

"Supporting Children, Young People & Families for over 50 years"



Eastern Ravens Trust Annual Report 2016 - 2017

Annual Report Year Ended 31st March 2017

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Chairperson's Report

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- at the end of this year, confirmed funding for three years to provide open access youth provision from our base for young people aged 10 to 18, building upon our successful service delivery in Roseworth

None of this continued success would be possible without the hard work and commitment of many people – not least paid staff, volunteers, funders and Directors. On behalf of the children, young people and families who benefit from this, I again offer a simple but sincere "Thank You" and urge you all to keep up the good work.

Jim Beall

Trust Manager's Report

This year has been another thoroughly enjoyable and memorable one for the organisation and as I reflect upon the whole year, one word springs to mind – partnership. We've collaborated with a broad range of agencies from the voluntary, statutory and private sector which adds value to our work, our organisation and benefits our service users.



The highlight of the year for me was 'Hidden' the young carers exhibition which we arranged in partnership with The Children's Society and ARC. We launched the exhibition with opening speeches from young carers themselves in front of invited guests which included the Mayor of Stockton and MP Alex Cunningham. The exhibition, which features 2 young carers from our organisation, tells the stories of what a young carers life is really like and the struggles they often face. We received some amazing feedback from all who came to visit.

Our work on the young carers agenda in relation to the Care Act and Adult's services has been another highlight this year. We've worked together to devise young carer friendly leaflets, raise awareness with care providers and attend adult providers forum meetings. These links all work together to support the earlier identification of young carers in our Borough.

Raising the profile of young carers is something that we undertake all year round and the opportunity for young carers and I to be interviewed for local radio during Carers Week was welcomed. We also spent 2 days at North Tees Hospital with an information stand to highlight young carers with health professionals. On young carers awareness day in

January, we held a drop-in for professionals to increase their knowledge and strengthen their working practice. Twenty-eight professionals came along and enjoyed an informal discussion with members of the team and I.



We've undertaken a lot of young carer awareness raising sessions with organisations this year, examples include Sanctuary, Safe in Tees Valley, Thirteen Housing, Stockton Riverside College, CRG Homecare, Homestart Teesside, Change Grow Live, Citizens Advice Bureau, Child and Adolescent Mental Heath



The national Young Carers in Focus project came to the end of it's of 3-year funding and I was delighted that young carers from Stockton were given the opportunity to be a part of the overall project evaluation. Young carers got creative and made a short animated film to highlight the achievements of the project.

Developing and expanding projects/services for the Trust is a key part of my role and something that I particularly enjoy. Meeting with adult residents in the community was the catalyst to wanting to develop something further for young people in and around our base. It was therefore timely that the Youth Investment Fund was opened for applications with the opportunity to build upon and expand our offer delivered in the Roseworth community. We were informed of our successful application at the very end of this year – exciting times!

The Troubled Families Programme came to an end in July as it was mainstreamed into the local authority. It was at this time, we said farewell to Kim Jones who had been jointly working on the programme alongside an operational Team Leader role. We also said goodbye to Heather Wright and Katie Hering who both left us to take on new roles to fit around their future plans. We wish them all the very best of luck.

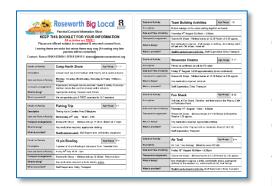
We welcomed Ann-Marie Wilson, our new Admin and Team Support Worker and Pascalle Hatfield, Young Carers Key Worker this year. Both have settled so well into the organisation, it's great to have them on board and part of the team.

I am so proud of everything we have accomplished this year and my sincere thanks go to the Board of Directors for their continued commitment and support in steering the organisation forward. I am also very lucky to be surrounded by an amazing team of people and I can't thank you all enough for everything that you do. We've played a part in changing children, young people's and families lives for the better and it's the most rewarding work to be involved with. I hope you enjoy reading the rest of the annual report and hearing more about our work with and for isolated and disadvantaged children, young people and families in Stockton-on-Tees.

Tracey Hamilton

Roseworth Community

Summer 2016 saw us once again delivering a programme of school holiday activities to children/young people on behalf of Roseworth Big Local. We planned and delivered 14 separate sessions which included: fishing, bowling, cinema, team building at Tees Barrage, soft play, high ropes, climbing, wet n wild, jump 360, river regatta (bell boating), canoeing and pop up cafés. We also offered free vouchers for 'Camp North Shore' for children aged 5+.



Upon calling to register their children, parental consent forms were provided with a full description of each activity, list of items to bring, transport details and additional information. Parents were able to drop completed forms at Roseworth Library, North Shore Academy or by arrangement, some were collected in person.

Parents were contacted each week by text or telephone call to confirm which activities were being offered to their children alongside a contact number for any queries. We also promoted other activities in and around Roseworth & the Stockton area



Food/Refreshments

In response to recent news stories regarding the extra financial pressure on families throughout school holidays where free school meals are not available, we provided children & young people with simple lunches/snacks (where practical depending on activity/venue)

which included sandwiches, choice of fresh fruit, yoghurts and bottled water. On two occasions we teamed up with Little Sprouts CiC to run a pop up café



on Rochester Road, next to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The team brought a range of homemade pasta dishes, sandwiches, wraps, sausage rolls, fruit salad, flap jacks and cakes, some of which were produced by the help of young carers during a cooking workshop. We provided approximately 90 meals to children & young people over the school holidays.

Feedback

Parents/Guardians were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the summer programme via an online survey.

What have been the benefits to your child/ren?	
They have done more physical activity	73%
They have had opportunities to go places we couldn't have taken them	91%
They have learnt new skills	64%
They have made new friends	82%
They have spent quality time with their friends	64%
They have spent more time out of the house	73%

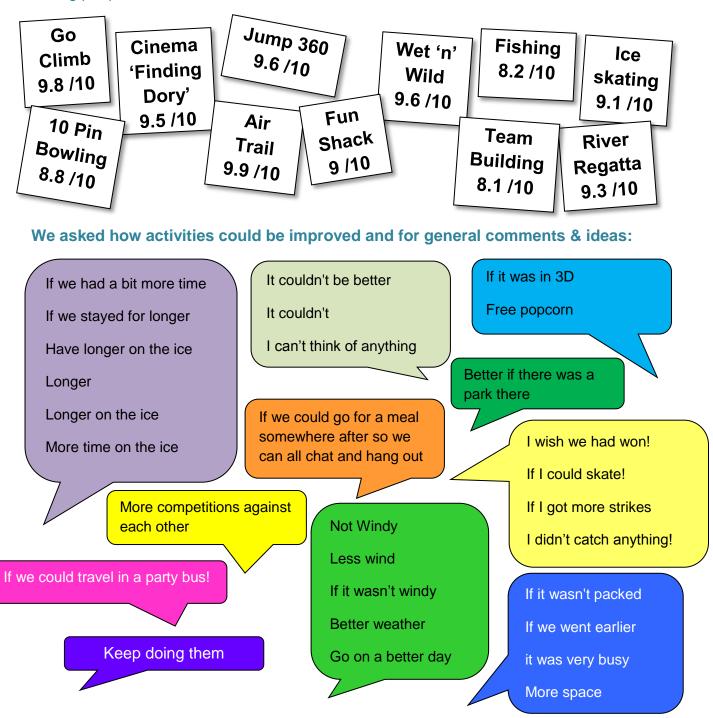
What have been the benefits to you as a family?	
We have saved money	46%
My child/ren have been occupied during the holidays	91%
It has helped to improve the time we do have together	73%
Reduced the stress of school holidays	82%

We also asked for general comments and suggestions for the future:



Feedback from Children/Young People

Young people filled in feedback sheets at the end of the activities;



Most responded to 'How could we improve activities? with 'Don't know' or 'Nothing', there were also some useful suggestions. It's nice to hear many wanted more time. Unfortunately we cannot control the weather or improve young people's fishing, bowling or skating skills!

The programme & feedback were very well received by the Roseworth Big Local Board and we look forward to expanding our offer to young people from the community as part of our new project next year. **Simon Honeywell**

Young Carers Support Service

We have continued to support children, young people and families from the Borough who are affected by ill health, disability, mental health illness and substance misuse this year. Over 200 young carers age 5 to 18 from diverse backgrounds have accessed our service and we are justifiably proud of our achievements in supporting the whole family and helping to alleviate caring roles.

Key Workers

Once a referral/early help assessment is received, it is allocated to a staff member at our weekly meetings. We make contact with the referrer to introduce ourselves and to ensure there are no risks within the household. This discussion also enables us to obtain any further relevant information that will help us to understand the young carer(s) and the family's needs.

Our initial assessment is with the young carer where they complete 2 questionnaires to ascertain their level of caring and how they feel. This enables us to identify their support needs and what interventions are required. Throughout the year, we have referred young carers to a broad range of specialist agencies for additional support, examples include Daisy Chain siblings group, Alliance Psychological Services and Youth Direction.

Whole Family Working

Our holistic approach of assessing the whole family enables us to identify any unmet needs and understand the bigger picture for the young carer and the entire family. Once our whole family assessment has been undertaken, we are able to offer a bespoke tailor made support package to fit each individual family's needs, as each family is unique and requires support in different ways. Some families have extreme complexities and have benefited from a high tier of support. This ranges from referrals to the Citizens Advice Bureau to ensure they are in receipt of the correct benefits, food bank parcels, emotional wellbeing support via referrals to counselling services, adult social care referrals to ensure that the cared for person has a package of care supporting them, occupational therapy referrals to support with adaptations in the home, support from Thirteen Housing to be re-housed and referrals to the Early Help Team where families require ongoing co–ordinated support from a multi-agency team of professionals.

Key workers provide regular ongoing contact with families to build up trusting relationships. This relationship can prevent crisis situations from occurring as families feel comfortable asking for help before it comes to a critical point.

Young Carers Support

During this year, young carers have been able to access and benefit from a number of interventions. We have continued our Wednesday night drop-in sessions where young people benefit from taking part in many different activities and given the opportunity to

socialise and make friends with those who have similar home situations. Young carers have enjoyed DVD and pizza nights, outdoor games, music sessions, quiz nights, arts and crafts and outdoor games. During school holidays we have provided a programme of activities at our centre alongside off site adventure days.





We have been fortunate again this year to access a free Peat Rigg Outdoor Centre residential courtesy of the Cohen Fund at Tees Valley Community Foundation. Twelve young carers participated in a range of outdoor activities which included low and high zip wire, crate stacking, tree climbing, archery, orienteering in the dark and Jacob's ladder.

Young carers also had the opportunity to feed the pigs and collect freshly laid eggs from the chicken pen which was a new experience for all of them. The centre grows all of their own vegetables and we were very well looked after with healthy and delicious home cooked meals.

We acknowledge that not every young carer requires some time out as some lead very active social lives and access activities within their local community which is something we as an organisation promote. Our offer is tailored to the household's needs and can also include one to one support, young carers card, advocacy, advice/guidance and support with the transition to adult services.

Family Activities/Peer Support

Young carers and their families have enjoyed spending quality time together on the trips that we have facilitated this year. We have provided transport to South Shields and Whitby where families enjoyed spending time at the beach, exploring the local park and Fun fair. Families also had a lovely day exploring Durham, its cathedral, history and shops. In the New Year we hosted a family party which included a disco, games and buffet, it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and having fun. The service has also hosted a number of coffee mornings, afternoon teas and get togethers for parents to socialise and share information. It's been very rewarding to see parents and families building relationships and friendships with each other which has often led to supporting each other away from our service.

Partnership Work

The service has worked in close partnership with several different agencies again this year, all of which provide additional opportunities and benefits for young carers and families. TFM cash for kids supported us with resources to make up activity packs for children in the school summer holidays, the Greggs Foundation helped us to purchase much needed items for families including a cooker and a bed, while Creative Village offered some free art and craft sessions. Paul and Dave at EPIC Teesside made sure young carers had a great day out fishing and Mike and Matty from Element 1 CIC provided us with 'One Big

Family' where young carers and members of their family were provided with free breakfast, lunch, cooking and art and craft activities over the summer holidays. Little Sprouts worked with us on 'young carers can cook' where young carers learnt new skills in the kitchen and outdoors in the park. We're delighted to be working with Musinc again to enable young carers to learn new skills in music.



Outcome Star

Key workers are able to identify unmet needs through the use of this nationally recognised tool. My Star looks at how well a young person feels they can look after themselves and how well other people look after them focussing on 8 key aspects - physical health, where you live, being safe, relationships, feelings and behaviour, friends, confidence and self-esteem and education and learning. We work on a one to one basis with a young person that is not in therapeutic services who would benefit from using the tool to identify their individualised support needs. From completing the star, we can work with the young person to devise an action plan, set targets and goals to help them in specific areas where further intervention may be required.

Fundraising

We have continued to fundraise again this year to help support young carers respite breaks. Parents and family members have been a great help in joining us to make items for Ropner Park, Eid Festival and the Christmas market. We held a stall all day this year at Stockton Sparkles on the High Street with parents, young carers and former service users all coming along to lend a hand, the atmosphere was amazing. The income generated from sweet cones, reindeer noses, reindeer dust and baubles was excellent.



Training

Each member of the young carers support service team has accessed various training opportunities which assists with their professional practice. We have accessed training with the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, The Children's Society, Triangle, Daisy Chain, Carers Trust and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Client Management System

The organisation now operates Charitylog to record all service users, families and contact with families and professionals. Each member of staff has been trained to use Charitylog which links clients, operations, projects and staff together in an integrated web-based system.

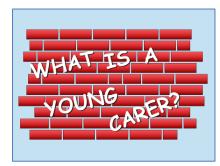
Pascalle Hatfield, Simon Honeywell and Sue McGee

Young Carers – Education Awareness Raising

Schools and colleges are a vital link in the identification, engagement and support of young carers. A young person's ability to achieve educationally can be significantly negatively impacted upon if they are in a caring role and not receiving support.

This year proved to be a very busy time working with primary & secondary schools to develop strong links. During this period, we have liaised with schools in the following ways:

 16 assemblies to young people to raise awareness of young carers, what they do, who they care for & what support is available.



- **25** class sized workshops, working in small groups to further raise the profile of young carers & think about the impact this can have.
- **16** meetings with key staff, head teachers or senior leaders, to discuss how they can better support young carers and how we can work with the school.
- **3** group meetings to train school staff on the impact of a caring role and how to identify young carers in school.

We have distributed flyers and information to all schools regarding our offer of support, young carers awareness day and general information on young carers. An estimated **3000** young people have been in attendance at assemblies and workshops in the past year with an estimated **200** teachers/teaching assistants and other support staff also hearing key messages about young carers in our Borough.



Feedback

To help us improve & monitor our delivery in schools we ask for feedback on all sessions delivered. 1 - very good, 2 - good, 3 - average, 4 - poor and 5 - very poor.

	1	2	3	4	5
Manner, style and pace of presentation	87%	13%	0	0	0
Delivery of information	75%	25%	0	0	0
Usefulness of information	87%	13%	0	0	0
Appropriate level for pupils	90%	10%	0	0	0

Please feel free to add any other comments, we value your feedback

"Very interactive, It was lovely to hear the children's responses and their knowledge of conditions which require care. Very thought provoking session!"

"Fantastic discussion took place and I felt the children got a lot of information from the session."

"It's great to make young children aware of what a young carer is and encourage children who might be young carers to get support."

"The lesson was at the right level for year 6 children to understand and they developed an awareness of the difficulties a young carer may face."

"Very well presented assembly and staff meeting. Very informative and interesting."

"We asked a lot of Simon with delivery to 8 classes, range from year 3 to year 6. We allocated half an hour sessions and time management was a must. Simon delivered all sessions in a professional manner and we were very grateful to Eastern Ravens."

"Excellent training session and very informative."

As you can see the feedback has been very positive. However, the most important feedback I have received was from a young carer, now accessing our support service, who had never realised they were a young carer before that day. The school assembly gave them the confidence to speak to a teacher and ask for help.

We can often see a clear link between work in a specific school & an increase in referrals from that school. This year, 42% of referrals came from schools/educational establishments.

Young Carers Card

Since the launch on Young Carers Awareness Day in January 2016, we have continued to roll out the card this year. The card enables young carers to make support arrangements within school which can include time-out, opportunities to call home (for reassurance) and/or as way of making staff aware of their home situation. A good practice example of where the card helped was arranging for a parent to contact the young carer in school in an emergency, if school staff are available they will take him home or to the hospital; money is left at reception for school to pay for a taxi if required. Thankfully those options have not had to be used but knowing that is all in place relieves stress and anxiety on both sides. We issued 38 cards this year to young carers aged 11+.



Good working relationships with schools remain a high priority for the team. There will always be new schools to engage with and those who invite us back regularly. I look forward to building new links and ongoing relationships which enable us to provide professionals and pupils with important key messages about the identification of young carers.

Simon Honeywell

Young Carer's Voices

Young carers have had a number of opportunities locally and nationally to have their voices heard and raise awareness again this year. We maintained our link with Teesside University's school nurse and health visitor students and delivered a 2 hour awareness raising session on the importance of recognising young carers in their professional practice.



June this year saw 17 young carers and 3 staff travelling the long journey to Southampton to the national Young Carers Festival. The festival provides young carers with some time out from their caring role and they enjoy live music, activities and fairground rides. The theme for this year's festival was 'Young

People First... thinking about me' and Dana, 1 of our Young Carers in Focus (YCiF) champions took part in the official opening of the festival weekend with television personality Jake Quickenden (x-factor and I'm a celebrity get me out of here). The 1200 young carers on the site for the weekend had the opportunity to have their voices heard around their health and wellbeing.





The past 3 years has seen young carers from our steering group taking on the role of Young Carer Champion for the YCiF project delivered by The Children's Society. The champion role involves being an ambassador for Eastern Ravens and ensuring that young carers have a voice nationally. YCiF came to an end this year and we were invited to the legacy

event in London where we able to see the finished product from our filming last year. It was great to see what YCiF has achieved in 3 years and we are extremely proud to have been a part of it. Connor, who was one of our champions for Stockton in year 1 came with us to the legacy event, I think it's fair to say he really enjoyed seeing everyone that he had met 3 years ago.

In December, 4 young carers were invited to Westminster, London to meet with staff from the office of the Children's Commissioner for England. We had a very early start but the young people were very proud to be able to represent young carers from our area. Our visit hit the local news on social media, local magazines and newspapers:



A group of young people from across Stockton-on-Tees were handpicked by government to share first-hand their experiences of caring for a family member.

The four young people, aged from 14 to 17 years, travelled to London after being invited to meet with the office of the Children's Commissioner, whose role it is to promote and protect children's rights in England.

Staff working for the Children's Commissioner asked the young people from Eastern Ravens Trust in Stockton what services and support is available for young carers locally and what parts of their lives are affected by their caring role. They were also asked to give examples of some of the positives of being a young carer.

The group agreed it was a great opportunity to have their say and were pleased that children and young people from across the country had been invited to express their views.

One of those who took part was Bailey Shaw, 16, from Norton, who said: "It's so important for young people, and especially young carers, from the north of England to be given the opportunity to have their voices heard. It's easy to feel like we are ignored by the Government but talking to the commissioner's team made us feel like we can influence national policies, and make a difference."

Councillor Ann McCoy, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, added: "I can think of no better people than the young carers from Eastern Ravens Trust to help the Children's Commissioner get a taste of what matters to young people who look after a family member. Their passion and commitment to help raise the profile of young carers, share their experiences and help others in the same position is second to none."

Once the meeting had finished the group had a couple of hours for a 'whistle stop' tour of London seeing Big Ben, the London Eye, the South Bank, lots of Santa's in Trafalgar Square and the Christmas lights on Oxford Street.

Tracey Hamilton & Simon Honeywell

Acknowledgements & Thanks

The work of **EASTERN RAVENS TRUST** would not be possible without the constant support of a devoted and enthusiastic team. Thanks go to:

Board of Directors	Staff
Jim Beall – Chair	Tracey Hamilton
Kenny McGarvey – Vice Chair	Sue McGee
Lesley Cooke	Simon Honeywell
Evaline Cunningham	Pascalle Hatfield
Sue Moppett	Ann-Marie Wilson
Pam Norman (Board Minute Taker)	Jane Gaunt
Dave Walker	Karen Best

Thanks also go to our funders, partners and stakeholders.

If you would like to know more about Eastern Ravens Trust and our work, please give us a call: 01642 678454.

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send us an email: info@easternravenstrust.org

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

The Trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name:	Eastern Ravens Trust
Charity registration number:	519907
Company registration number:	02206156
Registered office and operational address:	Community Zone North Shore Academy Talbot Street Stockton on Tees TS20 2AY
Board of Directors: Jim Beall Kenny McGarvey Lesley Cooke Evaline Cunningham Dave Walker Sue Moppett	Chair Vice-chair
Company Secretary Tracey Hamilton	

Trust Manager

Tracey Hamilton

Independent Examiner

Mr J Gresham FCCA Baldwins (Guisborough) Limited, New Garth House, Upper Garth Gardens, Guisborough, TS14 6HA

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (continued)

BANKERS

Nat West Bank plc, Stockton on Tees Branch, 123 High Street, Stockton TS18 1NW

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16th December 1987 as amended by special resolutions dated 13th April 1997 and 22nd April 1998.

Recruitment and appointment of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (who are trustees of the charity) composes of not less than 5 but not more than 12, as the members of the Trust think fit. The Board of Directors are elected by the members of the Trust at each Annual General Meeting and hold office for a period of 3 years from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected. At each Annual General Meeting one third of the Board of Directors retires but they can offer themselves for re-election. Those retiring are those longest in office since their last retirement. The Board of Directors has to meet at least 6 times a year. Trustees are recruited from the membership of the charity.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under company and charity law. They are provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the most recent audited accounts, as well up to date management information. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate their role.

Risk management

The trustees monitor progress against budget and objectives and review their strategic objectives at their regular meetings. They also review the risks faced by the charity and implement strategies to mitigate those risks. This included the computerisation of the accounting records to ensure that management reports can be produced on a timely basis.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for administering the charity and for its strategic direction. A manager is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity.

Related parties

The charity does not have any relate parties other than trustees and their immediate families.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Objectives, activities, achievement and performance including public benefit statement

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Chairperson's Report

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Chairperson's Report (continued)

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Jim Beall

Investment powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit.

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to expend all funds on their charitable objects, but recognise the need to maintain a certain level of reserves as a cushion against possible future funding difficulties. Free reserves (i.e. those reserves not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) of £70,000 would allow the charity to continue its operations for around 4 months, while alternative funding sources were sought.

At 31st March 2017, free reserves amounted to £ 35,415.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT (DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES)

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Eastern Ravens Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees:

J Beall Trustee Date 21st July 2017

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastern Ravens Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2017 which are set out on pages 8 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 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 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 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

Mr J Gresham FCCA Baldwins (Guisborough) Limited Chartered Accountants 21st July 2017 New Garth House Upper Garth Gardens GUISBOROUGH TS14 6HA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2016 £
INCOME		_	_	_	_
Donations & legacies	2	2421	-	2421	11633
<i>Income from charitable activities</i> Youth activities	2	3397	120693	124090	174556
Investment income		79	-	79	33
TOTAL INCOME		5897	120693	125690	186222
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i> Cost of youth activities work	3	38646	123097	161743	211597
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	38646	123097	161743	211597
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(32749)	(2404)	(36053)	(25375)
Transfers between funds	7	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(32749)	(2404)	(36053)	(25375)
Total funds brought forward		105775	17387	123162	148537
Total funds carried forward		73026	14983	87109	123162

EASTERN RAVENS TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017

	NOTE	2017		2016		
		£	£	£	£	
FIXED ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS	7		4177		2078	
Debtors	8	-		-		
Cash at bank and in hand		87668		127099		
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING		87668		127099		
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	(3836)		(6015)		
NET CURRENT ASSETS			83832		121084	
NET ASSETS			88009		123162	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Funds						
Restricted	10		14983		17387	
Designated	10		33434		33434	
Unrestricted	10		39592		72341	
			88009		123162	

For the year ending 31st March 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 21st July 2017 and signed on their behalf by

J Beall.....Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Eastern Ravens Trust is a company limited by guarantee and registered in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the informal education of young people aged 8 to 16 years who are experiencing social exclusion and/or disadvantage.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest \pounds .

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The charity adopted SORP (FRS 102) in the current year but this has not affected the financial position or performance.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Investment income is earned through holding cash in a deposit account and is recognised when it is earned.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All direct costs relate to the charity's charitable activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 3.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Fixtures and fittings 25% reducing balance.

(g) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2.	INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
	Donations & legacies Legacy Sundry donations		-	2421	10000 1633
		2421	-	2421	11633
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
	Income from charitable activities	L	L	L	L
	SBC carers' grant Synergy VCS-Troubled Families Big Local – Roseworth The Mayor's Charity Santander Bauer Media-TFM Grant Comic Relief/Carers Trust Miscellaneous	- - - - - 3397	105123 10500 5070 - - - - - - -	105123 10500 5070 - - - 3397	105123 31500 16055 7390 3500 5000 1665 4323
		3397	120693	124090	174556

Of total income of £126590 in 2017 (2016: £186222), £120693 (2016: £157678) was credited to restricted funds and £5897 (2016:£28544) was credited to unrestricted funds.

3. **EXPENDITURE**

Costs directly allocated to activities	Basis of allocation	Charitable Costs	Governance costs	2017 Total	2016 Total
		£	£	£	£
Staff costs	Direct	96413	-	96413	117156
Professional fees	Direct	1416	-	1416	2211
Activities	Direct	7717	-	7717	26770
Transport costs	Direct	2795	-	2795	212
Room hire	Direct	-	-	-	297
Sessional staff	Direct	236	-	236	1445
Insurance	Direct	1498	-	1498	1409
Staff travel	Direct	2844	-	2844	3018
Training	Direct	2279	-	2279	342
Advertising	Direct	2297	-	2297	204
Independent Exam	Direct		1380	1380	1380
Miscellaneous	Direct	331	-	331	381
Support costs allocated to activities					
Staff costs	Staff time	28835	1518	30353	38472
Depreciation	Usage	1461	162	1623	693
Premises costs	Usage	4975	553	5528	10191
Professional	Usage	452	452	904	1671
Office costs	Usage	3716	413	4129	5745
Total		157265	4478	161743	211597

Of the £161743 of expenditure in 2017 (2016: £211597) £123097 was charged to restricted funds (2016: £163167) and £38646 was charged to unrestricted funds (2016: £48430).

4. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:	2017 £	2016 £
Trustees' emoluments and expenses Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	Nil 1380 1623	Nil 1380 693
STAFF COSTS & NUMBERS	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Pension costs Recruitment costs	118168 7264 1024 310	146414 10659 -
	126766	157073

There were no employees whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000 (2016: NIL). The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2016:6.5) being the manager and support staff. In addition sessional workers are employed.

6. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

5.

These relate to transfers which account for management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds.

7. FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment £
COST	
At 1 st April 2016	2771
Additions	3722
At 31 st March 2017	6493
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 st April 2016	693
Charge for the year	1623
At 31 st March 2017	2316
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 st March 2017	4177
	41/7
At 31 st March 2016	2078

There were no commitments to capital expenditure at 31st March 2017 or at 31st March 2016.

8. **DEBTORS**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Other debtors and prepayments	-	-

9. **CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	120
Accruals	3836	5895
	3836	6015

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

April 2016	Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 31 st March 2017
£	£	£	t	£
_	105123	(105123)	_	-
-		· ·	-	-
12387		(20000)	-	12387
-	5070	(5070)	-	-
5000	-	(2404)	-	2596
17387	120693	(123097)	-	14983
72341	5897	(38646)	-	39592
3181	-	-	-	3181
10253	-	-	-	10253
20000	-	-	-	20000
105775	5897	(38646)	-	73026
123162	126590	(161743)	-	88009
	April 2016 £ - 12387 5000 17387 72341 3181 10253 20000 	April Resources 2016 £ £ £ - 105123 - 10500 12387 - - 5070 5000 - 17387 120693 72341 5897 3181 - 10253 - 20000 - 105775 5897	April Resources Resources 2016 £ £ £ £ £ - 105123 (105123) - 10500 (10500) 12387 - - - 5070 (5070) 5000 - (2404) 17387 120693 (123097) 72341 5897 (38646) 3181 - - 10253 - - 20000 - - 105775 5897 (38646)	April 2016ResourcesResources f <td< td=""></td<>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS continued

PURPOSES OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

Young Carers	This project is to provide time away from caring responsibilities for young carers within the borough of Stockton-on-Tees.
Synergy VCS Consortium	This grant is to provide support to families identified via Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.
Tristar Homes Buzzin'	This funding is to deliver a project that gives young people in need, accredited outcomes and life skills.
Roseworth Big Local	These grants from Big Local are to provide for positive activities for young people in the Roseworth Ward of Stockton.
Bauer Media	This funding is to provide activities for young carers.

PURPOSES OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

Kathy Lindsey Memorial Fund, may be used at the discretion of the trustees to make grants to families in need.

Lucy Eyers Memorial Fund is to be used to provide one-off grants to support children and young people in achieving their aspirations where little or no assistance is available elsewhere.

Redundancy Standby Fund is a contingency against any future redundancy costs.

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fixed Assets	Unrestricted Funds £ 4177	Restricted Funds £	Total £ 4177
Net Current Assets	68849	14983	83832
	73026	14983	88009