

Company Number 05290993
Charity Number 1108983

ACross Country
Directors' and Trustees' Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2022



Directors' report for the period

From: 1st January 2022

To: 31st December 2022

Company name: ACross Country

Company number: 05290993

Charity registration number: 1108983

Reference and administrative details

Across Country is a charitable company. The charity was registered on 11 April 2005, number 1108983 and the company was incorporated on 18 November 2004, number 05290993.

Charitable Company name	ACross Country
Company Number	05290993
Registered charity number	1108983
Charitable company's registered address	The Vicarage, Church Street, Huddersfield HD7 4PX
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc, Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HB

Names of the directors/ trustees who manage the charitable company

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint director/ trustee (if any)
1	Simon Crook	Secretary, Chair		
2	Samantha Crook			
3	Tina Minett Stevens	Treasurer		
4	Abigail Page			
5	Alastair McClean	Safeguarding		
6	Lenore Beaumont			
7	Jack Noble			
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ACross Country Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charitable company as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>"The objects of the Company shall be for the benefit of the public, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions, particularly those persons who are or are at risk of social exclusion or isolation with the object of improving their conditions of life and promoting self development and self worth, in particular but not exclusively by:</p> <p>(a) the provision of facilities, in particular outdoor adventure activities, for the recreation and other leisure time occupation of people, especially the young, who are disadvantaged; and to promote their spiritual, mental and physical development so that they may grow to maturity as individuals and members of Society;</p> <p>(b) the provision of a retreat house, including facilities for prayer, meditation and spiritual healing;</p> <p>(c) the fostering of responsibility towards and appreciation of the environment;</p> <p>(d) the building of a Christian community to further objects (a), (b) and (c) above."</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The activities run in 2022 for the purposes of public benefit and to fulfil our objectives were two residential weekends for socially excluded people, the majority of which were people seeking asylum.</p> <p>The activities included communal living and decision making, as well as physical, emotional and spiritual activities both indoors and outdoors. The projects are designed to have therapeutic benefit.</p>
Statement confirming whether the directors/ trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The directors/ trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.</p>

ACross Country Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charitable company, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The achievements of the charitable company are huge in the fragmented, fragile, disrupted and excluded lives of the asylum seekers who have attended our programmes.</p> <p>They often report of belonging for the first time, of a sense of feeling safe and having some control over their lives. The St Augustine Staff frequently report of bonds made, of people finding their voice, their confidence, their place within the group. These effects are carried back to their communities and supportive agencies beyond our charity weekends.</p>
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Financial review

Review of the charitable company's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We ended the year having expenditure of £4,178 (2021: £1,859) and receiving income of £1,092 (2021: £6,581).</p> <p>We ran two projects this year, hence the increase in expenditure; and we did not receive any large grants, hence the reduction in income.</p> <p>We incurred £72 in bank charges, unchanged from 2021.</p> <p>The COIF Deposit Fund performed well, yielding interest of £73 (2021: £1).</p> <p>Our insurance costs rose from £366 to £373, these amounts being accrued into the following year.</p> <p>We have prepaid £600 in deposits on the Bunk Barn accommodation for use in 2023.</p> <p>We expect to receive £60 from Gift Aid on donations.</p> <p>We have cash reserves of £11,015 to carry forward which are more than sufficient to operate for the next year, though additional funding continues to be sought.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold cash reserves to sustain the work of the charitable company. All reserves are unrestricted currently. A working balance is retained in our Unity Trust current account and the remainder in an interest-bearing COIF Charity Deposit Fund.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,015
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We continue to be a going concern.

ACross Country Structure, governance and management


Description of charitable company's trusts:		Not applicable
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles.
How is the charitable company constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	A company limited by guarantee.
Director/ Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The directors/ trustees are elected at the AGM by the membership. One third of elected directors/ trustees stand down each year and are eligible for re-election. Directors/ Trustees can also co-opt up to a third of it's membership.

Declarations

The charitable company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The directors/ trustees declare that they have approved the directors' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charitable company's directors/ trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Simon Crook	
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	15.03.2023	

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 December 2022
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Income					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	1,019	-	-	1,019	6,580
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	73	-	-	73	1
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,092	-	-	1,092	6,581
Expenditure					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	4,178	-	-	4,178	1,859
Separate material expense item	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4,178	-	-	4,178	1,859
Net income/(expenditure) before tax for the reporting period	- 3,086	-	-	- 3,086	4,722
Tax payable	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax before investment gains/(losses)	- 3,086	-	-	- 3,086	4,722
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	- 3,086	-	-	- 3,086	4,722
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	- 3,086	-	-	- 3,086	4,722
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14,101	-	-	14,101	9,379
Total funds carried forward	11,015	-	-	11,015	14,101

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-		
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	990	-	-	990	415
Investments	7,551	-	-	7,551	7,478
Cash at bank and in hand	3,465	-	-	3,465	6,623
Total current assets	12,006	-	-	12,006	14,516
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	12,006	-	-	12,006	14,516
Total assets less current liabilities	12,006	-	-	12,006	14,516
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	12,006	-	-	12,006	14,516
Funds of the Charity					
Endowment funds	-			-	-
Restricted income funds		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	12,006		-	12,006	14,516
Revaluation reserve				-	
Fair value reserve					
Total funds	12,006	-	-	12,006	14,516

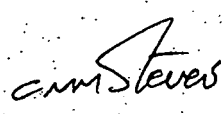
The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

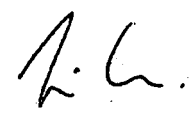
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/directors

Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	18/03/2023
C N Minett Stevens	

Signature of director authenticating accounts being sent to Companies House

Signature	Date dd/mm/yyyy
	18/03/2023
S Crook	Print name

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Directors' and Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March 2005.

b) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

c) Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. They include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

d) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

e) Restricted funds are donations and grants receivable or generated for the objects of the charity, subjected to restrictions on their expenditure by the donor or through the terms of the appeal.

2. Trustee reimbursement of expenses

There were no reimbursements of expenses during the financial period ending 31st December 2022.

3. Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that income and gains are applicable and applied to charitable purposes only.

4. Bank Charges

A monthly charge, currently £6 is due to the Unity Trust Bank for running the account. The trustees believe this offers good value for money.