



STABLES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Charity No. 327398

Annual Report 2021

Overview

Throughout 2021 the project continued to provide training and support to clients both face to face and remotely. Even though the challenges associated with the pandemic continued to affect everyone, the project was well attended throughout the year. During national lockdown, (between January and March), communication with clients was prioritised.

Most clients were able to return to the project after the lockdown, however 1 Tuesday client moved house and decided to leave the project.

Governance and management

The trustees met twice during the year and were available for ongoing support and advice.

The health and safety committee met twice and reported to the Trustees. Staff meetings were held monthly and continued to form the basis for the day to day running of the project.

Staff

One member of staff was employed in February as Client Supervisor and was subsequently promoted to Office Manager in July, following the resignation of the previous Office Manager. 1 new Client Supervisor was employed in June and a new role called "Office Support" was created to help with the extra workload incurred by the pandemic. The Office Support role was filled in August.

One of the Trustees volunteered on the Thursday programme between March and May. Another Trustee continued to be a member of a committee set up to review Covid safe working procedures. 2 volunteers continued to help with administration jobs, one of them being a member of the Health and Safety Committee.

Seed Sowers Project

Both the Tuesday programme and the Thursday group averaged 11 attendees each, who were all involved in varying ways in the practical tasks of the project. 1 Thursday client, who had moved away, felt that he had benefitted so much from being at the Centre, he decided to travel from his new location to attend

once a month. 1 new Thursday client started attending in August. During routine reviews, carers and clients expressed how much they valued the project. One Thursday client stated that coming to the Stables had helped them to feel part of a community. Another client stated that coming to the Stables was the only meaningful activity he participated in during the week. Another client was pleased that he had learned a new skill that he would not have otherwise learned elsewhere.

Sales and production

Customers were able to purchase preserves, plants, produce, handmade gifts and cards from the shop throughout the year. Many of the sales and events that staff usually attend were cancelled again this year, due to the pandemic. There were, however, 2 successful seasonal sales held on site. Fudge made by the Thursday team was sold at the Christmas sale and proved extremely popular.

The Coffee Shop, which usually opens monthly between May and December, was closed. It is hoped that this will re-launch in Spring 2022.

We supplied 3 local retail outlets.

External liaison

External liaison with local councils, charities, churches and care professionals continued, however this was mainly by remote communication.

Building and grounds maintenance, and capital resources

No significant changes were made to the buildings or grounds.

Summary

Throughout 2020 the project engaged 22 people in meaningful work. The first 3 months of the year were spent in lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic. During lockdown clients were contacted regularly. As Covid restrictions eased and clients returned it was evident how much they had missed the practical work and companionship. Some of the Thursday clients asked if they could bring their own "thought for the day" to share at coffee break, and this proved to be very successful, prompting positive discussion from all.

New staff settled into their roles quickly and became vital members of the team, establishing positive working relationships with other staff members and clients. An increase in computer technology, including IT support from an external company, meant that staff had more flexibility to work from home when the need arose.

Feedback from clients and their carers continued to be extremely positive in terms of how much they value the project. The self-worth that comes from participating in meaningful work is something that carers identified as one of the project's most important aspects.

Support by the local communities has continued. Local churches and individuals also continued to give generous donations. Grants were received from Bedford Borough Council and the Wixamtree Trust.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Bolnhurst Stables Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2021	Charity no (if any)	327398
Set out on pages	3, 4 and 5		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:  **Date:** 3rd February 2022

Name: David Dwyer

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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These errors have been corrected in the 2021 accounts.

Seedowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2021		2020		2019	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restricted	Total	Restricted
Income						
Sales	5,250		5,213		7,444	
Donations	12,328		13,336		10,329	
Stewardship	0		0		5,000	
Grants	22,392	7,392	12,001	624	4,037	1,037
Room Hire	170		-36		481	
Course Fees	31,815	-1,050	33,748		31,666	
Gift Aid	2,155		2,029		2,044	
HMRC Recovery	202					
Bank Interest	3		9		14	
Miscellaneous	30		111		45	
CJRS Claim	2,350		4,732			
	76,695	6,342	71,143	624	61,060	1,037
Expenditure						
Wages	48,028	2,190	45,942		44,495	
Travel	2,082	1,072	1,987		2,463	
Consumables to aid Sales	1,753		1,689		2,197	
Office Supplies	421		452		553	
Health & Safety	1,039	421	581	624	528	
Water Rates	337	21	394		369	
Fuel	1,977		1,725		2,250	
Insurance	2,942		3,019		2,839	
Repairs & Maintenance	2,912	138	2,330		2,157	1,037
Course Equipment	1,475	574	487		714	
Training costs **	-78	17	392		304	
HMRC	98					
Banking	120		72		87	
IT Support	1,843	343				
Miscellaneous	64		911		129	
	65,014	4,775	59,982	624	59,084	1,037
Surplus/deficit for the year	11,681	1,567	11,161		1,976	

Notes

* Restricted amount included in Total 'Surplus/deficit for the year' (2020, 2019)

** Includes late fees received for Client Support invoiced in 2021

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Balance Sheet 31st December 2021

Notes	2021	2020	2019
Fixed Assets:			
1 Office Equipment			
1 Fixtures and Fittings			
1 Garden Tools and Equipment			
Current Assets:			
1 Stock			
2 Debtors	356	2,146	754
HMRC			111
3 Cash in hand and at bank	34,486	18,723	10,228
	34,842	20,869	11,093
Current Liabilities:			
4 Creditors	1,038	270	1,850
HMRC	-	43	-
Payments in advance	-	-	-
	1,038	313	1,850
Total Assets	33,804	20,556	9,243
Represented by:			
General Reserve brought forward	20,556	9,243	9,265
Restricted Funds brought forward			
Surplus/deficit on general funds	11,681	11,161	1,976
5 Surplus/deficit on restricted funds	1,567		-
General reserve carried forward	32,237	20,404	11,242
5 Restricted funds carried forward	1,567	-	-
	33,804	20,404	11,242

Signed

J. Wood

Chairman of the Trustees

Name in Full *JOHN VIVIAN WOOD*

Date *17th May, 2022*

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Notes to the Accounts 31st December 2021

1 Fixed Assets

All fixed assets and stock have been written off in the year of purchase

2 Debtors

Gillian Pritchard	T1764	190.00	Fees Invoiced
Rebecca Prentice	T1767	2.50	Fees Invoiced
Rebecca Prentice	T1768	10.00	Fees Invoiced
Rebecca Prentice	T1769	10.00	Fees Invoiced
Rebecca Prentice	T1770	10.00	Fees Invoiced
The Stodden Churches	R21/024	120.83	Donation
Disclosure & Barring Service		13.00	DBS Payment taken in error
		<u>356.33</u>	

3 Cash in hand and at bank

Bank balance	34,109.78
Cash in hand	360.00
Cash waiting to cleared at bank	16.06
	<u>34,485.84</u>

4 Creditors

Bedford Borough Council		988.47	Grant Refund
Pat Moyce		17.50	Fees Overpaid
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Unpresented cheques		-	
The Friends of St Peter Pavenham	2509	15.00	
HMRC		-	
Payments in advance		-	
		<u>1,038.47</u>	

5 Restricted Funds

Grants for Infection Control Received from Bedford Borough Council		9,600.00	
Grants for Infection Control Refunded to Bedford Borough Council - not spent	-	2,207.94	
		<u>7,392.06</u>	



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