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ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2014

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The White Horse Project Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257
Registered Charity no. 1131750

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: The White Horse Project

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Governing Document: Memorandum & Articles of Association incorporated 23rd June 2009

Official Address: St Anne's Vicarage, Ashworth Road, Rossendale, BB4 9JE

Charitable Objects

The charities objects, as laid out in the memorandum and articles of association, are;

TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF ROSSENDALE PRIMARILY WHITEWELL WARD AND INSPIRED BY CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:

- A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;
- B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;
- C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;
- D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS;
- E) PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
- F) PROMOTE CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.

Names of Trustees

Rodney Bevan
David Charles Bevan
Amanda Robertson
Christopher John Eacott (Chair)
Jill Loraine Bevan
Andrew John Roberts

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Management Committee of the Charity

In addition to the Directors the following have served on the Management Committee

Lindsay Bevan
Keegan Curran
Dena Lord
Rachel Bevan
Sarah Lord
Phoebe Moriarty
Laura Worrell

Policy

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Arrival & Departure	Flood evacuation
Building security	Health & Safety
Communication	Information Security
Complaints	Lettings
Computer use	Lone Worker
Confidentiality	Safeguarding
Conflict of interest	Security
Copyright	Sexual health
Disciplinary	Smoking & Alcohol
Disclosure	Travel
Environment	Trustees
Equipment	Vulnerable adults
Equal Opportunities	Equality Policy
Fire safety	Training
First Aid	Staff & Volunteers
Behaviour Policy	

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. All officers and management team members give their time and services free.

Jill Bevan and Andrew Roberts are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:
Barclays Bank
Bank St
Rawtenstall

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Gary Wilkinson

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work and as such there are no reserves.



Chair's Comments

We have reached our fifth year as a charity and our work with young people of high school age in the Edgeside / Rossendale area continues to grow, with sometimes over 70 teenagers attending the Boilerhouse during Friday evening's 'Deepen' social gathering. This is a big increase over previous years.

Our long-running schedule of weekly projects also includes One Grade Higher homework club and Art & Media. We have also run special programmes including the Romance Academy series of relationship-building workshops, and our Bake-off cookery sessions held in church have proved popular. As a legacy from our Youth Music funding in recent years, we held a very successful 'The Talent' event in December in church, and we have secured funding to put on another 'Fest' open-air music event in Edgeside Park in July 2014, which we are very much looking forward to.

We are pleased that our volunteer base is growing, which is vital given the increasing number of young people attending the Boilerhouse. Still more volunteers are needed on at least a rota basis, so please contact us if you can spare any time, however limited. We have a particular need for admin-related support.

We are keen to involve our young people more in the running of The White Horse Project, and our Young Volunteer programme has helped a significant number of them into volunteer positions. It has been a great pleasure to see so many young people grow quickly into their new responsibilities, which they take very seriously.

Regarding funding, we are doing reasonably well in attracting funds for projects, but at the time of writing this report, a major concern is securing funding for the next 2-3 years to cover the lease of the Boilerhouse*.

We believe that regular giving by many people is an important way for supporters to become involved in our work, and a number of management committee members have chosen to back the White Horse Project in this way. We invite other individuals to consider setting up a monthly subscription to ensure the vital work amongst our young people is safeguarded.

Finally, we would love to hear your own suggestions for ways in which we can improve and enhance our work on behalf of the young people of Edgeside / Rossendale. Please do get in touch with us with your thoughts and ideas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Eacott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Chris Eacott
Director and Chair of Trustees & Management Committee
The White Horse Project

*Postscript: at the time of publication of this report, we are very pleased to say that funding for the lease on the Boilerhouse has been secured for a further two years, thanks to the kind generosity of our partners and supporters.

Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2013-14

We have continued to offer activities and services to young people in The Boilerhouse for at least three evenings each week. To our regular programme of One Grade Higher (study support and mentoring services), Art (with local community artists Ruth Evans and her son Felix) and Deepen, the Friday night social, we have been able to add new projects.



The Boilerhouse Bake Off was one such venture, and plans are in place to run our second Romance Academy. A major new project has been our Young Volunteers, and this has also seen us increase our level of partnership working – primarily with The Maden Centre, Rossendale Borough Council, Fearn Community Sports College and LCC Young People's Service.

We have also recognised the need to increase the variety of the groups we offer – whilst Deepen attracts well over fifty young people, we recognise that some young people need smaller groups offering a more 'targeted' approach where relationships can be built and confidence increased.

This year, one of our trustees, Councillor Amanda Robertson, served as the Mayor of Rossendale, and this brought opportunities for new experiences for some of our young people as they have accompanied her on some of her engagements and joined in fundraising activities.

We were also pleased to present The Talent 2013, and developed this to give the opportunity for young people to showcase a variety of talents from musical items to dance, cooking and art, whilst other young people assisted with technical set up and hosting.



We continue to search for funding to employ a full-time worker, in order to further respond to the demands from local young people. We have been pleased to continue with our Mentoring Leader and have been able to employ a part time Young Volunteer Leader which has been a great benefit to us.

Promoting a healthy lifestyle is a major priority of our work and we have been able to pilot a weekly Stop Smoking Clinic in The Boilerhouse, in partnership with Lancashire Care NHS Trust. This has been very successful and something we would like to see established on a long term footing. We have encouraged physical activities through trips to Go Ape, The Anderton Outdoor Education Centre in Chorley and Chill Factor.

We were very pleased to be able to expand our STOMP programme, working with Year 6 pupils in local primary schools to aid them in their transition to High School. This year, as well as returning to St. Anne's Primary School we were able to deliver the course in Waterfoot School. As a result we have seen a great rise in our recruitment of Year 7 pupils on their entry to High School. Courses have also continued in Fearn Community Sports College, delivered by our counsellor, Dena Lord and Gary Harley from Lancashire Psychological Support Services.



We are grateful to our team of volunteer mentors who continue to work in The Boilerhouse, and a team of six mentors have worked in Fearn Community Sports College. The STOMP relationship course has also been delivered in Fearn. The mentors are supported by our mentor Leader and where needed our project counsellor is available to support young people or advise mentors.

A major development this year has been the introduction of our Young Volunteers project, vital to the sustainability of our work. Young people have grown in confidence to offer to volunteer firstly in The Boilerhouse, and then in other events in the community. This scheme has been very popular and we have a waiting list. All young volunteers are offered training and have an adult mentor for support. We were invited to join the partnership formerly known as the Financial Inclusion Group to recruit and train young volunteers to promote good financial awareness amongst young people. Rossendale Borough Council recognises this as a priority to address as issues around debt, such as doorstep lending, are huge problems in this area. Linked with this, and in partnership with Mid Rossendale Credit Union, we have started a Young Savers Group in The Boilerhouse to encourage good practice in handling money.

In August 2013 thirteen young volunteers served at the Family Theatre Week in Fearn, and young volunteers have also supported other events in Edgeside Park organised by the local Residents' Association, and a community clean up in a local woodland. We have a number of excellent volunteers aged 17 years who are planning to join our team of adult volunteers very soon, and some who are expressing an interest in the Management Committee of our charity. This is very encouraging for the future sustainability of our work.

Objectives for the coming year 2014-15

During the next financial year the Trustees and the Management Committee, in consultation with volunteers, helpers and the young people, have established the following core objectives.

1. Engagement with our community: we aim to deliver a second 'The Fest' large-scale community event in Edgeside Park during 2014. We will explore opportunities to get our young people more involved in intergenerational activities in the wider community.
2. Maintain the diversity and quality of our existing programmes and increase these as resources permit: we will continue to engage positively with statutory agencies and other partners to identify and deliver these programmes.
3. Full-time staff: we will continue to explore the possibility of recruiting a full time youth worker / Boilerhouse centre manager.
4. Healthy lifestyle: we will continue to promote good mental health and we will continue to explore additional opportunities to provide physical activity programmes.
5. Leadership development: our aim is to increase leadership opportunities, especially for our young people. We will continue to train and develop young leaders drawn from among the Boilerhouse membership. Adult leaders will also continue to be sought and trained as appropriate.
6. Mentoring programme: Our important in-house mentoring programme will continue, supported for a further year by a paid project manager.

The White Horse Project
Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2014 which are set out in the following pages.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

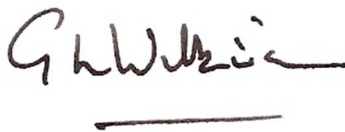
Basis of independent report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Gary Wilkinson
Independent Examiner
13/11/2014

**The White Horse Project
Statement of Financial Activities**

For the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	3,750	57,402	0	61,152	41,061
Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0	807
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	3,750	57,402	0	61,152	41,868
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating voluntary income	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising trading costs	1,394	6,466	0	7,859	14,578
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	-458	36,298	0	35,840	38,717
Governance costs	35	72	0	107	783
Other resources expended	2,144	0	0	2,144	3,216
Total Resources Expended	3,115	42,836	0	45,951	57,294
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers	635	14,566	0	15,201	-15,426
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains/losses	635	14,566	0	15,201	-15,426
Other recognised gains/losses					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	0	0	0	0	0
Gains and losses on investment assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	635	14,566	0	15,201	-15,426
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward from previous year	5,387	16,760	0	22,147	
Total funds carried forward	6,022	31,326	0	37,348	

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Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2014

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6,125	0	0	6,125	6,432
	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	6,125	0	0	6,125	6,432
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	1,065	0	0	1,065	633
(Short term) investments	0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	-1,168	31,326	0	30,158	15,081
Total current assets	-103	31,326	0	31,223	15,715
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)	-103	31,326	0	31,223	15,715
Total assets less current liabilities	6,022	31,326	0	37,348	22,147
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets	6,022	31,326	0	37,348	22,147
Funds of the charity					
General fund	6,022	0	0	6,022	5,387
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	31,326	0	31,326	16,760
Endowment funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds	6,022	31,326	0	37,348	22,147

The company is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

Approved by the Board on the 15th November 2014 and signed on its behalf by:



C J Eacott - Director



A J Roberts - Director

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Directors Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2014.

Notes

Related Party Disclosures

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £595.45 (last year £133.58) from Pennine Telecom Ltd where Andrew Roberts is also a Director. There was no outstanding balance at year end. The directors are happy that the services provided were at a price much lower than compatible services and therefore good value for money.

Depreciation

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:

Fixtures and fittings	33.3% straight line basis
Office Equipment	33.3% straight line basis