



STABLES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Charity No: 327398

Annual Report 2022

Draft

Overview

Throughout 2022 the project continued to provide training and support to clients and was well attended throughout the year.

Governance and Management

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

The health and safety committee met once 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

Two members of staff left at the beginning of the year. Following a review, a new member of staff was employed in July as Site Manager and a second in August as Business Manager.

2 volunteers continued to help with administration jobs, one of them being a member of the Health and Safety Committee.

Seed Sowers Project

The Tuesday programme averaged 12 attendees and the Thursday group averaged 6 attendees throughout the year, who were all involved in varying ways in the practical tasks of the project. One new client started on Tuesday during the year, and one decided after attending for ten years to retire from the project. Thursday clients continued to work well together, with one also starting an external HGV driver training course. One client stated that coming to the stables had helped them feel part of a community and overall clients continue to express how much they value the project.

Sales and production

Customers were able to purchase preserves, plants, produce, handmade gifts and cards from the shop throughout the year. The Coffee Shop was able to re-open monthly between May and October following the Pandemic and was well attended. We were able to attend some external sales and events which were both extremely popular and successful as was our own Christmas Sale. It is hoped that we will attend more external sales and events throughout 2023.

We supplied 3 local retail outlets.

External liaison

External liaison with local councils, charities, churches and care professionals continued, and we hope to develop this throughout 2023.

Building and grounds maintenance, and capital resources

No significant changes were made to the buildings or grounds.

Summary

Throughout 2022 the project continued to provide our clients with a structured and nurtured progression towards increased independence, confidence and self-esteem whilst gaining work and social skills in a tranquil and safe environment.

New staff settled into their roles quickly and became vital members of the team, establishing positive working relationships with other staff members and clients.

Feedback from clients and their carers continued to be extremely positive in terms of how much they value the project.

Support by the local communities has continued with Local churches and individuals continuing to give donations. A grant was awarded by the Wixamtree Trust towards the running costs of the project. It is hoped we will increase our funding applications during 2023.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bolnhurst Stables Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

327398

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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:

David Dwyer

Date:

8th Feb 2023

Name:

David Dwyer

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022		2021		2020	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restricted
Income						
Sales	6,980		5,250		5,213	
Donations	10,736		12,328		13,336	
Stewardship	0		0		0	
Grants	0	4,508	22,392	7,392	12,001	624
Room Hire	159		170		-36	
Course Fees	33,094	-48	31,815	-1,050	33,748	
Gift Aid	2,175		2,155		2,029	
HMRC Recovery	1,882		202			
Bank Interest	66		3		9	
Miscellaneous	0		30		111	
CJRS Claim	0		2,350		4,732	
	55,091	4,461	76,695	6,342	71,143	624
Expenditure						
Wages	56,781	4,853	48,028	2,190	45,942	
Travel	4,528		2,082	1,072	1,987	
Consumables to aid Sales	2,418		1,753		1,689	
Office Supplies	462		421		452	
Health & Safety	221	1,085	1,039	421	581	624
Water Rates	305		337	21	394	
Fuel	2,793		1,977		1,725	
Insurance	3,649		2,942		3,019	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,649	6	2,912	138	2,330	
Course Equipment	815	83	1,475	574	487	
Training costs	329		-78	17	392	
HMRC	1,968		98			
Banking	126		120		72	
IT Support	2,328		1,843	343		
Miscellaneous	85		64		911	
	80,456	6,027	65,014	4,775	59,982	624
Surplus/deficit for the year	-25,364	-1,567	11,681	1,567	11,161	

Notes

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Balance Sheet 31st December 2022

Notes	2022	2021	2020
Fixed Assets:			
1 Office Equipment			
2 Fixtures and Fittings			
3 Garden Tools and Equipment			
Current Assets:			
1 Stock			
2 Debtors HMRC	400	356	2,146
3 Cash in hand and at bank	7,339	34,486	18,723
	7,739	34,842	20,869
Current Liabilities:			
4 Creditors HMRC Payments in advance	- 866 -	1,038 - -	270 43 -
	866	1,038	313
Total Assets	6,873	33,804	20,556
Represented by:			
General Reserve brought forward	32,237	20,556	9,243
Restricted Funds brought forward	1,567		
Surplus/deficit on general funds	-	11,681	11,161
5 Surplus/deficit on restricted funds	-	1,567	
General reserve carried forward	6,873	32,237	20,404
5 Restricted funds carried forward	-	1,567	-
Total C/F	6,873	33,804	20,404

Signed

J. Wood

Chairman of the Trustees

Name in Full

JOHN WOOD

Date

25th May 2023

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Notes to the Accounts 31st December 2022

1 Fixed Assets

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

2 Debtors

Carol Fuller		20.00	Donation
Gillian Pritchard	T1945	190.00	Fees Invoiced
Tara Sawford		190.00	Donation

400.00

3 Cash in hand and at bank

Bank balance	6,802.98
Cash in hand	535.54
Cash waiting to cleared at bank	-

7,338.52

4 Creditors

Unpresented cheques		
HMRC	865.85	Q3 Tax, NI
Payments in advance	-	

865.85

5 Restricted Funds

Grants for Infection Control received from Bedford Borough Council	2,400.00	
Grants for Infection Control refunded to Bedford Borough Council - not spent	-	1,438.63
Grants for Workforce Retention received from Bedford Borough Council	3,781.25	
Grants for Workforce Retention refunded to Bedford Borough Council - Paid in error	-	234.36

4,508.26



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