

# **BRIDGES**

**(Charity No. 1029169)**

## **Trustees Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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## **Trustees and Officers who served during 2020**

### TRUSTEES

Richard Dyson - Chairman  
David CW Stafford  
Barbara Abel  
Michael Musgrove - Secretary  
Susan E Oldfield  
Dorothy E Sutton (until 23 September 2020)  
François Meunier - Treasurer  
Adenike Omoregbee  
Rebecca Jordan (from 18 November 2020)

### CENTRE MANAGER

Mary Perrett

### ASSISTANT TO THE CENTRE MANAGER

Elizabeth A Martin-Lawrence

### CENTRE TREASURERS

Elizabeth Richmond  
Gwen Chappell

### CENTRE COMMITTEE

Mary Perrett – Chair  
Barbara Abel  
Stella Bundred  
Dot Francis  
Janet Lewis  
Elizabeth A Martin-Lawrence  
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## **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020**

### **Objectives**

BRIDGES was established as a registered charity in 1993. It purchased and refurbished a former chapel in the centre of the High Street, Edenbridge, Kent in order to fulfil its core purpose of running an ecumenical Centre for the benefit of the whole community.

Staffed by volunteers under the supervision of a paid manager, the BRIDGES Centre offers a familiar and accessible place for people to meet, a listening ear, friendship, rest and refreshment, with particular regard for the needs of parents with young children, the aged, the unemployed and those who are lonely or distressed. Its aim is to bring together all sections of the community to their mutual benefit as visitors or volunteers, without discrimination, and to 'bridge the gaps' in local provision that are not being addressed by existing statutory or voluntary agencies. To that end BRIDGES provides specialist advice clinics, which give local people access to information and services without needing to travel to larger towns.

BRIDGES aims to demonstrate Christian faith in action through creating a welcoming community where anyone can find, or be, a 'good neighbour'. It maintains a Christian ethos of inclusivity and service, and encourages people to develop their creative and practical abilities.

BRIDGES priorities are:

- to overcome social isolation and strengthen communities
- to co-operate with other local organisations
- to build a sense of worth in volunteers and visitors alike
- to help find solutions to pressing personal needs
- to encourage Christians in the practice of their faith-
- to create sustainable communities both locally and globally
- to encourage understanding and tolerance between people of different faiths and backgrounds

BRIDGES is committed to implementing high standards of care to volunteers and visitors who are children or vulnerable adults and, additionally, to ensuring that its policies and procedures meet current legislative requirements. There have been no breaches of BRIDGES safeguarding standards reported to the trustees in 2020.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Trustees met six times in 2020, to review strategy, policies and finance, and to receive reports from committees and working groups chaired by Trustees.

The BRIDGES Centre Committee (BCC), chaired jointly by the manager and a trustee, oversees the day-to-day running of the Centre on a daily basis. Volunteers become members of BRIDGES after a period of three months' service, and elect at the Annual Review up to seven of their number to serve on the BCC.

## **Activities During 2020**

The Trust's core activity of providing a Drop-in Centre in Edenbridge flourished for 10 weeks from 4.1.20 - 16.3.20, before the first Lockdown, ordered by the Government to address the Covid-19 pandemic, came into force on 23.3.20. BRIDGES opened for a further 14½ weeks during the summer, 20.7.20 - 4.11.20 for 2 ½ hrs Mon-Fri, which was of greatest benefit to people who lived alone. It closed again when Kent went into Tier 4, and was unable to reopen for the remainder of 2020. In total the Centre has functioned for only 24½ of the 52 weeks in 2020. The 'Creative Café' Art Therapy group was the only group activity that could continue at the Centre throughout the periods of lockdown.

Operating as a Covid-Safe workplace required the installation of sneeze-screens, the completion of risk assessments, new operational procedures, the provision of protective clothing (PPE) and re-training for staff and volunteers. Enough volunteers were available to open BRIDGES from 10.00-12.30 on Mon-Fri with a simplified menu, and with the assistance of two Duke of Edinburgh Award students who undertook the Track and Trace recording. 9 new volunteers were recruited to replace 11 who were shielding themselves or family members. The Centre's maximum capacity was reduced by Social Distancing requirements from 50 to 20 visitors at any one time. Only 2 volunteers could assist the Manager, due to limited space in the kitchen and servery. Average Visitor numbers fell from 44 per day in 2018 to 15 per day in July-Aug 2020. The second Lockdown began on 5.11.20 and ended on 2.12.20. Re-opening of Bridges took place on 17.5.21 as the Government's Roadmap to Recovery was not delayed by worsening infection statistics.

Of the normal activities at the BRIDGES Centre which had been supported in 2019 by some 70 volunteers aged from teens to eighties, only the ones in green below were able to take place during the periods in 2020 when the Centre was allowed to open.

- volunteering experience for the Duke of Edinburgh award schemes
- comprehensive induction training for volunteers
- food hygiene training to maintain 5\* hygiene standards and Covid-Safe Workplace stand
- providing a selection of home-made refreshments, including special diets, at affordable prices
- thought-provoking displays on Third World, local and ethical issues
- work experience for school children and adults
- training in independent living skills for volunteers with learning difficulties

**ALL occasional events including the Celebrations of BRIDGES 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of opening were CANCELLED**

- Spring plant sale
- A fundraising concert by The Victorious River Band
- Opening on Bonfire Night to support people watching the procession in the High Street
- A Christmas appeal in aid of the Parish Nurse and God's Hands Food Bank
- Hosting the annual Christmas Day lunch for people who would otherwise be on their own
- A six-week 'Makaton for Beginners' signing course
- Food for Thought - dinner and discussion
- 'Alive With Flavour' - cooking session for primary children.

**ALL regular monthly activities in 2020 were CANCELLED except the Art Therapy Mental Health support group - Creative Café**

- Morris's Friends folk group session
- Homeopathy Advice Clinic
- Displays of art and photographs by local artists
- 'Carers First' - advice and support for carers of all ages
- 'Hi-Kent' - routine servicing of hearing aids and advice for people with impaired hearing

- Craft Circle – afternoon gatherings to sew, crochet, knit or design their individual project
- Knitting Group meet on Wednesday mornings – for beginners and advanced knitters
- BRIDGES Community Market: table-top sale of crafts, produce etc.
- BRIDGES' Creative Café – therapeutic art activities for people living with mental health issues, or life-changing circumstances.

ALL the groups hiring the Centre regularly in 2020 were UNABLE to function in person at BRIDGES. Meetings of the Trustees and BRIDGES Centre Committee moved to Zoom.

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sustainable Edenbridge
- Pilates classes
- Spanish classes for young children
- Eden Christian Trust youth group - 'Banter @ BRIDGES'
- The Edenbridge Partnership - networking group.
- The DANDELION CAFÉ lunch club for older adults to socialise in a nurturing creative environment.
- CREATIVE KIDS art therapy workshops for primary school children
- MAKE A SCENE drama group for young people and adults with learning difficulties.

### **New Developments in 2020**

Throughout the Lockdown periods BRIDGES' Managers and committee members have taken Zoom training courses in Safeguarding, Mental Health First Aid, Youth Suicide Awareness, Money Management, and Digital Publicity amongst others. The Staff have attended Sevenoaks District Council's regular Volunteer Forum, and networked with local support agencies to prepare projects that will address the town's post-Covid needs. The Manager offered BRIDGES' premises for the benefit of the local Food Bank, registered the Centre as a Place of Welcome ready for reopening in 2021, and began discussions with West Kent Debt Advice (Crosslight) to bring face-to-face money management advice to Edenbridge, to help those who cannot access it online. She has kept in touch with groups that hired BRIDGES previously, and has sought new hirers e.g. MIND for new mental health support groups in 2021.

### **Financial Results**

The 2020 accounts saw the impact of Covid-19 through the closure of the centre for the majority of the year, resulting in significantly lower Centre income, partly offset by lower Centre costs. However, thanks to various grants and generous donations, culminating with the LocalGiving appeal, the Centre deficit was turned into an overall surplus, allowing Bridges to enter 2021 on the right foot. A noted improvement to the Centre related to the new flooring.

The Creative Café and Dandelion initiatives continued to be financed by Sevenoaks District Council and Kent Community Foundation respectively but also through the Great Stone Bridge Trust. Bridges is grateful for all donations and grants awarded. Investment and other income of the trust were down on previous years reflecting continued lower market interest rates on bank deposits as well as the cancellation of events such as markets, exhibitions and plant sales, due to Covid.

Overall the trust's activities resulted in a surplus of £5,193 (2019: surplus of £4,505), with total funds standing at £281,240 (2019: £276,047) at the year-end. Of this total £228,243 (2019: £229,373) related to fixed assets and £40,976 (2019: £40,263) to unrestricted reserves, available for use by the trustees as the need arises. Restricted funds represent the balances remaining unspent against 6 conditional grants, totalling £12,020 (2019: £6,411).

	Creative Café	Dandelion	Creative Kids	COVID-19	Makaton & Food Hygiene Training	Flooring	Total
b/f Restricted Funds	915	4,134	1,026	-	336	-	<b>6,411</b>
Restricted Funds Additions	1,450	1,000	1,650	14,772	-	3,120	<b>21,992</b>
Restricted Funds Spending	(1,459)	(2,823)	(1,007)	(8,032)	-	(3,062)	<b>(16,383)</b>
<b>c/f Restricted Funds</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>6,740</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>12,020</b>

The net cost of running the Centre was £18,396, compared to the 2019 figure of £6,139. The Centre's total income decreased significantly compared to last year at £9,360 (2019: £33,021) again, due to Covid restrictions. We were able to cover c.£8k of Centre costs by restricted grants, and are very grateful to the Great Stone Bridge Trust, Kent Community Foundation, and Sevenoaks District Council for their support. Total Costs remained relatively stable in comparison at £35,787 (2019: £39,159), with the main decrease being reduced purchases of food and supplies as well as utilities. However, these savings were partly offset by an increase in repairs and improvements.

The detailed 2020 financial statements are set out on pages 6 to 11 that follow.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is an objective of the Trustees to set a financial plan each year and to ensure that operating costs are covered annually by the receipt of income from the Centre, together with donations, grants and fundraising activities.

The Trustees believe that the charity should hold in unrestricted reserves a sufficient cushion of funds to enable it to:

- a) meet the cost of exceptional expenditure that may be incurred from time to time on major maintenance or improvements to the BRIDGES Centre and/or
- b) continue to exist in a period of reduced income and, should it be necessary, to cease to operate and wind up in an orderly fashion.

The Trustees consider that the desirable level of reserves for this purpose to be one year's operating costs and plan to generate annual operating surpluses in order to build reserves to this level, without impairing the quality of services provided. At 31 December 2020, the Trustees' unrestricted reserves of £40,976 represented 108% of the operating costs (2019 - £40,263 represented 97% of 2019 operating costs).

### **Investment of funds surplus to immediate requirements**

The Trust Deed allows the Trustees to invest surplus funds in securities of whatsoever nature as the Trustees shall in their absolute discretion think fit. Interest rates have continued to be historically low and it has been challenging to find deposit rates that yield reasonable returns, whilst at the same time maintaining an acceptable risk profile.

A £10,000 three-year bond earning 1.85% completed its third year with United Trust Bank and matured in May 2020. In order to improve liquidity to protect Bridges from cash depletion with the Centre being closed due to Covid-19, this was not re-positioned on long-term deposit. A one-year 1.40% fixed rate deposit of £10,000 matured in May and was placed back with CAF Bank on a 60 days' notice account, earning 0.90%. The investment in the M&G Charibond Fixed Income Fund, a unit trust with charitable status, has continued to earn an acceptable overall return and increased in value by £108 in 2020 (2019 - increase of £145).

### **Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

Under the trust deed of the charity and charity law, the Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the excess of income over expenditure for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, generally accepted accounting practice entails that the Trustees:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- state whether the financial statements comply with the trust deed, 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 that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are required by law to act in accordance with the trust deed of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, sufficient to disclose at any time with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the Trustees to ensure that, where any statements of account are prepared by them under section 132(1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

Year ended 31 December 2020

Note	CENTRE	TRUST	Fixed Assets Fund	Sub Total - Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	2019
	£	£	£		£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>							
	-	5,901	-	5,901	-	5,901	8,480
	-	-	-	-	21,992	21,992	11,520
	8,416	-	-	8,416	-	8,416	25,826
	626	-	-	626	-	626	4,774
	317	-	-	317	-	317	2,420
	-	14,262	-	14,262	-	14,262	2,737
	-	177	-	177	-	177	330
	-	226	-	226	-	226	211
	-	900	-	900	-	900	1,673
	-	108	-	108	-	108	145
	<b>9,360</b>	<b>21,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,935</b>	<b>21,992</b>	<b>52,927</b>	<b>58,117</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>							
	2,471	-	-	2,471	147	2,618	6,882
2	18,139	-	-	18,139	7,213	25,353	25,611
	2,008	-	-	2,008	-	2,008	2,930
	58	-	-	58	-	58	64
	416	-	-	416	-	416	465
	504	-	-	504	-	504	199
	680	-	-	680	-	680	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	(278)
	2,816	-	-	2,816	-	2,816	1,702
	222	-	-	222	91	314	415
	-	-	-	-	400	400	758
	274	-	-	274	-	274	531
	-	-	-	-	1,459	1,459	1,312
	-	-	-	-	1,007	1,007	124
	-	-	-	-	2,823	2,823	5,639
	167	-	-	167	180	347	1,056
3	-	2,148	-	2,148	-	2,148	2,049
	-	-	4,510	4,510	-	4,510	4,153
	<b>27,756</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>34,414</b>	<b>13,320</b>	<b>47,734</b>	<b>53,612</b>
<b>SURPLUS /(DEFICIT)</b>							
	<b>(18,396)</b>	<b>19,427</b>	<b>(4,510)</b>	<b>(3,479)</b>	<b>8,672</b>	<b>5,193</b>	<b>4,505</b>
	18,396	(18,396)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	(318)	3,381	3,062	(3,062)	-	-
	-	<b>713</b>	<b>(1,130)</b>	<b>(417)</b>	<b>5,609</b>	<b>5,193</b>	<b>4,505</b>
Funds Balance - beginning of year	-	40,263	229,373	269,636	6,411	276,047	271,542
<b>FUNDS BALANCE - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,976</b>	<b>228,243</b>	<b>269,219</b>	<b>12,020</b>	<b>281,240</b>
							<b>276,047</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET as at 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	4		
Freehold Property		215,000	215,000
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings		<u>13,243</u>	<u>14,373</u>
		228,243	229,373
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments	5	2,595	3,475
Bank Balances and Cash in Hand	6	<u>42,334</u>	<u>35,050</u>
		44,929	38,526
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors	7	<u>(1,402)</u>	<u>(1,214)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		43,527	37,312
<b>Longer Term Assets over one year</b>			
Investments	8	9,470	9,362
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>281,240</u>	<u>276,047</u>
<b>Funds held for charitable purposes</b>	9		
Fixed Asset Fund			
Opening balance		229,373	226,771
Current year increase / (decrease)		<u>(1,130)</u>	<u>2,602</u>
		228,243	229,373
Unrestricted funds			
Opening balance		40,263	38,830
Current year increase / (decrease)		<u>713</u>	<u>1,433</u>
		40,976	40,263
Restricted Funds			
Opening balance		6,411	5,941
Current year increase / (decrease)		<u>5,609</u>	<u>470</u>
		12,020	6,411
		<u>281,240</u>	<u>276,047</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 24 November 2021 and signed on their behalf

Richard Dyson  
Chairman of Trustees

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**1 Accounting Policies**

***Basis of preparation of financial statements and accounting standards***

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAPP), Accounting & Reporting by Charities' Statement of Accounting Practice (SORP 2005), the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts & Reports) Regulations 2008. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

***Fund accounting***

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Trust.

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Trust for a specific purpose.

***Income and Expenditure***

Income, including donations received, and expenditure for direct and support costs are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) on an accruals basis.

***Fixed Assets***

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £250 are capitalised and included at cost, or in the case of land and buildings at the most recent valuation.

Depreciation is provided on tangible assets at 15% on a straight line basis to write off the cost over their respective useful lives. The freehold land and building was revalued at 31 December 2003 and the difference between the historic cost and the revalued amount included in the balance sheet within the fixed asset fund.

***Investments***

Investments are held by the Trust in order to generate income for the support of charitable activities and to provide assets to meet the needs of reserves. They are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

<b>2 Staff costs</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Salaries and wages	24,477	24,750
Social Security	1,214	1,178
Government Employment Allowance (introduced in 2014)	(1,214)	(1,178)
Pension	876	861
	<u>25,353</u>	<u>25,611</u>

<b>3 Insurance</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
Prepaid - brought forward	1,600	1,516
Cost of premiums	2,191	2,134
Prepaid - carried forward	(1,643)	(1,600)
	<u>2,148</u>	<u>2,049</u>



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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)**

**4 Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Freehold Property £	Furniture and Equipment £	TOTAL ASSETS £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At the beginning of year	215,000	53,073	268,073
Additions during the year	-	3,381	3,381
Disposals during the year	-	-	-
Total at year end	<u>215,000</u>	<u>56,453</u>	<u>271,453</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At the beginning of the year	Nil	38,699	38,699
Added during the year	Nil	4,510	4,510
Total at year end	<u>Nil</u>	<u>43,210</u>	<u>43,210</u>
<b>Book value at 31 December 2020</b>	<u>215,000</u>	<u>13,243</u>	<u>228,243</u>
<i>Book value at 31 December 2019</i>	<u>215,000</u>	<u>14,373</u>	<u>229,373</u>

**5 Debtors - amounts receivable in less than one year**

	<b>2020</b> £	<b>2019</b> £
Interest receivable - CAF	57	81
Interest receivable - United Trust Bank	-	123
HM Revenue & Customs - Gift Aid income tax	895	1,671
Insurance prepaid	1,643	1,600
	<u>2,595</u>	<u>3,475</u>

**6 Bank Balances and Cash in Hand**

	<b>2020</b> £	<b>2019</b> £
CAF Bank	27,684	12,707
CAF Bank - 1 year fixed rate	-	10,000
CAF - 60 day notice	10,130	-
Lloyds Bank	4,490	2,313
United Trust Bank - 1 year bond	-	10,000
Cash in Hand	30	30
	<u>42,334</u>	<u>35,050</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

<b>7 Creditors - amounts payable in less than one year</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
HMRC - PAYE and NI	716	590
Creative Counselling	571	-
Sundry supplies	115	374
Purchases	-	250
	<u>1,402</u>	<u>1,214</u>

<b>8 Investments</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	£	£
M&G Fixed Interest Common Investment Fund (Charibond)		
Valuation at 31 December 2019	9,362	9,217
Revaluation	108	145
	<u>9,470</u>	<u>9,362</u>

### 9 Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	<b>Unrestricted General Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fixed Asset Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	89,559	-	89,559
Property Revaluation Reserve	-	138,684	-	138,684
Long-term Investment	9,470	-	-	9,470
Current Assets	32,909	-	12,020	44,929
Current Liabilities	(1,402)	-	-	(1,402)
<b>Net Assets at 31 December 2020</b>	<u>40,977</u>	<u>228,243</u>	<u>12,020</u>	<u>281,240</u>
<i>Net Assets at 31 December 2019</i>	<u>40,263</u>	<u>229,373</u>	<u>6,411</u>	<u>276,047</u>

### 10 Trustees

The Trustees receive no remuneration or expenses for their services (2019 - nil).

### 11 Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the balance sheet date there were no outstanding capital commitments (2019 - none) and in the opinion of the Trustees there were no contingent liabilities (2019 - none).

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)**

<b>12 Cash Flow Statement</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash inflow from operating activities	5,193	4,505
Non-cash items included above		
Revaluation of investments	(108)	(145)
Depreciation	4,510	4,153
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(3,381)	(6,756)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	880	(1,143)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	188	(513)
	<u>7,284</u>	<u>101</u>
Bank Balances and Cash in Hand		
At the end of the year	42,334	35,050
At the beginning of the year	(35,050)	(34,949)
	<u>7,284</u>	<u>101</u>

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the BRIDGES Trust**

**(Charity No. 1029169)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 11.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

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

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

