



TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TO
31ST MARCH 2022

EAST AYRSHIRE CHURCHES HOMELESSNESS ACTION

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East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action – Scottish Charity no: SC036849

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31st March 2022

Current Trustees

[REDACTED] (Chair)
[REDACTED] (Treasurer, until October 2021)
[REDACTED] (Treasurer, from November 2021)
[REDACTED] (Secretary)

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity operates ecumenically throughout East Ayrshire with Trustees drawn from parishes of the Church of Scotland and the Salvation Army. The charity continues to be supported by a subcommittee, Friends of EACHa, whose members are drawn from parishes of the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church, the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Salvation Army. [REDACTED] resigned as Treasurer at the Annual General meeting in October 2021. [REDACTED] was appointed as Treasurer and Trustee.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the situation of the charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our Constitution, are to relieve the need of hardship or distress by the provision of goods and services for homeless people in East Ayrshire local authority area. To this end the Committee may bring the issue of homelessness to the attention of the public in order to highlight the consequences of homelessness, and the steps being taken to alleviate it.

Activities and achievements

Our activities are:

1. The collection and distribution of hygiene (toiletries) packs to every man woman and child in East Ayrshire who presents as homeless, as well as a toy pack for each child. In addition, we have an appeal for toys and food at Christmas and Easter eggs at Easter.

2. A befriending project, Community Friends, to befriend and support those homeless or at risk of homelessness in a group, one-stop drop-in setting. Community Friends runs thrice weekly, with around 80-90 visits by service users each week. We employ a part-time Co-ordinator to manage the project, as well as three part-time assistants. Community Friends resumed in October 2021 when Covid-19 restrictions allowed.

3. From August 2020, we have run Friendly Fresh Start, a project providing essential household items to people moving from temporary accommodation to a tenancy.

4. Since September 2021, EACHa has managed the East Ayrshire Recovery Hub (EARH), which aims to ease access to recovery services to people throughout East Ayrshire, regardless of their postcode. EARH employs two full time staff members.

5. From February 2022 we have participated in a Peer Mentoring project, where we manage two part-time peer outreach workers whose remit is to assist those in our local community on their recovery journey.

All our activities are carried out in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council Housing Options.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

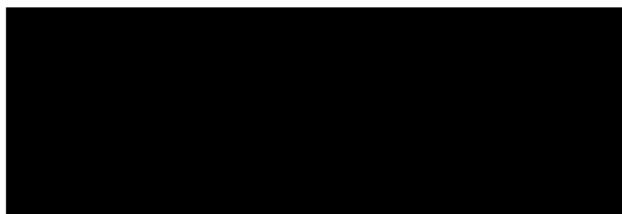
After the surplus for the year of £25,037 (2021 surplus £22,463) the charity held total funds of £117,999 (2021 £92,962). These funds include unrestricted funds for the Community Friends Befriending Project of £95,284 and other restricted funds of £22,715. The Trustees consider these levels of funds are adequate to enable us to continue to run the affairs of the charity and comply with our policy to maintain at least six months' expenditure in reserves.

Future Activity

We have resumed our Community Friends drop-ins on three afternoons each week, and develop them in order to deliver appropriately the services as identified as required by our service users, staff, volunteers and professional partners. We will continue, along with our partners, to implement the recommendations of our EACHa/Community Friends Action Plan, specifically to assist in the development of the East Ayrshire Recovery Hub. We will continue the Friendly Fresh Start project, with the aim of preventing or reducing repeat homelessness.

Any additional activities will require additional expenditure and the Trustees consider we have adequate Reserves to cover these as they arise.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Chair

30th June 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF EAST AYRSHIRE CHURCHES
HOMELESSNESS ACTION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 (the 2005 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) © of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 the course of 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 comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation

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.



Chartered Accountant
Low Borland, Dunlop, KA3 4BU

2nd September 2022

East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action Scottish Charity no : SC036849

Receipts & Payments Account

Year to 31st March 2022

					2022	2021
					£	£
	Unrestricted Funds Community Friends	Restricted Funds Friendly Fresh Start	Restricted Funds Peer Workers	Restricted Funds Recovery Hub	Total	Total
INCOME						
Grants/Donations Note 1A	33,120.00	7,862.00		24,679.00	65,661.00	34,350.00
Grants/Donations Note 1B	8,310.00			-	8,310.00	824.00
Miscellaneous (Indv & Misc Don)				-	-	5,365.00
East Ayrshire Council	24,996.00			-	24,996.00	29,578.00
Bank Interest	65.00			-	65.00	41.00
Total Income	66,491.00	7,862.00	-	24,679.00	99,032.00	70,158.00
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of Charitable Act (note2)	47,049.00	7,569.00	3,354.00	16,023.00	73,995.00	47,695.00
Total Expenditure	47,049.00	7,569.00	3,354.00	16,023.00	73,995.00	47,695.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	19,442.00	293.00	(3,354.00)	8,656.00	25,037.00	22,463.00

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Statement of Balances as at 31st March 2022

			2022	2021
			£	£
ASSETS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
CASH AT BANK				
Balance at 31st March 2021	75,842.00	17,120.00	92,962.00	70,499.00
Surplus/(deficit) for year	19,442.00	5,595.00	25,037.00	22,463.00
Balance at 31st March 2022	95,284.00	22,715.00	117,999.00	92,962.00
Total Assets	95,284.00	22,715.00	117,999.00	92,962.00
Represented by				
Funds held				
Balance at 31st March 2021	75,842.00	17,120.00	92,962.00	70,499.00
Surplus / (deficit) for year	19,442.00	5,595.00	25,037.00	22,463.00
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st March 2022	95,284.00	22,715.00	117,999.00	92,962.00

The unrestricted funds are held to cover the Community Friends expenses.
the restricted funds are to cover the Friendly Fresh Start Project.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees by email and signed on their behalf:

Chair

31st May 2022

Secretary

31st May 2022

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NOTES TO 1 & 2 TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
1A Community Friends Income (Unrestricted)		
Grants / donations - organisations		
ASDA Foundation	1,000.00	900.00
GSK Fund	-	250.00
CASE	-	1,000.00
Noble Reserve	2,000.00	750.00
HALO	-	200.00
Co-op	-	1,600.00
Tesco	-	200.00
Rotary	-	400.00
Corra Foundation	15,830.00	2,000.00
Ossington Charitable Trust	600.00	-
EAC Covid Grant	5,000.00	9,800.00
Peoples Postcode Lottery	8,190.00	-
Blue Triangle	500.00	-
	<u>33,120.00</u>	<u>17,100.00</u>
Other Grants / Donations (Restricted)		
STV Appeal / Tesco for Friendly Fresh Start	2,000.00	6,500.00
Co-op / Bank of Scotland / Misc Friendly Fresh Start	4,165.00	10,250.00
EAC - microwaves & mobiles FFS	1,697.00	-
Recovery Hub	24,679.00	-
Donation for Hygiene	-	500.00
	<u>32,541.00</u>	<u>17,250.00</u>
1B Grants / Donations (Unrestricted)		
Local Churches	770.00	824.00
Miscellaneous & cash donations	7,540.00	-
	<u>8,310.00</u>	<u>824.00</u>
2 Cost of Charitable Activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Community Friends		
Cost of Activities & Projects	-	-
Equipment & Telephone Costs	6,233.00	493.00
Expenses	2,888.00	6,875.00
Rent	4,800.00	-
Salary Costs	32,059.00	31,995.00
	<u>45,980.00</u>	<u>39,363.00</u>
Other Activities		
Hygiene Packs	1,069.00	918.00
Friendly Fresh Start	7,569.00	6,848.00
Administration Costs	-	566.00
Recovery Hub Expenses	16,023.00	-
Peer Worker Expenses	3,354.00	-
	<u>28,015.00</u>	<u>8,332.00</u>
Total	<u><u>73,995.00</u></u>	<u><u>47,695.00</u></u>