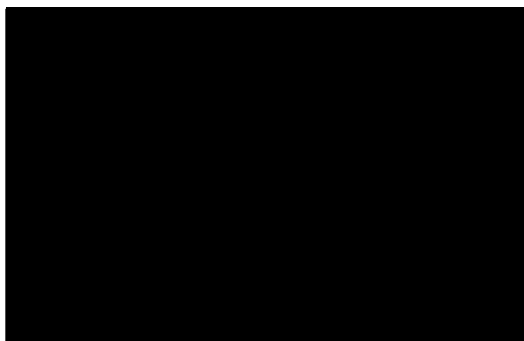
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

TRUSTEES



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**REGISTERED CHARITY
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The object of the Charity is to provide support and opportunities for adults experiencing mental health difficulties in the local community by:

The advancement of education by promoting opportunities to encourage members in the process of self-management and self-development and to positively promote to the general public a better understanding of mental health difficulties and ways of dealing with them.

The advancement of health by promoting, supporting and providing services to people with mental health needs.

The saving of lives by having New Horizons Borders staff trained in suicide prevention.

To promote equality and diversity by promoting a better understanding of mental health issues and ways of dealing with them.

To relieve those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage through promoting the views of service users and their carers in the planning, maintenance and evaluation of present and future provision.

Membership

An arrangement was made to allow the members to transfer to Health In Mind, but to comply with GDPR requirements each member had to make this decision individually.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The following report items relate to the period 01 April - 30 September 2020.

Operational Activities

The Board, staff and volunteers were successful in retaining core operational funding from Scottish Borders Council.

The period was one of considerable challenges & unforeseen transition for New Horizons Borders.

COVID-19 Lockdown Activities

COVID-19 brought major challenges, with many more people in the community reaching out for support, as they struggled with the exceptional situation of the pandemic.

On the morning of 12 March 2020, a very difficult & distressing decision was taken to suspend all peer support groups, in line with the regulations of a national lockdown.

By noon the following day, we had launched a telephone call/text support service, operating Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 15:00. The service continued to operate very successfully for around four months before being withdrawn, on the orders of the SBC Commissioners.

We were awarded special recognition from Volunteer Centre Borders for work during the COVID-19 lockdown, with each of our volunteers being awarded a special certificate. We feel this helped to raise the profile of, and alleviate the stigma associated with, mental health wellbeing.

A new Facebook page called "Awthegither" was launched by Des Eggie (Chairman at that time), providing practical, motivational & inspirational material for readers with mental wellbeing issues, who were facing the additional isolation, stress & anxiety caused by lockdown. By the end of its first three months of operation, the Facebook had gained more than 400 "followers" & received more than 10,000 "hits".

Steven Hogg produced short inspirational videos on the day-to-day challenges of coping with mental wellbeing issues, focusing on connecting with nature & the environment around us. The videos were shared on the "Awthegither" Facebook page. The videos were watched by people as far away as the USA, and received acclaim from all quarters.

Steven was also interviewed by Radio Scotland, sharing personal experience of mental wellbeing challenges & promoting the support services provided by NHB.

We received microgrants from The Bridge and BAVS (with funding from The National Lottery Community Fund), which allowed us to deliver personalised cards and seeds of hope to all members.

A grant from the Community Wellbeing Fund (nominated by the Borders TSI) enabled us to provide "Comfort Bags" of goodies to all members.

Funding was used to commission the Galashiels based company "T42" to deliver an afternoon tea to each of our 150 members, bringing joy & hope from an awareness that they were not alone & that we cared for them.

The anxiety & isolation of the pandemic & its resulting lockdown had a significant negative impact on the mental wellbeing of our members and, it must be said, of our staff & volunteers. Ultimately, the pressures on staff & volunteers of developing & delivering "projects" & services to an ever growing and more vulnerable membership took its toll on both staff and volunteers.

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The resignation of the Manager in June 2020 precipitated the resignation of two members of staff & eight members of the Board of Charity Trustees, over the period July to October 2020.

As a result of this organisational break-up, Scottish Borders Council terminated its contract with immediate effect on 21 July 2020, leaving the organisation with no choice but to close.

Three new Board members were appointed on 02 October 2020 by the outgoing Chair [REDACTED] prior to her resignation on 05 October 2020. They are [REDACTED] (Secretary) and [REDACTED] (Treasurer).

The key objectives of the new Board are to:

- contribute to the ultimate conclusion of the employment tribunal of a former manager;
- undertake all necessary administrative tasks involved in achieving a dignified closure of New Horizons Borders.

By the end of March 31st 2021, all administration tasks were completed including termination of the leased premises at Island Street, according to the terms of that lease, utilities and other services wound up, repayment of grant funding to Hunters Foundation and provision for the "kitty" money from each centre to be held by Health in Mind at a designated, ring fenced cost code.

The remaining task of concluding the Employment Tribunal is pending with the Tribunal set to be held on the 19th April 2021. Legal services have been appointed who are specialist in this field on Employment Law to conduct the Tribunal on behalf of NHB. OSCR are kept abreast of the situation as it unfolds and are providing guidance on the process with respect to winding up the charity.

The Board of Trustees express our thanks to the staff, volunteers and members who continued to deliver a much needed support to the community throughout these extraordinarily difficult times.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Now that all funding resources have ceased an application to wind up the organisation has been made to OSCR.

The results for the year and the financial position at the year end are given in the financial statements on pages 7 to 13.

At the financial year ended, the Board of Trustees confirm that the Charity's had a deficit in funds of £32,223 (2020, £5,237 surplus), these funds include £nil (2020, £nil) for restricted purposes, leaving a deficit in general funds of £32,223 (2020, £5,237 surplus).

The support from Scottish Borders Council towards our core funding requirements, came to an end in July 2020.

This together with an Employment Tribunal held on 19 April 2021 which resulted in a settlement due to a former employee has consequently ended up with an insolvency application to wind-up the organisation.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

New Horizons Borders became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 10 February 2016 and operates under a Constitution.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The Charity was managed by the Board of Charity Trustees with the support of staff. The Board have responsibility for carrying out the policies of New Horizons Borders, and for the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of New Horizons Borders. Through the control of the Board, systems are in place to mitigate exposure to risks related to the operations and finances of the Charity.

COVID-19 IMPACT

Paradoxically, there were positive and negative impacts on NHB of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Positive

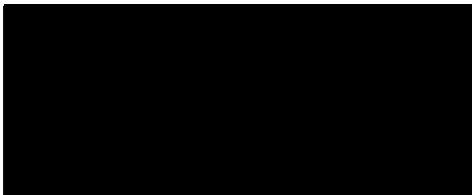
- a) Creative "out of the box" thinking in exploring different ways of supporting members, which resulted in the phone call/text support service, support cards/messages, Comfort Bags & a Facebook page. All of these initiatives resulted in significant positive feedback from many members.
- b) Adaptability of staff & volunteers in ensuring the above initiatives were very successfully delivered.

- c) A number of applications for additional funding, from public & private sources, aimed at helping NHB mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on our members, were successful.

Negative

- a) High levels of stress & anxiety for all staff, volunteers & members.
- b) An increase in the workload required to prepare & deliver the positive initiatives while, at the same time, providing the new services.
- c) A number of key personnel, with underlying health conditions, were significantly restricted in the way in which they could work, resulting in considerable frustration for those people.
- d) In our opinion, the COVID-19 pandemic was one of two catalysts which ultimately led to what can only be described as the implosion of the organisation. The other, was a high level of constant background workload & stress, resulting from the considerable uncertainty of the outcome of the employment tribunal, and its impact on the organisation.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9th July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
NEW HORIZONS BORDERS (SCIO)**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages seven to thirteen.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.


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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have 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.

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Date: 09/07/2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		55,305	-	55,305	101,509
Charitable activities					
Project Costs		5,435	-	5,435	-
Investment income	2	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>83</u>
Total		60,792	-	60,792	101,592
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		-	-	-	302
Charitable activities					
Project Costs		24,324	-	24,324	50,193
Support Costs		22,807	-	22,807	55,259
Other		<u>51,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,121</u>	<u>5,547</u>
Total		98,252	-	98,252	111,301
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(37,460)	-	(37,460)	(9,709)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,237</u>	<u>14,946</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>5,237</u>

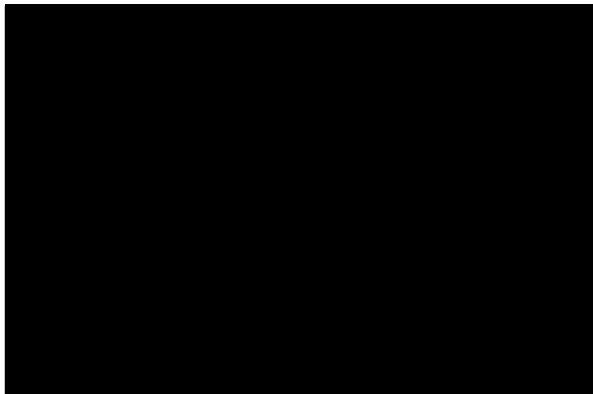
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BALANCE SHEET 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	-	-	-	1,563
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	1,362
Cash at bank		<u>7,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,714</u>	<u>30,324</u>
		7,714	-	7,714	31,686
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(39,937)	-	(39,937)	(28,012)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>3,674</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>5,237</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>5,237</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	9			(32,223)	5,237
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>(32,223)</u>	<u>5,237</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 9th July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest received	<u>52</u>	<u>83</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year there was £20 (2020 £1,062) of expenses reimbursed to Trustees. These amounts relate to reimbursement of personal travel, and arose in the course of the charitable activities. These amounts are included within the respective expenses for charitable activities.

4. STAFF COSTS

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

	2021	2020
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
Employees		

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

5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Due to events in 2019, the charity has been to an Employment Tribunal just after this year end. The outcome of the tribunal was an award due to the employee of £39,937 which has been accrued in the accounts and resulted in an insolvent balance sheet. As a result an application to wind up the charity has been made to OSCR.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Equipment £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st April 2020	782	4,256	4,178	9,216
Disposals	<u>(782)</u>	<u>(4,256)</u>	<u>(4,178)</u>	<u>(9,216)</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April 2020	313	4,145	3,195	7,653
Charge for year	39	56	250	345
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(352)</u>	<u>(4,201)</u>	<u>(3,445)</u>	<u>(7,998)</u>
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>469</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>1,563</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>1,362</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Social security and other taxes	-	2,387
Other creditors	-	327
Accrued expenses	39,937	2,798
Deferred grants	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500</u>
	<u>39,937</u>	<u>28,012</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,237	(37,460)	(32,223)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>5,237</u>	<u>(37,460)</u>	<u>(32,223)</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,792	(98,252)	(37,460)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,792</u>	<u>(98,252)</u>	<u>(37,460)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,946	(9,709)	5,237
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,946</u>	<u>(9,709)</u>	<u>5,237</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	101,592	(111,301)	(9,709)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,592</u>	<u>(111,301)</u>	<u>(9,709)</u>

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and fundraising	305	1,669
Core funding grants	45,000	99,840
Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	55,305	101,509
Investment income		
Interest received	52	83
Charitable activities		
Grants	<u>5,435</u>	<u>-</u>
Total incoming resources	60,792	101,592
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising costs	-	302
Charitable activities		
Wages	18,543	39,166
Other operating leases	525	5,356
Drop in expenses	-	252
Travel expenses	165	5,419
Project costs	<u>5,091</u>	<u>-</u>
	24,324	50,193
Support costs		
Finance		
Wages	7,328	33,865
Rent & insurance	6,707	8,885
Light and heat	863	1,760
Telephone	1,789	2,409
Postage and stationery	1,865	2,584
Sundries	214	66
Bank charges	-	24
Carried forward	18,766	49,593

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Finance		
Brought forward	18,766	49,593
Cleaning	119	222
Repairs & renewals	2,017	2,440
Subscriptions & donations	336	308
Travel expenses	4	1,713
Training	-	240
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	346	743
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,219</u>	<u>-</u>
	22,807	55,259
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	6,924	1,830
Legal & professional fees	4,260	3,717
Exceptional items	<u>39,937</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>51,121</u>	<u>5,547</u>
Total resources expended	<u>98,252</u>	<u>111,301</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(37,460)</u>	<u>(9,709)</u>

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