

Childhelp Hassocks, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2020

What a year! We survived in a relatively good financial state despite being shut down for nearly half the year due to the pandemic. This, was partly due to the generous government grant of £10000 but also to the commitment of our volunteers to reopen as soon as we were allowed.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their help and support throughout this difficult year. Everybody accepted the difficult and restrictive conditions under which we had to work. following the initial re-opening in July.

I would also like to thank our customers who remained loyal to us throughout this time and accepted the restrictions we had to impose on them. Their words of support and the pleasure they expressed when we were able to trade was heart-warming.

Lockdown did however realise some positive benefits. The introduction of the card reading machine, Zettle, has proved very popular with the customers and has help increase our sales. The storage cupboard built by Mike to quarantine our donations for three days during lock down continues to help us manage donations. This has enabled us to keep the sorting area in the shop relatively tidy and much safer.

Although we entered 2021 in a third lockdown we felt we were in a strong position to weather this further closure and looked forward to re-opening again in the Spring.

I would like to thank everybody again for seeing the charity through this year and particularly the committee members who worked tirelessly to ensure that the charity survived and that we could continue to operate safely and serve our community.

Andrew Barrett-Miles

Childhelp-Hassocks (registered charity # 1065008) accounts (£s) year ending December 2020									
<i>figures for y/e dec 2015 in italics</i>									
	2020				% change	2019			
	cleared	Opening	Closing	hence	relative to	cleared	Opening	Closing	hence
	amounts			true picture	last year	amounts			true picture
Sales	30228			30228	-37	48079			48079
Interest received				0		0			0
Donations & membership <i>(includes Council Covid-19 grant)</i>	11736			11736	7060	164			164
Total receipts	41964			41964	-13	48243			48243
Rent and service charge	9502			9502	2	9300			9300
Waste Disposal charges	1282			1282	-32	1890			1890
rates	52			52	-91	549			549
telephone	388			388	27	306			306
electricity	978			978	-7	1051			1051
Other running costs	1738			1738	-7				1861
		uncl'd chqs:	uncl'd chqs:				uncl'd chqs:	uncl'd chqs:	
Donations to children	21061	6620	2371	16812	-43	29421	3563	3382	29240
Total outgoings	35001			30752	-30	44378			44197
surplus for the year				11212	177				4046
cash in hand				19824	54				12861
apportioned thus:									
uncleared cheques				2371	-30				3382
reserves & accrued debts				5213	-1				5254
available to donate				12240	190				4225
(petty cash deficit)				50					0
signed on behalf of trustees:									

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Childhelp - Hassocks

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

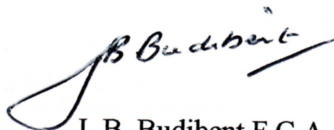
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.



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10 September 2021