ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2012

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Number

03024636

Charity Registration Number

1046472

Directors

P G Solomons (Chairman)

R Driscoll (Treasurer)

D Knight C Wilson

J A Jamieson MBE

J E Spencer

Catherine Martin

resigned December 2011

appointed December 2011

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resigned April 2011 appointed April 2011

Secretary

P G Solomons

Registered Office

2 Sopers Lane Christchurch Dorset BH23 1JG

Honorary Legal Adviser

P G Solomons Solomons Solicitors 8 Seamoor Road Westbourne Bournemouth Dorset BH4 9AN

Accountants

Lewis Ball and Company

Certified Public Accountants

William House 32 Bargates Christchurch Dorset BH23 1QL

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc

57 High Street Christchurch Dorset BH23 18B

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company, which is a registered charity, is that of providing advice to the public

The Directors at 31st March 2012 are shown on Page 1 The Directors who have served during the period under review are

P G Solomons

Chairman

P G Solomons

Secretary

R Driscoll

Treasurer

G J Hawking

J A Jamieson MBE

J E Spencer

Directors Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Accounts for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit and loss of the company for the period. In preparing those Accounts the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies, and apply them, consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Accounts
- prepare the Accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

By order of the Board

P G Solomons - Secretary

2 Sopers Lane Christchurch Dorset BH23 1JG

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2012. The accounts comply with current statutory requirements, the Bureau's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINSTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Company Number 03024636 (England and Wales

Registered Charity Number 1046472

Registered Office 2 Sopers Lane Christchurch Dorset BH23 1JG

Trustees

Paul Solomons

Roger Driscoll

Catherine Martin

appointed April 2011

Josie Spencer

resigned April 11

Colin Wilson

appointed December 2011

Danny Knight

resigned December 2011

Company Secretary

Danny Knight

resigned December 11

Paul Solomons

appointed December 2011

Manager of Bureau Christine Cook

Bankers

Nat West Christchurch Branch

Independent Examiner Lewis Ball Lewis Ball & Co 32 Bargates Christchurch BH23 1QL

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Christchurch Citizens Advice Bureau is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 8th February 1995

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

Under the Articles of Association, the new trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the recent financial performance and future financial and objective plans of the charity

Organisational structure

The board meets bi-monthly

Wider network

The Bureau is a member of the National Association of Citizens Advice

Related parties

Joint grant applications have been made with other bureau who hold the funding and pay Christchurch Bureau

Risk Management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The risk management strategy comprises

- an annual review of the risks the charity may face
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the charity is to help people resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing information and advice, and by influencing policy makers

The charity aims to help people in the community by using its resources to give advice and information to them. The charity will also use its powers as a member of the National Organisation, to influence regional and national governing bodies to amend, implement or withdraw their policies.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2012

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the bureau's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aim and objectives they have set

Volunteers

The Bureau has a high demand in enquiries that could not be met without the help of volunteers who help with all aspects of the day to day running of the Bureau and are involved in the main activities of the charity

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The continued commitment of the staff and volunteers has allowed us to deal with t increasingly complex cases with multiple interlinked issues. The bureau was audited for quality of advice this year and achieved a high level pass on Quality of Advice and Membership audit

Throughput of Clients

The bureau staff and volunteers had 15264 client contacts in the year

Council funding

Christchurch Borough Council provided a grant for core funding for the year of 53780 The bureau also benefited from continuing funding from Dorset County Council

Legal Services Commission

The bureau continued to benefit from income from the Legal Services Commission throughout the year and still benefits in the 12/13 year. However the government has announced that legal aid funding for the matters that the bureau deal with, will cease in April 2013. Action is being taken to identify replacement funding sources and contingency plans are to be made.

Wessex Water

Wessex Water gave a grant of £5000 to provide debt advice aimed particularly at people who have utility debts including debts to Wessex Water

Royal British Legion

This project, to assist serving and ex service personnel and their families brought in £25,899 to fund a Benefits and Money Advice Worker (This figure includes an extra quarterly payment from the previous financial year)

Governance

The board has been reviewing its governance within the framework of the membership organisation Cit A

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees have established via the budget for 12/13 the level of reserves (that is those funds that are freely available) that the charity ought to have

The board has agreed to keep such finds in reserves to allow the bureau to operate for a period of three months. It is the policy of the Board to transfer an amount into contingency reserves based on the surplus for the year until the reserves reach an adequate level.

_ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Trustee Roger Driscoll

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

Independent Examiners' Report on the Accounts of the Management Committee of Christchurch Citizens Advice Bureau

We report on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2012 which are set out on pages 4 to 10 from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to us by the management of the Company

Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiners

As the Charity's Management Committee you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that the Company is exempt from the audit requirements of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act). On the basis of procedure specified on the General directions given to the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)b of the Act, it is our responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts and seeking explanations from you, as the Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention

which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act and to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met or

to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached

WILLIAM HOUSE 32 BARGATES CHRISTCHURCH DORSET BH23 1QL

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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CHRISTCHURCH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012 INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes 1b	Unrestricted Funds 2012	Restricted Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2011 £
Incoming resources from generated funds Voluntary income Activities for generating funds	2	6 572	•	6 572	4 076
Investment income	_				
Incoming resources from charitable activities	3	118,251	44 045	162,296	190 775
Other income	4				
Other incoming resources		524	<u>-</u>	524	330
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	3	125,347	£ 44,045	£ 169 392	£ 195,181
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating funds	5				
Cost of generating voluntary funds					
Fundraising trading costs of goods sold					
Investment management costs					
Other costs of generating funds					
Charitable Activities	5	134,541	31,595	166,136	176,193
Governance Costs	5	766	62	828	849
Total resources expended	!	135,307	£ 31,657	£ 166 964	£ 177,042
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources					
before transfers		(9,960)	12 388	2,428	18,139
Transfer to/(from) unrestricted funds		-	•	-	•
Net Movement in funds for the year		(9,960)	12 388	2,428	18 139
Fund balances brought forward at 01 04 11		18 139	-	18 139	2 872
Prior year adjustment					
Opening funds as restated		18 139	-	18 139	2,872
Fund balances carried forward at 31 03 12	:	£ 8 179	£ 12,388	£ 20 567	£ 21,011

There are no recognized gains or losses in 2012 other than those included in the statement of financial activities

All activities derive from continuing operations

CHRISTCHURCH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

		restricted ids 2012 £	Restricted Funds 2012	<u>Total Fund</u> <u>201</u> £	2 2011
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets		195,908	•	195,908	195,908
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		4 477	-	4,477	3 546
Cash at bank and in hand		106,811	. •	106 811	122 421
		111,288	•	111,288	125,967
LESS					
Creditors falling due within one year		3,393	-	3,393	3 20 497
NET CURRENT ASSETS		107,895		107,89	105,470
TOTAL NET ASSETS	£	303,803	£	£ 303,803	3 £301.378
Represented by					
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds		223 378	•	223 37	8 212,125
Accumulated fund					
Designated funds		78,000	-	78 00	71 114
Restricted funds/Profit for the year		2,425	•	2 42	5 18 139
Balance as at 31/03/2010		<u> </u>			<u> </u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	£_	303,803	£	£ 303,80	3 £ 301,378

For the year ending 31 March 2012 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

The financial statements were approved by the Board on their behalf by

G Solomons - Chairman

R Driscoll - Treasurer

And signed on

Company Registration No 03024636 Charity Registration No 1046472

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the Companies Acts 1985 to 2006 applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charilles published in March 2005

b Incoming Resources

i) Grants Receivable

Grants made to finance the activities of the bureau are credited to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate

ii) Bank Interest

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on receipt

iii) Other Income

Sales of services are included in the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate. Other income including donations, gifts and covenants are included as they were received.

iv) Gifts and Intangible Income

In addition to the above, the charity also receives help and support in the form of voluntary assistance in advising the public. This help and support is not included in the financial statements. However, its value to the Charity has been estimated and disclosed in the directors' report.

v) Deferred Income

Grants received in advance of the period in which the funder requires the expenditure to be applied will be reflected in deferred income within the balance sheet

c Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenditure directly related to the provision of advice services is included within charitable expenditure. Other costs incurred have been allocated between fundraising and publicity and management and administration as appropriate. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category they have been split on an estimate of time or floor space basis, as appropriate.

d Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are included at cost. Items are capitalised if their value is over £2000.

Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis on the costs of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows.

Fixtures, Fittings And Equipment Freehold Land and Buildings

over 4 to 10 years for items costing over £2000
It is the Directors' view that the current value as shown in the accounts represents its current market valuation

The depreciation policy has been reviewed in accordance with FRS 15 and no charge has been made from the previous year

e Restricted Funds

Income received for the restricted purposes is included in a separate restricted fund against which appropriate expenditure is allocated.

f Designated Funds

Designated funds are allocated out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes. The use of such funds is at the trustees discretion.

g Pension

The charity operates a defined contribution group personal pension plan for its employees. Payments are charged to the income and expenditure account in the penod in which they are incurred.

h Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the period of the leases

i Irrecoverable VAT

The bureau is able to recover VAT in accordance with agreed partial exemption method

J Cash Flow

4 Other Income

Profit on disposal of fixed assets

The bureau has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company

2 Incoming Resources from Generated Funds

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2012 £	2011 £
a Voluntary Income		£	Ľ	L	2.
General		4,994	•	4,994	2,300
Gift Aided		917	-	917	1,526
Total Donations	£	5,911	-	5,911	3,826
b Activities for Generating Funds					
Rent from bureau meeting rooms		-	-	-	250
Fundraising Events		727		727	
	£	727		727	250
c investment income					
Bank Interest Received	£	457	<u></u>	457	330
3 Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities		Unrestricted	Restricted	2012	2011
		6 Sincial	£	£	£
Legal Services Commission		35,076	2	35,076	48,599
Government and Public authority contracts		63,961	18,146	82,107	121,759
Other paid advisory services		19,214	25,899	45,113	20,417
	£	118,251	44,045	162,296	190,775

5 Charitable Activities Costs

o Grandore region		Unre	estricted	Re	estricted		Total 2012		Total 2011
Operation of Bu	reau								
Trustee Expense	S								
Wages									
Social Security									
Pensions									4020
Telephone			6868				6868		5031
Postage and Stat	tionery		6830				6830		6731
Advertising									
Subscriptions			1950				1950		1295
Sundnes			495				495		1995
Grants paid to oth	her CABs								
Insurance - gene	ral		1080				1080		1384
Staff Training & T	rainers		2021				2021		669
Computers			6754				6754		3085
Repairs			761				761		3764
Payroll expenses	i		360				360		
Travelling			236		30		266		7208
Gross charges	Salaries		95207		29250		124457		134195
	Staff Costs								
	Office								
	Premises		5330				5330		5969
	Governance								
	Volunteers		7041				7041		
	Other		121				121		210
	Professional								804
Depreciation - fix	tures & fittings								
Other			1103				1103	_	
Cost of generati	ing funds	£	136157	£	29280	£	165437	£ =	176360
6 Governance Co	sts								
Accountancy & p	ayroll fees		779				779		682
Auditors' remune	ration		750			_	750	_	
Cost of generate	ing funds	£	1529	£_	<u> </u>	£_	1529	£=	682
7 Net Income Res	ources for the Yea	r			2012				2011
This is stated after	er charoino								
Depreciation	5. 5.16.9.1g				_				_
•	mmiltee's remunera	tion							-
goon				_				_	
				£				£	-
				_=				~=	

During the year no expenses were reimbursed to Directors — The Directors did not receive any remuneration

8 Staff Costs		2012	201	11		
Staff costs were as	-					
Wages and Salane		112,239	124 243	3		
Social Security Co.	sts	8 152	9 952	2		
Pension Costs		4,066	4 020	<u>}</u>		
		£ 124,457	£ 138,215	<u>5</u>		
		emoluments over £60 000 in the year ts are the following -				
Directors Emolume	ents	£	£	<u>.</u>		
During the year the schemes was nil	e number of	directors accruing benefits under money purchase pensions				
		2012	201	11		
The number of em	ployees, by	function was -				
Charitable Activitie	s	5		9		
Fundralsing		•				
Governance		•		_		
		5		9		
				_		
During the year the	Bureau ha	s relied on 32 voluntary advisors (including 2 in training) and	helpers			
The number of full	time emplo	vees was calculated by the Treasurer and has been apportio	ned on			
the number of hou	rs each em	oloyee spends on each function				
9 Restricted Funds						
Purpose of restrict	ed funds -					
Surestart	•	This funding from Dorset County Council provides for a par	rt time worker			
		to advise parent and carers at the West Christchurch and schildren's centres	Somerford			
Royal British						
Legion	-	This provides for a part time Benefits and Money Advice W	orker to			
		advise serving and ex-service personnel and their families either in the bureau or at their home				
Man		This fund provides a part line waster to west and adver-	anda			
Mary Magdalene	•	This fund provides a part time worker to visit and advise per their own home. For people who are unable to access se- other way.	•			
Wessex Water	-	This provides funding towards a debt supervisor There is criteria	no set			

10 Designated Funds

Redundancy Reserve • These reserves have been designated by the Trustees for the purpose

of covering three months running costs (including redundancy) costs totalling £54,000. No redundancies are expected in the next 12 months

Premises Fund - This has been designated by the Trustees for the purpose of

refurbishment totalling £ 24,000. The refurbishments will be carried

out within the next Three Years

11 Related Party Transactions

Various Trustees are also members of councils or authorities who have provided grants to the Chanty

12 Taxation

The Chanty is exempt from corporation tax as all income is applied to charitable purposes

13 Pension

The Charity operates a non contributory pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost and charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £ 4 066.

CHRISTCHURCH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2012

	Unrestricted Funds 2012	Restricted Funds 2012	Total Funds 2012	<u>2,011</u>
GRANTS	£	£	£	£
Christchurch Borough Council	53,780 00	-	53,780 00	53,780
Legal Services Commission Debt & Welfare Benefits	35 076 00	-	35,076 00	48,599
Dorset County Council - Training	7,825 00	•	7 825 00	7,750
Lottery - Advice Plus		•	•	14,843
DCC Home Visiting	2 356 00	-	2 356 00	
Royal British Legion	•	25 899 00	25 899 00	20,417
Additional Hours Project		-	•	9,434
Twynham Housing Association	12 360 00	-	12,360 00	9,652
Wessex Water	•	5,000 00	5,000 00	7 300
Mary Magdalene	6 854 00	6 146 00	13 000 00	13,000
Sure Start		7,000 00	7 000 00	6,000
TOTAL GRANTS	118,251 00	44,045 00	162,296 00	190,775
DONATIONS				
General	4,995 00		4 995 00	2 300
Gift Aided	917 00	•	917 00	1 526
CAB Friends Fund Raising etc	727 00	<u> </u>	727 00	250
TOTAL DONATIONS	6,639 00	<u> </u>	6,639 00	4,076
INVESTMENT INCOME	457 00	•	457 00	330
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	125,347 00	44,045 00	169,392 00	195,181

CHRISTCHURCH CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2012

	Unrestricted Funds 2012	Restricted Funds 2012 £	Total Funds 2012 £	2,011 £
MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION EX		£	£	£
ESTABLISHMENT COSTS				
Accountancy and Professional Fees	779 00	-	779 00	682
Heat Light, Water, Sewerage	3 120 00	•	3,120 00	5,969
Insurance	1 303 00	-	1 303 00	1 384
Maintenance Office Equipment	761 00	-	761 00	1 388
Maintenance Premises	2 735 00	-	2 735 00	2,376
Sundry Expenses	1 463 00		1,463 00	1 995
	10,161 00		10,161 00	13,794
GENERAL ADVICE & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT				
Postage	3 072 00		3 072 00	3 408
Printing & Stationery	3,758 00	•	3,758 00	3 323
Telephone Calls & Rentals	6 868 00	-	6 868 00	5,031
Professional Indemnity	-	•	•	804
Reference Material	1,950 00	•	1 950 00	1,295
Software & Equipment	6 754 00	-	6 754 00	3 085
Case Expenses			•	210
	22,402 00	-	22,402 00	17,155
STAFF COSTS				
Salaries & Wages	95 207 00	29 250 00	124,457 00	134,195
Volunteer Costs	7,657 00		7,657 00	-
Pensions		_	•	4,020
Travel Expenses	236 00	30 00	266 00	7 208
	103,100 00	29,280 00	132,380 00	145,424
TRAINING & MAINTAINING ADVISER S	KILS			
Training costs	2 021 45	-	2,021 45	669
TOANCECC				
TRANSFERS				
- Operating Reserve		•	•	-
- Premises Reserve	_	-	•	•
Reallocation of Running Expense	5			
TOTAL MANAGEMENT &	137,684 45	29,280 00	166,964 45	477.040
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	137,004 45	28,200 00	100,304 43	177,042