

STABLES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Charity No: 327398

Annual Report 2023

Overview

Throughout 2023 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 twice during the year 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 left in July and is yet to be replaced.

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 4 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. 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 open monthly between May and October and was particularly well attended. We were able to attend a number of external sales and events which were both extremely popular and successful as was our own Christmas Sale. It is hoped that we will continue to attend more external sales and events throughout 2024.

We supplied 3 local retail outlets.

External liaison

External liaison with local councils, charities, churches and care professionals continued, and we hope to continue this throughout 2024.

Building and grounds maintenance, and capital resources

No significant changes were made to the buildings or grounds.

Summary

Throughout 2023 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.

A dedicated and hard-working Staff team have become 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. Several grants were awarded throughout the year contributing towards the running costs of the project. It is hoped we will increase our funding applications during 2024.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bolnhurst Stables Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

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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 31/12/2023

**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:

16 January 2024

Name:

David Dwyer

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:

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Keysoe Rd

Riseley, Beds. MK44 1DE

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.

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022		2021	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restricted
Income						
Sales	7,501		6,980		5,213	
Donations	12,226		10,736		13,336	
Stewardship	0		0		0	
Grants	37,700	2,000	0	4,508	12,001	624
Room Hire	210		159		-36	
Course Fees	29,537		33,094	-48	33,748	
Gift Aid	2,012		2,175		2,029	
HMRC Recovery	3,334		1,882			
Bank Interest	174		66		9	
Miscellaneous	0		0		111	
CJRS Claim	0		0		4,732	
	92,693	2,000	55,091	4,461	71,143	624
Expenditure						
Wages	67,746	1,175	56,781	4,853	45,942	
Travel	4,275		4,528		1,987	
Consumables to aid Sales	2,034		2,418		1,689	
Office Supplies	882		462		452	
Health & Safety	311		221	1,085	581	624
Water Rates	443		305		394	
Fuel	3,306		2,793		1,725	
Insurance	4,332		3,649		3,019	
Repairs & Maintenance	1,029		3,649	6	2,330	
Course Equipment	94	229	815	83	487	
Training costs	345		329		392	
HMRC	3,334		1,968			
Banking	117		126		72	
IT Support	1,916		2,328			
Miscellaneous	50		85		911	
	90,212	1,404	80,456	6,027	59,982	624
Surplus/deficit for the year	2,481	596	-25,364	-1,567	11,161	

Notes

J. Wood
23/5/2024

Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Balance Sheet 31st December 2023

Notes	2023	2022	2021
Fixed Assets:			
1 Office Equipment			
2 Fixtures and Fittings			
3 Garden Tools and Equipment			
Current Assets:			
1 Stock			
2 Debtors	280	400	2,146
HMRC			
3 Cash in hand and at bank	10,550	7,339	18,723
	10,830	7,739	20,869
Current Liabilities:			
4 Creditors	83	-	270
HMRC	796	866	43
Payments in advance	-	-	-
	880	866	313
Total Assets	9,950	6,873	20,556
Represented by:			
General Reserve brought forward	6,873	32,237	9,243
Restricted Funds brought forward	-	1,567	
Surplus/deficit on general funds	2,481 -	25,364	11,161
5 Surplus/deficit on restricted funds	596 -	1,567	
General reserve carried forward	9,354	6,873	20,404
5 Restricted funds carried forward	596	-	-
Total C/F	9,950	6,873	20,404

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Chairman of the Trustees

Name in Full

Date

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Notes to the Accounts 31st December 2023

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

2 Debtors

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Stephen Swain	T2109	100.00	Fees

-

280.00

3 Cash in hand and at bank

Bank balance	10,193.27
Cash in hand	356.40
Cash waiting to cleared at bank	-

10,549.67

4 Creditors

Unpresented cheques	
HMRC	265.11 Q3 Tax, NI
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NEST	83.34 Pension
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Neighbourly Charitable Trust	1,000.00
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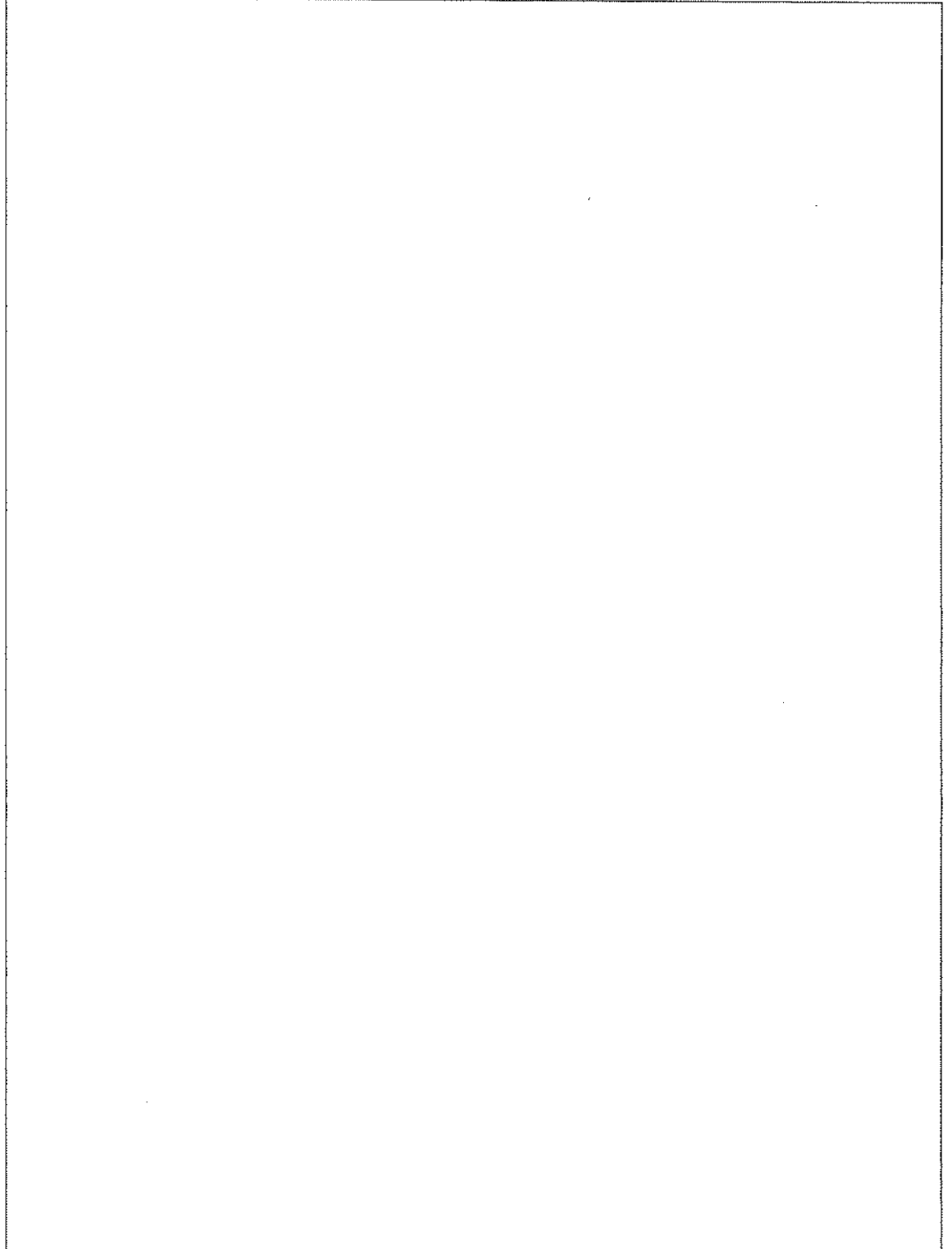
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