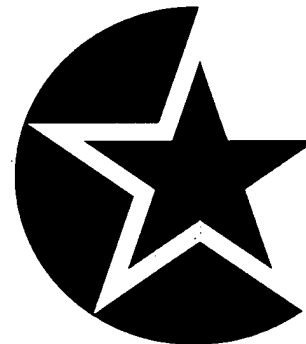




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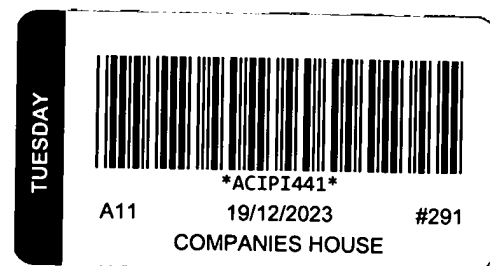


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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31ST MARCH 2023**



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**BLYTH STAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

The Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their annual Directors' Report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' Report and financial statements for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the charities Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; FRS 102) (issued in October 2019).

**Chairman's Statement - Mr Tim Chrisp JP**

Like many other similar organisations operating within our sector we have been affected, in one way or another, by the stark increase in the cost of living over the past year. For many the financial climate has presented as a perfect storm with demand for services increasing just as the cost of running those services rises. Added to this, for many, is the challenge of keeping staff and volunteers, who in turn are facing personal pressures, motivated and supported in their work. And all of this comes so soon after the devastating impact of the global pandemic.

Over the past year Blyth Star Enterprises Limited has been dedicated to fulfilling its core mission of improving the lives of those with severe and enduring mental ill health and disabilities. We have continued to collaborate with partner organisations and local communities to address pressing issues and deliver meaningful solutions.

During the reporting period, our charitable efforts and organic growth have made a significant difference in the lives of more individuals than ever before across our various services. The impact of our work goes beyond statistics; it extends to the positive transformation we have witnessed in the lives of those we serve. Each success story reaffirms our commitment to the cause and motivates us to do even more. The support we have received from our generous donors and sponsors has been instrumental in fuelling our charitable initiatives. As of 31st March 2023, I am pleased to report that our financial position remains stable and resilient.

Our team has worked diligently to optimise the allocation of funds to ensure maximum impact and efficiency in our projects. Transparency and accountability have been at the forefront of our financial practices, and we strive to maintain the trust placed in us by our stakeholders.

While we celebrate our achievements, we are not oblivious to the challenges that lie ahead. The global landscape continues to evolve, presenting us with new obstacles to navigate. However, we are steadfast in our resolve to adapt, innovate, and find solutions to continue making a positive difference.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. Their passion and commitment to our cause have been the driving force behind our success and enabled us to turn aspirations into realities and has given hope to those in need.

As we look to the future Blyth Star Enterprises Limited remains committed to expanding our impact and reaching even more vulnerable communities. We will continue to identify innovative ways to address emerging challenges whilst staying true to our core values.

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**Chairman's Statement - Mr Tim Chrisp JP (continued)**

We also recognise the importance of collaboration and partnerships in achieving sustainable change. We will actively seek opportunities to work with our commissioners and like-minded organisations and individuals to amplify our collective impact.

In conclusion, I am immensely proud of the progress we have made as a charitable company. The journey has been marked by dedication, compassion, and a shared vision for better lives for our service users. As we move forward, we will remain true to our mission and continue to uphold the highest standards of integrity and accountability. Together, we can create a brighter future for those in need and inspire positive change in society.

Thank you for being a part of our journey, and I look forward to your continued support as we embark on the next phase of our mission.

**Our Purposes and Activities**

The Charity's purposes are set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association.

***About Us***

At Blyth Star Enterprises Limited we work alongside people aged **18** and upwards with mental ill health and or learning and other disabilities to enable them to have meaningful and independent lives within their community. We support people to develop and take control of their own lives using a person centred approach focused on rehabilitation and recovery. Our services include living support, community residential rehabilitation, day services, training and employment training, life coaching, social and leisure activities. The organisation is based upon its three fundamental principles:-

- *somewhere to live*
- *somewhere to work*
- *someone to care*

***Where We Work***

We are a local organisation operating primarily in the South East of Northumberland, which contains some of the most deprived areas in all of Northumberland. We are also increasingly delivering services in the North and West of the county as the demand for our services grows.

Working in partnership with people we support, their families or carers and our commissioners, being person centred and focussing on what is important for every person is our passion. We pride ourselves on our ability to have a positive impact on people's lives. We recruit train and support our staff to help people to maximise their independence and to have choice and control over their lives.

***Our Vision***

People with individual needs living the lives they choose.

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**Our Purposes and Activities** *(continued)*

***Our Mission***

*For people with mental ill health:*

Through recovery focussed age appropriate person centred support, we encourage people with mental ill health to take back control of their own lives as much as they can.

*For people with learning and other disabilities:*

By delivering a range of flexible care and support services, we will ensure people with learning and other disabilities are as independent as possible and connected with their local communities.

***Our Values***

- Treat people with dignity and respect.
- Give people power to make choices.
- Support people to be involved with their communities.
- Take responsibility for our actions and act fairly.
- Be honest open and accountable.
- Listen to ensure we deliver agreed plans and outcomes.
- Encourage skill and expertise throughout the organisation.
- Welcome and support innovation and new ideas to maximise our impact.
- Promote leadership and learning.

**Objectives and Activities**

***Policies and Objectives***

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

***Summary of Objects as Set Out in the Governing Document***

The charitable objects are:

- To work with people who experience mental ill health and or learning and other disabilities, to enable them to live and work independently within their own local community and to support them towards achieving a quality of life.
- The provision of community residential rehabilitation, living support, day services, training and employment training services.

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**Objectives and Activities** *(continued)*

***Strategies for Achieving Objectives***

In order to achieve the objectives the Charity provides community residential rehabilitation, living support, day services, training and employment training services, advice and support for people with mental ill health and or learning and other disabilities and their families and carers in Northumberland and neighbouring Local Authority areas. Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is very involved in the local community and as such is indebted to a number local businesses for their support and volunteers who provide their services without financial reward.

**Achievements and Performance**

***Going Concern***

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they will continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

***Review of Activities***

***Continuing to Provide the Best Quality of Care***

***Organisational Impact***

In yet another year that has held many challenges and financial pressures for adult social care providers, Blyth Star Enterprises Limited has continued to maintain its primarily organic service growth and innovative modernisation across all areas of the Organisation. Our actual impact remains focused upon our Organisation's principles of 'Somewhere to Live, Somewhere to Work, Someone to Care'.

The Organisation's services are delivered across two primary areas, these being **Living Support Services**, consisting of Community Residential Rehabilitation and Outreach and **Day Services** comprising of Meaningful Activities, Training and Employment Training.

***Living Support Services - Mrs Susan Mosey, Manager***

During 2022-2023 Living Support Services (LSS) were still adhering to Government Regulations regarding Covid-19 infection control. PPE was still provided free although it was no longer compulsory to wear and was now down to choice. Should a service user in our Community Residential Rehabilitation Unit test positive for Covid-19 all staff were required to wear PPE whilst delivering support to that individual, this is also the case for those staff working in our Outreach Service.

LSS still have a stock of rapid lateral flow tests but these are only used by staff and service users if they are symptomatic of Covid-19. The 5 day isolation period remained in place as did the guidance to stay at home until 2 negative tests are identified. This situation inevitably had an impact on staffing resources, fortunately we had built a bank of employees who remained committed throughout the year to fill any gaps in service delivery often at short notice.

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**Achievements and Performance** *(continued)*

*Review of Activities (continued)*

To address the growth in demand for our services we continually look to employ new members of staff, unfortunately recruitment in our specific sector is difficult at the moment. Hopefully this will improve in the future but in the meantime we continue with our strategy of offering attractive terms and conditions to prospective employees. LSS have recently managed to recruit a number of full time staff and continue to grow our bank of staff.

All apartments in our Community Residential Rehabilitation Unit are occupied at time of writing with demand regularly exceeding supply. All compliance and risk assessment information has been forwarded to the Registered Social Landlord, Auckland Homes, and tenancies are in place for all individuals residing at Custom House and Old Chandlery. There remains some outstanding building work to be completed, however this is to be expected with both buildings being well in excess of one hundred years old. Both of our bungalows have settled tenants and provide a high standard of accommodation.

In addition to the approximately 170 people already accessing it we have a healthy waiting list of new referrals for our outreach service. Unfortunately this demand can only be fully met once our staff numbers reach appropriate levels.

*Day Services*

The service users we work with are, in the most part, not attractive to employers. We seek to develop the potential of all individuals but it is important to acknowledge that there are those whose disabilities prevent them from entering the mainstream employment market. This is precisely why we provide sheltered work environments and seek to make these as real and empowering as possible.

We presently have approximately 140 people using these services following the pandemic, of which two thirds are under the age of 40 and many of whom may require our support for the foreseeable future. This long term service therefore needs to remain relevant, interesting, challenging and sustainable.

*Woodfuel Centre - Mr Neil Hedley, Manager*

Service user attendance remained healthy throughout the year seeing an increase to 18 per day. Normally our busy sales period runs from August to February, however this financial year it started earlier and ran on to late March due to high demand for woodfuels and the general public choosing this type of heating rather than electric and gas. Service users particularly enjoy this time of year when they accompany staff on deliveries and meet the customers.

We continued to build up on our storage cages to prepare for the next winter ahead in order to reach the ready to burn requirements of 20% moisture content and below. We worked in partnership with the ill-fated British Volt to process timber cleared from their proposed Car Battery Plant site in Cambois. British Volt led the timber in to our site which we then processed and gave back to the local community creating great interest for free wood. As part of the arrangement we were allowed to retain 50% of this for our own stock.

We continued the project to develop the garden area of waste land at our West Sleekburn site and have a dedicated staff member working on it full time. This has seen an amazing transformation. Service users enjoy the outdoor space and the helping with the upkeep and development of the land. Our Scottish distributor Pearsons remain on board with significant kindling purchases and again we experienced a higher demand for the product which staff and service users were happy to supply.

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**Achievements and Performance** *(continued)*

***Review of Activities*** *(continued)*

Service user woodwork attendance remained at a good level throughout the year seeing an increase to 12 per day. The department continued to work with the local school projects supplying more outdoor play activities which the service users really enjoyed making. The team have assisted in school nature gardens, erecting new fencing areas and making shelters for raised beds. They have also built a composting area to create a rich soil supplement to use on the raised beds. Some service users have been making garden planters to sell through our Stakeford Nurseries retail unit and have been successful in selling them to the general public.

***Horticulture / Stakeford Nurseries - Mr Graham Carr, Manager***

During the 2022-2023 year, Stakeford Nurseries had a successful season in retail, particularly selling Tumbling Tom tomato baskets at the beginning of the season, pumpkins around Halloween and wreaths at Christmas. A significant amount of excess fruit and vegetables were donated to local food banks. The Nurseries also secured contracts to plant up public planters for East Bedlington Parish Council, which were themed in red, white, and blue to honour HM The Queen's Jubilee. Various contracts were undertaken, including landscaping work at Whitehouse Farm in Morpeth, which included the planting of 3,500 trees, and supplying and planting hanging baskets.

The Nurseries faced a heatwave in mid-July so we organised local trips for the service users to combat the high temperatures. Staff changes occurred, with a new garden supervisor joining in June and the departure of manager Dan Hedley in September, leaving Ruth Hedley and Graham Carr as caretaker managers until a new appointment could be made. The year included events such as a barbecue and games day, a visit to the Harrogate flower show, a Christmas dinner, and a day trip to Bamburgh Castle.

Stakeford Nurseries and the horticultural service successfully renewed its contracts for the following season with various organisations. The Port Of Blyth retained our landscaping and gardens maintenance services for another year. East Bedlington Parish Council ordered a significant amount of street planters and we continued to supply organic plants to North East Organic Growers and Gibside Farm.

The year saw many changes to staffing. In June 2022, a new Senior Support Worker joined the team and quickly integrated well with the existing staff and service users. Dan Hedley, manager, left our employment in September to join the Police force. Existing staff member Graham Carr was appointed as the new Horticultural Services Managers in February following a successful interview. William Douglas, one of our most experienced and last remaining original members of staff retired during the year, he will be greatly missed by staff and service users.

***The Steamboat Day Service - Mrs Carol Boyd, Manager***

In this period we have developed a "healthy living/healthy lifestyle" scheme. This includes service users participating to be weighed weekly and advice given around their goals. We have daily alternative "healthy options" on the menu for those that want to lose weight. Also included in this we are doing daily exercises (seated) and going out locally for walks. We had 2 nurses come in to run a workshop around Diabetes and our cook is hoping to get more experience cooking for service users with diabetes as we have quite a few.

We have organized workshops with guest speakers – Welfare Rights talked to service users about the benefits and support available with cost of living crisis. The Police came and gave a talk around community safety. We also have further visits planned including going to visit events out in our local community. We have a younger crowd on a Friday and in the afternoon we have a "wellbeing group". Anyone can join in and we do activities around self-care whilst creating a safe space for those wanting to talk about any issues they may have.

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**Achievements and Performance** *(continued)*

***Review of Activities*** *(continued)*

We have carers pop in for a coffee and a chat on a Wednesday afternoon. They can do this anytime but more seem to attend on the Wednesday and they are able to chat to other carers about their experiences. We decorated the main office so it is a quiet space for carers to come and chat and have a cup of tea. Despite having very limited outside space we have some plants and vegetables that we have grown from seed and a couple of service users are loving looking after these, watering and watching them grow.

Our Arts & Crafts have been a big hit as we have sourced new equipment and are continually looking at new ideas. We like to display the artwork in the centre, however some like to take it home for families to enjoy. We have also introduced cultural theme days i.e. Celebrating Chinese New Year, learning about its history and cooked the food eaten traditionally at this time, gaining knowledge from two Asian service users we have. Two service users have undergone training to enable them to work in the kitchen and they have both achieved Level 2 in Food Hygiene. We also facilitate cooking lessons with service users. A programme is currently under construction to help deliver training daily living skills for service users which we hope to have up and running soon.

Recently we have commenced utilising our mini buses throughout the day when they are not being used for service user transport, we have already been to Beamish and have more trips planned. All of our staff are now fully trained in Emergency First Aid, Fire Awareness and Level 2 Food Hygiene apart from our cook who is trained to Level 3.

*Lionhearts / North Outreach Services - Mrs Anne Marie Lister - Manager*

Sadly the Lionhearts day service came to an end on the 30th March 2023, the difficult decision to close was taken as the service was no longer financially viable and required significant subsidisation. We have supported and encouraged those who attended the group to continue to meet up and helped them to set up a whatsapp group through which all of them continue to keep in touch. We also supplied information about other local groups in the area which they could potentially access.

Our north outreach service is still relatively new and is developing organically and is currently at capacity for the current staffing levels with 9 service users receiving support of between 1 and 10 hours per week predominantly funded by the local authority.

**Financial Review**

***Principal Funding Sources***

The principal funding sources of the Charity are the provision of a community residential rehabilitation and recovery service, living support outreach services, independent supported living services, day services, training and employment training services. These services represent **81.83%** (2022: 87.55%) of the Charity's total income which is a reduction on the previous year due to the receipt of a significant Deed of Gift.

***Expenditure***

Expenditure has increased compared to the previous year primarily due to the effect of Living Wage pay awards made to employees and the impact the current cost of living crisis is having on all businesses.

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**Financial Review** *(continued)*

***Statement of Financial Position***

Our statement of financial position continues to grow stronger with total reserves of **£2,390,089** (2022: £1,820,612) primarily unrestricted in nature.

We invested **£153,630** in capital assets during the year, mainly in our freehold property and plant & equipment. We will continue the policy of investing where necessary to modernise, remain safe and where possible, provide improved care at optimum cost.

Net current assets at the year-end were **£621,991** (2022: £387,111) with the increase being attributable to a larger surplus being achieved this year coupled with timing effects of receipt of debtors and the early settlement of our Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF) loan and Barclays mortgage.

**Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies**

As a registered Charity the financial objectives of Blyth Star Enterprises Limited are:

- To be financially stable at all times and to maintain sufficient reserves to achieve this.
- To be managed professionally and prudently in line with policies agreed by the Board of Trustees.
- To generate operating surpluses and to re-invest these towards the achievement of our charitable objectives.
- To control expenditure and operate efficiently.
- To monitor, control and minimise all financial and other risks.

***Financial Risk Management Policy***

Internal financial controls are regularly reviewed in line with guidelines set by the Charity Commission. This is the responsibility of senior management and the Board of Trustees. The Charity manages its cash resources, including sufficient working capital, so that operating needs are met without the need for regular short term borrowing, any surplus cash is invested so as to maximise interest income.

The charitable company is exposed to price risk in terms of statutory funding levels but is content that these are in line with those in the sector and budget accordingly. Credit risk is managed through regular contact with funders, liquidity and cash flow risks are managed through appropriate and carefully managed use of financial instruments with our principal bankers.

***Investment Powers and Policy***

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Charity has the power to invest in any way the Trustees wish.

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**Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies** *(continued)*

***Reserves Policy and Going Concern***

The Board of Trustees of the Charity have a strategy of continuing where possible to build reserves through planned operating surpluses. They are aware that a prudent approach, particularly in the current climate of financial and economic uncertainty, must be maintained to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to provide resources and flexibility to achieve future plans.

Should the Charity generate financial surpluses, the current reserves policy allows for up to six months running costs to be kept as an uncommitted reserve. Any funds remaining should be committed to works and services which meet the aims of the Charity although once committed these do not have to be spent within one financial year but become restricted funds.

At 31st March 2023 unrestricted reserves were **£2,116,139** (2022 : £1,725,404) and six months running costs amounted to **£950,680** (2022: £901,055) the Trustees are therefore pleased to report that unrestricted reserves exceed the minimum target by **£1,165,459** (2022 : £824,349).

Whilst this is reassuring ongoing and increasing uncertainty in our areas of activity suggest we continue with our prudent approach in respect of our reserve levels and on that basis the Trustees have implemented their plan for unrestricted surpluses in this and future years to be extended to six months operating cost. The growth in reserves will be achieved through continued income generation, establishment of unrestricted income streams and sound financial management but we are mindful that we still need to invest in our current projects or any future project that arises which will be of benefit to the Charity.

**Plans for Future Periods**

The Trustees and senior management team have set out a growth strategy for Blyth Star Enterprises Limited focused on the expansion and modernisation of our services. This expansion and modernisation will generate year on year surpluses that we can re-invest in our staff to improve our service delivery and provide even better support to people with mental ill health and (or) learning and other disabilities, their families and carers.

The Trustees are committed to continuing to invest in our Organisation through the use of our reserves and grant funding, rather than cut back on the services that we provide and the resultant impact that we can achieve for our beneficiaries.

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Charity Name:</b>	Blyth Star Enterprises Limited
<b>Charity Registration Number:</b>	519443
<b>Company Registration Number:</b>	02152943
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**Directors and Trustees**

The directors of the charitable company (the Charity) are its Trustees for the purposes of Charity law. The Trustees who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

**Key Management Personnel Blyth Star Enterprises Limited: Trustees and Directors**

<b>Elected Trustees:</b>	T. P. Chrisp JP	(Chairman)
	S. W. Gibson	(Company Secretary)
	Ms T. Rendall	(Resigned 14.12.22)
	Mrs S. M. Herron	
	Ms L. Tonks	

**Key Management Personnel Blyth Star Enterprises Limited: Management**

<b>Chief Executive:</b>	Ms J. Dixon
<b>Consultant:</b>	G. Moore MBE

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

***Nature of Governing Document and How the Charity is Constituted***

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited was incorporated in the UK as a company limited by guarantee on 6th August 1987 and as a charity on 30th October 1987. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which states the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association dated 18th June 1987 (updated 25th September 2015).

In the event of the company being wound up, the members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

The charitable company is managed by Trustees with expertise relevant to the management of the company. The Trustees meet quarterly to monitor performance, agree resource allocation, identify and agree solutions to problems and respond to any opportunities that arise. The Chief Executive Officer meets regularly with the Chairman of Trustees to discuss performance.

***Appointment of Trustees***

The Directors of the Company are also Charity Trustees for the purpose of Charity law. Should Blyth Star Enterprises Limited wish to recruit a new Trustee there are formal procedures in place to ensure a good candidate is selected. There is no specific age group or experience required to become a Trustee, however Trustees must not have unspent convictions for offences involving deception or dishonesty and be willing and able to demonstrate that they can add to the range of skills and experience present in the existing Trustees. They should also be able to demonstrate their commitment to actively participate in the governance and development of the company outside of Board meetings.

The Board of Directors will strive to recruit new Trustees from within the area of influence of the Charity, from wider professional spheres, i.e. local business community and people with experience of providing, organising or administering employment training. In addition it will actively seek to recruit people with experience of mental ill health and or learning disabilities, their families or carers.

Under the requirements of the Articles of Association, members of the Board are normally elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), with one third of the Board resigning at each AGM; this number being made up of those who have been appointed to the Board longest since their last appointment.

***Trustee Induction and Training***

There is a formal induction process for all new Trustees. This includes an orientation by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the provision of an information pack which explains their legal obligations under Charity and company law, the Charity Commission publication "The Essential Trustee" and specific guidance on public benefit and conflicts of interest, and informs them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the current business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. During the induction they meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

***Organisational Structure and How Decisions are Made***

The Charity has no fixed maximum of Trustees. Currently there are 5 Trustees who meet frequently as a Board to discuss and decide the policies and strategy of the Charity. Individual Trustees participate in other meetings in between Board meetings specific to their areas of interest, expertise or in line with their delegated responsibilities.

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**Structure, Governance and Management** *(continued)*

***Organisational Structure and How Decisions are Made*** *(continued)*

The Trustees have the ultimate responsibility for establishing the strategic direction and corporate objectives of the Charity with the day to day running of the Charity being the responsibility of the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Operations Director.

Committees of Trustees are formed as and when required to cover Audit & Finance, Care Quality, Health & Safety and Risk. The Chief Executive Officer is assisted by the Operations Director and a variety of service level agreements for essential support services.

***Related Parties and Co-operation with Other Organisations***

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is a specialist provider of care for people with mental ill health and or learning and other disabilities. Services are commissioned by Adult Social Services departments within local councils in the North East of England primarily but not exclusively Northumberland. The Charity enjoys good relationships with a variety of other local and national partners and statutory bodies.

***Pay Policy for Key Management Personnel***

The pay of Key Management Personnel is reviewed annually and normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The Trustees benchmark against average pay levels of other charities and similar organisations within the sector and in the region. Pay levels are set using this information together with budget and forecast information, ensuring that the Charity can afford any proposed increase. The Trustees then agree any uplift to remuneration.

***Principal Risks and Uncertainties***

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited operates within a highly regulated environment, with the majority of its income derived

- Financial constraints placed on all care providers by public sector commissioners, as they in turn face financial cutbacks. This is a challenge faced throughout the care sector and is by no means unique to Blyth Star Enterprises Limited.
- Changes in legislation affecting charities and the care sector, including additional compliance requirements.
- Failure to meet the requirements of our various regulators resulting in the inability to provide services.
- Changes in legislation affecting businesses in general, such as pension auto-enrolment and changes to the National Living Wage. These lead to increases in our operating costs and again are not unique to Blyth Star Enterprises Limited.

***Risk Management***

The Trustees understand the importance of assessing major risks to which the Charity is exposed. There are appropriate systems, controls and procedures in place to minimise and mitigate any principal risks and uncertainties.

The following major risks to which Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is exposed are regularly reviewed:

- Financial (fraud, insufficient income, exceptional costs).
- Governance (recruitment or loss of Trustees and management).

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*Principal Risks and Uncertainties (continued)*

*Risk Management (continued)*

- External/political (government policy changes, Local Authority changes).
- Quality and reputation (compliance failure, breach of law or regulations, serious incident, adverse publicity).
- Service delivery (recruitment or loss of staff, loss of contracts).
- Growth risks (failure to achieve long term objectives, availability of investment).

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited has reviewed its organisational risk management and assessment policies and procedures and uses the services of specialist Health & Safety/ Risk Management advisors to help oversee this area of our work, supported by the senior management team and Trustees.

**Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements**

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of Blyth Star Enterprises Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to :

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make sound judgments 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charitable company has appropriate systems and controls, financial and otherwise. The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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. The Trustees 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 and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is operating efficiently and effectively;
- All assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition and are properly applied;
- Proper records are maintained, and financial information used within Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is reliable; and
- Blyth Star Enterprises Limited complies with relevant laws and regulations.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements** *(continued)*

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

***Statement of Disclosure to the Charity's Auditors***

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' Annual Report:

- there is no relevant information, being information needed by the Charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report, of which the Charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow directors that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's auditors are aware of that information.

**Independent Auditor**

Emma Hartshorne Ferguson BA FCA and Bell Tindle Williamson LLP are deemed to be re-appointed under Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006. Re-appointment will be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
T. P. CHRISP  
Chairman

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**OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Blyth Star Enterprises Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account), the statement of financial position, the statement of cashflows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

The other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**OPINIONS ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charitable sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental, health and safety, mental health and mental capacity acts;
- We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- Identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- Making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;

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**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(continued)*

- Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Understanding the design of the charitable company's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- Tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- Reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charitable company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.

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**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** *(continued)*

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Emma Hartshorne-Ferguson BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of  
Bell Tindle Williamson LLP  
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor  
The Old Post Office  
63 Saville Street  
North Shields  
Tyne & Wear  
NE30 1AY

30th November 2023

**BLYTH STAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME**  
**AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds £</u>	<u>Restricted Funds £</u>	<u>Revaluation Reserve £</u>	<u>2023 Total £</u>	<u>2022 Total £</u>
<b>INCOME:</b>						
Donations and Legacies	3	53,388	394,133	-	447,521	268,294
Income from Other Trading Activities	4	63,654	-	-	63,654	59,230
Investment Income	5	1,254	-	-	1,254	61
Income from charitable activities	6	1,958,408	-	-	1,958,408	1,828,512
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>2,076,704</b>	<b>394,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,470,837</b>	<b>2,156,097</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>						
<b>Costs of Raising Funds:</b>						
Trading Operations	7	24,799	636	-	25,435	18,465
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	1,770,329	99,596	-	1,869,925	1,783,645
Donations and Legacies Transfer	20	-	6,000	-	6,000	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,795,128</b>	<b>106,232</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,901,360</b>	<b>1,802,110</b>
<b>NET INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>281,576</b>	<b>287,901</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>569,477</b>	<b>353,987</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Transfer Between Funds		109,159	(109,159)	-	-	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		1,725,404	77,099	18,109	1,820,612	1,466,625
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,116,139</b>	<b>255,841</b>	<b>18,109</b>	<b>2,390,089</b>	<b>1,820,612</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

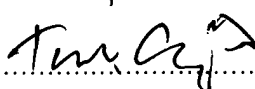
*The notes on pages 23 to 36 form part of these financial statements*

**BLYTH STAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	12	1,768,098	1,678,008
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	13	4,816	10,457
Debtors	14	117,064	301,037
Bank and Cash Balances		619,844	527,540
		<u>741,724</u>	<u>839,034</u>
<b>CREDITORS - AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	15	<u>119,733</u>	<u>451,223</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		621,991	387,811
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,390,089</u>	<u>2,065,819</u>
<b>CREDITORS - AMOUNTS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR</b>	15	-	245,207
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,390,089</u>	<u>1,820,612</u>
Unrestricted Funds	20	2,116,139	1,725,404
Restricted Funds	20	255,841	77,099
Revaluation Reserve	20	18,109	18,109
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>2,390,089</u>	<u>1,820,612</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 30th November 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 T. P. CHRISP  
 Chairman

Company Registration Number 02152943

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**BLYTH STAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
Cash generated by operating activities	21	<u>845,196</u>	<u>238,718</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		1,254	61
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(153,630)	(385,827)
<b>Cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(152,376)</u>	<u>(385,766)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(600,516)	(29,862)
<b>Cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(600,516)</u>	<u>(29,862)</u>
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		92,304	(176,910)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st March 2022		527,540	704,450
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at 31st March 2023</b>		<u>619,844</u>	<u>527,540</u>

*The notes on pages 23 to 36 form part of these financial statements*

**BLYTH STAR ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

**a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

**b) Preparation of the Financial Statements on a Going Concern Basis**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. There are no significant judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty that effect the financial statements.

**c) Income**

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.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations and grants are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the entitled to the funds, the income is deferred until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from trading activities is recognised as earned.
- Income from charitable activities is recognised when an invoice is raised.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

**d) Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted Funds are funds which 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 are funds in respect of grants received for capital purposes where the related capital asset has been purchased thereby satisfying the grant condition. The annual depreciation charge on these assets is charged to this fund. Designated funds form part of the Charity's unrestricted funds.

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.

**e) Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs of commercial trading included in Day activities and Woodwork, and Nursery activities.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to specific departments and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**f) Support Costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist in the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include office costs, finance, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been included within expenditure on charitable activities.

**g) Tangible Fixed Assets and Restricted Funds**

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited may receive grants that can only be used for expenditure on fixed assets. The directors consider that the following policies are required to satisfy their obligations under Company and Charitable Law:-

- Expenditure on the fixed asset is capitalised. The fixed asset being depreciated over its useful economic life in accordance with the company's accounting policy.
- Grants received specifically to finance the expenditure are credited to a restricted fund and are transferred to unrestricted reserves when the grant has been spent and the restriction no longer applies.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

**h) Tangible Fixed Assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates for this purpose, which are consistent with those of the previous year, are:-

	<u>%</u>	
Motor Vehicles	25	reducing balance
Plant and Equipment	20/25	reducing balance
Plant and Equipment	6.67/10	straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	25	reducing balance
Freehold Property	1	straight line

**i) Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made, where necessary, for obsolete and slow moving items.

**j) Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**k) Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprises funds held in the charity bank current and deposit accounts and petty cash.

**l) Creditors and Provisions**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discount received.

**m) Operating Leases**

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the lease asset are consumed.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

**n) Defined Contribution Pension Plans**

Contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

**o) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset or liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**2 LEGAL STATUS**

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is a private company limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital.

In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the Trustees would be required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

**3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i><b>Donations:</b></i>				
Residential Service/Living Support	-	-	-	180
Day Activities and Woodwork	-	-	-	100
Nursery	-	-	-	58
Central Services	50,878	-	50,878	1,652
Miscellaneous Projects	10	-	10	-
	<u>50,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,888</u>	<u>1,990</u>
<i><b>Grants Receivable:</b></i>				
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>394,133</u>	<u>396,633</u>	<u>266,304</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>53,388</u>	<u>394,133</u>	<u>447,521</u>	<u>268,294</u>

In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the financial statements.

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**3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES (continued)**

The charity was very grateful to receive the following grants during the year:

	<u>£</u>
Jill Franklin Charitable Trust	36,000
The Joseph Frazer Strong Trust	2,000
The Mel Weir Charitable Trust	500
CRASH Charity	15,000
Northumberland County Council - Community Chest Scheme	3,133
The Edward Gostling Foundation	250,000
The Edward Gostling Foundation	90,000
	<u>396,633</u>

**4 INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i>Income Derived from Commercial Operations:</i>				
Day Activities and Woodwork	9,471	-	9,471	11,816
Nursery	54,183	-	54,183	47,414
	<u>63,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,654</u>	<u>59,230</u>

**5 INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i>Bank Interest Received:</i>				
Central Services	1,254	-	1,254	61

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**6 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>PROVISION OF CLIENT SERVICES</b>				
<i>Care Management:</i>				
Residential Service/Living Support	1,461,389	-	1,461,389	1,300,608
Day Activities and Woodwork	147,972	-	147,972	209,393
Nursery	169,060	-	169,060	154,613
Central	-	-	-	660
Miscellaneous Projects	42,479	-	42,479	55,013
<i>Rents and Housing Benefit:</i>				
Residential Service/Living Support	135,497	-	135,497	107,249
	<u>1,956,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,956,397</u>	<u>1,827,536</u>
<b>OTHER CLIENT RELATED INCOME</b>				
<i>Management Charges Income:</i>				
Central Services	545	-	545	662
<i>Students:</i>				
Residential Service/Living Support	40	-	40	100
<i>Miscellaneous Income:</i>				
Day Activities and Woodwork	250	-	250	17
Nursery	1,155	-	1,155	-
Central Services	21	-	21	197
	<u>2,011</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,011</u>	<u>976</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>1,958,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,958,408</u>	<u>1,828,512</u>

**7 COST OF RAISING FUNDS - TRADING OPERATIONS**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i>Day Activities and Woodwork:</i>				
Opening Stock	6,054	-	6,054	-
Purchases	1,949	636	2,585	12,482
Closing Stock	-	-	-	(6,054)
	<u>8,003</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>8,639</u>	<u>6,428</u>
<i>Nursery:</i>				
Opening Stock	3,503	-	3,503	2,750
Purchases	17,209	-	17,209	12,790
Closing Stock	(3,916)	-	(3,916)	(3,503)
	<u>16,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,796</u>	<u>12,037</u>
<b>TOTAL COST OF RAISING FUNDS</b>	<u>24,799</u>	<u>636</u>	<u>25,435</u>	<u>18,465</u>

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**8 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Residential Service		Day Activities and Woodwork		Nursery		Central Services		Other Projects		2023		Residential Service		Day Activities and Woodwork	Nursery	Central Services	Other Projects	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Property Costs</b>																			
Rent & Rates	25,562	-	22,508	-	1,436	-	12,889	-	-	-	62,395		23,223	-	22,424	2,304	13,811	-	61,762
Light & Heat	17,332	-	5,358	-	3,180	-	-	-	-	-	25,890		11,729	-	8,548	2,350	-	-	22,627
Repairs and Maintenance	28,423	-	3,315	-	9,812	220	4,586	-	383	214	46,953		19,144	-	5,750	12,417	5,892	312	43,515
Cleaning	2,804	-	779	-	4,126	-	14	-	16	-	7,739		2,513	-	825	3,529	12	28	6,907
Insurance	19,131	-	2,985	-	5,241	-	733	-	-	-	28,090		16,363	-	3,778	5,029	910	-	26,080
	93,272	-	34,945	-	23,795	220	18,222	-	399	214	171,067		72,972	-	41,325	25,629	20,625	340	160,891
<b>Client Costs</b>																			
Holidays, Outings and Celebrations	1,000	-	-	-	234	-	4,698	-	36	-	5,968		541	-	113	-	3,555	-	4,209
Activity Group	22	-	-	-	52	-	-	-	4,368	926	5,368		71	-	-	-	-	11,138	11,209
Consumables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	81	91		-	-	-	-	-	3,462	3,462
Food and Provisions	11,028	-	4,694	-	847	-	86	-	1,091	-	17,746		8,636	-	5,141	591	113	1,291	15,772
Social Training Escort	5,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	348	-	5,920		3,140	-	-	-	-	-	3,140
Wages	671,410	37,500	65,297	32,534	143,383	28,121	-	-	58,095	-	1,036,340		574,393	-	115,013	147,873	-	-	837,279
Motor and Travel	124,328	-	1,913	-	16,982	-	1,898	-	12,010	-	157,131		116,014	-	8,141	15,731	6,465	15,768	162,119
Protective Clothing	-	-	125	-	1,385	-	37	-	-	-	1,547		-	-	277	1,146	97	-	1,520
	813,360	37,500	72,029	32,534	162,883	28,121	6,719	-	75,958	1,007	1,230,111		702,795	-	128,685	165,341	10,230	31,659	1,038,710
<b>Management and Administration</b>																			
Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	282,910	-	-	-	282,910		-	-	-	-	305,775	87,827	393,602
Staff Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Management Charge & Project Support	-	-	1,635	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,635		-	-	6,540	-	-	-	6,540
Telephone and TV Costs	7,881	-	2,085	-	1,744	-	2,165	-	861	-	14,736		7,315	-	2,333	1,380	2,120	849	13,997
Postage Printing and Stationery	3,495	-	986	-	298	-	2,237	-	123	-	7,139		1,936	-	1,162	106	3,293	20	6,517
Advertising and Recruitment	700	-	243	-	333	-	1,979	-	99	-	3,354		1,641	-	197	1,299	858	50	4,045
Training	1,338	-	666	-	1,248	-	393	-	134	-	3,779		7,949	-	209	549	694	-	9,401
Subscriptions and Donations	-	-	559	-	1,142	-	301	-	-	-	2,002		-	-	209	1,353	410	-	1,972
Health and Safety	1,664	-	17	-	46	-	342	-	-	-	2,069		976	-	183	189	30	2,000	3,378
Sundry Expenses	54	-	39	-	206	-	148	-	-	-	447		165	-	52	-	26	-	243
Consultancy and Professional Fees	15,900	-	105	-	400	-	6,339	-	-	-	22,744		1,996	-	-	445	6,407	-	8,848
Entertaining and Conference Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	-	-	-	63		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,010	-	-	-	15,010		-	-	-	-	14,259	-	14,259
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,560	-	-	-	6,560		-	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250
Irrecoverable Input Vat	-	-	-	-	7,815	-	12,871	-	-	-	20,686		-	-	-	6,812	15,014	-	21,826
	31,032	-	6,335	-	13,232	-	331,318	-	1,217	-	383,134		21,978	-	10,885	12,133	355,136	93,746	493,878
<b>Finance Costs</b>																			
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	627	-	1,625	-	-	-	2,252		-	-	-	634	1,532	-	2,166
Bank Loan and Mortgage Interest	19,821	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,821		30,201	-	-	-	-	-	30,201
Depreciation	16,206	-	1,679	-	21,610	-	23,876	-	-	-	63,371		5,581	-	24,778	26,693	-	-	57,052
Loss on Disposal of Assets	169	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	756	(9)	-	-	747
	36,196	-	1,679	-	22,237	-	25,501	-	-	-	85,613		35,782	-	756	25,403	28,225	-	90,166
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE COSTS</b>	<b>973,860</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>114,988</b>	<b>32,534</b>	<b>222,147</b>	<b>28,341</b>	<b>381,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,574</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>1,869,925</b>		<b>833,527</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>181,651</b>	<b>228,506</b>	<b>414,216</b>	<b>125,745</b>	<b>1,783,645</b>

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**9 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR**

This is stated after charging:

	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Audit	6,560	6,250
Depreciation	62,921	57,052
<i>Operating lease costs:</i>		
Motor vehicles	66,981	74,066
Property	45,916	49,053
Telephone equipment	1,490	1,490
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**10 ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES AND THE COST OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Residential Service	671,410	37,500	708,910	574,393
Day Activities and Woodwork	65,297	32,534	97,831	115,013
Nurseries	143,383	28,121	171,504	147,873
Central Services	282,910	-	282,910	305,775
Other Projects	58,095	-	58,095	87,827
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	1,221,095	98,155	1,319,250	1,230,881

Staff costs include: Employers National Insurance costs of £105,131 (2022: £87,817) and a defined contribution pension charge of £21,546 (2022: £21,385).

One member of staff received emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022: 1).

T. P. Chrisp received remuneration, including pension contributions and travel expenses, of £81,006 (2022: £74,491) for his services as Finance Director/Trustee. No remuneration, directly or indirectly, was paid or payable, from the funds of the Charity to any of its other directors/trustees during the year.

Other than T. P. Chrisp, no Charity Trustees were paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £Nil) neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2022: £Nil).

The key management personnel of the Charity comprise the trustees, the chief executive, Ms J. Dixon, the finance director/chairman, T. P. Chrisp, and a consultant, G. Moore MBE. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £165,018 (2022: £162,575).

**11 STAFF NUMBERS**

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<u>2023</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Number</u>
Accommodation	39	34
Workshops and Day Services	15	16
Central Services	7	8
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	61	58

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**12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b><u>Freehold Property</u></b>	<b><u>Motor Vehicles</u></b>	<b><u>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</u></b>	<b><u>Plant &amp; Equipment</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b>COST</b>					
At 1st April 2022	1,525,996	106,266	22,112	506,396	2,160,770
Additions	139,560	-	-	14,070	153,630
Disposals	-	-	-	(954)	(954)
At 31st March 2023	1,665,556	106,266	22,112	519,512	2,313,446
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1st April 2022	68,054	58,116	12,662	343,930	482,762
Charge for year	16,205	12,037	2,369	32,760	63,371
Disposals	-	-	-	(785)	(785)
At 31st March 2023	84,259	70,153	15,031	375,905	545,348
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31st March 2023	1,581,297	36,113	7,081	143,607	1,768,098
At 31st March 2022	1,457,942	48,150	9,450	162,466	1,678,008

**13 STOCKS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Nursery	3,916	3,503
Woodwork	-	6,054
Old Chandlery	900	900
	4,816	10,457

**14 DEBTORS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Trade Debtors	41,537	194,627
Prepayments and Accrued Income	48,496	61,047
The Woodfuel Centre CIC	27,031	44,854
Blyth Star Catering Services CIC	-	509
	117,064	301,037

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**15 CREDITORS**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Amounts due within one year:-</b>		
Mortgage	-	19,000
Bank Loans	-	336,309
Trade Creditors	17,886	34,176
Accruals and Deferred Income	95,899	37,882
Other Creditors	195	476
PAYE and NIC	5,384	22,410
Value Added Tax	369	970
	<u>119,733</u>	<u>451,223</u>
<b>Amounts due after one and within two years:-</b>		
Mortgage	-	19,500
Bank Loans	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,500</u>
<b>Amounts due after two and within five years:-</b>		
Mortgage	-	61,500
Bank Loans	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>61,500</u>
<b>Amounts due after five years:-</b>		
Mortgage	-	164,207
Bank Loans	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>164,207</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>245,207</u>

**16 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES**

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Not later than one year	105,060	103,997
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	87,120	106,567
Later than 5 years	-	11,857
	<u>192,180</u>	<u>222,421</u>

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**17 TAXATION**

As a Charity, Blyth Star Enterprises Limited is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

**18 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,768,098	-	1,768,098
Current Assets	485,883	255,841	741,724
Current Liabilities	(119,733)	-	(119,733)
	<u>2,134,248</u>	<u>255,841</u>	<u>2,390,089</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS - PREVIOUS YEAR**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,678,008	-	1,678,008
Current Assets	761,935	77,099	839,034
Current Liabilities	(337,449)	-	(337,449)
Non Current Liabilities	(358,981)	-	(358,981)
	<u>1,743,513</u>	<u>77,099</u>	<u>1,820,612</u>

**19 AUDITORS REMUNERATION**

	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
Auditors Remuneration:		
As Auditors	6,560	6,250
Accountancy	13,520	13,425
Payroll and Pension Services	2,616	834
	<u>22,696</u>	<u>20,509</u>

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**20 STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1st April</u> <u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Transfers</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>31st March</u> <u>2023</u> <u>£</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds :</b>					
<i>General</i>	1,725,404	109,159	2,076,704	(1,795,128)	2,116,139
<b>Revaluation Reserve</b>	18,109	-	-	-	18,109
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>					
<i>Capital Grants</i>					
The RW Mann Charitable Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-
EDF Offshore Windfarm Trust	610	(610)	-	-	-
The Barbour Foundation	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
The Evan Cornish Foundation	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
The Schroder Charitable Trust	303	(303)	-	-	-
CRASH Charity	-	(15,000)	15,000	-	-
Jill Franklin Charitable Trust	-	(3,466)	3,466	-	-
The Edward Gostling Foundation	-	(90,000)	90,000	-	-
Northumberland County Council - Community Chest Scheme	-	-	3,133	-	3,133
The EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
	26,913	(115,379)	111,599	-	23,133
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>					
<i>Revenue Grants</i>					
The Co-op Community Foundation	855	-	-	(855)	-
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	871	-	-	(871)	-
The Hadrian Trust	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Nationwide Building Society Community Grants	17,708	-	-	(12,500)	5,208
The Bernard Sunley Foundation	10,000	-	-	(10,000)	-
The Ridley Family Settlement	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
The William Leach Foundation	6,000	-	-	(6,000)	-
The Rothley Trust	1,250	-	-	(1,250)	-
The William Webster Charitable Trust	3,000	-	-	(3,000)	-
The David Solomons Charitable Trust	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
The Community Foundation Ringtons Fund	1,002	-	-	(1,002)	-
The Sobell Foundation	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
The Edward Gostling Foundation	-	-	250,000	(25,000)	225,000
Jill Franklin Charitable Trust	-	-	32,534	(32,534)	-
The Schroder Charitable Trust	-	220	-	(220)	-
	50,186	220	282,534	(100,232)	232,708
	1,820,612	(6,000)	2,470,837	(1,895,360)	2,390,09

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**20 STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**Capital Grants Transfer**

Grants of £6,000 received in the 2022 financial year in respect of the purchase of an Eco Shed have been transferred to The Woodfuel Centre CIC, a company controlled by Blyth Star Enterprises Limited, in which company the acquisition has been made.

**Unrestricted Funds**

These are funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charity's objectives.

**Revaluation Reserve**

This represents the surplus between the original cost of the Old Chandlery freehold property and the professional valuation in 2011 which was used as the property's deemed cost on transition to FRS 102.

**Restricted Funds**

These are funds given for particular purposes and projects and are summarised as follows:

**Capital Grants**

The RW Mann Charitable Trust	Monies received to acquire an eco shed.
EDF Offshore Windfarm Trust	Monies received to acquire Roots to Recovery equipment.
The Barbour Foundation	Monies received to support residential apartments build.
The Evan Cornish Foundation	Monies received to acquire Roots to Recovery vehicle.
The Schroder Charitable Trust	Monies received to acquire Roots to Recovery equipment.
CRASH Charity	Monies received to create residential apartments.
Jill Franklin Charitable Trust	Monies received to acquire catering equipment.
The Edward Gostling Foundation	Gift of 55 Woodbine Terrace, Blyth, Northumberland
Northumberland County Council - Community Chest Scheme	Monies received to create building extension.
The EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement	Monies received to acquire Roots to Recovery equipment.

**Revenue Grants**

The Co-op Community Foundation	Monies received to support Lionhearts project costs.
The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	Monies received to support Next Steps costs.
The Hadrian Trust	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
Nationwide Building Society Community Grants	Monies received to support employment of a tenancy manager.
The Bernard Sunley Foundation	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The Ridley Family Settlement	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The William Leach Foundation	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The Rothley Trust	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The William Webster Charitable Trust	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The David Solomons Charitable Trust	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.
The Community Foundation Ringtons Fund	Monies received to support Covid 19 project costs.
The Sobell Foundation	Monies received to support employment of a support worker.
The Edward Gostling Foundation	Monies received to support Living Support services.
Jill Franklin Charitable Trust	Monies received to support day activities.
The Schroder Charitable Trust	Monies received to support Roots to Recovery costs.

**Transfer Between Funds**

£109,159 of restricted reserves has been spent on capital expenditure during the year and a transfer has been made to unrestricted reserves as the restriction no longer applies.

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**21 RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Net Movement in Funds	569,477	353,987
Depreciation	63,371	57,052
Loss on Disposal of Assets	169	-
Interest Income	(1,254)	(61)
Decrease/(Increase) in Stock	5,641	(6,806)
Decrease/(Increase) in Debtors	183,973	(188,968)
Increase in Creditors	23,819	23,514
	<u>845,196</u>	<u>238,718</u>

**22 DIRECTORS' TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

T.P Chrisp is also a director of the Woodfuel Centre CIC.

On 1st July 2022 the trading activities of the Woodwork Department were transferred to The Woodfuel Centre CIC. Both operations now take place on the same site allowing greater synergy and effectiveness of their activities.

In the year to 31st March 2023, Blyth Star Enterprises Limited received a management charge of £545 (2022: £662) and a donation of £50,000 (2022: £Nil) from The Woodfuel Centre CIC and paid to The Woodfuel Centre CIC a contribution of £1,635 towards overheads in respect of the Woodwork Department (2022: £6,540). Grants received of £6,000 in respect of the construction of an Eco Shed at the Woodfuel Centre were transferred to The Woodfuel Centre CIC during the year.

At 31st March 2023 The Woodfuel Centre CIC owed £27,031 (2022: £44,854) to Blyth Star Enterprises Limited and this is shown in year end debtors.

Blyth Star Enterprises Limited continue to provide administrative support free of charge to The Woodfuel Centre CIC.

T. P. Chrisp is also a director of Blyth Star Catering Services CIC. At 31st March 2023, Blyth Star Enterprises Limited were owed £Nil (2022: £509) by Blyth Star Catering Services CIC. During the year Blyth Star Catering Services CIC made a donation of £655 (2022: £Nil) to Blyth Star Enterprises Limited.

The directors had no material interest in any other transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

No other transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

**23 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no ultimate controlling party of the charity other than the Board itself.

**24 EVENTS AFTER THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DATE**

After the year end the charity was subject to a complex cyber fraud. This led to seven fraudulent transfers, amounting to £127,756, being taken from one of the charity's bank accounts on 22nd August 2023. To date, £64,822 has been returned to the charity. The bank and the charity continue to work closely and it is the Trustees opinion that the remaining monies will be returned to the charity in due course.

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**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**

	<b><u>Page</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE/LIVING SUPPORT	38	627,972	585,350
DAY ACTIVITIES AND WOODWORK	39	36,381	36,306
NURSERY PROJECT	40	4,183	1,189
CENTRAL SERVICES	41	(318,759)	(402,830)
MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS	42	(35,085)	473
		<u>314,692</u>	<u>220,488</u>

**RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS AND INCOME**  
**AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS**

	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SURPLUS FOR YEAR	314,692	220,488
REVENUE GRANTS RELEASED TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	(100,232)	(100,498)
CAPITAL GRANTS RELEASED TO INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	(33,116)	(32,307)
GRANTS RECEIVED	394,133	266,304
GRANTS TRANSFERRED	(6,000)	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS IN YEAR	<u>569,477</u>	<u>353,987</u>

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**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE/LIVING SUPPORT**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
<i>Provision of Client Services:</i>		
Care Management	1,461,389	1,300,608
Housing Benefit	135,497	107,249
<i>Other Income:</i>		
Donations and Gift Aid	-	180
Grant	37,500	10,740
Release from Grant Reserve	4,906	-
Students	40	100
	<u>1,639,332</u>	<u>1,418,877</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	697,649	564,752
Staff Pension	11,261	9,641
Recruitment Expenses	700	919
Activity Group	22	71
Celebrations	1,000	486
Cleaning Materials	2,804	2,513
Entertaining	-	55
Social Training Escort	5,572	3,140
Training	1,338	7,949
Registered Landlord Fees	15,660	-
Food Provisions	11,028	8,636
Rent and Rates	25,562	23,223
Heat and Light	17,352	11,729
Motor and Travel Expenses	124,328	116,014
Advertising	-	722
Printing Postage and Stationery	3,495	1,936
Telephone	7,529	7,315
TV Costs	352	-
Repairs and Renewals	23,615	17,802
Equipment Hire and Maintenance	4,808	1,342
Insurance	19,131	16,363
Mortgage and Loan Interest	19,821	30,201
Professional Fees	240	1,996
Health and Safety	1,664	976
Depreciation	16,206	5,581
Loss on Disposal of Assets	169	-
Sundry Expenses	54	165
	<u>1,011,360</u>	<u>833,527</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>627,972</u>	<u>585,350</u>

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**DAY ACTIVITIES AND WOODWORK**

	<u>Woodwork</u>	<u>Day</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b><u>TRADING INCOME</u></b>				
Sales	4,308	5,163	9,471	11,816
Cost of Sales	7,356	1,283	8,639	6,428
Net Trading (Loss)/Profit	(3,048)	3,880	832	5,388
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>				
Grants	-	33,170	33,170	1,756
Release from Grant Reserve	-	1,679	1,679	1,303
Donations	-	-	-	100
Sundry Income	-	250	250	17
Care Management	19,121	128,851	147,972	209,393
	16,073	167,830	183,903	217,957
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Wages	6,002	90,408	96,410	113,202
Staff Pensions	119	1,302	1,421	1,811
Recruitment Expenses	48	195	243	197
Celebrations	-	-	-	113
Cleaning Materials	-	779	779	825
Protective Clothing	-	125	125	277
Training	-	666	666	209
Food and Provisions	21	4,673	4,694	5,141
Rent and Rates	-	22,508	22,508	22,424
Management Charge	1,635	-	1,635	6,540
Heat and Light	-	5,358	5,358	8,548
Motor and Travel Expenses	1,913	-	1,913	8,141
Printing Postage and Stationery	-	986	986	1,162
Telephone and Internet	144	1,594	1,738	2,165
TV Costs	-	347	347	168
Repairs and Renewals	1,459	855	2,314	4,552
Equipment Hire and Maintenance	108	893	1,001	1,198
Consultancy, Legal and Professional Fees	-	105	105	-
Insurance	1,625	1,360	2,985	3,778
Subscriptions	-	559	559	209
Health and Safety	-	17	17	183
Sundries	-	39	39	52
Bad Debts	-	-	-	756
Depreciation	-	1,679	1,679	-
	13,074	134,448	147,522	181,651
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	2,999	33,382	36,381	36,306

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**STAKEFORD NURSERIES PROJECT**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Sales	54,183	47,414
<b><u>COST OF SALES</u></b>		
Opening Stock	3,503	2,750
Purchases	17,209	12,790
	20,712	15,540
Closing Stock	3,916	3,503
	16,796	12,037
	37,387	35,377
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>		
Donations and Gift Aid	-	58
Grants	28,341	16,797
Release from Grant Reserve	18,728	22,850
Sundry Income	1,155	-
Care Management	169,060	154,613
	217,284	194,318
	254,671	229,695
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	168,662	145,263
Staff Pension	2,842	2,610
Recruitment Expenses	143	1,139
Celebrations	234	-
Activity Group	52	-
Cleaning Materials	4,126	3,529
Protective Clothing	1,385	1,146
Training	1,248	549
Food Provisions	847	591
Rent and Rates	1,436	2,304
Heat and Light	3,180	2,350
Motor and Travel Expenses	16,982	15,731
Advertising and Promotions	190	160
Printing Postage and Stationery	298	106
Telephone	1,585	1,221
TV Costs	159	159
Repairs and Renewals	5,740	11,503
Equipment Hire and Maintenance	4,292	914
Consultancy, Legal and Professional Fees	400	445
Insurance	5,241	5,029
Subscriptions	1,142	1,353
Bank Charges & Interest	627	634
Health and Safety	46	189
Sundries	206	-
Bad Debts	-	(9)
Depreciation	21,610	24,778
Irrecoverable Input Vat	7,815	6,812
	250,488	228,506
<b><u>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u></b>	4,183	1,189

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**CENTRAL SERVICES**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Sales	-	-
<i>Other Income:</i>		
Management Charges	545	662
Care Management	-	660
Grants	2,500	-
Release from Grant Reserve	7,803	8,154
Donations and Gift Aid	50,878	1,652
Miscellaneous Income	21	197
Bank Interest Received	1,254	61
	<u>63,001</u>	<u>11,386</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Wages	277,695	299,404
Staff Pension	5,215	6,371
Recruitment Expenses	25	-
Cleaning Materials	14	12
Protective Clothing	37	97
Celebrations	4,698	3,456
Training	393	694
Entertaining	63	99
Food and Provisions	86	113
Rent, Rates and Water	12,396	13,811
Room Hire	493	-
Motor and Travel Expenses	1,598	6,165
Partnership Working	300	300
Advertising and Promotions	1,954	858
Printing Postage and Stationery	2,237	3,293
Telephone and Internet	2,165	2,120
Audit and Accountancy	21,570	20,509
Consultancy, Legal and Professional Fees	6,339	6,407
Repairs and Renewals	4,061	5,892
Equipment Hire and Maintenance	525	-
Insurance	733	910
Subscriptions	301	410
Bank Charges and Interest	1,625	1,532
Health and Safety	342	30
Sundry Expenses	148	26
Depreciation	23,876	26,693
Irrecoverable Input Vat	12,871	15,014
	<u>381,760</u>	<u>414,216</u>
<b>DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	<u>(318,759)</u>	<u>(402,830)</u>

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**MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS**

	<b><u>Lionhearts/ Berwick</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>			
Care Management	42,479	42,479	55,013
Grants	1,221	1,221	71,205
Donations	10	10	-
	<u>43,710</u>	<u>43,710</u>	<u>126,218</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Wages	57,288	57,288	86,875
Staff Pensions	807	807	952
Staff Gifts	-	-	3,000
Recruitment Expenses	99	99	50
Consumables	91	91	3,462
Social Training Escort	348	348	-
Training	134	134	-
Food and Provisions	1,091	1,091	1,291
Celebrations	36	36	-
Activity Group	5,294	5,294	11,138
Cleaning Materials	16	16	28
Motor and Travelling	12,010	12,010	15,768
Postage and Stationery	123	123	20
Telephone	861	861	849
Repairs and Renewals	435	435	312
Equipment Hire and Maintenance	162	162	-
Health & Safety	-	-	2,000
	<u>78,795</u>	<u>78,795</u>	<u>125,745</u>
<b>(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>(35,085)</u>	<u>(35,085)</u>	<u>473</u>