

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020
FOR
FAIR FROME**

Berkeley Hall Marshall Limited
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. 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

Our aims and objectives

Fair Frome aims to prevent and relieve financial, educational, social and health poverty for people living in Frome and the surrounding areas. This will be achieved through the provision of direct services and through the support and development of other organisations in such a way that they are able to identify and meet these needs

Our activities and how we work

We support local people through projects that provide help when it is needed. Our projects are funded by the generosity of local Councils, community Groups, residents and businesses who donate to our charity.

We have a small but important staff group, comprising a full-time coordinator on a 50/50 job share, and a part-time furniture bank coordinator. We also pay for support from self-employed contractors on an hourly basis to cover our new Food at Five project and other more minor schemes.

Our volunteers are at the heart of our work. We have supported over 30 volunteers, and provided over 100 volunteer hours every week. Some of our volunteers have gone on to employment with the skills they have gained from their experience with Fair Frome.

Fair Frome acts as an umbrella group bringing together local agencies working with people in poverty to share ideas and plan joint services. We support other groups and events in the town including the 'Big Xmas Get Together'.

We work with the local community to raise a voice against the causes of poverty and deprivation locally and nationally. This year we ran an 'Access for All' campaign and event to raise awareness of the needs of people with disabilities to be able to access businesses and shops in the town.

Public benefit

The charity objectives and aims are performed with regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Our achievements to date

This year marks the sixth year that Fair Frome has been in existence. During these years we have consolidated our existing services such as our food bank, and furniture bank. We have grown to meet new demands. On the surface Frome is a relatively prosperous town. The reality though is that many people continue to struggle to make ends meet and feed themselves or their families. Rising house prices and rents have added to their difficulties as has continuing austerity; the freeze on welfare benefits; Universal Credit; and a local low-pay/high cost economy.

Amidst the affluence in the town Frome has two Wards where 25% of children are living in poverty. Continuing closures or cuts to public services in the town (for example, this year saw the closure of Routes the YMCA support project for young people) have also meant fewer lifelines and more people coming to use our services.

In addition to our existing services, this year we started two new developments: Food at Five, and an Assistance Scheme.

Food at Five

This project provides hot nutritious meals to families on low incomes three times per week during term time.

There is no cost to participants if on benefits or only a small donation if not.

Over 300 people a month have been able to access this new initiative.

These events not only provide much-needed food for local residents, but have also brought together local families, single, homeless, elderly and socially isolated people and others for a communal meal.

Assistance Scheme

This new scheme gives small one-off grants to referred children to enable them to access school or sporting activities as well as essential items like school shoes and uniforms.

It has also been used for emergency accommodation and medical transport costs. We have also provided small one-off cash grants to over 20 children and 10 young parents.

The support we have received within the town has been vital in enabling us with our volunteers and other partner organisations to provide the basic services essential to keep individuals and families afloat.

It has meant that in the last year, Fair Frome has:

- Distributed food parcels to almost 1,000 individuals and families through the food bank.
- We have given away additional food parcels to local schools and agencies at the start of school holidays and Christmas, and provided food to school breakfast clubs
- Collected 27 tonnes of food donated by individuals and local groups
- This year we also subscribed to the FareShare Scheme to use surplus food from supermarkets
- Given over 200 families and individuals recycled furniture, white goods and household items at no cost.
- Our furniture bank's support has ranged from individual items to whole houses. Grants have also helped us with cooker installations and installing curtain rails etc.
- Delivered meals to 750 children and families during school holidays as part of our Holiday Hunger project for families on benefits or low incomes
- In all over 2,750 people have benefitted from our projects over the past year.

The end of the year also saw the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic and the first lockdown in mid-March 2020. At this time, we had little idea of the scale of the future impact on our service users and our services. The immediate impact was the loss of most of our volunteer base, many of whom were older and with personal or familial health issues and huge spike in demand on our foodbank. We also had to close the furniture bank and Food at Five at the start of the lockdown. Both have since reopened as we have recruited new volunteers, many of whom were furloughed and immediately brought in COVID-19 secure working practices which radically altered the ways in which we organised and delivered our services. Trustees, staff and volunteers and the local community rose to the challenge which was only just beginning.

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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Our finances remain sound. Trustees have always worked to maintain a reserve which can sustain our staff group and projects for at least a year. Every new project we have established has been checked against our finances and the sustainability issue. We have continuing support from Frome Town Council through a grant but continue to seek and obtain other funding through multiple sources. These include direct fundraising, minor grants, support from businesses and direct debits and individual donations. Again, this has been a conscious decision by Trustees as a part of our "local strategies, local solutions" strategy which not only spreads financial risk but also connects the local community with issues relating to poverty and the means to help.

The Pandemic will continue to have a profound impact on our work. With our committed staff group, volunteers and Trustees and the support of the strong local community we will face those challenges as we have others and do all in our power to maintain and grow services to meet need.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

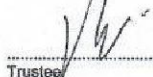
Registered Charity number
1156185

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Trustees
J A Killeah (appointed 5.4.19)
Ms K L Stewart
R J Cannings
M Dorrington
B Ashford
Ms R Ramsden
Ms S L Perrett
Ms K Huckle
Ms S Butler
Ms C Whittard
Ms M Usher (resigned 3.12.19)
Ms B Goddard (appointed 24.11.20)

Independent Examiner
Berkeley Hall Marshall Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/2 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

 B. ASHFORD. (CHAIR.)
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FAIR FROME

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Fair Frome

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fair Frome (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

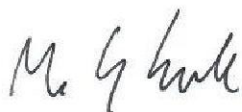
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Matthew Small FCA
ICAEW
Berkeley Hall Marshall Limited
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14 January 2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		87,170	-	87,170	76,788
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		31,253	-	31,253	4,486
Charitable activities					
General activity		46,877	-	46,877	47,724
Other		2,279	-	2,279	2,872
Total		80,409	-	80,409	55,082
NET INCOME		6,761	-	6,761	21,706
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		82,170	-	82,170	60,464
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		88,931	-	88,931	82,170

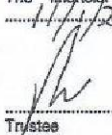
The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	8,219	-	8,219	10,078
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		81,252	-	81,252	72,892
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(540)	-	(540)	(600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>80,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,712</u>	<u>72,092</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>88,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,931</u>	<u>82,170</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>88,931</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,931</u>	<u>82,170</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				<u>88,931</u>	<u>82,170</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>88,931</u>	<u>82,170</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11/12/20 and were signed on its behalf by:

 P. Allerton (Chair)
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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 Act 2011. 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.

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

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.

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2020 nor for the year ended 31 March 2019.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	76,788	-	76,788
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,486	-	4,486
Charitable activities			
General activity	47,724	-	47,724
Other	2,872	-	2,872
Total	55,082	-	55,082
 NET INCOME	21,706	-	21,706
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	60,464	-	60,464
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	82,170	-	82,170

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	<u>13,365</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>20,022</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2019	7,190	2,625	129	9,944
Charge for year	<u>926</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1,859</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>8,116</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>11,803</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2020	<u>5,249</u>	<u>2,531</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>8,219</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>6,175</u>	<u>3,375</u>	<u>528</u>	<u>10,078</u>

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	<u>540</u>	<u>600</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>82,170</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>88,931</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>82,170</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>88,931</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	<u>87,170</u>	<u>(80,409)</u>	<u>6,761</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,170</u>	<u>(80,409)</u>	<u>6,761</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,464	21,706	82,170
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,464</u>	<u>21,706</u>	<u>82,170</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	76,788	(55,082)	21,706
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>76,788</u>	<u>(55,082)</u>	<u>21,706</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,464	28,467	88,931
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,464</u>	<u>28,467</u>	<u>88,931</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	163,958	(135,491)	28,467
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,958</u>	<u>(135,491)</u>	<u>28,467</u>

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	36,223	29,389
Grants	18,500	31,450
Local giving	20,298	11,309
Sundry income	1,813	474
Fundraising	10,336	4,166
	<u>87,170</u>	<u>76,788</u>
Total incoming resources	87,170	76,788
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Disbursements	12,804	2,434
Lunches	18,449	2,052
	<u>31,253</u>	<u>4,486</u>
Charitable activities		
Wages	30,168	24,734
Pensions	1,209	1,297
Insurance	788	813
Light and heat	308	51
Telephone	291	289
Postage and stationery	914	741
Advertising	76	675
Charitable expenditure	1,413	5,907
Repairs & maintenance	-	3,570
Furniture storage	3,765	1,840
Motor expenses	1,240	2,105
Travel and subsistence	174	249
IT support	-	350
Room hire	4,631	4,239
Computer expenses	496	110
Sundry expenses	540	576
Subscriptions	434	178
Training	430	-
	<u>46,877</u>	<u>47,724</u>
Other		
Accountancy fees	420	579
Fixtures and fittings	926	1,089
Motor vehicles	844	1,125
Carried forward	2,190	2,793

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2020 £	2019 £
Other		
Brought forward	2,190	2,793
Computer equipment	89	79
	2,279	2,872
 Total resources expended	 80,409	 55,082
 Net income	 6,761	 21,706

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