



# Community First Yorkshire Ltd

Annual Report &  
Accounts

2021 - 2022



**Community First**  
**Yorkshire**

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## Listing of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the report

ABCD – Asset Based Community Development  
ACRE – Action with Communities in Rural England  
BGET – British Gas Energy Trust  
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group  
DC – District Council  
DEFRA - Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
HCV – Humber, Coast and Vale  
HHAONB – Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
HPOC – Harnessing the Power of Community  
IVAR – Institute for Voluntary Action Research  
NAVCA – National Association for Voluntary and Community Action  
NHS – National Health Service  
NLCF – National Lottery Community Fund  
NY – North Yorkshire  
NYCC – North Yorkshire County Council  
PCN – NHS Primary Care Network  
SOFA – Statement of Financial Activities  
VAL – Voluntary Action Leeds  
VCS – Voluntary and Community Sector  
VCSE – Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector  
YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding  
YNYLEP – York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR END 31 MARCH 2022**

## TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and 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 published in October 2019.

### INTRODUCTION

In this, my first annual report as Chief Executive of Community First Yorkshire we have seen a time of considerable change and evolution. As I joined in June 2021 we were beginning to emerge from the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic and ways of working have changed in many ways, forever. A number of other things are changing too.

July 2021 saw the confirmation of North Yorkshire transitioning from a county council and seven district authorities to a single unitary council for North Yorkshire, which will take effect from 1 April 2023. Add to this the launch of the NHS Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) and we have a time of significant change in our region. The new health arrangements took effect from 1 July 2022. Inevitably this means we all need to learn to navigate new structures and develop new relationships. Encouragingly, the Health and Social Care white paper<sup>1</sup> bringing about these reforms acknowledged the fundamental role of the voluntary and community sector in delivering its objectives. As holders of the Community Support North Yorkshire grant, Community First Yorkshire have a close relationship with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and district council colleagues and we look forward to continuing to work together to build and support thriving and resilient communities in North Yorkshire.

The impact for many VCSE organisations has been some uncertainty about future funding and The Yorkshire and Humber's Funding Ecology Report 2021<sup>2</sup> highlighted that proportionally our VCSEs' funding remains one of the lowest in England. The numbers of people coming forward to volunteer has declined and VCSE organisations have reported a reduction in the number of people willing to be trustees for them. This means we need to continue to work hard to enable our sector to attract both volunteers and trustees to support it as well as the financial means to do so.

One of my earliest invitations when I joined Community First Yorkshire was to attend the launch of North Yorkshire County Council's Rural Commission Report and I now serve on its Task Force, to help drive forward the actions from the report's recommendations. It has been encouraging to see many of the inequalities and challenges faced by our rural communities being formally recognised and acted upon. We must now ensure delivery meets the aspiration.

For me, change has always been about opportunity and renewal and whilst the next few years are likely to be challenging for us all, I am committed to working with the team at Community First Yorkshire in collaboration with our partners and stakeholders to ensure we strengthen the VCSE sector in our region and reduce inequalities.

Jane Colthup, Chief Executive

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-health-and-social-care-for-all/integration-and-innovation-working-together-to-improve-health-and-social-care-for-all-html-version>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.yorkshirefunders.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Yorkshire-Humber-funding-ecology-research-report-2021\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.yorkshirefunders.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Yorkshire-Humber-funding-ecology-research-report-2021_FINAL.pdf)

## **OUR PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES**

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is an independent charitable organisation that has been working to help improve the quality of life for people living and working in the rural areas of North, South and West Yorkshire since 1937. We are an influential, regional body which works with and for voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and rural communities, as well as engaging with a wide range of relevant statutory organisations. Community First Yorkshire Ltd is one of 38 rural community councils and a member of the national body, Action for Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

We are passionate about ensuring we have vibrant and viable communities across Yorkshire, so we work with communities, groups and individuals to understand their needs and to provide a voice with key decision-makers at local, regional and national levels to influence service provision. A sustainable, asset-based community development approach underpins all we do, ensuring that community members come together to take collective action and generate their own solutions to common problems. We believe that sustainable community wellbeing (economic, social, physical, human, environmental and cultural) comes from grassroots level action.

Our core services across North, South and West Yorkshire include:

- Information and advice to Parish Councils to enable them to meet the social and wellbeing needs of their residents
- Support to village hall and other community buildings committees to ensure these valuable community assets are well-managed and maintained for community benefit
- Support for community led-planning and community engagement enabling groups to determine and achieve their own local vision
- Support and advice for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to help them deliver the best service to their beneficiaries
- Delivery of strengths-based community development projects and large-scale partnership programmes.

### ***Charitable Objects***

Community First Yorkshire Ltd's charitable aims as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community particularly in the geographical area of Yorkshire (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") in particular the advancement of education and health and the relief of poverty and distress, the sustainability of rural life or in pursuing any other charitable purposes by promoting and organising co-operation in the achievement of the said purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of the voluntary organisations, statutory authorities, and other organisations within the area of benefit.

## **OUR VISION**

For inclusive, pro-active and resilient communities across Yorkshire.

## **OUR MISSION**

To inspire, strengthen and empower communities of place, interest and identity.

## **OUR PRIORITIES**

All of our services, projects and activities sit under one of our four priorities:

- i. Strengthening Groups
- ii. Connecting Communities

- iii. Shaping and Sharing Policy and Practice
- iv. Developing Partnerships and Collaborations

Our fifth (internal) priority is to maintain a well-run, efficient and effective organisation.

## VALUES

Community First Yorkshire Ltd holds the following values to be important in delivering its work:

**Empowering** - We know that far more can be achieved by a greater number of communities by enabling them to create their own solutions through capacity building.

**Responsive** – We get back to people and provide the support they need.

**Creative** – We are not scared of trying new and innovative things.

**Integrity** – We tell it how it is and we are careful to listen to communities.

**Collaborative** – We prefer to work in partnership and seek to share ideas, experience, good practice and benefits.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We are very grateful to our many funders for their support in making our work possible. In this reporting period covering April 2021 to 31 March 2022 we delivered a wide range of work streams including:

### **A total refresh of our three Community First Yorkshire websites**

Our Marcomms team overhauled our Community First Yorkshire, Community Support North Yorkshire and Community Led Homes websites. This was a huge amount of work for both our wonderful Marcomms team and the colleagues who fed information to them and proof read the resulting pages. A great team effort and we're delighted to have a cleaner, fresher more appealing look to our digital presence.

### **Continuing to respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic:**

Throughout this year we have continued our engagement in the Covid-19 emergency planning structures, contributing to the local response and sharing insights with NHS, local authority and York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership colleagues. Meetings we attended focused on reviewing impact, identifying immediate action where necessary, communication and planning for the medium term:

- North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Regional Meeting

- North Yorkshire Senior Leadership Executive Silver Group meetings

- North Yorkshire Outbreak Management Board

- York and North Yorkshire LEP Intel meetings

- ACRE Chief Executive update meetings.

- VCSE Emergency Partnership Northern Cell and VCSE Red Cross National Emergency Partnership meetings, to share intelligence from North Yorkshire and York and to understand how national support agencies can potentially support gaps for emergency responses in our area.

In May and June 2021 we undertook our third VCSE Resilience Survey, as part of a Yorkshire and Humber-wide initiative to track the impact and needs of groups during and coming out of the Covid-19 period. The main messages from this final survey are identified below in SWOT analysis. As 2022 progressed the cost of living crisis has impacted VCSEs and their service users, which is very likely to have changed the messages from the 2021 survey.

<b>Strengths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaner/stronger</li> <li>• New connections, with VCSE and community</li> <li>• 94% have £ reserves</li> <li>• Flexible funders</li> <li>• Using support/advice available</li> <li>• Refocussing/reimagining services</li> <li>• Reopening and responsive at pace</li> <li>• New ways of working - IT</li> </ul>	<b>Weaknesses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £ remains primary concern</li> <li>• Covid-19 grants ending</li> <li>• Continued use of reserves</li> <li>• Volunteer capacity down</li> <li>• Service take-up and demand from particular users</li> <li>• Digital exclusion of users</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Increased staff support</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer base shifted/shifting - diversity</li> <li>• Reframing/modifying services to meet community needs</li> <li>• Building on partnerships forged through pandemic - trust</li> </ul>	<b>Threats</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tighter funding and grants 2022</li> <li>• Lack of investment in/time poor leadership</li> <li>• Lack of succession planning</li> <li>• Lack of investment and time for workforce development</li> </ul>

This research is used as an on-going reference and as a reminder to funders and partners of the responses and role and achievements of the thousands of people working in the sector alongside public sector colleagues to sustain the wellbeing of people in the communities we all serve.

### **The structure, dynamics and impact of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector**

We worked with colleagues on a joint report which identified the vital contribution the sector makes to the economy and the health and wellbeing of local people has been published by: ourselves, West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WY&H HCP), Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Yorkshire Sport Foundation. The report quantified the size and contribution of the sector, at Humber and North Yorkshire level, at £4.2 billion and comprising 13,500 registered and unregistered organisations and groups, employing 23,200 full-time equivalent people and 127,700 regular volunteers in the area. North Yorkshire accounts for 7,400 registered and unregistered organisations and groups, employing just over 7,000 full-time equivalent people and engages 68,000 volunteers. This information is used extensively as part of joining up the work of the sector as part of the health and care system, to reinforce the importance of the sector as part of the mix of economy growth and shape investment to sustain and grow is as a valuable resource.

### **Community Support North Yorkshire, (CSNY):**

The fifth year of the commissioned Community Support North Yorkshire Service has seen impressive and impactful growth in key areas of the service providing vital support to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations across North Yorkshire.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd supported 901 organisations and delivered 1,893 interventions through a mix of one-to-one information, advice and guidance sessions, training, leadership development and peer-to-peer network events. Income achieved in the last year by VCSE organisations with support from us was over £2million.

Our support offer includes advice on governance issues, income support and financial planning, managed closures; strategic and operational planning; help to recruit volunteers and Trustees; training on a wide range of topics; and networks for village hall committees, volunteer co-ordinators, unpaid treasurers and paid finance officers. The service also provided a separate website full of information, advice and resources, a weekly e-newsletter, a monthly funding e-newsletter and targeted thematic information for groups as well as an online platform for organisations and volunteers to connect.



New service offers and products this year included our first North Yorkshire Funding Summit, the Leadership Hub with its popular new Coaching and Mentoring programmes and new online toolkits for funding, social engagement and trustee recruitment.

We have continued to have a strong presence on strategic boards and represent the sector's value, its needs and challenges to cross-sector stakeholders including the Voluntary and Community Sector Emergency Partnership; Local Resilience Forum pandemic subgroups; Covid-19 Recovery Boards;; North Yorkshire and York Chief Executives Group; the Prevent Strategic Board; York and North Yorkshire LEP Economic Planning meetings; Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network and NYCC Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee. New this year has been our involvement in the North Yorkshire Arts and Culture Strategy Steering Group and North Yorkshire Rural Commission Task Force to help deliver on actions in NYCC's Rural Commission Report. A key outcome from our work in these areas has been increased funding for social prescribing services and helping to keep the sector informed and involved during North Yorkshire's Local Government Reorganisation process.

We have engaged proactively with VCSE sector colleagues through our work to understand better how they contribute to the health and wellbeing agenda and what works well, the challenges faced and how the NHS and Local Government can facilitate the conditions which enable the sector to thrive so that we can work together to deliver on our shared priorities. To this end we directly support individual VCSE sector representatives on specialist boards and as an infrastructure organisation we advocate for and champion the role and value of the sector. Here are some examples of our advocacy work through a range of structures:

Transforming Community Mental Services in North Yorkshire Programme;  
The West Yorkshire Harnessing the Power of Communities Programme  
The Shadow Bradford District and Craven Care Partnership

We proactively seek out the voices of the sector through our resilience surveys and our facilitation of strategic network meetings for North Yorkshire VCSE Leaders, Children and Young People Providers and Partners and the North Yorkshire Equality and Inclusion Group. These groups share intelligence and identify the needs and challenges people are facing, to influence investment and the development of support services. The latter two have involvement of NYCC and NHS, for direct input to shape plans and developments.

***“Thank you for your usual brilliant and informative CFY newsletter, and in particular the various articles on how we stand ‘shoulder to shoulder’ with Ukraine and our Ukrainian friends”***

***“I’m so please to inform you that Inspire Youth Yorkshire is now a registered charity. Thank you so much for your support and guidance. It is truly much appreciated.”***

***“I’m happy to report that [we] have been awarded £6000. This will be used to [turn our hall into a] larger and more accessible space. The Zoom training session was an invaluable aid to our successful bid and I’ve very grateful to you”***

#### **Harrogate Borough Council Strategic Grant:**

We have been working across a range of projects in the Harrogate District with the support of Harrogate Borough Council strategic grant funding. This has included initiating and being part of the Steering Group overseeing the production of the first West Yorkshire and Harrogate (WY&H) and Humber Coast and Vale (HCV) VCSE Economic and Social Impact Report; contributing to further work highlighting the differences across what is now Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership geographies, especially urban versus rural areas; maintaining a regular flow of Covid-19 guidance to support groups reopening community buildings and restarting activities; providing infrastructure support, advice and guidance to Harrogate based VCSE groups and sitting on Harrogate Borough Council's Public Sector Leaders Board.

### **Ryedale District Council VCSE Support Grant:**

The last year has seen the publication of a Climate Change toolkit, which brings together simple to understand and useful resources to help individuals, communities and charitable organisations take steps to reduce their environmental impact and tackle climate change at a local level.

Whilst the toolkit is not Ryedale-specific, its development was significantly informed by the work carried out in this role with groups across Ryedale and a two day Carbon Literacy course attended by the Ryedale Development Officer in November.

Recently planning has taken place to host a Ryedale 'Good Life' event in June 2022, which will bring together a number of organisations and groups from across Ryedale to profile activities and services that promote living well, including considerations for sustainable living, for communities and individuals.

Our work with Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has also continued to include asset mapping within Ryedale, supporting Parish Councils to complete Parish Plans, and assisting with community projects such as Ampleforth Millennium Green.

Several groups in Ryedale, including Ryedale Environment Group, Helmsley Green Team, Birth, Bath and Beyond Pickering, and Thornton-le-Dale Squash Club have also received significant support including a skills audit, funding advice and governance support.

### **North Yorkshire and East Riding Community-Led Housing Hub:**

This year we continued our work to raise awareness of community-led housing and encouraging communities to think about building and owning their own affordable housing for the benefit of local residents. As host organisation for the community-led housing hub for the region, we have supported them to deliver a brand new website with resources for groups looking to find a local, community based solution to some of the housing challenges they face, particularly in rural areas. We have hosted a series of workshops and podcasts, alongside supporting groups currently delivering community led housing projects as a central point of information and worked with strategic partners to raise awareness of community led housing across the region as a realistic, viable and achievable option. Working in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action, we have undertaken a lot of work to develop the infrastructure of the hub, to eventually lead to a sustainable, stand-alone project in its own right, and part of the national network of Enabler Hubs.

### **Asset-Based Community Development Projects:**

We delivered two Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Projects: Rothwell ABCD and Ryedale Community Support.

The aim is to use ABCD approaches to build on the existing strengths of people in communities, offering support in a way which strengthens capacity and connects people locally around the things that matter to them.

Rothwell ABCD, funded by Leeds City Council, works through a Community Builder in Rothwell, Leeds. This project has continued to build on the previous year, increasing the number of Community Connectors, talking and sharing information and making meaningful connections. However, the pandemic has led to lots of groups and individuals becoming disconnected, meaning a lot of the work to build relationships has started from the beginning again for our Community Builder. She has developed a very strong connection with a local all-ages Theatre group, and enabled them to access some Small Sparks funding as part of the project. With this, they have developed their offer for both adults and children, giving participants new experiences and bringing a sense of confidence and joy to the group and wider community.

Our Community Development Officer in Ryedale continued to provide support to rural communities. This included help for people to complete a Community-Led Plan to help them influence what happens in their local area, to put on special events and projects, or to help get local people more

engaged in community life. We are grateful for support from Ryedale District Council and Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty for their funding to support this work.

### **Bradford Men's Sheds:**

We received funding from Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council, (MBC), to support the start-up and growth of three new, self-sustaining Sheds. Our Shed Development Officer has supported the development of Sheds in Burley in Wharfedale, Bracken Bank, Keighley and Lower Baildon with issues such as gaining suitable premises, governance structure and membership, and issued grants to assist with security and facility upgrades. The Development Officer is also supporting two further groups in Bradford to develop more Sheds in the area.

The Sheds have struggled due to fluctuation of being able to meet within Covid restrictions but towards the end of this period, there has been an increase of activities with the Sheds. Groups have experienced changes in membership due to the pandemic, but have been able to find their feet again with the aid of the Development Officer. Some of the Sheds have gone on to develop specialist sessions, including a regular dementia session, a cycle maintenance workshop and a social programme for areas of mutual interest. This is helping to increase social connections between the men (and women) attending, reduce social isolation and loneliness and create non-judgemental places to make friends. It is giving members a sense of shared purpose when they retire and enables them to use and share their existing skills and learn new ones. Bradford MBC have extended our funding for a further year to continue the successful development of the Sheds, during which an evaluation of the project by an external consultant will take place.

### **Mobile Access North Yorkshire:**

The Mobile Access North Yorkshire (MANY) project believes everyone should have access to reliable mobile connectivity – inside and outside the home and aims to connect people by offering direct solutions to these problems via the use of mobile connectivity. Our work on this project in 21/22 has continued to empower the rural voice, listening to communities and ensuring they are given a platform to be heard. Additionally we have continued to support the research aspect of the project, working with both NYCC and the research team at Lancaster University ensuring that people taking part in the research are supported with digital skills, technology and other support where needed.

Unfortunately there have been delays to the project due to external issues of infrastructure supply, meaning a smaller number of residents have received broadband connection than initially anticipated. However Community First Yorkshire Ltd have continued to support events such as drop in sessions, community surveys and engaging directly with individual residents to offer support or training and updates on the progress of the project. Community First Yorkshire Ltd have also produced a community engagement plan, taking on board lessons learnt early in the project and have also provided a route for those residents who do not fully support the installation of 5G to engage and raise any questions and concerns they may have. The Project Lead has attended Installation Visits for residents, alongside the technical expertise of Quickline, and remained in regular contact with connected participants to help resolve any issues they had, such as the type of property often causing problems in getting coverage across all rooms.

### **Health and Wellbeing Projects and Developments:**

We have continued and expanded our engagement with the health system and engaged with VCSE organisations as part of supporting strategic and practical changes across both NHS and public health provision. It has been important to ensure VCSE organisations are equal partners in shaping and delivering local provision. Part of our work has focussed on developing understanding, collaboration and co-production between the sectors. We are the Harrogate area infrastructure partner on the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Integrated Care System (ICS) and the North Yorkshire member of the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (HNY HCP) VCSE Collaborative. The HNY HCP VCSE Collaborative agreed a memorandum of understanding and meet on a monthly basis.

We have begun the journey to form a North Yorkshire VCSE Assembly as part of our HNY HCP work and we look forward to connecting VCSE colleagues with the opportunities closer working with health

partners can and its benefits to our citizens.

During the year we managed the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Harnessing the Power of Communities Fund investment in Harrogate which required revisiting the project plans and ensuring the use of the funding could be extended, as Covid-19 impacted on delivery. The VCSE Social Prescribing Guide and Toolkit was launched in the year and has had around 700 downloads from our website. We coordinated the production of the Wellbeing at Work Guide, providing research and resources for promoting positive action for the wellbeing of the VCSE sector workforce.

Across the Humber and North Yorkshire ICS we lead on workforce development and delivered a number of wellbeing initiatives to support VCSE colleagues, as part of a larger bid to NHS England. This has included online Wellbeing Workshops, a nature based Wellbeing Coaching programme for leaders, a Wellbeing Champions programme for the sector, and enabling access to Mental Health First Aid England Champions training. We have also developed and launched an online Wellbeing Toolkit, which hosts a variety of resources and offers practical guidance on enhancing wellbeing for individuals, communities and organisations.

**“My experience so far has been transformational. The programme has given me 'permission' to take a step back and reflect, in the first instance, on my own wellbeing and the challenges I have experienced as a leader in recent years”**

**“Feels empowering to have this new vision that is sustainable and feel this has helped me on my own wellbeing journey.... I am 6 months in and feeling great, never felt health and happiness like it about myself”**

*Quotes from Leader participating in Wellbeing Coaching Programme*

We continued to be active members of the Thriving Communities Network which is hosted by Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) and seeks to promote a greater understanding of social prescribing through the provision of training and workshops. The emphasis is on sharing experiences, opportunities and partnership development amongst an extensive group of VCSE organisations and other support organisations enabling us to share learning across North Yorkshire.

During this period we submitted an expression of interest to IVAR be part of a national Connecting Health Communities 18 month project. The project is exploring new models to increase the ease of access in rural areas to health appointments. The collaborative submission involved a number of partners from VCSE organisations, a local GP, North Yorkshire CCG, Humber, Coast and Vale ICS, North Yorkshire County Council, Community Transport and more latterly Yorkshire Ambulance Service, who now make up the Steering Group. The project revolves around the premise 'distance=delay'. The ambitions for new approaches and changes to working practices, are shaped by the project group members and through workshops involving wider partners. New approaches now being explored in more detail include:

- Closer working with the local hospital to ensure volunteer drivers have support when they bring someone to an appointment. The Foundation Trust has identified that involving the volunteer manager to plan for a hospital volunteer to take the person to where the appointment is within the hospital and provide a wheelchair if needed would ease access to appointments for people and help community transport when they are taking someone to the hospital
- Develop community based hubs for appointments in person or on-line, with shorter travel distance involved
- GPs to ask if the person can travel to an appointment and single points of contact to be in place to connect people with appointments
- Community services to encourage people to take up appointments, link with the GP and go with people to appointments, this is especially relevant for young people.

## North Yorkshire CCG facilitated conversations with Primary Care Networks

The aims were to look at:

- Shared challenges
- An overview of community health assets
- How to collaborate even more effectively to improve mental and physical health locally
- Highlight particular challenges and issues concerning a large rural area.

A number of shared challenges were outlined, focusing on:

- Extraordinary efforts by everyone to manage the Covid-19 pandemic and deliver the vaccination programme while continuing to provide essential services
- Major operational challenges across system partners
- intensity may have abated, but managing exceptional pressure and uncertainty, impacts across places
- Working out together to make full use of our community health assets in a sustainable way that focusses on prevention. Community Health Assets in North Yorkshire are defined as 5,000+ VCSE organisations of which 50% are volunteer led and managed, others have paid staff.

Practical areas were explored as alternative local solutions such as frailty services in the community and receiving referrals from Primary Care and Social Prescribing activities and to pick up patient 'samples' from people's homes. Possible areas for partners were discussed:

- Three things the VCSE sector can do for Primary Care
  - Provide social prescribing solutions to maintain wellbeing and prevent health deterioration
  - Provide door-to-door, fully accessible transport services for people who are disabled and elderly, unable to use public transport
  - Provide 'free', independent debt advice, energy advice and financial education
- three things Community First Yorkshire can do for PCNs
  - Increase VCSE understanding of PCN priorities and forge introductions to relevant VCSE colleagues as priorities emerge
  - Facilitate co-designing of referral pathways and social prescribing connections with wider community assets
  - Raise awareness of, and take the lead on, applying for grant funding that will address identified health inequalities and priorities
- three things PCNs can do for VCSE
  - Understand the nature, capacity and capability of the VCSE locally
  - Support grant proposals
  - Ensure social prescribers and other key staff understand and are connected to the wider community assets.

We have continued to be involved in the local and national emergency response planning structures playing a key role along with partners in cascading messages out to VCSEs across the county and providing timely and necessary guidance to organisations through our newsletters and web pages.

In addition to the projects above we were also proud to support:

- Parent Carer Voice - We continued to provide hosting support for the membership forum that represents parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in North Yorkshire. As well as engaging parents and helping them support each other through a range of workshops, forums and conferences, Parent Carer Voice also influences the development of policies and services delivered by public bodies. Parent Carer Voice is funded by North Yorkshire County Council and the Department for Education. Towards the end of 21/22 we supported Parent Carer Voice to move to another host organisation (York Inspirational Kids) which was more closely aligned to their mission, as the parent carer forum for the York region.

## PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We will be seeking to:

- Continue to work with partners and lead activities to support and build capacity and capability within VCSE organisations to ensure community resilience.
- Lead work on developing volunteering to benefit both individuals as volunteers and the communities they serve.
- Monitor the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the changing economic environment on VCSE organisations and work with partners in the public and health sector to ensure key organisations are kept sustainable.
- Grow our presence and influence in the environmental space to support and encourage organisations to move closer to carbon-neutral.
- Work with our partners in local government and health to ensure people in Yorkshire live healthier, happier, more fulfilling lives.
- Continue work with The Rural Commission Task Force to ensure the actions in The Rural Commission Report are taken forward to improve lives in our rural communities.
- Build on our pilot work on how communities can contribute to tackling climate change and VCSE organisations can become more sustainable.
- Continue to support and promote Social Action through a mix of blogs, think-pieces, the VINY platform and involvement in Social Action and Volunteering partner events.
- Continue to monitor and promote the North Yorkshire strategy to tackle loneliness, “Be Social, Be Well” and encourage more VCSE organisations, businesses and individuals to work towards addressing the issue.
- Continue to develop the North Yorkshire and East Riding Community Led Housing Hub (in partnership with Humber and Wolds Rural Action) to help more communities build the high quality and affordable homes they need.
- Initiate a project to develop a network to represent the Voice of Older People, following a successful bid to NYCC and local CCGs.
- Continue to provide a responsive training and resource offer on our Learning and Development Hub including introducing sector mentors for aspiring leaders in our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to adapt and introduce new training and resource materials on areas of thematic importance including trusteeship, recruitment, funding, wellbeing and relationship dynamics.
- Continue to strengthen our leadership development offer through new young people focused programmes and bursary funded training options through our Leadership Hub.
- Continue to promote diversity and equality issues across the North Yorkshire.
- In 2019 we undertook our first Awareness and Engagement Survey among client, partner and stakeholder organisations. We will undertake a second survey in 2022 to provide an update on the earlier findings, identify the priorities and challenges VCSEs are facing, the level of take-up and perceptions of our services, understand our impact and what clients most value, and identify future needs.
- Operational priorities will be to highlight the needs of our rural communities in relation to mental health provision and strategies, for children, young people and adults.
- Working with NHS partners and establishing closer links between PCNs and VCSEs.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### *Reserves Policy*

The Funds and Reserves Policy of Community First Yorkshire Ltd was agreed by the Trustee Board as follows:

Community First Yorkshire Ltd aims to achieve sufficient free reserves (unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets) which will:

- Support those projects and the general costs of the organisations where expenditure is incurred before funding is reclaimed.
- Provide time to seek new funding sources at a project's conclusion or facilitate the running of Community First Yorkshire Ltd whilst meeting ongoing obligations.
- Cover any costs, including redundancy costs in the event of a managed closure of the organisation.

As a guide the Trustees have agreed that free reserves held by the charity should be a minimum of three month's core and non-prepaid project costs plus managed closure costs.

The General Fund is a revenue reserve and therefore is not a designated fund. It will be used to meet any year end shortfall of budgeted income against budgeted expenditure. It will normally include any surplus of income over expenditure subject to a decision of the Trustee Board.

As set out in note 20 to the accounts the trustees have set aside £302,933 as designated funds to invest in areas of work which they see will be of benefit to both the Company and the organisations it supports and to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

The Company generated a net surplus for the year of £136,273 of which £109,239 was restricted, (2021: net surplus income £33,586, £15,894 of which was restricted).

The General Fund stood at £127,874 at 31 March 2022 which, per the policy, the trustees are confident will allow sufficient time to seek new funding sources.

### ***Investment Policy***

Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to invest its funds wisely and correctly in order to maximise the interest gained for the benefit of the organisation and its programmes of work. In order to do this effectively, Community First Yorkshire Ltd endeavours to keep a maximum of £30,000 in its current account (dependent on required levels of expenditure).

Any remaining funds are invested in accounts to try to ensure that Community First Yorkshire Ltd is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme whilst also attracting the best return.

### ***Principal Funding Sources***

North Yorkshire County Council  
 West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership  
 Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
 Ryedale District Council  
 Groundworks  
 York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Strategic Housing Partnership  
 Leeds City Council  
 Bradford Metropolitan District Council

### ***Fixed Assets***

The movement in tangible fixed assets during the year is set out in note 12 to the financial statements.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### ***Constitution***

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

### ***Organisation***

The Trustee Board is elected annually by the membership of Community First Yorkshire Ltd and Trustees hold three year terms of office and retire in rotation. One third of Trustees retire each year and may seek re-election. Trustees are appointed either by being co-opted by the existing trustee board or through open recruitment. Any Trustees co-opted then seek re-election at the next AGM. The maximum number of Trustees is twelve and details of the Trustees who served during the year can be found on page 15. The Trustee Board meets at least quarterly.

Trustees receive an induction which includes meetings with the chair and senior managers. A comprehensive induction pack is provided and ongoing training and personal development opportunities are offered to all Trustees.

The organisation also has the following honorary officers:

Chairman	David Sharp
Vice-Chairman	Janet Thornton

These officers ensure that the Trustee board operates efficiently and help to raise the profile of Community First Yorkshire Ltd. Day to day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer and the Community First Yorkshire Ltd Senior Management Team which at 31 March 2022 consisted of the Head of Policies and Partnerships, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support, Head of Finance and Administration and Head of Projects.

### ***Members' Liability***

Every member has undertaken to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, to the assets of the Council in the event of it being wound up, while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member for payment of the Council's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves.

### ***Related Parties***

All transactions with related parties are set out in note 18 to the financial statements.

### ***Risk Management***

Community First Yorkshire Ltd has examined the principal areas of its operations and built a framework for assessing what major risks may arise in each of these areas. They include: governance, management, operational, financial, external and legal matters. Annual reviews of the risk management process are carried out, and adjustments made as necessary. These are in line with the annual review of the strategic objectives, external factors, service delivery etc.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the resources and monitoring systems set in place should allow the risks identified to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

### ***Fundraising activities***

The charity does not engage in public fundraising and does not use professional fundraisers or



commercial participators.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### **Company Name**

Community First Yorkshire Ltd (*A company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital*)

### **Company Registration Number**

01839458

### **Charity Registration Number**

515538

### **Principal and Registered Office**

Unit A, Tower House  
Askham Fields Lane  
Askham Bryan  
York YO23 3FS

***Trustee Board (Executive Committee Members) who served during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and since the year end were as follows:***

### **DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES**

Rebecca Buckley (appointed 20 April 2021)

Simon Collins (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 20 July 2021)

Gary Craig

Mike Feist

David Jeffels

David Sharp

Janet Thornton

David Watson

Thomas Watson (appointed 20 April 2021, resigned 15 November 2021)

Adrian Willis

### ***The Chief Officer to whom trustees delegate duties:***

Jane Colthup (appointed 14 June 2021)

### ***The Company Secretary***

Jane Colthup (appointed 1 July 2021)

### ***The Company's Auditors***

JWPCreers LLP, Genesis 5, Church Lane, Heslington, York, YO10 5DQ.

### ***The Company's Bankers***

Unity Trust Bank, PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG

### ***Registration Details***

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a company limited by guarantee (and not having a share capital) and a registered charity, and is therefore not liable to income tax, corporation tax or capital gains tax.

## **SUBSCRIBING TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**

Aston cum Aughton Parish  
Council  
Barlby & Osgodby Parish  
Council  
Beal Parish Council  
Brodsworth Parish Council  
Carleton in Craven Parish  
Council  
Cayton Parish Council  
Collingham with Linton Parish  
Council

Cononley Parish Council  
Draughton Parish Council  
Featherstone Town Council  
Harome Parish Council  
Hepstonstall Parish Council  
Holme Valley Parish Council  
Hovingham with Scackleton  
Parish Council  
Kippax Parish Council  
Steeton with Eastburn  
Parish Council

Thrybergh Parish Council  
Topcliffe Parish Council  
Ulleskelf Parish Council  
Waverley Community Council  
Weeton Parish Council

## SUBSCRIBING RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Acaster Malbis Memorial Hall	Glusburn Community and Arts Centre	Osgodby Village Institute
Amerdale Village Hall	Goathland Village Hall Trust	Osmotherley Village Hall
Ampleforth Village Hall	Great Habton Village Hall	Oswaldkirk Village Hall
Arkendale Community Hall	Grewelthorpe Village Hall	Oulston Village Hall
Atkinson & Clarke Educational Foundation	Grey Village Hall (Sutton on the Forest)	Pannal Village Hall
Barton Village Institute	Gristhorpe & Lebbertson Village Hall	Pateley Bridge & Beverley Memorial Hall
Barwick in Elmet Village Hall	Hackness Village Hall	Rainton with Newby Village Hall
Bellerby Memorial Hall	Hatfield Woodhouse Village Hall	Ravensworth Village Hall
Blaxton Village Hall	Hawes Market House	Rillington Village Hall
Borrowby Village Hall	Hellifield Institute	Ruswarp Village Hall
Boston Spa Village Hall	Helperby Village Hall	Sawdon Village Hall
Bradley Village Hall	Heslington Village Meeting Room	Scotton Village Hall
Bramham Village Hall	Holmfirth Civic Hall Community Trust	Settle Victoria Hall
Brompton by Sawdon Village Hall	Hovingham Village Hall	Silkstone Common Sports Recreation Association
Broughton Road Community Centre	Hunton & Arrathorne Village Hall	Sinnington Village Hall
Christ Church Dore Community Centre	Hutton le Hole Village Hall	Sleights Village Hall
Clapham cum Newby Village Hall	Kelfield Village Institute	Snainton Village Hall and Playing Field
Copmanthorpe WI Hall	Kettlewell Village Hall	Snape Village Institute
Copt Hewick Village Hall	Kirk Hammerton Village Hall	Sproxtun Village Hall
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute & Village Hall	St Wilfrid's Community Centre
Cracoe & District Community Village Hall	Laughton Village Hall	Stillington Village Hall
Danby Village Hall	Letwell Village Hall	Sutton Under Whitestonecliffe Village Hall
DMI Community Centre	Long Marston Recreational Ground and Village Hall	The Norwood Green Village Hall
Dunnington Reading Room	Low Bentham Public Hall & Victoria Institute	The Robinson Institute
East Harlsley Village Hall	Malham Village Hall	Thornton Watless Village Hall
East Keswick Village Hall	Middleton & Aislaby Village Hall	Todwick Village Hall
Eggborough & Whitley Village Hall	Middleton Tyas Memorial Hall	Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall
Embsay with Eastby Village Institute	Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Association	Walton Village Hall
Eppleby Village Hall	Morton on Swale Village Hall	Weaverthorpe Village Hall
Exelby, Leeming & Londonderry Village Hall	Muker Public Hall and Literary Institute	Welburn Village Hall
Farndale Village Hall	Newton on Ouse Parish Hall	Westerdale Village Hall
Foston & Thornton le Clay Village Institute	North & South Cowton Village Hall	Wheldrake Recreation Association
Ganton Village Hall	Old Pool Bank Village Hall	Whixley Village Hall
		Womersley Village Hall & Reading Room
		Wrelton Village Hall

## **SUBSCRIBING ORGANISATIONS**

Advocacy Alliance  
Birstall Community Trust  
BlueBoxt Productions  
British Thyroid Foundation  
Brompton-on-Swale Village Society  
Carers Resource (Harrogate/Craven/Airedale)  
Chopsticks (North Yorkshire) Ltd  
Community Counselling (North Yorkshire) Ltd  
Community Smart  
Darlington Mind in Hambleton and  
Richmondshire  
Dial a Ride Scarborough & District  
Door 84 Youth and Community Centre  
Easingwold Community Library Association  
Easingwold Town Band  
Embsay with Eastby Good Neighbours Scheme  
Freda's Community Playgroup and Pre-School  
Gamekeepers Welfare Trust  
Garden Village Community Association  
Groundwork Yorkshire  
Hambleton Strollers  
Harrogate & District Community Action  
Humber and Wolds Rural Action  
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd  
Mashamshire Community Office  
Moorview Rescue Ltd  
Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre  
Nidderdale Museum Society  
North Yorkshire Business and Education  
Partnership Ltd  
North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre  
Older Citizens Advocacy York  
Open Country  
ORB Community Enterprise  
Parents of Special Children  
Parents4Parents – North Yorkshire  
Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd  
Richmondshire Leisure Trust  
Ryedale Carers Support  
Ryedale Special Families  
Ryedale YMCA  
Scarboocia  
See Ahead  
Sessay Community Trust  
St Mary's PCC Sprotbrough  
Stokesley & District Community Care Association  
Supporting Older People  
Survivors of Torture Activity Fund  
Tadcaster Volunteer Cars & Services Association  
The Band Room Farndale  
The Island  
The Sporting Influence Foundation  
The Staynor Hall Community Centre  
Two Ridings Community Foundation  
Whitby Area Development Trust  
Yorkshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

## **SUBSCRIBING INDIVIDUALS**

J Boardman  
T Northey  
R Oldale  
P Riley  
J Stubbs  
A Thomas  
C Watson

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Trustees (who are also directors of Community First Yorkshire Ltd for the purposes of Company Law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law applicable requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those 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 UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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 in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### **Statement as to disclosure to our auditors**

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our Trustees' annual report:

- There is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report, of which the charity's auditors are unaware
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

### **APPROVAL**

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 8 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



**Jane Colthup**  
Company Secretary



**David Sharp**  
Chairman

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Community First Yorkshire Ltd the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section for our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Trustees report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements set out on page 19, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intends to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses, and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- During our planning process we gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant of them, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK;
- We gained an understanding of how the charity is complying with these frameworks by making enquiries of the Trustees, key management and if necessary, advisors responsible for legal and compliance matters. We observed key controls and made appropriate enquiries following our review of contracts, interim financial data, board minutes and reports provided to the Trustees;
- We independently assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud or error might occur by meeting with the Management Committee and senior management with the skills and experience necessary to determine the risk factors which they believe expose the company to susceptibility to fraud and error. We also considered the impact of any business targets, the personal financial circumstances of management and staff to create a driver for fraud. We considered the culture and controls that the charity has established to address the risks identified and evaluated the effectiveness of processes and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, and how senior management monitors those processes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we designed then performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included, but were not restricted to, testing large and unusual items, journals, and transactions with high estimation uncertainty. These tests were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud and error; and
- Based on our audit plan and understanding of the risks that specifically affect the charity we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Our procedures involved substantive testing of transactions and walkthrough testing of appropriate controls, with a focus on transactions in the books of prime entry that have characteristics that may indicate fraud or error. We looked for unusual patterns, large or unusual transactions, weaknesses in the payments system and new supplier transactions based on our understanding of the business; enquiries of trustees and management and the results from previous audit testing; and focused testing, on specific complex areas based on risk. In addition, we completed procedures to conclude on the other information and disclosures in report of the Management Committee and accounts with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards and UK legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due



to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



***Nigel Clemit ACA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)***

For and on behalf of  
JWPCreers LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
Genesis 5  
Church Lane  
Heslington  
York  
YO10 5DQ

8 December 2022

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND**  
**EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	10,000
Charitable activities	3	179,776	955,957	1,135,733	1,085,063
Other trading activities	4	19,203	-	19,203	11,768
Investment income	5	2,557	-	2,557	3,267
<b>Total income</b>		<b>201,536</b>	<b>955,957</b>	<b>1,157,493</b>	<b>1,110,098</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Charitable activities	6/7	(166,175)	(855,045)	(1,021,220)	(1,076,512)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(166,175)</b>	<b>(855,045)</b>	<b>(1,021,220)</b>	<b>(1,076,512)</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before transfers</b>					
	9	35,361	100,912	136,273	33,586
Transfer between funds	10	(8,327)	8,327	-	-
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>27,034</b>	<b>109,239</b>	<b>136,273</b>	<b>33,586</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		435,600	442,890	878,490	844,904
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>462,634</b>	<b>552,129</b>	<b>1,014,763</b>	<b>878,490</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

**The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.**

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		333		1,333
Investments	13		1		1
			<u>334</u>		<u>1,334</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	51,314		148,598	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,111,979		890,357	
		<u>1,163,293</u>		<u>1,038,955</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(143,553)		(156,488)	
			<u>1,019,740</u>		<u>882,467</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>1,019,740</b>		<b>882,467</b>
			<u>1,020,074</u>		<u>883,801</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>1,020,074</b>		<b>883,801</b>
<b>Provision for liabilities</b>	16		(5,311)		(5,311)
			<u>1,014,763</u>		<u>878,490</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>1,014,763</b>		<b>878,490</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
Restricted income funds	19	552,129		442,890	
Unrestricted income funds	20	462,634		435,600	
			<u>1,014,763</u>		<u>878,490</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>1,014,763</b>		<b>878,490</b>

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the board on 8 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:



David Sharp  
Chairman  
Company number: 01839458

**The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.**

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities</b>	<b>219,065</b>	<b>(10,505)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Interest Income	2,557	3,266
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	-
<b>Cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>3,266</b>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	<b>221,622</b>	<b>(7,239)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>890,357</b>	<b>897,596</b>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,111,979</b>	<b>890,357</b>

**Reconciliation of net movement of funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2022 £	2021 £
Net movement in funds	<b>136,273</b>	33,586
Add back depreciation charge	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Deduct interest income show in investing activities	<b>(2,557)</b>	(3,266)
Increase (Decrease) in debtors	<b>97,284</b>	(106,182)
Decrease (increase) in creditors	<b>(12,935)</b>	64,357
Increase (decrease) in provisions	-	-
<b>Net cash generated/(consumed) in operating activities</b>	<b>219,065</b>	<b>(10,505)</b>

**The notes on pages 27 to 42 form part of these financial statements.**

**COMMUNITY FIRST YORKSHIRE LTD  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**1. Accounting policies**

**Basis of accounting**

Community First Yorkshire Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee and is registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered office is as stated on the Report of the Board of Trustees.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have considered future funding sources and consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis. The unrestricted reserves have been maintained at a level to allow time to seek new funding sources as projects conclude whilst meeting ongoing obligations. As set out in note 20 as part of prudent governance a designated fund has been set aside to cover managed closure costs in the event that that ever became necessary.

Community First Yorkshire Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

**Income**

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. Where a funder specifies that income must be used in future accounting periods or where income is received for future events it is carried forward as deferred income.

**Fund Accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the note 20 to the financial statements. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by grant funders.

**Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the appropriate heading in the accounts. Project costs represents grants paid to other organisations together with the core and support cost expenditure of the charity. Support costs represent 80% (2021 - 80%) of administration expenses which have not been directly recharged to other organisations.

**Fixed Assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Items costing over £1,000 are capitalised.

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**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% straight line

**Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

**Consolidation**

The company has a dormant subsidiary with total net assets of £1. This subsidiary is not material for the purpose of giving a true and fair view and therefore has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with section 405 of the Companies Act 2006.

As this subsidiary can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 the company has not produced consolidated accounts as it has taken advantage of the exemption in section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 which applies to companies whose only subsidiaries can be excluded from consolidation under section 405 of the Act.

The financial statements therefore give information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

**Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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**Basic financial assets**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid at the year end.

**Basic financial liabilities**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

**Redundancy costs**

Redundancy costs are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**2. Income from Donations and Legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	Unrestricted and Total Funds 2021 £
Donations	-	-	10,000
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In 2021 the Company received a £10,000, unrestricted, donation from Sharegift. The trustees were very grateful for the gift and allocated it to be used partly to fund our “Donate Local” campaign to encourage people to become directly involved with local charities and partly to enable our Employment Advice Service to supply their services, free of charge, to organisations needing support with employment matters resulting from the pandemic.

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**3. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Contract Income	106,774	-	106,774	72,310
Grants receivable	73,002	955,957	1,028,959	1,012,753
	<u>179,776</u>	<u>955,957</u>	<u>1,135,733</u>	<u>1,085,063</u>

In 2021 of the £1,085,063 of income from charitable activities £943,033 was from restricted funds and £142,030 from unrestricted.

**4. Income from other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Charges to other organisations	1,595	1,595	1,456
Affiliation fees and subscriptions	7,329	7,329	6,712
Courses and conference income	(36)	(36)	-
Advertising Income	10,315	10,315	3,600
	<u>19,203</u>	<u>19,203</u>	<u>11,768</u>

In 2021 all of the income from other trading activities was unrestricted funds.

**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
Bank interest receivable	2,557	2,557	3,267
	<u>2,557</u>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>3,267</u>

In 2021 all of the investment income was unrestricted funds.



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**6. Costs of charitable activities by fund type**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Project costs	135,836	855,045	990,881	1,052,605
Support costs	30,339	-	30,339	23,907
	<u>166,175</u>	<u>855,045</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>

In 2021 of the £1,076,512 costs of charitable activities, £927,139 related to restricted funds and £149,373 to unrestricted.

**7. Costs of charitable activities by activity type**

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding activities £	Support costs £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Project costs	<u>947,651</u>	<u>43,230</u>	<u>30,339</u>	<u>1,021,220</u>	<u>1,076,512</u>

**8. Governance costs**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Audit fees	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

**9. Net income/(expenditure) for the year**

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff pension contributions	26,157	27,162
Depreciation	1,000	1,000
Auditors' remuneration: - audit of the financial statements	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>

**10. Fund transfers**

Transfers have been made in line with budgeted expenditure to clear planned deficits on restricted funds projects.

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**11. Staff costs and emoluments**

<b>Total staff costs were as follows:</b>	<b>2022</b>	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	681,458	670,017
Redundancy costs	228	452
Social security costs	47,021	44,687
Other pension costs	26,157	27,162
	<u>754,864</u>	<u>742,318</u>

**Particulars of employees:**

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	2021
	No	No
Administrative Staff:		
Full time equivalents	22	23
Total number of employees	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2021 - Nil).

Aggregate expenses of £nil (2021 - nil) were paid to a total of nil Trustees during the year.

The key management personnel of the company comprise the Trustees, the Chief Officer, the Head of Finance and Administration, the Head of Community and Volunteer Support the Network and Collaboration Officer and the Head of Projects. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £186,909 (2021: £168,707).

**12. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Equipment</b>
	£
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2021	95,587
Additions	-
Disposals	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<u>95,587</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2021	94,254
Charge for the year	1,000
On disposals	-
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<u>95,254</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<u>333</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,333</u>

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**13. Investments**

	<b>Group Undertakings £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021	1
	<u>1</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2021	1
	<u>1</u>

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital (being 1 £1 ordinary share) of Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, company number 06591809.

The reported financial information in respect of the above company is as follows:

<b>Aggregate Capital and Reserves</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Rural Energy Yorkshire Limited (dormant)	1
	<u>1</u>

**14. Debtors**

	<b>2022 £</b>	2021 £
Trade debtors	<b>39,954</b>	126,154
Other debtors	-	272
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>11,360</b>	22,172
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>148,598</u>
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>148,598</u>

**15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2022 £</b>	2021 £
Trade creditors	<b>21,822</b>	43,601
Taxation and Social Security Costs	<b>17,854</b>	20,708
Accruals and deferred income	<b>103,877</b>	92,179
	<u>143,553</u>	<u>156,488</u>
	<u>143,553</u>	<u>156,488</u>
Deferred income included in above	<b>44,237</b>	38,998
	<u>44,237</u>	<u>38,998</u>

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**15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)**

Deferred income represents amounts received but not yet earned on contracts:

	<b>2022</b>
	£
Opening deferred income	38,998
Released in the year	(22,034)
Deferred in the year	27,273
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Closing deferred income	44,237
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**16. Provision for liabilities**

	£
At 31 March 2021	5,311
Charged in the year	-
Released in the year	-
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<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>5,311</b>
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The above provision is for office redecoration in accordance with the terms of the lease.

**17. Commitments under operating leases**

At 31 March 2022 the charity had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	<b>Land and buildings</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Operating leases which expire:</b>		
Within 1 year	3,328	8,470
Within 2 to 5 years	-	-
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**18. Related Party Transactions**

During the year the charitable company undertook the following transactions with companies and organisations with whom they have common Trustees or Directors, at normal market value:-

<b>Trustee of Charitable Company</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>	<b>Nature of Transaction</b>	<b>Amount of Transaction</b>
David Jeffels	North Yorkshire County Council	Grant Income	<b>£479,566</b> (21:£491,284)
		Contract Income	<b>£78,210</b> (21:£52,470)
		Purchases	<b>£2,592</b> (21:£5,507)
David Jeffels	Scarborough Borough Council	Contract Income	<b>£nil</b> (21:£250)
		Grant Payment	<b>£nil</b> (21:£41,510)
Janet Thornton	Action with Communities in Rural England	Grant Income	<b>£70,720</b> (21:£70,720)
		Contract Income	<b>£150</b> (21: £250)
		Purchases	<b>£340</b> (21:£nil)
<b>Senior Manager of Charitable Company</b>	<b>Company/Organisation</b>	<b>Nature of Transaction</b>	<b>Amount of Transaction</b>
David Sharp	North Yorkshire Youth	Contract Income	<b>£360</b> (21: £135)
David Watson	North Yorkshire Sport	Contract Income	<b>£1,662</b> (21: £208)

At 31 March 2022 amounts totalling £90 (21:£nil) are shown as owing from North Yorkshire County Council.

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**19. Restricted income funds**

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
DEFRA	184	-	-	(184)	-
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	(6,063)	1,063	-
Ryedale District Council	-	10,000	(13,409)	3,409	-
NYCC Innovation Fund	984	-	-	-	984
NYCC – Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	1,594	-	-	-	1,594
VAL	2,167	-	-	-	2,167
HHAONB	-	4,961	(4,961)	-	-
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	1,751	-	-	-	1,751
2 Ridings Community Foundation	4,186	-	-	-	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Networks	3,036	-	(304)	-	2,732
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	123	-	-	-	123
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	153,383	476,284	(442,418)	4,531	191,780
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	20,806	-	(888)	-	19,918
Power to Change	985	-	-	-	985
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	13,996	(1,359)	(414)	-	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks	4,434	-	-	-	4,434
NLCF – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	(6)	6	-
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG - HPOC	13,933	-	-	-	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	8,138	26,000	(19,709)	-	14,429
Carried forward	<u>229,700</u>	<u>520,886</u>	<u>(488,172)</u>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>271,239</u>

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**19. Restricted income funds (continued)**

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
Brought forward	229,700	520,886	(488,172)	8,825	271,239
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	12,001	25,250	(26,673)	-	10,578
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	(15)	7,855	(7,353)	(487)	-
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	1,627	62,113	(52,539)	-	11,201
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	80,696	-	(16,860)	-	63,836
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	3,232	13,100	(10,112)	-	6,220
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	8,149	74,336	(81,845)	-	640
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	92,635	(64,456)	-	28,179
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	4,750	(4,760)	10	-
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	2,500	10,900	(11,129)	229	2,500
NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	65,000	65,000	(38,584)	-	91,416
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	40,000	-	(29,760)	-	10,240
IVAR – Leading in Uncertainty	-	250	-	(250)	-
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	2,000	(749)	-	1,251
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	959	(959)	-	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	41,200	(21,093)	-	20,107
Carried forward	<b>442,890</b>	<b>921,234</b>	<b>(855,044)</b>	<b>8,327</b>	<b>517,407</b>

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**19. Restricted income funds (continued)**

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
Brought forward	442,890	921,234	(855,044)	8,327	517,407
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	5,606	(1)	-	5,605
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	16,817	-	-	16,817
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	4,800	-	-	4,800
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
	<u>442,890</u>	<u>955,957</u>	<u>(855,045)</u>	<u>8,327</u>	<u>552,129</u>

The most significant funds above were for:

NYCC and NHS North Yorkshire – Community Capacity Building. This grant is for the provision of support to VCSE organisations across North Yorkshire and for representing and championing the sector within North Yorkshire. The work includes providing training, running peer support and strategic networks. Developing leaders within the sector and supporting organisations in the management and recruitment of volunteers.

Groundworks and YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub. This grant is for the creation and running of a Community Led Housing Hub. The hub is being set up to provide a central resource of information and support for those who are looking to develop local housing in an area for the benefit of local people.

NHS North Yorkshire CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health. The purpose of this grant is to improve the support to those experiencing serious mental illness by developing new models of care which improve the links between primary and secondary health services and the local VCSE sector and helping people to access improved support and services closer to home and in ways which meet their needs most closely..

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership – HPOC. This grant is to maximise the impact of the VCSE sector as an equal partner across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership by building positive relationships in each of the 6 places across the West Yorkshire & Harrogate footprint, identifying and sharing good practice and developing opportunities for collaboration. Initially for one year the grant was extended for a second year but the role was deemed so successful that it was then taken on within the Integrated Care organisation.



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**19. Restricted income funds (continued)**

NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures. This grant is to increase the capacity of the VCSE sector in providing counselling services to people with serious mental illness and providing welfare calls to those in need of lower level support calls. Community First Yorkshire is providing management of this grant, the work is being delivered by project partners.

Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD. This grant is to use an asset based community development way of working to support people to feel better connected and to help communities to thrive. Our development officer is working in Rothwell to build connections and engage local community groups to create spaces that are welcoming and to develop a vision and a plan for what the community can do.

Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Men’s Sheds. This grant is to develop sustainable Men’s Sheds in different areas of Bradford. The sheds will provide a place where men can come together over a common activity which will bring improvements to well-being and mental health through a reduction in social isolation and loneliness. The original grant period has been extended and several, successful, sheds have been developed. The development officer works with a committee of volunteers in each shed so that, once the grant funding ceases, the shed is in a strong position to continue running.

We are very grateful to all our funders for the support we have received.

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**20. Unrestricted income funds**

	Balance at 1 Apr 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Mar 2022 £
General Funds	391,683	201,536	(154,085)	(311,260)	127,874
Designated Funds:					
Management training	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Digital transformation	27,389	-	-	-	27,389
Engagement in the health agenda	-	-	-	24,307	24,307
Quantifying the VCS sector in North Yorkshire – phase 1	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Development of influencing role	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Provision of free employment advice during the coronavirus pandemic	7,528	-	(4,482)	-	3,046
Investment of reserves to support the organisation whilst future funding is explored	-	-	(3,608)	118,626	115,018
Provision for a managed closure should that ever be required	-	-	-	160,000	160,000
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>43,917</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(12,090)</b>	<b>302,933</b>	<b>334,760</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>435,600</b>	<b>201,536</b>	<b>(166,175)</b>	<b>(8,327)</b>	<b>462,634</b>

The above designated funds are for pieces of work which the trustees have identified will be of ongoing benefit both to the company and to the organisations it supports and they have thus approved the investment in them from reserves.

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**21. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Tangible fixed assets £	Other net assets £	Total net assets £
<b>Restricted Income Funds:</b>			
NYCC Innovation Fund	-	984	984
NYCC Warm Homes Healthy People Fund	-	1,594	1,594
VAL – Transforming Leeds Community Anchors	-	2,167	2,167
NYCC – Winter Weather Roadshows	-	1,751	1,751
Kirklees Council – Men in Sheds	-	123	123
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	-	12,223	12,223
Ryedale DC, BGET, NYCC, Northern Gas Networks – Cold Snaps Warm Homes	-	4,434	4,434
2 Ridings Community Foundation – Emergency Planning	-	4,186	4,186
NYCC – Selby Village Halls Network	-	2,732	2,732
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	191,780	191,780
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	-	19,918	19,918
Power to Change	-	985	985
Harrogate and Rural CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC	-	13,933	13,933
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	14,429	14,429
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Mens’ Sheds	-	10,578	10,578
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	11,201	11,201
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	63,836	63,836
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	6,220	6,220
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	640	640
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	28,179	28,179
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	2,500	2,500
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	91,416	91,416
Total carried forward	-	485,809	485,809

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**21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

	<b>Tangible fixed assets &amp; investments £</b>	<b>Other net assets £</b>	<b>Total net assets £</b>
Total brought forward	-	<b>485,809</b>	<b>485,809</b>
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	<b>10,240</b>	<b>10,240</b>
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	<b>1,251</b>	<b>1,251</b>
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	<b>20,107</b>	<b>20,107</b>
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	<b>5,605</b>	<b>5,605</b>
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	<b>16,817</b>	<b>16,817</b>
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>462,300</b>	<b>462,634</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1,014,429</b>	<b>1,014,763</b>

**22. Contingencies**

The charity created a rent deposit deed dated 18 January 2010 for securing £1,000 due or to become due by the company.

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**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements  
which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 20 to 23.**

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<b>Grants Received</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
DEFRA	69,720	-	69,720	69,720
Harrogate Borough Council	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Ryedale DC	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
HHAONB	-	4,961	4,961	4,327
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	-	(1,359)	(1,359)	82,881
NLCF – The Loneliness Campaign	-	476,284	476,284	476,284
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	24,698
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	-	-	-	15,000
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	-	26,000	26,000	2,000
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	-	25,250	25,250	24,806
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	-	7,855	7,855	31,552
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	-	62,113	62,113	56,815
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	-	-	-	583
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	-	13,100	13,100	12,900
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	-	74,336	74,336	75,000
NAVCA – Emergency Planning VCSE Liaison	-	92,635	92,635	-
HCV NHS partnership – HCV VCSE Leadership	-	4,750	4,750	9,500
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	10,900	10,900	6,100
NHS NY CCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	-	-	-	587
NHS NY CCG – HCV Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	65,000	65,000	65,000
IVAR Leading in Uncertainty	-	-	-	40,000
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	-	250	250	-
YNYLEP – Community Building Climate Assessment Project	-	2,000	2,000	-
Carried Forward	-	959	959	-
	<b>69,720</b>	<b>880,034</b>	<b>949,754</b>	<b>1,012,753</b>

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	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Grants Received continued</b>				
Brought forward	<b>69,720</b>	<b>880,034</b>	<b>949,754</b>	1,012,753
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	-	<b>41,200</b>	<b>41,200</b>	-
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	<b>5,606</b>	<b>5,606</b>	-
NYCCG – Voice of Older People Forum	-	<b>16,817</b>	<b>16,817</b>	-
Sirius Minerals Foundation – Climate Change	-	<b>4,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Craven Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub	-	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	-
NHS Wakefield CCG – Health Creation Alliance	-	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	-
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	<b>3,282</b>	-	<b>3,282</b>	-
	<b>73,002</b>	<b>955,957</b>	<b>1,028,959</b>	1,012,753

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	<b>Administration Expenses</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries	<b>112,883</b>	108,695
Employers NI	<b>5,476</b>	4,921
Pension cost	<b>4,120</b>	4,327
Rent	<b>10,849</b>	10,737
Site Charge	<b>562</b>	636
Heat and Light	<b>2,818</b>	2,580
Cleaning	<b>2,822</b>	2,753
Council tax	<b>1,152</b>	1,152
Telephone	<b>3,720</b>	3,482
Postage, printing and stationery	<b>(682)</b>	(822)
Insurance	<b>8,568</b>	6,792
Motor and travel	<b>859</b>	288
Office expenses	<b>12,376</b>	11,421
Public relations	<b>225</b>	2,862
Affiliation fees	<b>6,496</b>	5,441
Staff training and conferences	<b>7,599</b>	850
Staff appointment expenses	<b>580</b>	4,960
Legal and Consultancy Fees	<b>61</b>	61
Bank charges	<b>552</b>	491
Sundry expenses	<b>5,634</b>	4,769
Depreciation - office equipment	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
Audit fees	<b>4,200</b>	4,200
	<b>191,870</b>	181,596
Charges to special projects and other organisations (cost recovery)	<b>(153,946)</b>	(151,712)
	<b>37,924</b>	29,884
Allocated:		
Core project work	<b>7,585</b>	5,977
Support costs	<b>30,339</b>	23,907
	<b>37,924</b>	29,884



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<b>Direct Project Costs</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Harrogate Borough Council	<b>6,063</b>	-	<b>6,063</b>	5,585
Ryedale DC	<b>13,409</b>	-	<b>13,409</b>	11,934
HHAONB	<b>4,961</b>	-	<b>4,961</b>	4,327
BGET – Warm and Well in North Yorkshire	<b>414</b>	-	<b>414</b>	144,940
Ministry of Defence – Aged Veterans Fund	<b>888</b>	-	<b>888</b>	32,342
NYCC – Selby Village Hall Network	<b>304</b>	-	<b>304</b>	-
NYCC and NHS NY – Community Capacity Building	<b>442,418</b>	-	<b>442,418</b>	426,719
NLCF –The Loneliness Campaign	<b>6</b>	-	<b>6</b>	43,146
NYCC – The Loneliness Campaign	-	-	-	16,763
Harrogate and HPOC	-	-	-	1,458
Leeds City Council – Rothwell ABCD	<b>19,709</b>	-	<b>19,709</b>	15,673
Bradford Metropolitan District Council – Bradford Mens’ Sheds	<b>26,673</b>	-	<b>26,673</b>	20,052
Nurturing Neighbourhoods – Craven ABCD	<b>7,353</b>	-	<b>7,353</b>	34,199
West Yorkshire and Harrogate Partnership – HPOC	<b>52,539</b>	-	<b>52,539</b>	55,190
NYCC – Parent Carer Voice	-	-	-	2,718
Harrogate and Rural District CCG, Calderdale CCG – HPOC 2	<b>16,860</b>	-	<b>16,860</b>	21,887
Ryedale DC – Ryedale VCS	<b>10,112</b>	-	<b>10,112</b>	9,668
Groundworks – Community Led Housing Hub	<b>81,845</b>	-	<b>81,845</b>	66,851
YNYER Strategic Housing Partnership – Community Led Housing Hub	<b>64,456</b>	-	<b>64,456</b>	-
NAVCA – Emergency Planning	-	-	-	-
VCSE Liaison	<b>4,760</b>	-	<b>4,760</b>	9,500
HCV NHS partnership – HCV	-	-	-	-
VCSE Leadership	<b>11,129</b>	-	<b>11,129</b>	3,600
HHAONB – Making Every Connection Count	-	-	-	587
<b>Total carried forward</b>	<b>763,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>763,899</b>	<b>927,139</b>

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**Direct Project Costs  
(continued)**

	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total brought forward	<b>763,899</b>	-	<b>763,899</b>	927,139
NYCCG – Health and Wellbeing Hub	<b>29,760</b>	-	<b>29,760</b>	-
NYCCG – Transforming Community Mental Health	<b>38,584</b>	-	<b>38,584</b>	-
IVAR – Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire	<b>749</b>	-	<b>749</b>	-
YNYLEP – Community Buildings Climate Assessment Project	<b>959</b>	-	<b>959</b>	-
NYCCG – Community Navigation System Pressures	<b>21,093</b>	-	<b>21,093</b>	-
NHS Vale of York CCG – Voice of Older People Forum	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	-
NYCC Kickstarter Funding	-	<b>3,282</b>	<b>3,282</b>	-
DEFRA/Core Project Work		<b>132,554</b>	<b>132,554</b>	125,466
	<b>855,045</b>	<b>135,836</b>	<b>990,881</b>	1,052,605
Support Costs	-	<b>30,339</b>	<b>30,339</b>	23,907
	<b>855,045</b>	<b>166,175</b>	<b>1,021,220</b>	1,076,512

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