

STABLES CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Charity No: 327398

Annual Report 2024

Overview

Throughout 2024 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

Three members of staff left during the year and it is hoped they will be replaced during 2025.

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 5 attendees throughout the year, who were all involved in varying ways in the practical tasks of 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 2025.

We supplied 4 local retail outlets.

External liaison

External liaison with local councils, charities, churches and care professionals continued, and we hope to continue this throughout 2025.

Building and grounds maintenance, and capital resources

No significant changes were made to the buildings or grounds.

Summary

Throughout 2024 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 and 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 2025.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Bolnhurst Stables Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

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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:

Date:

23 January 2025

Name:

David Dwyer

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Address:

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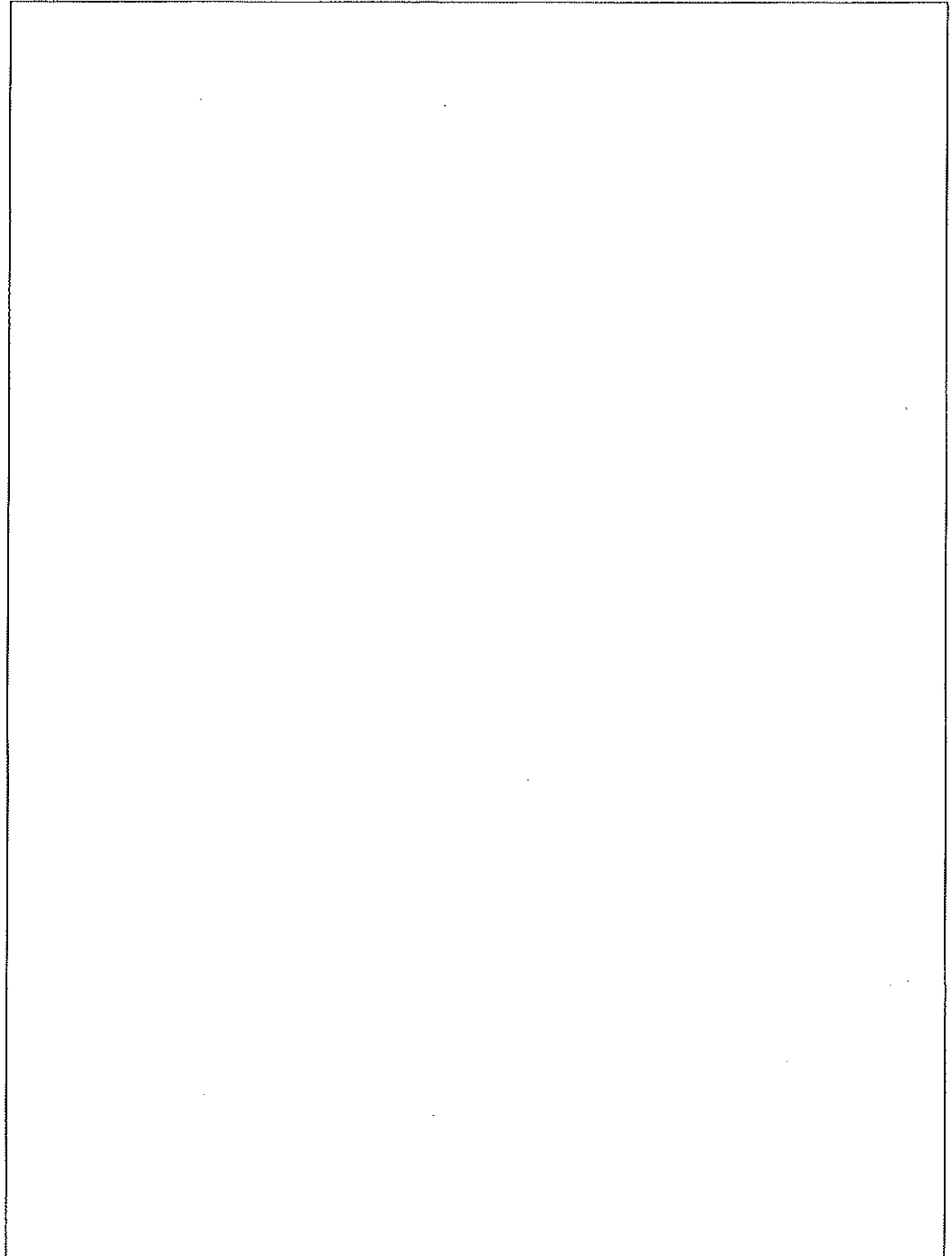
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Seedsowers, Coffee Shop and Training Development Project

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2024


	2024		2023		2022	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Restricted
Income						
Sales	7,821		7,501		6,980	
Donations	12,427		12,226		10,736	
Stewardship	0		0		0	
Grants	29,021	0	37,700	2,000	0	4,508
Room Hire	485		210		159	
Course Fees	27,559		29,537		33,094	-48
Gift Aid	2,159		2,012		2,175	
HMRC Recovery	2,862		3,334		1,882	
Bank Interest	225		174		66	
Miscellaneous	63		0		0	
CJRS Claim	0		0		0	
	82,622	0	92,693	2,000	55,091	4,461
Expenditure						
Wages	61,176	0	67,746	1,175	56,781	4,853
Travel	3,882		4,275		4,528	
Consumables to aid Sales	2,319		2,034		2,418	
Office Supplies	1,004		882		462	
Health & Safety	311		311		221	1,085
Water Rates	417		443		305	
Fuel	3,053		3,306		2,793	
Insurance	4,384		4,332		3,649	
Repairs & Maintenance	486		1,029		3,649	6
Course Equipment	334	0	94	229	815	83
Training costs	185		345		329	
HMRC	2,862		3,334		1,968	
Banking	136		117		126	
IT Support	2,068		1,916		2,328	
Miscellaneous	35		50		85	
	82,651	0	90,212	1,404	80,456	6,027
Surplus/deficit for the year	-28	0	2,481	596	-25,364	-1,567

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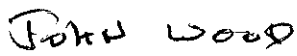
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Balance Sheet 31st December 2024

Notes	2024	2023	2022
Fixed Assets:			
1 Office Equipment			
2 Fixtures and Fittings			
3 Garden Tools and Equipment			
Current Assets:			
1 Stock			
2 Debtors	1,163	280	400
HMRC			
3 Cash in hand and at bank	9,453	10,550	7,339
	10,616	10,830	7,739
Current Liabilities:			
4 Creditors	88	83	-
HMRC	607	796	866
Payments in advance	-	-	-
	694	880	866
Total Assets	9,922	9,950	6,873
Represented by:			
General Reserve brought forward	9,354	6,873	32,237
Restricted Funds brought forward	596	-	1,567
Surplus/deficit on general funds	-	2,481	-
5 Surplus/deficit on restricted funds	-	596	-
General reserve carried forward	9,325	9,354	6,873
5 Restricted funds carried forward	596	596	-
Total C/F	9,922	9,950	6,873

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Chairman of the Trustees

Name in Full 

Date 19-6-2025

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Notes to the Accounts 31st December 2024

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2 Debtors

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The Store	S24/018	122.40
Stephen Swain	T2244	135.00
James Blackwell	T2245	145.35
		<u>1,162.75</u>

3 Cash in hand and at bank

Bank balance	9,229.77
Cash in hand	223.38
Cash waiting to cleared at bank	-
	<u>9,453.15</u>

4 Creditors

Unpresented cheques			
HMRC	0	202.21	Q3 Tax, NI
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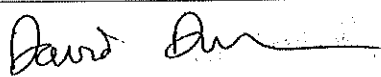
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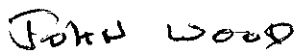
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