Charity registration number: SC047812

Befrienders SCIO

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Patricia Grey, Secretary

Douglas Whyte Lesley Donald

Russell Anderson, Treasurer

Maureen Green Rebecca Barker Rory Munro, Chair Douglas Philand Amanda Matthews

Senior Management / Leadership

Team

Arlene Colewell, Manager

Charity Registration Number

SC047812

Principal Office

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Independent Examiner

Stuart Ramsay Chartered Accountant

Chartered Accountant 46 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8NE

Bankers

Bank of Scotland Lochgilphead

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The purpose of the charity is to provide social and emotional support to young people who are at risk of social isolation due to adversity or disadvantage by recruiting, training and supporting adult volunteers to act as one-to-one Befrineders for referred children and young people aged 6 - 18, living in Argyll and Bute.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Achievements and performance

At the end of March 2023, we had 24 matches in place and had recruited 4 new volunteer befrienders since the last report. We received 22 new referrals for children and young people who met our criteria. Our young people enjoyed a variety of experiences with the support of their befrienders, including sport and creative activities, and thanks to our generous funders they were able to go on various day trips during schoool holidays as well.

We have rewritten / reviewed all our policies and procedures and have met the re-accreditation criteria for the 'Quality in Befriending' Award from Befriending Networks.

We have carried out extensive monitoring and evaluation, including feedback from families and other stakeholders. We have maintained strong partnerships with other local and national organisation so that young people are supported to access the right support for them at the right time, whether that is advocacy or swimming lessons.

Thanks to the unwavering dedication and support of our volunteer befrienders, we have significantly reduced the sense of isolation felt by many of our children and young people. Self-report scales demonstrated that the vast majority of our young people attributed their increased social confidence to the impact of their befriending relationship. In fact, many of our young prople identified that they no longer needed their befriending relationship, so those matches came to positive ends and those volunteers were then rematched with new young people.

We recruited two new committee members, one of whom is also currently a volunteer befriender. We now have a total of 34 volunteers including 9 Trustees and we extend our deepest gratitude to each of them, along with our dedicated staff, funders and supporters for their steadfast commitment and support which has made all of our achievements possible. We remain excited about our mission to improve the lives of children and young people in Argyll and Bute, and look forward to the challenges and opportunities that the next year will bring.

Financial review

Policy on reserves

The charity holds sufficient funds in reserve to cover the costs of staff redundancies, recalculated on an annual basis, should the charity cease operations for financial reasons.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Trustees administer the charity, and are appointed at the Annual General Meeting, and operate on a voluntary basis. The Trustees meet at various times during the year as appropriate.

Organisational structure

The charity became a Scottish Charitable Incorporate Organisation on 10 October 2017.

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The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ...14/12/2023. and signed on its behalf by:

Rory Munro

Trustee

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charity Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 1 4 DEC 2073 and signed on its behalf by:

Rory Munro Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Befrienders SCIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Befrienders SCIO for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of Befrienders SCIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). You are satisfied that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Befrienders SCIO's accounts carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Scottish Charity Regulator under section 44(1)(c)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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of Befrienders SCIO in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations 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.

Stuart Ramsay

Chartered Accountant

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

46 Argyll Street Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8NE

Date: 2 1 DEC 2023

Befrienders SCIO

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from: Donations and legacies Other activities		22,365 4,921	77,103	99,468 4,921
Total income		27,286	77,103	104,389
Expenditure on: Charitable activities		(8,979)	(83,423)	(92,402)
Total expenditure		(8,979)	(83,423)	(92,402)
Net income/(expenditure) Gross transfers between funds		18,307 963	(6,320) (963)	11,987
Net movement in funds		19,270	(7,283)	11,987
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		60,937	16,101	77,038
Total funds carried forward	14	80,207	8,818	89,025
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from: Donations and legacies Other activities	Note	funds	funds	2022
Donations and legacies	Note	funds £ 22,978	funds £	2022 € 97,546
Donations and legacies Other activities	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000	funds £ 74,568	2022 € 97,546 4,000
Donations and legacies Other activities Total income Expenditure on:	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000 26,978	funds £ 74,568 - 74,568	2022 £ 97,546 4,000 101,546
Donations and legacies Other activities Total income Expenditure on: Charitable activities	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000 26,978 (16,118)	funds £ 74,568	2022 £ 97,546 4,000 101,546 (88,198)
Donations and legacies Other activities Total income Expenditure on: Charitable activities Total expenditure Net income	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000 26,978 (16,118) (16,118) 10,860	funds £ 74,568	2022 £ 97,546 4,000 101,546 (88,198) (88,198)
Donations and legacies Other activities Total income Expenditure on: Charitable activities Total expenditure Net income Gross transfers between funds	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000 26,978 (16,118) (16,118) 10,860 5,345	funds £ 74,568	2022 £ 97,546 4,000 101,546 (88,198) (88,198) 13,348
Donations and legacies Other activities Total income Expenditure on: Charitable activities Total expenditure Net income Gross transfers between funds Net movement in funds	Note	funds £ 22,978 4,000 26,978 (16,118) (16,118) 10,860 5,345	funds £ 74,568	2022 £ 97,546 4,000 101,546 (88,198) (88,198) 13,348

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods. The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 14.

(Registration number: SC047812) Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,983	1,681
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	91,304	81,563
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,262)	(6,207)
Net current assets		87,042	75,356
Net assets		89,025	77,037
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		8,818	16,100
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		80,207	60,937
Total funds	14	89,025	77,037

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

Russell Anderson

Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

Basis of preparation

Befrienders SCIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Grant expenditure

Owing to Covid-19, normal activities were replaced by granting equipment, airtime and gifts to the children who are usually taken on outings.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1.00 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Office Equipment

Depreciation method and rate

25% reducing balance

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

Trade creditors

are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if they do not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Total for 2022

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			_
Donations from individuals	365	_	365
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	22,000	2,500	24,500
Grants from other charities		74,603	74,603
Total for 2023	22,365	77,103	99,468
Total for 2022	22,978	74,568	97,546
3 Other Income			
		Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Employer's Allowance		4,921	4,921
Total for 2023		4,921	4,921

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		
	funds General	Restricted funds	Total funds
Charitalala astistica	£	£	£
Charitable activities	8,978	83,424	92,402
Total for 2022	13,282	72,080	85,362

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to other expenditure

	Basis of allocation	Governance costs £	Total funds £
Examination of financial statements	Direct	1,752	1,752
Other governance costs	Direct	896	896
Total for 2023		2,648	2,648
Total for 2022		2,836	2,836

6 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to i	Grants to individuals	
Analysis	2023 £	2022 £	
Individual grants	2,976	1,225	

The support costs associated with grant-making are £Nil (31 March 2022 - £Nil).

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	661	558

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Full time employees	2	2
Part time employees		4
	2	6

(2022 - 2) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £965 (2022 - £908).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £43,611 (2022 - £41,224). The Manager, as the highest paid member of staff, received benefits totalling £43,611 (2022 - £41,224).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022 Additions	3,395 963	3,395 963
At 31 March 2023	4,358	4,358
Depreciation		1,000
At 1 April 2022	1,714	1,714
Eliminated on disposals	661	661
At 31 March 2023	2,375	2,375
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	1,983	1,983
At 31 March 2022	1,681	1,681
12 Cash and cash equivalents		
	2023	2022
Cash at bank	£ 91,304	£ 81,563
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,457	5,260
Other creditors	805	947
	4,262	6,207

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted Funds	59,938	27,286	(8,979)	248	78,493
Designated					
Designated Funds	998		_	715	1,713
Total unrestricted funds	60,936	27,286	(8,979)	963	80,206
Restricted funds					
Tarbert and Skipness					
Community Trust	765	-	-	-	765
Lottery Funding	9,273	42,850	(52,123)	-	-
Befriending Networks	1,567	-	(1,567)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	4,496	-	(3,050)	(963)	483
Robertson Trust	-	25,300	(25,300)	-	-
Co-op Local Issues	-	6,453	-	-	6,453
A&BC SCF		2,500	(1,385)	_	1,115
Total restricted funds	16,101	77,103	(83,425)	(963)	8,816
Total funds	77,037	104,389	(92,404)	_	89,022
	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Unrestricted Funds	43,955	26,978	(16,118)	5,123	59,938
Designated				-	-
Designated Funds	776	_		222	998
Total unrestricted funds	44,731	26,978	(16,118)	5,345	60,936

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Restricted					
Tabhair	157	-	(157)	-	-
Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust	765	_	-	_	765
Awards for All Scotland	1,247	-	(1,247)	_	-
Lachlan Millar Grant	101	_	(101)	_	_
Lottery Funding	6,381	50,791	(46,792)	(1,107)	9,273
Befriending Networks	3,197	-	(852)	(778)	1,567
BBC Children in Need	7,109	23,777	(22,930)	(3,460)	4,496
Total restricted funds	18,957	74,568	(72,079)	(5,345)	16,101
Total funds	63,688	101,546	(88,197)	_	77,037

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

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	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total funds at 31 March
	General	Designated	funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,983	-	-	1,983
Current assets	80,774	1,713	8,817	91,304
Current liabilities	(4,262)			(4,262)
Total net assets	78,495	1,713	8,817	89,025
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted	Total funds at 31 March
	General	Designated	funds	2022
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	1,681	-	-	1,681
Current assets	64,465	998	16,100	81,563
Current liabilities	(6,207)			(6,207)
Total net assets	59,939	998	16,100	77,037