

Barnet Community Projects

Registered Charity No. 1139376

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020

Registered Office : Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2UN



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Charity Name

The full name of the charity is Barnet Community Projects, but it is also referred to by its working name of BCP.

Registered & Operating Addresses

Both the registered & operating addresses of the charity are now c/o the Rainbow Centre, Dollis Valley Drive, BARNET, Herts. EN5 2UN.

Trustees

The following individuals have served as Trustees during the period covered by this report :

Michael Benaim	Chair
Stephen Pegum	Treasurer
Steve Bull	
Ken Morton	Appointed as Secretary 7 th December 2019

Governing Document

The charity is governed by its Constitution as adopted on 25th September 2010, and as amended on 11th December 2010.

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit

The main charitable objects of BCP are :

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the London Borough of Barnet as the Trustees see fit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :

- a) To promote the efficiency & effectiveness of charities and the effective application & use of resources by non-charitable bodies for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively by providing or assisting in the set-up of community projects, supporting their administration and providing support services to them and by facilitating partnership and co-operation in the voluntary sector;
- b) The promotion of the voluntary sector for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by the following means :
 - i) Identifying need in the voluntary sector & establishing projects or policies to address them;
 - ii) Liaising between charities, voluntary organisations, the local authority and other groups or organisations on relevant issues that affect members of the community;

Charitable Objects for Public Benefit (continued)

- c) To promote community capacity building for the public benefit, in particular but not limited to young people;
 - d) The relief of unemployment for the public benefit;
 - e) The advancement of education for the public benefit, including the provision of training, information & advice and promoting opportunities for members of the community to develop new skills & knowledge;
- to further the benefit of members of the community without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by associating together members of the community, local authorities, voluntary & other organisations in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life of community members.

Where in the views of the Trustees it is expedient in the interests of the charity, the Trustees may support & encourage overseas partnership projects which are youth- and community -focused, in such countries of the world as they see fit.

Services, projects and achievements during the year.

Introduction

The financial year ended 31st March 2020 was a year in which BCP has continued to focus on its core priorities. The core areas of delivery have continued to be local food distribution, healthy activities for local young people, a Lunch Club for younger children and money advice & counselling for local residents. We saw a general upturn in attendance throughout the year, with a noticeable and welcome increase in the diversity of people using our services.

Coronavirus pandemic

The UK went into full lockdown on 23rd March 2020, only a few days before the end of BCP's financial year under review. On the Friday beforehand, we had decided as a precaution that all activities at the Rainbow Centre should cease for the foreseeable future. The impact of this pandemic on our activities will be described in more detail in next year's Annual Report and Accounts.

Lunch Club

Following the departure last year of the Lunch Club founder Karen Hedges, Anne Pegum took over the role of Co-ordinator. During the year, the weekly numbers in attendance fluctuated, with an average of 25 children per day. Anne streamlined operations, reducing the amount of paperwork and meetings and looked at new opportunities for children and young people attending the programme. Luis Teixeira became the permanent chef for the programme, delivering high quality meals at very reasonable prices. We were able to source meat at lower prices, saving approximately 70% on our costs.

Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Lunch Club (continued)

In November 2019, we took on a new football coach, Lee Butler, who has been a great addition to the team. Another regular and valuable member of the team was the sports coach Denapoli Williams. We tried a new format for the Christmas event, supported by Young Barnet Foundation, who provided presents for all the children, with parents invited to join us for the meal. Parents were also involved in activities on several other occasions, so that they can see what the young people are doing, including a meal cooked by the Lunch Club children themselves.

Trips / activities included:

- Walton-on-the-Naze seaside trip
- Jackson's Lane circus skills
- A day trip to Sweet Tree Farm
- A day of water-based activities at the Phoenix Canoe Club at Welsh Harp reservoir

Junior Leaders / Youth work

BCP started the year with eight Junior Leaders. We have continued working towards the London Youth Bronze accreditation, with our Junior Leaders researching websites and writing plans & procedures for the programme specific to young people. Junior Leaders:

- attended an NFL Fun Day at Saracens RFC's Allianz Park
- were given the opportunity to be team leaders at Lunch Club, thereby gaining confidence and experience with team working and
- One JL attended and passed a sports leadership course.

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)

MMA classes went from strength to strength. In September 2019, the club run by our instructor Ibush Kabashi hosted a celebration event attended by over 100 people, with an ex-World Kickboxing champion giving a motivational talk and presenting awards to children and young people. Extended monitoring of regular centre users from November 2019 showed that MMA recorded the highest regular attendances, with over 150 children and parents (accompanying children taking part) attending every week.

Felix Project

This year saw both increased demand and increased donations. We started receiving referrals from other foodbanks and from the local NHS social prescribing service. Donations improved in both quantity and quality, with fresh meat becoming a regular part of our deliveries. Our Felix Project team, led by our Assistant Manager Sarah (and including two long-serving volunteers Jeanette and Gina) took over one of the storerooms at the Rainbow Centre and developed a new system for allocating and handing out food parcels. The numbers of recipients averaged between 35 to 40 per week throughout the year.

Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Toddler Group

The toddler group continued with a small core group of regular users for whom the group provides essential local support. Numbers remained low despite outreach and PR. This is something we will look at again once we are more fully out of (partial) lockdown. The group made an outing to Whipsnade Zoo in March 2020, with 8 parents and 10 children attending.

We continued to support Sarah who runs this group on a volunteer basis in her development. She attended mental health training in June 2019 to equip her with addressing issues that can come up during sessions.

Counselling service

This free service, run by a qualified counsellor Ann Thomas, continued on Mondays. She reached her daily capacity of four clients early on in the year and continued working with them throughout the year.

Rainbow Money Advice (RMA)

Our experienced money adviser Stuart Goodman continued to deliver exceptional quality support for some of the most vulnerable people in the local community. In December 2019, his efforts were recognised when Rainbow Money Advice won the Barnet Homes Community Group of the Year Award. It was presented to Stuart at a ceremony in Burnt Oak, along with a cheque for £250.

A total of 125 client interviews were held in 2019-20, which brings the overall total since RMA began up to 703. 23 new clients were taken on during the financial year.

Issues that clients were successfully supported with included:

- helping them to manage their money better and learning to live within their means
- debt repayments negotiated with creditors, and other debts reduced or cancelled
- obtaining council funding and grants to help clear rent, council tax and energy arrears
- helping clients claim benefits, and successfully challenging unfavourable decisions.

In 2019-20, we started working towards expanding RMA to meet increased demand, not only locally, but also in other areas of Barnet. This expansion is in partnership with Barnet Homes and BOOST. It proved challenging to recruit new volunteers, so that this only came to full fruition in 2020-21.

RMA is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and affiliated to Community Money Advice (CMA). Additionally it maintains informal links with other local & national organisations, including CommUNITY Barnet, 4 in 10 (a London Child Poverty umbrella group), the Institute of Money Advisers and the National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers. The service provided is free of charge to all clients, and is both confidential and non-judgmental.

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Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Barnet Rail Pastors (BRP)

As previous Annual Reports have noted, this project is the only BCP one not run at the Rainbow Centre itself. Instead, it takes place at stations on both the Govia Thameslink (GTR) and Great Northern (GN) networks. During the reporting year, BRP undertook a total of 35 patrols, the majority of these being between 7:00 and 9:00pm. When they did carry out daytime patrols, these were usually between 8:00 and 10:00am. On most dates, patrols covered between 4 and 6 stations on the two rail lines noted.

The principal aim of BRP is to act as friendly and listening presence for people using our station platforms, especially at times when people may be vulnerable or at risk. At times, interventions that are more serious have been made when circumstances required it.

A local resident called Paul Lewis has led the team of volunteers since the project's inception back in 2014. During 2019-20, three new volunteers joined the team, two of whom completed their formal training with Ascension Trust in November 2019, with the third just commencing her training in March 2020. Sadly, the introduction of the nationwide lockdown in late March 2020 meant that all patrols had to be suspended for the time being.

The Trustees of BCP are grateful for the support of the Ascension Trust who co-ordinate Rail Pastors schemes on a national basis.

Thursday Takeaways

This project is run by local social enterprise called BreadnButter in partnership with BCP. BreadnButter run cookery classes and projects in disadvantaged communities to improve nutritional health and food security. Weekly community cooking sessions started in September 2019. They brought together a core group of local families, cooked a meal together, using new recipes & new ingredients and eating together at the end.

Sports programme

Building on our community partnership working, BCP started delivering American Football sessions at Totteridge Academy (a local secondary school) in January 2020. Weekly attendance varied from 8 to 12 young people. These sessions served as a useful pilot for potential future collaboration.

We also worked towards introducing a range of weekly sports and physical activities, especially for those who struggle with being active or might have health conditions. Sadly, the lockdown meant that this could not start in March 2020 as planned.

Rainbow Centre bookings and regular activities by our partners

BCP maintained regular weekly bookings by Barnet Southgate College for art classes, Diabetes Awareness workshops, North London MMA, Barnet MASH, Art Against Knives, Dollis Dolls Nail Bar and the Frontline church. During the year, the local Muslim community started to use the Centre for Friday prayer sessions and A1 Social Care Training returned for some new training sessions. Attendance across all these programmes averaged between 300 and 350 people per week.

We continued exploring the potential move to The Totteridge Academy. We were fortunate to receive support from Barnet Homes' Corporate Social Responsibility initiative, which provides free planning, building and repair works to local charities.

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Services, projects and achievements during the year (continued)

Planning our move

Funding from the Co-op Foundation's Space to Connect programme enabled us to engage with our local community about the move of the Rainbow Centre once it closes due to the estate's regeneration. We ran several local engagement events, including renting stalls at The Spires shopping centre and the Barnet Xmas Fayre. This funding also enabled us to use our AGM in December 2019 as a wider community event, which as a result was our best attended yet. We also ran several smaller events with the Lunch Club parents and the local Muslim community.

Fundraising and going concern basis

As the accounts show, 2019-20 proved to be a somewhat difficult year financially for BCP, with total income down by some 12% on the previous year. However, fundraising in the financial year 2020-21 has to date been much more successful. Notwithstanding that reduced level of income, BCP maintained the same level of services as in the previous financial year, generally through very strong budgetary management and by reducing costs wherever possible.

Accordingly, the Trustees have assessed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the charity and have taken appropriate steps to ensure BCP has sufficient resources to continue its operations into the future. The Trustees are therefore of the opinion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and it is therefore appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Trustees wish to offer their heartfelt thanks to the following organisations for their generous support of BCP during the period of this report :

John Lyons Charity	The Eleanor Palmer Trust
The Co-op Foundation	London Catalyst
Barnet Homes Ltd.	Young Barnet Foundation
Govia Thameslink Railway	The Mayor's Fund for London
Transforming Lives for Good	The London Community Foundation

Additionally, BCP acknowledges the following organisations who either supported BCP or who worked in partnership with BCP during the last year :

Art Against Knives	The Felix Project
Barnet Southgate College	Rainbow Centre User Group
Community Money Advice	MMA (North London)
Totteridge Academy	London Youth
FareShare London	South London Renegades
Street Games	Jackson's Lane Theatre
Sport England	A1 Social Care Training
Trussell Trust	Christmas on Jesus

BCP volunteers

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of BCP and whose time is of course given freely. Without their hard work & dedication, many of the activities detailed above simply would not be able to take place.

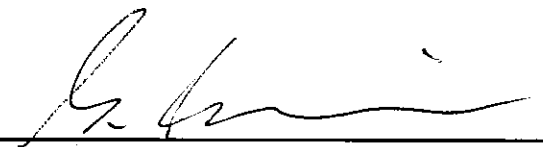
Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the related Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to :

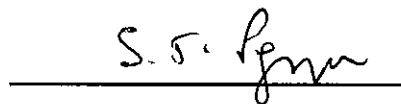
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the Trustees on 14th October 2020 and signed on their behalf by :



Chair



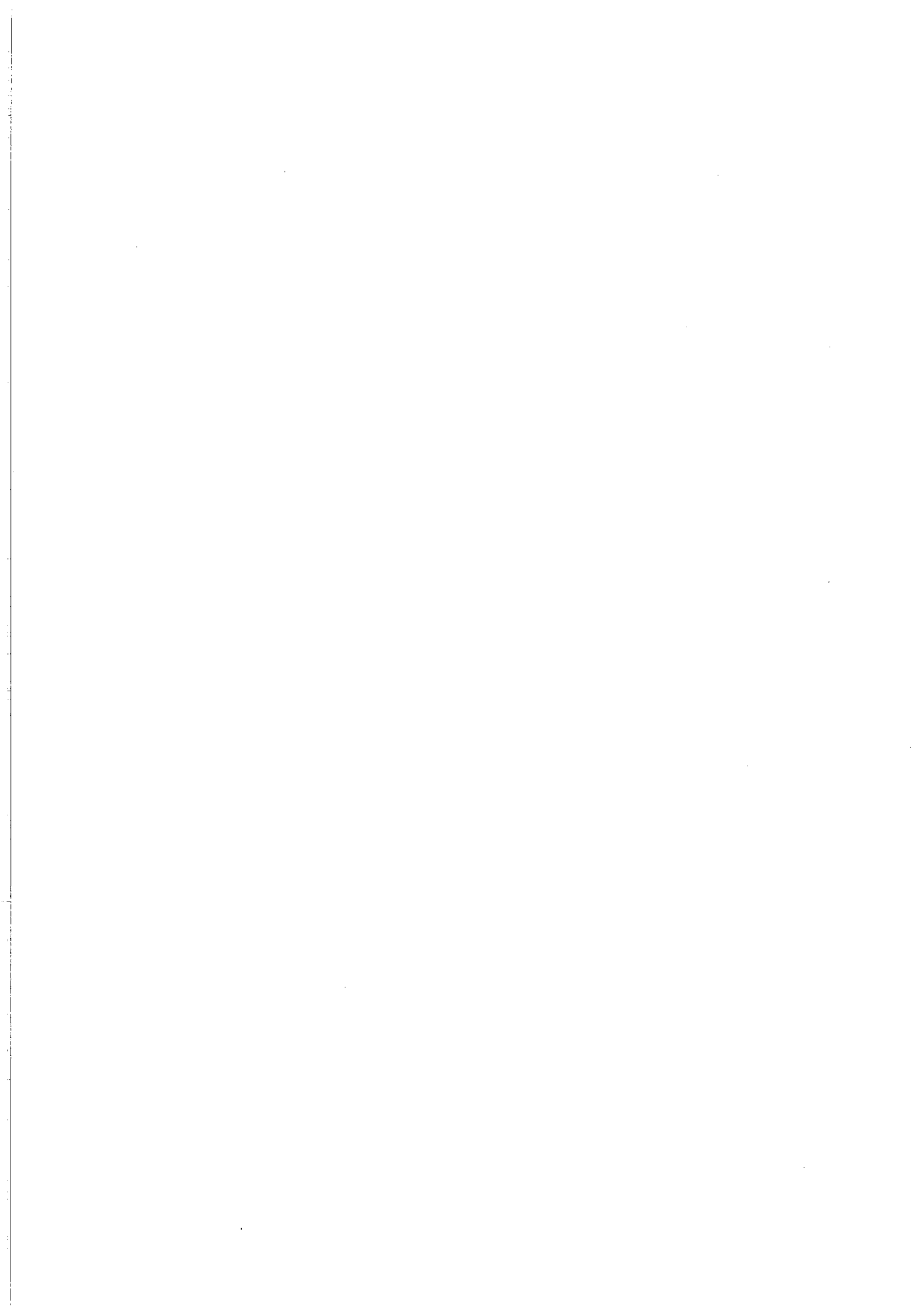
Treasurer



Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) for the year ended 31st March 2020

	Notes	General Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTALS THIS YEAR £	Year ended 31.03.19 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Grants received	1 & 3	9,643	67,393	0	77,036	83,297
Donations received	1	1,966	2,353	0	4,319	7,990
Other Income	2	150	250	0	400	2,250
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£ 11,759	£ 69,996	£ 0	£ 81,755	£ 93,537
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Direct labour costs (including social security costs)	4	7,024	48,754	0	55,778	53,445
Other direct expenditure	5	7,502	20,798	0	28,300	26,127
Insurance premiums paid		1,215	0	0	1,215	903
Rent and rates		0	0	0	0	900
		<u>15,741</u>	<u>69,552</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,293</u>	<u>81,375</u>
<i>Indirect Charitable Expenditure</i>						
Depreciation of fixed assets	6	0	0	0	0	683
(Profit) on sale of fixed assets	6	0	0	0	0	(3,600)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		£ 15,741	£ 69,552	£ 0	£ 85,293	78,458
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR						
		£ (3,982)	£ 444	£ 0	£ (3,538)	£ 15,079

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains & losses for the year. All Incoming Resources and Resources Expended derive from continuing activities. The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of the Accounts.



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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2020

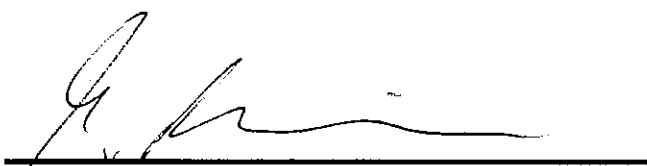
		31.03.20		31.03.19	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Historic Cost		12,755		12,755	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	6	<u>(9,597)</u>		<u>(9,597)</u>	
			3,158		3,158
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank (current account)		38,986		55,316	
Debtors & accrued revenue		2,974		16,952	
Prepayments (re insurance premiums)		<u>849</u>		<u>1,045</u>	
		42,809		73,313	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES - Amounts falling due within one year					
Deferred Income	7	<u>(1,615)</u>		<u>(2,290)</u>	
			<u>(22,950)</u>		<u>(49,241)</u>
			(24,565)		(51,531)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			18,244		21,782
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£ 21,402		£ 24,940	

FUNDS

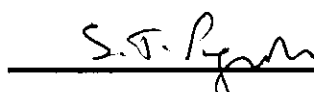
Unrestricted Funds					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2019		(24,841)		(30,096)	
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2020		<u>(3,982)</u>		<u>5,255</u>	
Balance as at 31 st March 2020			(28,823)		(24,841)
Restricted Funds					
	7				
Balance as at 1st April 2019		49,781		39,957	
Net Incoming Resources for the year ended 31 st March 2020		<u>444</u>		<u>9,824</u>	
Balance as at 31 st March 2020			50,225		49,781
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£ 21,402		£ 24,940	

The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of the Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 14th October 2020 and signed on their behalf by :



Chair



Treasurer



1. Accounting Policies

The principal Accounting Policies are summarised below :

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting and Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) and the Charities SORP.

Basis of Income Recognition

The previous policy was to recognise Grants Received in the Statement of Financial Activities as & when these were received. A change was made in the accounts for 2015-16 to recognise this income as it relates to the periods for which these grant funds are made. All receipts in 2019-20 that relate to the following financial year are now shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income (see also Note 7). Donations Received and Other Income are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as each liability is incurred.

2. Other Income

£

Other Income is analysed as follows :

Restricted

Barnet Homes award to Rainbow Money Advice £ 250

Unrestricted

Christmas Fayre & sales of Christmas cards £ 150

3. Unrestricted Income from Grants

In the previous year's accounts for 2018-19, an explanatory note was shown noting that a changed accounting policy had been made to the way in which grant income was accounted for. Specifically, where certain grants included an element of cost recoveries, those proportions of income were transferred from Restricted Funds to Unrestricted Funds, to align with where those costs were recorded. From this year's accounts onwards, those cost recovery elements of Grants Received are now shown directly as Unrestricted Funds, hence there is now no separate line showing Transfers between Funds as previously.

4. Staff Costs & Trustees' Remuneration

No employee received emoluments during the year in excess of £60,000.

None of the Trustees was remunerated for their time, which was given voluntarily and cannot be valued in financial terms.

5. Other Direct Expenditure

Other Direct Expenditure includes the following costs :

	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£
Cleaning materials	375	375	0
Professional fees & accountancy costs	6,564	4,929	1,635
Catering costs	7,023	134	6,889
Barnet Rail Pastors	5,376	0	5,376
Printing, postage, stationery & telephone	1,465	505	960
Repairs & maintenance	846	0	846
Training costs	1,564	0	1,564
Office expenses (incl. IT costs)	1,342	385	957
Transport & travel costs	689	18	671
All other costs (total)	3,056	1,156	1,900
TOTAL	£ 28,300	7,502	20,798

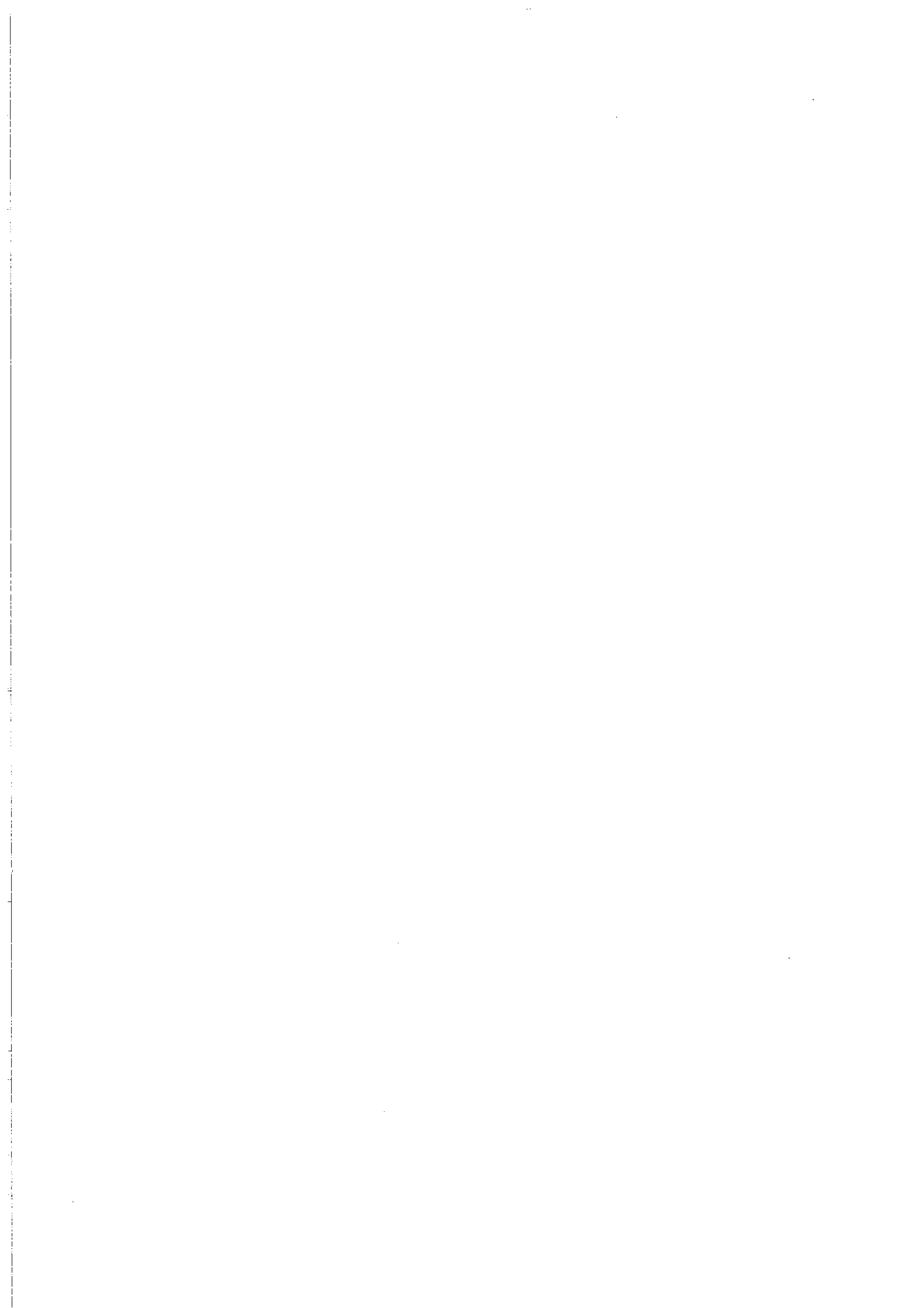
6. Depreciation of Fixed Assets & Capitalisation Threshold

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on the historic purchase price of the Charity's Fixed Assets, to write these off over their estimated useful economic lives, as follows :

- IT Equipment - 2 years
- Other Assets - 5 years

Purchases greater than £500 in value are accounted for as Fixed Assets; below that threshold, any expenditure is written off in-year.

Following a change of priorities during 2017-18, the Trustees agreed a series of asset disposals, starting with the sales of the Switch skatepark and the van used to transport that equipment. A final set of asset disposals was made during 2018-19.

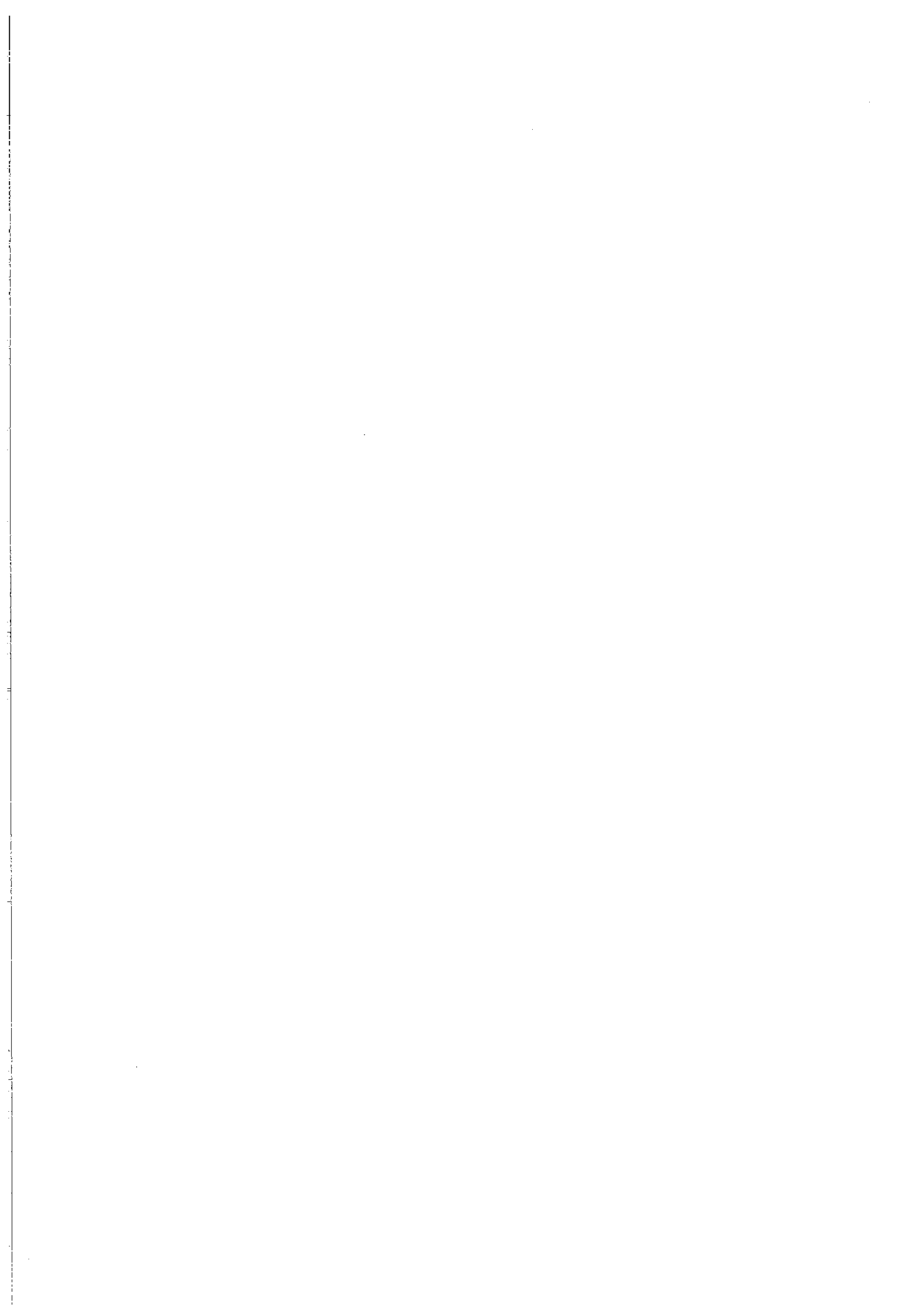


7. Deferred Income

As described in Note 1 above, a change in accounting policy was made in 2015-16 to reflect the different funding periods for BCP's Grants Received. The amount shown in the Balance Sheet as Deferred Income resembles the amount of grants actually received in 2019-20 that relate instead to 2020-21. This Deferred Income will form part of BCP's Restricted Funds in the following financial year.

8. Reserves Policy

The previous intention of the Trustees was to hold in Reserves an amount equivalent to approximately six months' worth of expenditures. Following a re-assessment of this policy, the Trustees have now given regard to the possible longer-term liabilities of BCP, especially in the unlikely event of a cessation of the charity's operations. In that regard, the only longer-term liability of BCP would be paying the salary of the Director during the contractual notice period, the Director being the only salaried employee of BCP. It is estimated that this cost would not exceed £10,000 and the Trustees are confident that BCP has sufficient free reserves in hand at the balance sheet date to cover this cost. Additionally, the Trustees are equally confident that if the accounting policies now adopted regarding Grants Received (in particular as outlined in Note 3 above) had been in place since the charity's inception, then the deficit currently showing in the Balance Sheet on Unrestricted Funds would not in fact exist.



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnet Community Projects

I report on the accounts of Barnet Community Projects for the year ended 31st March 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

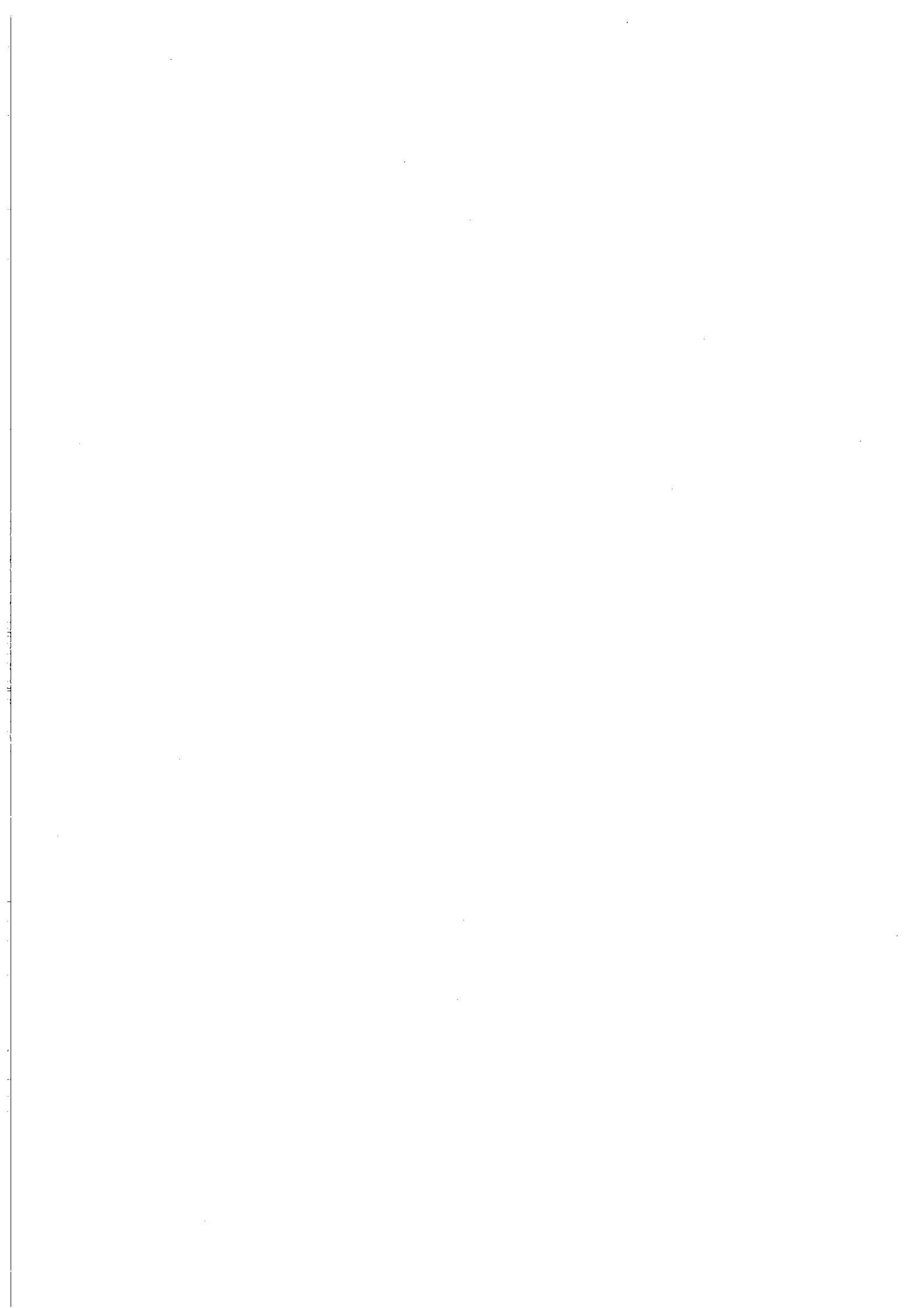
The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 Report to the Trustees of
Barnet Community Projects**

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 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Name :

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS.

Signature :

CS Morris

Relevant professional qualification or body :

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

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Date :

24TH FEBRUARY 2021

