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Company Registration No. 2386852 (England and Wales)

BRENDAN'S BRIDGE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr R Walters	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
	Mr D R Tincello	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
	Mrs A Hooper	
	Mr J J Holland	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
	Mrs P Williams	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
	Mr M S Harrod	(Appointed 22 July 2020)

Secretary Mrs J A Gale

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's act, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The pandemic is having a substantial, negative impact on young people, particularly regarding their wellbeing and mental health. In turn, Brendan's Bridge are seeing an increase in demand for their services. We have found that we are simply unable to meet the substantial demand for our services, which has been exacerbated by the pandemic. This is due to:

1. Covid-19 restrictions, which have significantly limited the services that we can offer. Brendan's Bridge has both limited its face-to-face provision entirely and reduced the number of young people that can attend sessions.
2. Financial implications of the pandemic including reduced income, increased costs as we adapt our services,
3. Young people face a range of barriers to accessing provision that Brendan's Bridge can offer. This includes digital poverty, poor mental health, lack of clarity regarding the regulations and poor access to safe travel options.

We have continued to adjust how we operate, turning services and support that were all about social contact into something online and remote. This required more resource, time, expertise, and equipment. Fortunately we have been active in local communities for many years and are visible community practitioners, we are able to utilise within the charity the specialist knowledge, expertise and rootedness in communities to ensure we were able to reach and respond to some of the highest risk individuals which other agencies fail to reach. The Charity also increased the range of support they are providing including around increasing mental ill health (COVID-19) and meeting immediate basic needs, particularly around food, helping clients to understand what is happening and how to keep themselves safe - particularly as many have limited family or other networks to turn to.

Young People who have engaged with Brendan's Bridge have recorded music (written and performed by themselves) a project that promoted young peoples self belief, self worth and was aspirational.

We promoted with the generosity of an individual donor an art competition with the topic "Youth 2021" this has generated outstanding submissions and the winning artwork will be utilised in publicity and Charity literature.

The Charity is a working partner with NO Child Left Behind project.

Our team are signed up to the ACEs Ambassadors Programme. We have undergone ACES training, aware of not only the 'standard' accepted list of ACEs but additional factors that can impact on the lives of young women. and we are well-versed in the TRACES approach too – Trauma, Resilience and Adverse Childhood Experiences.

We have built sustainable and equal working partnerships with:

- Bridge Training Ltd - we have implemented an exciting and innovative joint funded position which we call promote to other education and training providers.
- The Nelson Trust – LGBTQ+ support for young people
- Feed Gloucester / Feed Cheltenham (we have distributed £800 of shopping / food vouchers
- Gloucestershire Community projects (Gloucester , Cheltenham , Stonehouse, Tewkesbury)
- Young Gloucestershire / infobuzz GFAPS CAMHS CCCP Artshape Fare Share time banking
- The Power of Three MPWCLegal access (community legal chambers)
- And many more .

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The charity continued its breakfast club for the year

Financial review

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr R Walters	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
Mr D R Tincello	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
Mrs A Hooper	
Mr J J Holland	(Appointed 22 July 2020)
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Safeguarding

Our High level of Safeguarding expertise and support are recognised by partner organisations who make referrals specifically to us of the most vulnerable individuals in recognition of our Mental Health specialism and proven success. The charities Effective MH Support and intervention has led to just over 84 IAG conversations and have ranged from housing support, sexual health advice, health signposting , guidance, referrals to our counselling service ,emergency housing agencies, domestic violence and substance abuse .We have consolidated our partnership working with Gloucestershire Constabulary and are identifying and supporting young people at risk of crime and /or criminal exploitation .

We have worked as an integral referral partner with external agencies social services, GDASS , STREETS , CCP, P3 DaARS

- 57 Individuals have accessed our Youth mentoring or CHATS (Community Health and Talking Therapies service) accessing personal one-to-one support for guidance on mental health problems, relationships, family issues, sexual health, financial problems and managing their emotions and or behaviours.
- 11 Critical referrals made to external agencies for support including Domestic abuse and support, emergency housing support, substance misuse and one-to-one mentoring. Legal support.
- 5 safeguarding referrals were made, which had the following outcomes:3 to MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) YP and or Child Abuse, 2 emergency place of safety (adult concerns)

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Finance

Our fundraising throughout the pandemic has been diligent and individual donations have increased significantly, primarily from individuals who have accessed our services, or who have heard about the impact of our work. As of July 2021 we are awaiting 2 major grants, and have smaller circa £2K grants in process, this is a critical funding period for the charity and we have extended our reach and service to access further funding (Mentorship of Trauma impacted individuals towards, employment, training or education). We are at a critical stage of the charity's sustainability.

We are lucky to access the skills of Ashraf from Fare Share time banking for his bookkeeping and financial acumen in making sense of our diverse income and funding streams, including managing the intricacies of salaries and pensions.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs J A Gale

Dated: 22 July 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRENDAN'S BRIDGE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Brendan's Bridge (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Griffiths Marshall

Beaumont House
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Dated: 22 July 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>	Notes				
Donations and legacies	3	14,400	25,130	39,530	59
Other income	4	321	1,884	2,205	241
Total income		<u>14,721</u>	<u>27,014</u>	<u>41,735</u>	<u>300</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	5	4,499	20,762	25,261	2,490
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		10,222	6,252	16,474	(2,190)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		<u>2,713</u>	-	<u>2,713</u>	<u>4,903</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2021		<u><u>12,935</u></u>	<u><u>6,252</u></u>	<u><u>19,187</u></u>	<u><u>2,713</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		600		900
Current assets					
Debtors	9	276		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		25,971		2,053	
		<u>26,247</u>		<u>2,053</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(7,660)</u>		<u>(240)</u>	
Net current assets			18,587		1,813
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>19,187</u>		<u>2,713</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			6,252		-
Unrestricted funds			12,935		2,713
			<u>19,187</u>		<u>2,713</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 July 2021

Mrs A Hooper
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Brendan's Bridge is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Beaumont House, 172 Southgate House, Gloucester, GL1 2EZ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% Straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.6 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,400	750	15,150	59
Grants	-	24,380	24,380	-
	<u>14,400</u>	<u>25,130</u>	<u>39,530</u>	<u>59</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Other income	321	1,884	2,205	241
	<u>321</u>	<u>1,884</u>	<u>2,205</u>	<u>241</u>

5 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure	
	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	15,562	-
Depreciation and impairment	300	300
Breakfast club costs	-	49
Other staff costs	45	-
Rent, rates and room hire	2,111	-
Bookkeeping	600	-
Mental health counsellor	607	-
Hospitality	3,323	-
Office costs	148	-
Counsellor and reflective practice support	240	-
Evaluations and subscriptions	123	-
Sundries	1,068	-
	<u>24,127</u>	<u>349</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	1,134	2,141
	<u>25,261</u>	<u>2,490</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	4,499	2,490
Restricted funds	20,762	-
	<u>25,261</u>	<u>2,490</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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6 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	Support costs	Governance costs	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	1,000	1,000	-	240	240
Bank charges	-	121	121	-	88	88
Sundries	-	13	13	-	13	13
Other support costs	-	-	-	-	1,800	1,800
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,141</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	1,134	1,134	-	2,141	2,141
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>1,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141</u>	<u>2,141</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2020	1,200
At 31 March 2021	1,200
Depreciation and Impairment	
At 1 April 2020	300
Depreciation charged in the year	300
At 31 March 2021	600
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2021	600
At 31 March 2020	900

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Debtors		2021	2020
		£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Trade debtors		276	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Government grants	11	6,420	-
Trade creditors		240	240
Accruals and deferred income		1,000	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		<u>7,660</u>	<u>240</u>

11 Government grants

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	600	-	600	900
Current assets/(liabilities)	18,587	-	18,587	1,813
	<u>19,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,187</u>	<u>2,713</u>

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).

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