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ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2015



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

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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	Knives & Weapons 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

Our work with young people of high school age in our area continues to grow and we continue to be successful in attracting sufficient external funding to maintain a healthy range of projects. The amount of regular giving by individuals increased significantly during the past year, which was pleasing to see.



The Boilerhouse continues to be our main centre of operations, and during the year over 200 different young people passed through our doors. We are grateful to the Lloyds Bank Foundation for a grant to pay for the lease, and a considerable share of the running costs, to help secure the longer-term future of the Boilerhouse. External trips remain popular, and participation is often based on the achievement of specific personal targets e.g. frequency of volunteering or time engaged in positive activities.

Our Boilerhouse programmes included One Grade Higher (homework club and other positive activities), Art project, Friday night (Deepen) social evening, Romance Academy positive-relationships course, Young Volunteers & Mentoring programmes. We were also able to run a Music Project headed by the renowned professional singer, Sean Ruane, in which young people composed a song and cut their own CD at a professional recording studio. Additionally, they were able to perform at major sporting events including a Test Match at Old Trafford, and a Rugby League Challenge Cup Semi-final.

We were especially pleased to see so many young people keen to volunteer in different capacities at the Boilerhouse, ranging from helping in the kitchen to organising competitions and hosting on-stage. With local partners including the Maden Centre, the Young People's Service, and the Credit Union, young people have been trained in money management and we have set up a Young Savers Club in the Boilerhouse and at Fearn's Community Sports College.

Strong partnerships remain key to our effectiveness, and through a new partnership with NHS East Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group, we have been able to offer counselling alongside our Art project, as well as find opportunities to explore ways to make counselling more accessible to young people.

The number of adult volunteers has increased, and more volunteers are of course always welcome. A special thank-you is due to our hard-working young-adult volunteers, Siana, Tom and Conah, who devoted so much valuable time to the Project during the year. These three are due to head off to university during 2015, and we wish them every success in their studies.

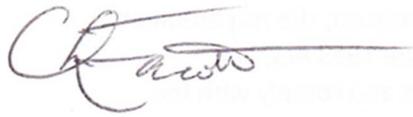
In July 2014 we were pleased to present our second 'The Fest' Music Festival and Family Fun Day in Edgeside Park. This was a great success and attracted an estimated 2,000 visitors. It was a pleasure to see our young people performing on stage alongside professional acts, and volunteering in a number of other roles. Our thanks go to the many people who volunteered to plan the event and helped on the day.

Also in July we were proud joint winners of the Dragon's Den Competition organised by Rossendale Children's Trust. The task was to design a campaign to promote sensible drinking amongst young people and our video 'What do YOUTHink?' won the award, alongside wristbands designed by Whitworth Young Peoples' Service. These have been taken into all the High Schools in Rossendale and we are still working in partnership with Rossendale Health Improvement Service to train young people in spreading this message.

We are still aiming to employ a member of staff to give a significant boost to the development of our Volunteering and Mentoring programmes, and hope this objective may finally be achieved in the next financial year.

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 three-year funding for the new post of Volunteering and Mentoring Leader has been granted by BBC Children in Need.

Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2014-15

The Fest 2014 took place on Saturday 12th July. An estimated two thousand people of all ages came together in Edgeside Park for a Music Festival and Family Fun Day. There was non-stop music on the large stage and screen, provided by children from local schools to semi-professional bands; young people from the White Horse Project had the opportunity to perform alongside international singing star, Sean Ruane (below). The White Horse Project were able to plan and deliver this event thanks to a generous grant from Groundwork Together, the charitable giving branch of the Together Housing Group who manage the housing stock in the estate adjacent to Edgeside Park.



Alongside the music people could enjoy games, bouncy castles, all free of charge, or browse the numerous stalls and the café. The White Horse Project took the lead on this event and worked in close partnership with many local groups, and recruited many volunteers of all ages. Prominent amongst this team were nearly thirty young people from The White Horse Project who were trained in health & safety, food hygiene, First Aid, to fill a variety of roles alongside their peers who chose to perform.



Young people were at the centre of this community event, and during the year went on to volunteer at other all age community events such as the Fun4Families programme of holiday activities for carers and children, and the Family Theatre Week at the local High School during the summer holidays.

We succeeded in maintaining our core weekly programme of One Grade Higher (study support project), Art and Deepen (Friday night social). Our computer room saw a major refurbishment, which encouraged the young people to

sign up to complete their homework. In addition we were able to offer a Music Project led by Sean Ruane and CHANT productions, which saw young people join a choir to sing at a Test Match at Old Trafford and a Rugby League Challenge Cup Semi Final at Leigh, and go on to write a song, record the vocals and instruments at a professional recording studio and release a CD!

We continue to source funding to enable us to employ a Youth Worker to add value to what we do. In particular application has been made to BBC Children in Need for a grant to pay for the salary of a Mentoring & Young Volunteering Leader.



Poor health is a major cause of disadvantage in our area and we continued to promote healthy lifestyles. We were pleased to partner with NHS East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group to enable us to fund further sessions with Community Artists Ruth Evans and her son Felix, and to have our counsellor, Dena Lord working alongside them in all sessions—which has been extremely successful in improving access to counselling. A STOMP Group also helped Year 6 students cope with the transition from primary to High School, and we ran a

Romance Academy Course, focussing on sexual health and relationship issues. We are continuing to develop our partnership with Whitewell Bottom Community Centre so we can offer young people opportunities for sporting activities, and plans are to start a weekly group shortly. In the meantime our prize trips have provided for physically challenging activities—such as Go Ape and Chill Factore.

We have been pleased to welcome a number of new adult volunteers—but we continue to work to attract more! The Young Volunteering Scheme was successful in recruiting young people to taking responsibility for roles in The Boilerhouse and then in the wider community. Twenty five young people volunteered at the annual Family Theatre Week, with three young people taking on the new role of Volunteer Leaders to help supervise the team. A Celebration Meal together at the end of this project (pictured) was the first visit to a ‘proper’ restaurant for some (as opposed to fast food outlets!)



The Mentoring Programme continued and was linked to the Young Volunteers Project as all volunteers worked with a mentor as part of the support for their role. Training was accessed from the mentoring + Befriending Foundation in preparation to grow this project in the future.



Objectives for the coming year 2015-16

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. **Volunteering & Mentoring:** we will seek to enhance our Volunteering & Mentoring schemes, especially through the appointment of a paid, suitably qualified and experienced member of staff to head up these programmes. We consider achieving this objective as essential for the long-term effectiveness of our Project.
2. **Healthy Lifestyle:** we will continue to explore opportunities to provide physical activity programmes as a means of delivering our Healthy Lifestyle object, alongside further development of the counselling service we offer.
3. **External partnerships:** we will continue to seek opportunities to strengthen our relationships with external partners, especially our local high schools, children's centres, health & wellbeing agencies et al.
4. **Serving the community:** we will look for ways to engage more closely with our local community so that we are able to 'add value' beyond our target group of 11-18 year olds.
5. **Organisation management:** we will seek enhancements to the ways in which we manage and measure ourselves and monitor our programmes. In particular, we want to draw our young people further into the governance aspects of our organisation.

The White Horse Project
Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2015 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.

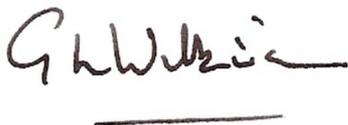
Basis of independent report

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 Act have 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
18/10/2015

The White Horse Project Statement of Financial Activities as at 31/03/2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total funds	Prior period total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	18,325	38,686	0	57,010	61,152
Other trading activities	1,917	267	0	2,184	0
Investments	3	0	0	3	0
Total	20,245	38,953	0	59,197	61,152
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	100	1,257	0	1,357	7,859
Charitable activities	1,692	58,353	0	60,046	35,948
Other	2,041	0	0	2,041	2,144
Total	3,833	59,610	0	63,443	45,951
Net gains/(losses) on investments	0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)	16,411	-20,657	0	-4,246	15,201
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds	16,411	-20,657	0	-4,246	15,201
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	6,022	31,326	0	37,348	
Total funds carried forward	22,434	10,668	0	33,102	

The White Horse Project Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8,784	0	0	8,784	6,125
	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	8,784	0	0	8,784	6,125
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	2,057	0	0	2,057	1,065
(Short term) investments	0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	11,593	10,668	0	22,261	30,158
Total current assets	13,649	10,668	0	24,318	31,223
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)	13,649	10,668	0	24,318	31,223
Total assets less current liabilities	22,434	10,668	0	33,102	37,348
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets	22,434	10,668	0	33,102	37,348
Funds of the charity					
General fund	22,434	0	0	22,434	6,022
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	10,668	0	10,668	31,326
Endowment funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds	22,434	10,668	0	33,102	37,348

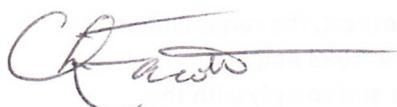
For the year ending 31st March 2015, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for *complying* with the requirements of the Act 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 19th October 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



C J Eacott - Director



A J Roberts - Director

The White Horse Project
Directors Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2015.

Notes

Related Party Disclosures

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £659.65 (last year £595.45) 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 comparable 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

Acknowledgements

The trustees would like to thank all our volunteers and funders without which the charity would be unable to perform its duties. This year we are delighted to be supported by the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales.