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ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st March 2012

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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

Registered Number: 1131750

Company Number: Registered in England & Wales No. 6941257

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.

Management Committee of the Charity

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

Lindsey Bevan (neeWilkinson)
Keegan Curran
Dena Lord
Rachel Bevan

Policy

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

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

New Policies added this Year
Behaviour Policy (June 2011)

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 Gary Wilkinson

Reserves Policy

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

Chair's Comments

I am proud to present to you the third Annual Report of The White Horse Project.



Our work with the young people of high school age in our area continues to evolve and we have been able to attract additional funding to maintain existing projects and start new projects. Our primary funders during this year included Rossendale Borough Council, the Diocese of Manchester Council for Social Aid, Children in Need and Lancashire County Council. We are particularly excited about being awarded a large grant from the Youth Music organisation to provide music tuition and events. 'The Talent' event in December showcased the music potential of many of our young people, and we are looking forward to the culmination of their hard work at a major open-air music event in Edgeside Park in July 2012.

Significantly, in Q3 2011 we secured both indefinite planning permission and a further two-year lease on The Boilerhouse, our main premises on Burnley Road East. These developments, plus a generous three-year grant from Rossendale Borough Council to cover the cost of the lease, meant that we could undertake improvements to The Boilerhouse to make it warmer and more inviting for our young people.

We were pleased to be able to appoint a new team member, Robert Bulman, to help develop our mentoring scheme, whereby we pair an older person with a young person to share life experiences and offer support as appropriate. This scheme, and our on-going STOMP self-management programme, are excellent examples of our desire not only to make available a range of fun and social activities to our young people, but also help them build self-confidence and gain valuable life skills.



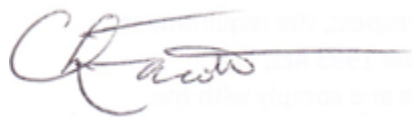
Our other Boilerhouse programmes include One Grade Higher(study support), Arts & Media project, Friday night (Deepen) social evening, IGNITE – discussion group to explore faith issues, and separate Lads and Girls Groups, combining fun, games, food and a chance to chat . During 2011, we also took our young people on trips to Heaton Park, Lazerquest, The Chill Factor, St. Anne's Beach and, as a result of our partnership with Lancashire Psychological Support Services, caving in Yorkshire.

Our current on-going concern, especially since so many of our young leaders left for university in September, is a general lack of volunteers – both young and older. If readers may be interested in becoming involved in the work of The White Horse Project (or know of others who may be interested), we would be very pleased to hear from you!

My heartfelt thanks go to all our volunteers, partners and supporters who gave so generously of their time and money during the past year; we couldn't run our much-needed programmes without you.

Once again, I commend this Annual Report to you, and look forward to meeting and working with many of you in the coming year,

Yours sincerely,



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

Activities, Achievements & Performance during current year 2011-12

Objects:

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

1. To help young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
2. To provide opportunities for advancement in education.
3. To improve employment prospects.
4. To provide recreational and leisure time activities in the interests of social cohesion and individual wellbeing.
5. To promote a healthy lifestyle and, address health inequalities.
6. To promote Spiritual wellbeing through opportunities to explore the Christian faith.

Aims:

The charity aims to act as a resource for young people in the area of Rossendale, primarily Whitewell ward and inspired by Christian faith, by providing advice and assistance and organising programs of physical, educational and other activities.

Objectives:

The charity established the following objectives for the year;

1. Continue to run our programmes from premises dedicated to the young people in our area. We anticipate that we will continue to be based at The Boiler House on Burnley Road East, but given that the current lease is due to expire in October, and initial planning permission ends in November, we are mindful of our duty to consider all possible options at this time.
2. Increase efforts to secure new and substantial funding to cover the running costs of a leased-premises beyond 2011; also to secure new funding for on-going and new projects
3. A campaign to recruit new over-18 leaders is planned to address the anticipated shortfall in young adult leaders in September, when many current leaders will depart for higher education courses outside Rossendale
4. Encourage young people of high school age – especially current members of The Boilerhouse - to become volunteers, and provide training and leadership opportunities as appropriate.
5. Establish a one-to-one mentoring programme whereby our young people have the opportunity to be specifically supported by an older, trained, mentor.
6. Continue to explore the use of AQA training qualifications as a means of equipping our young people with a range of practical skills to enhance their employment prospects.
7. Continue to strengthen co-operative links with local high schools which will enhance our combined support to our young people.

Strategies for achieving stated objectives:

We have been successful this year in renewing planning permission for our premises The Boiler House. After exploring other possible venues, we decided that it was best to remain where we were, since a lot of money and time had been invested to make the premises suitable for the projects we run.

We were successful in securing three year funding from the council in order to lease our premises. On top of this we received specific funding to run the One Grade Higher and Music projects. We have also been given funding from Rossendale Borough Council Neighbourhood Forum to run a two year STOMP project in the near future.

During the year we had a youth work student on placement with us for 40 hours a week over an eight week period. This greatly increased our volunteer resources both in and out of projects. We have also managed to recruit more over 18 volunteers, both to work at particular projects, and especially to act as mentors.

Volunteering opportunities have proved popular with many of our young people, particularly those in year 11 and college. Some of the young volunteers have received training in technical skills, and have gone on to run the lights and sound at our various projects. Others have been helpful in setting up and helping to deliver our projects. On top of this, we partnered with the Maden Centre to run a Community Volunteering Qualification course, accredited by Accrington and Rossendale College. This has taught the young people new skills, given them a sense of accomplishment and the experience will aid them in college or job applications.

Funding we received for our project One Grade Higher allowed us to employ a worker for 4 hours a week to manage the mentoring programme. We have provided training for our volunteer mentors, and the programme is now up and running. Young people who have asked for a mentor have been assigned one, and have regular meetings. This is an invaluable opportunity for them to speak to an adult about any issues they are facing, and has improved relationships between leaders and young

people. It also allows us to refer young people to other more specialised services that they may need.

Unfortunately we have encountered problems partnering with the Young People's Service in the AQA awards scheme, particularly because they only cater for 13-18 year olds. However, we have continued to teach young people practical skills, particularly in sound and lighting as mentioned above. From this, two young people have progressed to study media at college. Others have been trained in food hygiene and have been trained in the kitchen, serving food and drinks during projects.

We have sought to continue building up positive relationships with the local High Schools. 4 of the local schools advertise our weekly programme and any other events we run. We have had most success partnering with Fearn's, particularly in respect to the music project, where they have provided acts to perform at our upcoming music festival. We also ran our emotional health course STOMP in Fearn's.

We were also able to improve links with a local primary school. We ran the Stomp course with the year 6 class, with the aim of helping them in their preparation for high school, and also with the hope of encouraging them to participate in our projects once they begin high school.

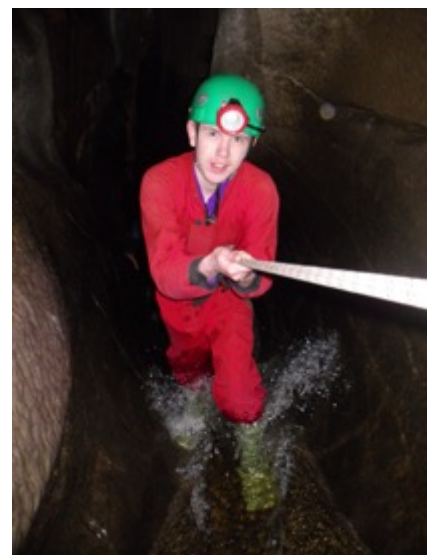


We were mindful in our previous report of the possibility of new projects, specifically the music project. After securing £27,000 over 2 years from Youth Music this project was able to begin. We provided free music lessons of choice to the young people who participated. This provided the young people with new skills which were put to use at our own recording day, where we turned the Boiler House into a professional standard music studio. This was a great experience for all involved, boosting confidence and giving the young people a strong sense of achievement.

Objectives for the coming year 2011-12

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. Explore options to recruit a full-time paid youth worker. The White Horse Project administrative and project workload has increased substantially in the three years since it started, and in order to maintain cohesion and momentum, it now seems right to explore this option.
2. Explore opportunities to offer physical activities. At least two of our charitable objects relate to healthy living and recreational activities. We would like to tackle this aspect



more vigorously during the coming year. If possible, we would like to include 'safe risk taking' opportunities e.g. professionally-supervised caving.

3. Seek to strengthen our partnerships with relevant statutory and other agencies. We recognise that we need to draw upon specialist skills in order to meet many of the charitable objects of The White Horse Project. One agency already identified is Lancashire Young People's Service.
4. Develop more Health Education programmes. We have identified the need to help deliver services in areas including smoking cessation, sexual health, alcohol and drugs use, healthy eating etc. This is one area where we would seek to engage with statutory and other bodies to help provide this type of support.
5. Increase the provision of counselling and other forms of one-to-one support. The success of our existing mentoring and counselling programmes to date, and the current demand for these types of services, encourages us to try to enhance this side of our work.
6. Outreach to young people. One of the best times to 'recruit' new members to The Boilerhouse is just before they start their high school careers. Our aim next year is to engage more with local primary schools, and introduce ourselves and The White Horse Project, especially to children in Year 6.





Financial Review

The White Horse Project

Directors Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2012.

The Directors present their annual report and unaudited accounts of the company for the year ending 31 March 2012.

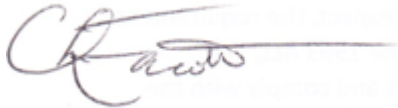
The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

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

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out by the FRSE and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

Accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Approved by the Board on the 23rd October 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

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

C J Eacott

The White Horse Project
Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2012 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.

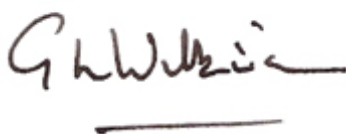
Basis of independent report

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
23rd October 2012

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

For the period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012.

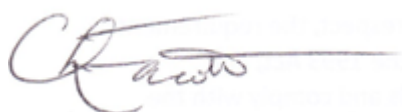
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	3,114	40,701	0	43,815	45,914
Activities for generating funds	1,372	0	0	1,372	1,878
Investment income	0	0	0	0	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	17
Other incoming resources	0	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	4,486	40,701	0	45,187	47,809
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating voluntary income	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising trading costs	2,369	17,313	0	19,682	17,847
Investment management costs	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	4,494	16,694	0	21,188	15,805
Governance costs	163	0	0	163	531
Other resources expended	3,393	0	0	3,393	5,011
Total Resources Expended	10,419	34,007	0	44,425	39,194
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers	-5,933	6,695	0	762	8,616
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
Net incoming resources before other recognised gains/losses	-5,933	6,695	0	762	8,616
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	-5,933	6,695	0	762	8,616
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward from previous year	19,143	932	0	20,075	
Total funds carried forward	13,210	7,627	0	20,837	

The White Horse Project
Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2012

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Income Funds	Endowment Funds	Total this year	Total last year
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9,648	0	0	9,648	10,281
	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets	9,648	0	0	9,648	10,281
Current assets					
Stock and work in progress	0	0	0	0	0
Debtors	224	0	0	224	224
(Short term) investments	0	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	3,337	24,363	0	27,700	26,306
Total current assets	3,562	24,363	0	27,924	26,530
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/(liabilities)	3,562	24,363	0	27,924	26,530
Total assets less current liabilities	13,210	24,363	0	37,573	36,811
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0
Net assets	13,210	24,363	0	37,573	36,811
Funds of the charity					
General fund	13,210	0	0	13,210	19,143
Designated funds	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted income funds	0	24,819	0	24,819	932
Endowment funds	0	0	0	0	0
Total funds	13,210	24,819	0	38,029	20,075

For the period ended 31st March 2012 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 in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board on the 23rd October 2012 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 2012.

Notes

Related Party Disclosures

During the accounting period the charity purchased telecommunications services to the value of £146.22 (last year £146.42) 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