# REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06052346 (England and Wales) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1117890

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019
for
Neston Community Youth Centre Ltd

Pursglove & Brown
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# Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06052346 (England and Wales)

#### Registered Charity number

1117890

#### Registered office

The Centre Burton Rd Neston Cheshire CH64 9RE

#### **Trustees**

A M Brown Mrs C M Fergus D G Clark Ms L C Gittins Ms K Quayle Mrs C M Owen

Social Worker

- appointed 30.1.19

#### **Company Secretary**

A M Brown

#### Independent examiner

Pursglove & Brown Military House 24 Castle Street Chester Cheshire CH1 2DS

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> November 19and signed on its behalf by:

D G Clark - Trustee

#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Neston Community Youth Centre Ltd

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Neston Community Youth Centre Ltd ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Benjamin Morris FCA ICAEW

Pursglove & Brown

Military House 24 Castle Street

Chester

Cheshire CH1 2DS

Date: 5.12.19

# Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	31.3.19 Total funds £	31.3.18 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies		10,135	-	10,135	15,481
Other trading activities	2	102,336		102,336	101,932
Total		112,471	-	112,471	117,413
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds Charitable activities		15,780	-	15,780	20,715
General Activities of the Centre		11,173	<b>-</b> '	11,173	12,053
Other		88,209	1,196	89,405	102,759
Total		115,162	1,196	116,358	135,527
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,691)	(1,196)	(3,887)	(18,114)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		103,452	1,196	104,648	122,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		100,761		100,761	104,648

# Balance Sheet At 31 March 2019

		Jnrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.19 Total funds	31.3.18 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	. 7	82,500	-	82,500	82,500
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	18,238 - 9,684	-	18,238 9,684	28,029 4,330
Cash at Gaile and in Hand		27,922	<u></u>	27,922	32,359
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	9	(9,661)	-	(9,661)	(10,211)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		18,261	-	18,261	22,148
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		100,761		100,761	104,648
NET ASSETS		100,761		100,761	104,648
FUNDS Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	11			100,761	103,452 1,196
TOTAL FUNDS				100,761	104,648

#### Balance Sheet - continued At 31 March 2019

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th November 19 and were signed on its behalf by:

D G Clark - Trustee

A M Brown -Trustee

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery

- at varying rates on cost

#### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Centre Rents	79,546	87,507
Coffee Machine	3,734	2,460
Other Income	19,056	11,965
	102,336	101,932

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

#### 3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	•	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
Depreciation - owned assets		-	534
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#### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

31.3.19	31.3.18
6	8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

#### 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	5,629	9,852	15,481
Other trading activities	100,715	1,217	101,932
Total	106,344	11,069	117,413
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	19,595	1,120	20,715
Charitable activities General Activities of the Centre	7,879	4,174	12,053
Other	84,340	18,419	102,759
Total	111,814	23,713	135,527
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,470)	(12,644)	(18,114)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	108,923	13,839	122,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	103,453	1,195	104,648

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Freehold property	Plant and machinery	Totals
	COST	£	£	£
	At 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	82,500	5,099	87,599
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	-	5,099	5,099
	NET BOOK VALUE			•
	At 31 March 2019	82,500	-	82,500
	At 31 March 2018	82,500	<u> </u>	82,500
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEA	R		
			31.3.19	31.3.18
	Trade debtors		£ 18,238	£ 28,029
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YE	EAR ·	• ,	•
			31.3.19	31.3.18
•			£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)		-	136
	Trade creditors		1,087	<u>-</u>
	Social security and other taxes		7,015	9,548
	Other creditors		1,559	527
	Accrued expenses			327
			9,661	10,211
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10.	LOANS			
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		٠	
			31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
	Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		£	J.
	Bank overdraft		<u></u>	136 ———

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

# 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	N	et movement	
	At 1.4.18	in funds	At 31.3.19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,825	2,436	18,261
Freehold Land at Neston	82,500	-	82,500
Neston Flicks	5,127	(5,127)	
	103,452	(2,691)	100,761
Restricted funds			
Enabling Community Empowerment Fund	(136)	136	-
Neston Angels	104	(104)	
Postcode Lottery Fund Grant	1,228	(1,228)	-
	1,196	(1,196)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	104,648	(3,887)	100,761
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:  Unrestricted funds	resources	expended	funds
Unrestricted funds General fund	resources	expended £ (110,035)	funds £ 2,436
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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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	At 1.4.17	in funds	At 31.3.18
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds		;	
General fund	22,561	(6,736)	15,825
Freehold Land at Neston	82,500		82,500
Neston Flicks	3,862	1,265	5,127
	108,923	(5,471)	103,452
Restricted Funds			
Enabling Community Empowerment Fund	5,882	(6,018)	(136
Neston Angels	168	(64)	104
Postcode Lottery Fund Grant	6,789	(5,561)	1,228
CWAC Member Budgets	1,000	(1,000)	-
	13,839	(12,643)	1,196
TOTAL FUNDS	122,762	(18,114)	104,648
Comparative net movement in funds, included in the abo	ve are as follows:		
	Incoming	Resources	Movement in
	resources	expended	
	resources £		
Unrestricted funds		expended	funds
		expended	funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund Neston Flicks	£	expended £	funds
General fund	£ 103,884	expended £ (110,620)	funds £ (6,736
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General fund Neston Flicks  Restricted funds Enabling Community Empowerment Fund	£ 103,884 2,460 106,344	expended £ (110,620) (1,195) (111,815)	funds £ (6,736 1,265 (5,471 (6,018 (64
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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

·	Not movement		
	At 1.4.17	in funds	At 31.3.19
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,561	(4,300)	18,261
Freehold Land at Neston	82,500	-	82,500
Neston Flicks	3,862	(3,862)	-
Restricted funds			
Enabling Community Empowerment Fund	5,882	(5,882)	
Neston Angels	168	(168)	
Postcode Lottery Fund Grant	6,789	(6,789)	-
CWAC Member Budgets	1,000	(1,000)	
	13,839	(13,839)	
TOTAL FUNDS	122,762	(22,001)	100,761

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming	Resources	Movement in
	resources	expended	funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	216,355	(220,655)	(4,300)
Neston Flicks	2,460	(6,322)	(3,862)
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	218,815	(226,977)	(8,162)
Restricted funds			
Enabling Community Empowerment Fund	11,023	(16,905)	(5,882)
Neston Angels	. 46	(214)	(168)
Postcode Lottery Fund Grant	-	(6,789)	(6,789)
CWAC Member Budgets	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
·	11,069	(24,908)	(13,839)
TOTAL FUNDS	229,884	(251,885)	(22,001)
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### 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2019.

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,535	629
Grants	6,600	14,852
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	10,135	15,481
Other trading activities		
Centre Rents	79,546	87,507
Coffee Machine	3,734	2,460
Other Income	19,056	11,965
	102,336	101,932
Total incoming resources	112,471	117,413
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Building Utilities	6,932	6,941
Cleaning	1,283	2,003
Insurance	1,781	2,511
Coffee Machine Supplies	1,987	2,981
Centre repairs	3,797	6,279
•	15,780	20,715
	15,760	20,713
Charitable activities		
Materials etc	854	3,513
Travel (Funded)	759	2,191
Centre Equipment	578	534
Advertising and Events	6,213	5,032
	8,404	11,270
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Other	70 717	00.100
Salaries	78,717	89,120
Social security	2,772	5,676
Pensions Talanham and Communications	960 2,236	356 4,224
Telephone and Communications Post and Stationery	2,230	1,572
Miscellaneous	2,116	1,811
Miscenaneous	<del></del>	
· ,	89,079	102,759
Support costs		
Management		
Legal Charges CRB Etc	1,250	115
Other accounting costs	1,475	297
Carried forward	2,725	412

# Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Management		
Brought forward	2,725	412
Training	14	371
Bank charges	46	-
Bad debts	280	<u>-</u>
	3,095	783
Total resources expended	116,358	135,527
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Net expenditure	(3,887)	(18,114)
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Neston Community Youth Centre

Annual Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 for Neston Community Youth Centre Ltd

# Reference & Administrative Details

**Registered Company No:** 06052346 (England & Wales)

**Registered Charity No:** 1117890

# **Registered Office**

Neston Community Youth Centre Burton Road Neston Cheshire CH64 9RE

# **Trustees** (who served in the year)

Alan Brown
Christine Fergus
David Clark
Louise Gittins
Kerry Quayle
Christine Owen - Appointed 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

# **Independent Examiner**

Pursglove & Brown Military House 24 Castle Street Chester Cheshire CH1 2DS

#### Introduction

The Directors, who are also Trustees for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Our mission is 'to enhance the quality of life of local people by inspiring them to maximise their potential and have a positive impact on their community.'

We do this by providing services and support to local people under three main areas of operation. We facilitate Adult Learning opportunities, provide Community Development activities and both facilitate and deliver Youth Work opportunities.

In the year we have seen a further increase in use of both the facilities and the services provided with an average monthly attendance of 1600 people and an increase of 15% in activity within the building. We also saw a 25% increase in volunteering hours to 4505 supporting everything from our day to day operations, community cinema, befriending service and the delivery of local community events.

We are now entering the final year of our five year plan and we will be reevaluating the work of the charity in order to plan for the long term.

# Messages

Message from the Chair

This has been another year of significant achievement for the charity, in partnership with many other organisations, we are making a really positive impact on the quality of life of our town and our residents. Finances continue to be tight but we have not been distracted from our objectives.

I thank my board colleagues for their unfailing support. On behalf of the Trustees I thank our staff and volunteers who are the people who make the difference.

David Clark, Chair

### Message from the Centre Manager

Another year of challenges, another year of change for the charity. In preparation for the coming year we have spent a lot of time improving processes to enable the building to run more effectively and efficiently.

Despite a regrettable lack of development for our youth work programmes, both the community development and adult learning programmes have reached levels not seen before.

The partnership working on display every day in the centre would not be possible without the positive input of Job Centre Plus, Citizens Advice West Cheshire, Amber Button, ForFutures and many others who make a positive difference to local people.

I believe the coming year will be crucial to the future of the organisation and by this time next year we will be embarking on a new and exciting 5 year plan that will drive us forward.

I have to take the opportunity to publicly thank the staff team who work so hard and often go above and beyond to 'get things done'; our incredible team of volunteers who, on a daily basis, make a difference to the lives of local people; local businesses like Elephant Collective, AP Mitchell and the Neston Business Fund who have shown their support of our work throughout the year and; our amazing Trustees. Over the past few years we have been able to completely refresh the board bringing in very talented individuals who care about our community – this has been tinged with sadness as the last of the founder members retire at our coming Annual General Meeting. None of what we have achieved would have been possible without their ongoing support.

- Gareth Prytherch, Centre Manager

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as a Company registered in England and limited by guarantee. The company Memorandum and Articles of Association set out the governance arrangements.

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity elects the Trustees and Honorary officers and appoints reporting accountants and considers and approves the annual report and accounts for the preceding year. The Trustees meet regularly to discuss the charity's affairs and receive reports of its activities.

The charity employs a Centre Manager who has delegated responsibility to undertake the day to day operations of the organisation. The manager is supported by a small team with clear areas of responsibility.

The Board Development Plan has prompted a process of succession planning and has encouraged the diversification of the board.

#### Our vision is...

# "To be the first choice for people to access local community services."

Our mission is...

"To enhance the quality of life of local people by inspiring them to maximise their potential and have a positive impact on their community."

Objectives & Activities
The objectives of the organisation are:

- 1. To provide facilities for persons under the age of 21 residing in Wirral, Cheshire and Merseyside and in particular but not limited to the residents of Neston and the surrounding districts for the purpose of enabling them through their leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.
- 2. To advance the education of people of all ages residing in Wirral, Cheshire and Merseyside and in particular but not limited to the residents of Neston, in particular by the provision of a Resource Centre in Neston.

#### Youth Work

We have failed to address local needs in this area despite working with Youth Federation to address the staffing and funding gap. It is clear that a more strategic response is needed bringing together young people and other partners to devise an appropriate response to local needs.

We have maintained a provision though some of the activities have ended or are coming to an end.

This will be a focal point of our forward planning and will require engagement, workforce and volunteer development as well as identifying the financial resources to offer an appropriate response.

### **Adult Learning**

Our adult learning programme has continued to develop and diversify with a consistent Work Club offer provided by Amber Button, Mindfulness In Nature has continued throughout the year with more than 60 individuals taking part in 8 week courses as part of Cheshire West and Chester Councils 'Natural Health Service'.

We are still aiming to develop a paid for offer that will provide opportunities for learners and income for the charity.

Going forward, we will need to continue promoting our work in order to attract opportunities for local people whilst aiming to develop a wider ranging programme.

## Community Development

In the year there were 665 social interventions carried out by 36 volunteers with 51 older people in the area. A partnership with Neston Primary School has developed and the children's 'Silver Mail' project saw pen pal relationships developing in the last quarter. It is hoped that we can develop this work further by bringing the children and the clients together.

There is now evidence of increased social engagement beyond our own interventions proving the reduction in social isolation.

85 unique individuals benefitted from the monthly matinees and an additional 586 hours of contact time between volunteers and clients.

Neston Flicks has continued to be a valued and well used resource to the community with average audience numbers across the 9 films of 107.

Our community events changed once more with Parkgate Fest taking a break but the Christmas event returning to the community. The wildlife Festival expanded on the first year's success and the Big Lunch reached over 800 people one sunny Sunday afternoon in May. The Christmas event was the biggest ever with the best partnership delivery to date between ourselves, local community organisations, Neston Town Council, Police and others.

Our work with Citizens Advice and West Cheshire Foodbank increased again by a further 85% and 120% respectively.

### Achievements and Performance

- Building use increased to 311 days
- 11,514 Hours of activity
- 2390 different sessions of activities
- 64 Volunteers supported
- 4510 hours of volunteering supported
- 6 Large Scale Events with approximately 4000 attendees
- 220 individuals received advice and guidance
- 22 people helped into work
- 73 Attendees to Work Club
- 32 Young People attending Youth Club with an average attendance of 8 per week
- 36 Older People received Befriending Support with an average of 2.4hours per week

# Exemptions from Disclosure None

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and signed on it's behalf by:

David Clark

Chair

27th November 2019