

**S.A.F.E. ESSEX
(SUPPORTING ASPERGER FAMILIES IN
ESSEX)**

Charity registration number 1188739

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Legal and Administrative

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Date of Registration:

24th March 2020

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J Whitelaw (Treasurer)

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J Whitelaw

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of S.A.F.E Essex (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

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 year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but 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 Commissioners (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 Statement My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations 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.

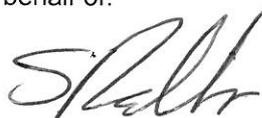
Independent examiner's statement In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 15th November
2021.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources				
Donations and legacies	2	20,687	-	20,687
Charitable activities	3	1,575	7,392	8,967
Total incoming resources		22,262	7,392	29,654
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	4	8,135	7,297	15,432
Expenditure on raising funds	5	368	-	368
Total resources expended		8,503	7,297	15,800
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		13,759	95	13,854
Transfer between funds		516	(516)	-
Merger Income	1.6	3,387	7,495	10,882
Net movement in funds		17,662	7,074	24,736
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		17,662	7,074	24,736

Notes on pages 7 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	7	605
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		24,581
		<u>24,581</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	450
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>24,131</u>
Net assets		<u><u>24,736</u></u>
Funds of the charity		
Restricted funds		7,074
Unrestricted funds		17,662
Total funds		<u><u>24,736</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on the 27/10/21 and signed on their behalf by:



J Whitelaw

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1.1 Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2011.

S.A.F.E. Essex (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Cash Flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.2 Income recognition

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

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed as material.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' Annual Report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain these services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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1.3 Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity.

1.4 Depreciation

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

Equipment - 11 years

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds:

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds:

These are funds that 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.

1.6 Merger

S.A.F.E Essex (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex) registered as a CIO in March 2020. In April 2020 the charity merged with S.A.F.E Essex (Supporting Asperger Families in Essex), charity number 1095075, in which month the operations, assets and liabilities of £10,882 were transferred to the Charity with no consideration paid. The assets and liabilities were included in incoming resources at their fair values at date of transfer. There has been no material fair value adjustments from book value.

2. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021
	£	£	£
Donations	2,911	-	2,911
Grants	17,776	-	17,776
	20,687	-	20,687

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3. Charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
Membership fees	1,575	-	1,575
Grants	-	7,392	7,392
	<u>1,575</u>	<u>7,392</u>	<u>8,967</u>
4. Costs of charitable activities	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
ASAP	16	-	16
SAFE SPA	1,159	-	1,159
Safe Womens Group	1,079	-	1,079
Spouses Group	32	-	32
SAFE STUFF (Activities)	-	840	840
SAFE STUFF (Facilitator Costs)	-	1,979	1,979
Girls and Parents Group (ASD)	-	749	749
Hub Club 2 C	-	16	16
Face to Face	2,630	-	2,630
Advocacy	280	-	280
Admin (Ins., Post, Tel.)	774	-	774
Trustees/ Committee Expenditure	132	-	132
Volunteer Education & Training	394	-	394
Develop-ment	927	3,713	4,640
Misc. Expenses	340	-	340
Depreciation	122	-	122
	<u>7,885</u>	<u>7,297</u>	<u>15,182</u>
Governance costs:			
Audit and accountancy	250	-	250
	<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>8,135</u>	<u>7,297</u>	<u>15,432</u>
5. Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £
Fundraising costs	368	-	368
	<u>368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>368</u>

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6. Tangible fixed assets		Equipment			
Cost		£			
As at 1st April 2020			1,350		
Additions			-		
As at 31st March 2021			1,350		
Depreciation					
As at 1st April 2020			623		
Charge for the year			122		
As at 31st March 2021			745		
Net book value					
As at 31st March 2021			605		
As at 31st March 2020			727		
7. Creditors; amounts falling due within one year		2021			
		£			
Accruals			450		
			450		
8. Fund analysis					
	Balance as at 01/03/2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance as at 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
SAFE from Homelessness	-	516	-	(516)	-
SAFE STUFF (Activities) Costs	-	2,917	(2,917)	-	-
Girls and Parents Group (ASD)	-	4,500	(1,833)	-	2,667
Hub Club 1 S	-	493	(493)	-	-
Hub Club 2 C	-	902	(902)	-	-
Safe Stuff Plus (SAFE South)	-	99	(99)	-	-
Face to Face	-	1,053	(1,053)	-	-
Achievemnt Awards	-	4,407	-	-	4,407
Total Restricted Funds	-	14,887	(7,297)	(516)	7,074
Unrestricted Funds	-	25,649	(8,503)	516	17,662
Total Funds	-	40,536	(15,800)	-	24,736

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