

BH Community UK
(Company number 04181224)

BH Community UK
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report)
for the period
from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

Charity number 1099850
Company number 04181224



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Director's report for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities

Purposes and Aims

Our charity's purposes, as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association and as stated on the Charities Commission's website, are:

- to provide relief for all people from Bosnia and Herzegovina and their dependants in the United Kingdom and overseas, who are in conditions of need, hardship or in distress and are in necessitous circumstances.
- to preserve and protect the physical and psychological health of such people and their families.
- to advance the education and the training of such people and their dependants in need thereof to enable them advance in life and assist in their settlement within their adopted countries of residence.
- for the public benefit in London and in particular for the benefit of those members of the public who are refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina by providing such persons with free and confidential advice, assistance, representation, counselling, translating and interpreting services in matters of asylum, immigration, money debts, welfare benefits, housing, health, education, training and employment and by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure-time occupation in the interest of social welfare and with the objects of improving the conditions of life of those persons for whom the facilities are provided.

Within the above broader scope, and still depending on limited available financial resources, the trustees have again concentrated on the following core activities:

- education of children.
- reduction/elimination of the sense of isolation amongst the members of the community, especially the elderly.
- development of voluntarism as a means of strengthening the community and the personal feeling of 'having a purpose'.

Summary of Activities

The Bosnian supplementary school successfully continued its work. The school includes ages from 7 to 15 years. Lessons/sessions are partly held online and at The Abbey Centre premises at 34 Great Smith Street, SW1P 3BU Westminster, London. Important formal events were held in rented premises at Claygate Village Hall in Esher, KT10 0JP. The minor community sessions were held at the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina in London. After the end of the global pandemic, we partially returned to teaching on site, but also partially continued online learning. A well-established curriculum and teacher's plan was adapted to both online and classroom teaching. The transformation to online- and back to classroom-based learning was a significant change for us all. However, this proved to be an additional inspiration in which we all demonstrated the ability to adapt to new challenges. In collaboration with other organisations in the UK, we continued participating in debates and ceremonies online as well as attending live events. We ran several activities of local community importance during the year. Once or twice a month, we continued with the lectures in classrooms at The Abbey Centre. We also

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organized smaller cultural and entertainment events for children and adults at the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We successfully organised larger events marking important national dates from our homeland at Claygate Hall Village in Esher. We managed to maintain high-quality teaching and a constant number of children attending the school. Our events helped bring together various demographics within the British-Bosnian community, such as attracting elderly members with the rest of the community, bringing them out of isolation and loneliness.

We are pleased with the return of the children to classrooms and the organisation of live extra-curricular activities such as ceremonies, reading, music and the visual arts. This enabled us to reach the wider community, returning activities closer to as they were in the pre-COVID period. We aim to expand these activities in order to broaden community interests.

We are incredibly proud of our volunteers, who have contributed to the organization through various activities. Volunteers have guided us in improving the programs, assisted in online and classroom activities, and actively participated in planned annual festivities.

The children of older ages (11-15) follow an established curriculum for Bosnian supplementary schools. This covers language and literature (including literacy), history, geography and cultural heritage through music and reading. We successfully maintained two separate groups, one for ages 7-11 and one for ages 11-15, which helped to maintain good levels of discipline and learning as well as providing more volunteering opportunities than would otherwise be the case.

In addition to standard regular classes, the children, their parents, volunteers and members of the wider community took part in the following live events:

- Celebrating the Statehood Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina, ceremonial program with recitations, drama, music and artistic activities. The celebration took place live at Claygate Village Hall, Esher, where BH Embassy employees and BH community representatives in the UK participated.
- Marking the anniversary of Independence Day of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 1st March – and International Women's Day – 8th March – at Claygate Village Hall, Esher. The children participated in a live stage program with their parents and broader community members and performed recitations, drama, poetry and music. In addition, the children music band performed National Anthem and other songs with ceremony attendees; teachers, parents and wider community members.
- "12 Days of Peace" - "Most Mira The Peace Centre" at the BiH Embassy in London - we celebrated World Peace Day, contributing to The Most Mira Peace Centre event opened by the Ambassador, His Excellency Vanja Filipovic. Surrounded by the children's choir of the BH Supplementary School London with a warm welcome speech, there was an emphasis on the importance of the artistic and educational project run by The Peace Centre. At the event, the speakers of the Center for Peace spoke about their experiences and the importance of the established project for 1,500 young Bosnian citizens of all ethnicities. The project established an opportunity to bridge ethnic-religious divides by developing lasting friendships and becoming confident future leaders in their local communities. The project highlighted the message of peace, harmony and unity through engaging young people's interests. The embassy and the community were pleased and proud of this event.

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- Annual gathering of Bosnian Supplementary Schools in UK was hosted by the Coventry branch of the Bosnian School in Coventry, UK in June 2022. The children of Bosnian School London and BH Community UK fully participated, performed songs, read recitals and competed in art and sport. The gathering of BH communities has a positive effect on the sense of belonging and the development of good ideas in the UK local community and preserving the native language and culture.
- Marking the anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, live program Remembrance of Srebrenica, and participated in the UK national day of commemorations. The members of the BH Community UK (including all of its trustees) took part in a number of events organised by Remembering Srebrenica, such as "Peace Walk" across London, debates, educational and art programs. We participated in activities that promote the peace and remembrance of genocide in Srebrenica.
- London Regional Peace Walk Remembering Srebrenica – the route started from the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St Johns Wood, North London and ended up at Portobello Market, West London. We walked in solidarity with the survivors of the Bosnian genocide. BH Community Champions across the UK have organised Peace Walks, which mirror the annual "Mars Mira" walk from Tuzla to Srebrenica.
- House of Lords of the United Kingdom – We attended and participated in a live event organised by Remembering Srebrenica in the House of Lords on the theme of 2023 - "Together we are one". Remarkable speeches were given by notable figures which left a lasting impression upon all of us. We are thankful to have been given the chance to let our voices be heard and we will always support actions that promote peace and human rights.
- "Migration Blanket Climate Solidarity" by Salma Zulfikar (Winner of the Rising Star Award - Artist and Human Rights Activist, UN Advisor) – Bosnian schools from London and Hertfordshire attended the screening of the short film at the premises of the BiH Embassy in London, directed by activist and humanist Mrs Salma Zulfikar. The audience was addressed by H.E ambassador Vanja Filipovic, briefly explaining the essential factors of global warming and how climate change affects our everyday life. The film author, Salma Zulfikar, with charismatic spirit and educational skills, brought the film's content closer to children and opened discussion. The children participated in debate, demonstrated good knowledge about climate change and proposed ideas of how to reduce waste, replant the forest and be more 'green'. The parents, teachers and embassy staff were delighted to witness the exceptional knowledge the children displayed.
- Fund raising events and other school celebrations – where the children demonstrated what they learned in school.

The activities were joint effort of the whole community and vital to maintaining well-being of community members in post pandemic time. The transition to the online program and going back to the classroom is an essential milestone for preserving our community. Members have shown interest in further projects and are fully engaged.

The trustees and volunteers managed the established online program well during the pandemic. In the post-pandemic time, we successfully returned to the classroom and invited the community members especially the elderly, to participate in community celebrations. The

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purpose of these is to keep bringing people together, in that way, breaking the sense of isolation during the Covid19 lockdown that abruptly changed life a year back. We managed to break through this by bringing the people to the classroom and getting more publicly engaged at The Abbey Community Centre (Claygate Village Hall). We helped to reduce the sense of isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly members of the community.

We continued with the more realistic plan of 27 sessions for the period covered by this report. This seems to work well with the parents and kids as well as the volunteers and is sufficient to maintain both, BH Community UK and the Bosnian Supplementary School. We moved online teaching program to Sunday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to improve attendance.

Despite the challenges, we managed to pursue new activities as well as maintain and nurture a community for the benefit of all.

Public Benefit

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-benefit-the-public-benefit-requirement-pb1/public-benefit-the-public-benefit-requirement#part-2-what-for-the-public-benefit-means>) when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set, with a reference to the current financial status of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The Bosnian Supplementary School has served 25 children in the period being reported. The children continue to build self-confidence and new friendships.

Over 350 friends and other community members, many of whom are elderly, have attended the online and classroom activities and established, often lasting, social relationships.

As stated earlier in the report, our volunteers have made immense contribution. Without them the supplementary school would not be able to continue with its work.

In the opinion of the trustees, all of the above have resulted in a significant reduction in the sense of isolation and loneliness amongst the community members.

Financial review

BH Community UK started the financial year with the total current assets of £5258 (all unrestricted funds, cash at bank and on hand) and ended the year with £5395 (all unrestricted funds, cash at bank and on hand).

The maintenance of the level of available funds, and a slight increase, compared to the end of the previous year was mainly due to the Charity continuing to rely on the online methods to deliver its services.

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Donations from the community and corporate donations increased from £3990 in 2021-22 to £4320 in 2022-23.

The funds collected through easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and other fundraising activities were £338 comparing to £241 in 2021-22. The Charity aims to promote this kind of fund raising.

The Charity spent £4521 in total, with the following being the most significant items of expenditure:

- Teaching services (£3834)
- Room hire (£480)

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are:

- Community donations. Members of the community donated £3870.
- Corporate donations. £450 donated by a single company.
- £338 was raised through easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and charity tombola.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be sufficient to cover for full 12 months of core expenditure (room hire, volunteer expenses and teaching services). With the anticipated expenditure levels the trustees believe that the currently available reserves will comfortably cover the costs over the next 12 months.

While this is good news, it is worth noting that maintaining this level of cover going forward is going to be challenging without securing major funding from a single significant source e.g. a sizable charitable or corporate donation.

Going Concern

The dependency of the charity on donations represents the main risk to it continuing as a going concern. However, those donations are what often enabled us to continue with our work in the past. The trustees believe that there is enough interest in the community to ensure funding for the core costs between 1st of April 2023 and 31st of March 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having share capital, incorporated on 16 March 2001 and registered as a charity on 6 October 2013. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. In the event of the company being wound up, all its assets, after debts and liabilities have been satisfied, will be given to some other charity or charities with similar objectives determined by the member prior to winding up.

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Recruitment and Appointment of Directors/Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as directors. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association directors are retired by rotation. The retiring directors are those who have been longest in the office since their last election or appointment. Directors retiring by rotation are eligible for re-election. New directors, who are not retiring directors eligible for re-election, can be elected following recommendation by a serving director or by a member giving a written notice of recommendation.

All directors/trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no salary or benefits from the charity.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees undergo an induction day to brief them of their legal obligations under the charity and company laws, the content of the governing document, the decision-making process, the business plan and recent achievements and financial performance of the charity. During the induction day they meet other trustees and volunteers. The trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name:	BH Community UK
Charity registration number:	1099850
Company registration number:	04181224
Registered office address:	115 Highdown, Worcester Park, Surrey, KT4 7JD.
Operational address:	The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BU.

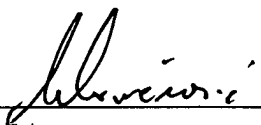
Directors/trustees:	Ms M Orucevic Mr M Jakupovic Ms V Vukalic
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Accountants:	None
Auditors:	None
Solicitors:	None
Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc, 2 Victoria Street, SW1H 0ND.

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

Approved by the directors/trustees on 03/06/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mediha Orucevic (Director/Trustee)

Annual accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Section A Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £ F01	Restricted income funds 2023 £ F02	Endowment funds 2023 £ F03	Total funds 2023 £ F04	Prior year total funds 2022 £ F05
Income (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	4,320	-	-	4,320	3,990
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	30
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	338	-	-	338	241
Total	S07	4,658	-	-	4,658	4,261
Expenditure (Note 4)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	4,446	-	-	4,446	3,068
Separate material expense item	S10	-	-	-	-	677
Other	S11	75	-	-	75	63
Total	S12	4,521	-	-	4,521	3,808
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period	S13	137	-	-	137	453
Tax payable	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)	S15	137	-	-	137	453
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S17	137	-	-	137	453
Extraordinary items	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S20	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S21	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S22	137	-	-	137	453
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S23	5,258	-	-	5,258	4,805
Total funds carried forward	S24	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258

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Section B Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023						
	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted income funds 2023	Endowment funds 2023	Total this year 2023	Total last year 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Intangible assets	801	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	802	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	803	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	804	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	805	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks	806	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	807	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	808	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	809	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258
Total current assets	810	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	811	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	812	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258
Total assets less current liabilities	813	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	814	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	815	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	816	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	817	-	-	-	5,395	-
Restricted income funds	818	-	-	-		-
Unrestricted funds	819	5,395	-	-		5,258
Revaluation reserve	820	-	-	-		-
Fair value reserve	821	-	-	-		-
Total funds	822	5,395	-	-	5,395	5,258

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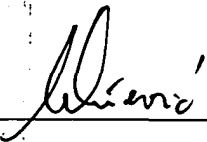
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Approved by the directors/trustees on 03/06/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mediha Orucevic (Director/Trustee)

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the following:

- the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts,
- the charity's governing document,
- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 including the Amendments to Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Bulletin 1),
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102),
- the Charities Act 2011 and,
- the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future. Our current reserves should allow the charity to continue operating for 12 months and until new funding is secured.

However, as the charity is totally dependent on donations from large donors and the community, in the event that those donations stop the charity will cease to operate. At the time of writing of this report there are no indications of new larger donations. Hence, the trustees are in constant communication with the members of the community to secure new donations and are applying for grants from larger charitable organisations.

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 2.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period.

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Note 2

Accounting policies

2.1 INCOME

Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

Government grants

The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

The Charity is not registered for Gift Aid and, as result, reclaims no tax on any donations.

Donated goods

No goods have been donated to the charity in the reporting period.

Donated services and facilities

No services and facilities have been donated to the charity during the reporting period.

Support costs

The charity has not incurred expenditure on support costs.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies. No membership subscription gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits from the charity.

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Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
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Governance and support costs	There have been no support costs in the reporting period. All support has been done purely on the voluntary basis and with a strong link to the main charitable activity (the supplementary school) so it is impossible to allocate any cost to it.
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Redundancy cost	The charity does not have any employees and has therefore not made any redundancy payments during the reporting period.
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Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
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Creditors	Currently the charity has no creditors. The volunteers are paid expenses but there is no contractual obligation to do so and the payment of those is dependent on the volunteer submitting the expenses claim. This means that volunteers are sometimes paid expenses long after providing their volunteer service to the charity.
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Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
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2.3 ASSETS

Fixed assets	The charity has no fixed assets of any value.
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Heritage assets	The charity has no heritage assets.
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Investments	The charity has no investments.
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Note 3 Income		Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted income funds 2023	Endowment funds 2023	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
Analysis of income					£	£
Donations and legacies:	Donation – community	3,870	-	-	3,870	3,740
	Donation – Flexewebs Ltd	450	-	-	450	250
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	4,320	-	-	4,320	3,990
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Sale of T-shirts	-	-	-	-	30
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	30
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	338	-	-	338	241
	Total	338	-	-	338	241
TOTAL INCOME		4,658	-	-	4,658	4,261

Other information:	Funds (£338) raised through easyfundraising, Amazon Smile and charity tombola.
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Note 4

Expenditure

Analysis of expenditure		Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted income funds 2023	Endowmen t funds 2023	Total funds 2023	Prior year 2022
					£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities	Room hire	480	-	-	480	150
	Project materials	-	-	-	-	-
	Teaching Services	3,834	-	-	3,834	2,570
	Volunteer expenses	132	-	-	132	206
	Professional teaching services	-	-	-	-	-
	Refreshments	-	-	-	-	142
	Laptop purchase donation	-	-	-	-	-
	Event	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities		4,446	-	-	4,446	3,068
Separate material item of expense	Projector purchase	-	-	-	-	677
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	677
Other	Companies House cost of Annual Return	-	-	-	-	13
	Bank charges	75	-	-	75	50
	Mailing costs and bank fees	-	-	-	-	-
	Total other expenditure	75	-	-	75	63
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,521	-	-	4,521	3,808

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Note 5 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year 2023	Last year 2022
	£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	5,395	5,258
Other	-	-
Total	5,395	5,258