



NIDDERDALE PLUS PARTNERSHIP
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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OVERVIEW

The Nidderdale Plus Partnership is an independent charity that supports the local community, including the local voluntary sector, through the advancement of education and provision of relief, help and advice to those in need.

It aims to be a successful, sustainable community hub that is responsive, innovative, effective, well run and used, and able to adapt and develop to meet local needs. The Hub is centrally located, in Pateley Bridge, and provides a friendly place for people to visit for help or information, for advice or to access services. The partnership also operates a range of services from the premises. It is well established as a key anchor organisation in the delivery of services and projects in the Nidderdale area, with a proven track record for the facilitation of groups and partnerships to further the needs of the local community.

Nidderdale Plus has changed rapidly since obtaining charitable status in 2015. Following a period of consolidation up to 2018, the charity made significant progress during 2019 to the extent that it was well placed to become a Community Support Organisation (CSO) at the start of 2020 when the global COVID-19 pandemic began to affect the rural community. Though the pandemic affected a significant part of the year under review, some return to “normal” life began in this period, and Nidderdale Plus continued to adapt and change according to need. For more information on Nidderdale Plus’s activities during this period, see “Achievements and Services” below.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The year 2022-2023 was another year that was impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The charity continued to take a pivotal role in the local area, in particular as a Community Support Organisation, to coordinate and deliver new and existing services as required during the pandemic. There was one major area of development for Nidderdale Plus which involved beginning to provide trips and journeys in our new community minibus which finally arrived in June 2022. The new services that were begun in 2021/22—opening a charity shop on Pateley Bridge High Street, and launching a Digital Champion project to enable people to either get on line for the first time, become digitally connected to their families, or improve their digital skills—continued to develop and grow during the year in review. A separate section of the report covers all these areas of work.

The strategic aims and objectives were reviewed and updated during the year. They are now as follows:

To be the home of community assistance

- Keeping up to date with community needs
- Reviewing and identifying current and future organisational needs
- Implementing, or facilitating (via the Nidderdale Plus Local Fund), initiatives and projects which meet identified needs and promote wellbeing
- Working in partnership and cooperating with other organisations
- To be the centre of high-quality volunteering opportunities in Nidderdale

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To be financially sustainable

- Identifying income requirements for existing services and sustaining contractual relationships with existing funders where possible (NYCC and NY Police), and seeking contractual opportunities with additional statutory partners, especially the NHS and NYCC Social Services
- Identifying income sources for additional projects and bidding for appropriate funds as and when they are needed
- Ensuring effective operation of wholly owned trading company (Nidderdale Ltd) which exists to support the charity and contribute to the charity's operational sustainability

To be operationally efficient

- To continue to digitise in house systems wherever appropriate
- With effective people management, ensuring appropriate skills and experience, and meeting training needs where they have been identified
- With effective performance management both relevant to Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and for our own organisational and planning needs, establishing a bespoke data management system and an outcomes measurement system in 2022/23
- With effective volunteer involvement and management
- With effective safeguarding policies and procedures that are reviewed annually

To be effective communicators

- externally with customers, press, commissioners, funders and local people
- internally with staff, volunteers, members and partners

To maintain and further develop current and prioritised community services

- Community library, including our own jigsaw library
- Community transport (under a Section 19 permit), including drivers using their own cars as well as our own community car, and a prescription delivery service
- Information, advice and support, and access to council services, including a Tourist Information Point
- Police front desk
- Meals on Wheels service and Digital Champion service
- Minibus service (under a Section 19 permit), offering days out and weekly trips to local residents and groups, and Group Hire for local not-for-profit organisations

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- Charity Shop which will also provide the source of the “Nidderdale Plus Community Fund” (See p.6, Nidderdale Charity Shop) to which local groups and charities can apply
- Working in partnership we will continue to offer access to Citizens Advice and MIND mental health support

The charity's activities aim to maintain, improve, and develop local services and improve access to existing and new community services. The charity provides a range of services in partnership with other organisations, these include a community library, community transport and access to County and Borough council services and local police front desk. The hub is a focal point for local people and organisations as well as visitors to the area; it also provides tourism information and office services from the non-charitable company. There is a thriving group of dedicated volunteers who support the community hub and help to ensure it meets people's needs.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Nidderdale Plus continued as a Community Support Organisation (CSO), originally commissioned by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) in March 2020, one of 23 that were operative across the whole county. CSOs were set up principally to address residents' needs in their geographical area, as the unprecedented period of COVID-19 set in, so that there would be a trusted and well known agency on the ground who could mobilise support and create and sustain new services to help people deal with the privations of lockdown and the unusual times we all had to live through.

We changed, innovated and evolved through COVID primarily down two service routes: **central services** (provided by our staff and central volunteers) and **indirect (or devolved) services** (provided by neighbours and residents—all of whom are volunteers-- at a community level).

Central services

We continued to provide all our core services, but some continued to be adapted or enlarged, according to the constraints that were brought about by COVID. It is worth noting here, that even as the pandemic came to an end, for many people, their confidence in going out and meeting other people took time to come back, and much of this period was spent accommodating service users with highly differing levels of confidence. Examples of service adaptation:

Community library: We reopened our doors to the general public during the year in review, and we continued to offer home delivery to people wanting to receive books, DVDs, etc. People could ring to talk through their book choices with our staff and our volunteer drivers using our community car would deliver books—all in a COVID secure way

Community transport: The service began to recover to pre-COVID levels, but a feature of the service was that virtually all journeys were health related.

Council Services: As a CSO we were regularly in touch with Adult Social Services, either to refer cases on, or to receive information from them about people and the help they needed. We began to offer our blue badge and bus pass service face to face again, so that people could apply for these vital services.

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In addition to adapting existing services, we continued to offer the following services that we had started to offer at the beginning of the pandemic.

Prescription delivery

Meals on Wheels service and emergency food delivery

Jigsaw library: In addition to the ever-growing library at Nidderdale Plus, the two satellite jigsaw libraries at Darley Christ Church Community Centre and Summerbridge Methodist Church continued to operate.

Vaccination volunteers: in concert with the other CSOs in the district, we continued to provide teams of volunteer marshals to Harrogate and Ripon mass vaccination centres. We also provided volunteers at the Pateley Bridge Pharmacy vaccination sessions held at the Memorial Hall in Pateley Bridge.

Citizens' Advice: We continued to work with Harrogate Citizens Advice to provide monthly video-link clinics for people who need advice on a wide range of topics.

Indirect services

As the first lockdown began, in 2020, we had quickly established a network of community organisers (most often these people were from parish councils and churches), who had strong links into their communities and could harness the services of numerous volunteers who could span out through their communities to provide help with a variety of daily needs. Probably the single most important factor behind the effectiveness of these people was their ability to use hyper-local and trusted communication channels—that they were already using before the crisis began. Sometimes this was a village Facebook group, sometimes a parish magazine or village newsletter, sometimes a village email group. In this way they could both recruit volunteers quickly and pick up need.

Nidderdale Plus continued to work with this network to resolve issues for local residents and to cascade out news and resources throughout the period of this report.

New and developing services: Non-COVID

Minibus Days Out, Weekly Trips and Group Hire: Our new minibus finally arrived in June 2022. Many thanks to North Yorkshire County Council who gave us a grant of £24,000 towards the purchase of the bus. The balance of the purchase money needed came from our own funds. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Community Transport Association (CTA) that helped us launch our days out programme. The grant was received to fund the “Befriending Through Transport” project. This was a partnership project with Supporting Older People (SOP), a local Harrogate-based charity. SOP acted as the employer to the Befriending Through Transport Coordinator, who based much of her time at Nidderdale Plus or attending the days out and weekly trip programme on board the minibus. The trips we offered under the project were designed to take people who had no access to transport on days out and help them to develop friendships to alleviate the effects of social isolation. We also worked with local groups, especially lunch clubs, to offer bespoke trips for their memberships. In this way we were able to take our days out offer across the whole of Nidderdale, working with different groups in different villages. We also began to develop our Group Hire service for the benefit of the various groups, charities and other organisations in Nidderdale.

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Digital Champion Service: We launched this service on 1st November 2021, having appointed Joanne Hayes as our Digital Champion Coordinator. Jo's priorities included the recruitment of volunteer Digital Champions to ensure we could reach a large number of people across Nidderdale and the Washburn valley and she quickly set to work recruiting volunteers and going out to find and help people who needed support in a variety of ways. The programme went from strength to strength during the year in review and Jo set up "Coffee, Click and Connect" drop-in sessions in Darley, Summerbridge, Kirkby Malzeard, Pateley Bridge and Blubberhouses.

Nidderdale Charity Shop: Trading had begun on 18th February 2022, so 2022-23 was the first full year of trading. The Executive Director, Helen Flynn, is the accountable officer for the charity shop and was responsible for setting up all systems and policies, etc, at the shop. However, on a daily basis, the shop is run by a sterling team of volunteers. All trustees and staff are extremely grateful to them for their support and dedication throughout the first full year of trading. The purpose of the Charity Shop is to support the communities of Nidderdale and Washburn, both through providing funding to some of Nidderdale Plus's charitable activities, such as the community transport scheme and Meals on Wheels service, and by setting up a charitable fund, provisionally titled "Nidderdale Plus Community Fund". The idea behind the fund is that an annual allocation of profits from the shop goes into the "Community Fund" and local groups, charities and organisations can bid into this to provide services and small capital schemes that will be of assistance to local people. Trustees intend that Two Ridings Community Foundation will administer this grant scheme on behalf of Nidderdale Plus. It is expected that the first awards from the Fund will happen in November 2023.

Emergency Food Aid: Nidderdale Plus has been a junior partner in a bid made by Ripon Community House for funding from the UK Government's Household Support Fund (distributed by NYCC) to provide vouchers for people who are running short of food. As the year ended, the demand for emergency food was increasing, owing to the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis.

Warm Spaces: Just as the effects of COVID were decreasing the energy price crisis and Cost of Living Crisis began to take hold at the end of 2022. Nidderdale Plus coordinated a "Warm Spaces Directory" that was Nidderdale-wide. Village halls operating a warm space initiative offered a warm place for residents to spend time and usually simple food provision such as soup and a roll.

MIND Mental Health Service: MIND began to offer outreach into Nidderdale and rented the meeting room at the hub one day per week, starting in November 2021, to facilitate this work.

Usage

The monitoring information collected as part of our work as a Community Support Organisation gives a good indication of the scale and volume of work carried out over the year. Performance management information is being reviewed in the light of the changing and developing nature of our services and will be included in next years' report.

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Nidderdale Plus

From April 2022 to the end of March 2023



Great credit must go to all our amazing volunteers, without whom Nidderdale Plus could not operate or provide benefit. Their service and commitment is inspirational. Credit must also go to the staff members who worked diligently and selflessly throughout the whole of last year, often going beyond the call of duty and having to change their ways of working: Helen Flynn, Sandra Walker, Tracey Dawson, Joanne Hayes, Carole Cottrill, Andy Cockroft, Angela Raw and Martyn Price. The office was manned in a COVID-secure way whenever necessary in the year under review, ensuring we could respond quickly to address residents' needs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Current assets

The Charitable Company has net assets of £228.3k, comprising Restricted Funds (£14.9k), Designated Funds (£114.1k – of which £34.0k is fixed assets) and Undesignated Funds (£99.4k) – of which £80.0k is Reserves).

Income and Expenditure during the year

Undesignated Funds (available to spend at the charity's discretion) have increased by £5.5k this year.

Significant changes this year were:

- Income from the minibus operations began this year (£11.9k).
- A net contribution of £12.8k to Nidderdale Plus for the Tackling Loneliness CTA grant.
- NYCC Prevent grant of £11.0k, although the expenditure will be in 2023-24.
- Staff costs increased by £18.8k due to the appointment of a Marketing and Business Support Officer and an additional Hub Administrator to accommodate the increasing service delivery.

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The balance of the payment was made for the minibus (£32.3k), funded by transfers from Restricted Funds (the NYCC grant) and Designated Funds.

These accounts incorporate the trading subsidiary Nidderdale Ltd, whose operations include the Nidderdale Charity Shop, which opened in the last few weeks of the previous financial year. The shop had a turnover of £76.2k in 2022-23, offset by operational costs, mainly rent and staff time. As mentioned in the Commentary above, the intention at the 2022-23 year-end was to disburse the profit to local charities and non-profit groups, and on this basis the Charitable Company designated £50k (being the approximate net profit for the 14 months operation since late 2021-22) for disbursement by the Two Ridings Community Foundation (TRCF).

Other income and costs for Nidderdale Ltd are at similar levels to the previous year.

Restricted Funds

There are Restricted Funds of £14.9k. This is mainly the NYCC Prevention Grant of £11.0k which was received in 2022-23 but will be spent in the following year.

Designated Funds

The trustees have decided to designate funding as detailed below:

Designated Funds carried forward

Financial support for the minibus running costs, for the second year of operation	£4.0k
Additional post of a Marketing and Business Support Officer, for the second year	£11.1k

New designated funds

Start of a sink fund to purchase a new minibus for when a replacement is needed	£15.0k
Transfer of charity shop profit to TRCF for community funding	£50.0k

RESERVES POLICY

The Charitable Company has decided to increase free reserves to £80.0k, covering six months expenditure, redundancy costs and a provision for dilapidations at the end of the lease.

This is due to uncertainty about future local authority funding following the change to a unitary authority in North Yorkshire. SLA funding has historically been received from two principal authorities (Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council), as well as from North Yorkshire Police, but it is now likely that the aggregate amount will materially reduce.

At the year-end on 31 March 2023, monies held in free reserves were £99.4k (2022 - £93.8k). This covers seven months total expenditure (2022 – nine months).

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution:

Nidderdale Plus is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. The Charitable Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. It also has a wholly owned subsidiary company, Nidderdale Limited, which operates non-charitable activities for the benefit of Nidderdale Plus.

Recruiting and appointing Trustees:

Trustee vacancies are advertised, and applicants are interviewed prior to meeting with the full Board. Induction into the workings of the Charitable Company is carried out by Officers already serving on the Board with ongoing training being undertaken.

Organisational structure and decision making:

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for the organisation and ensuring that it is well run and that it continues to deliver the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the people for whom it has been set up. The Board, working closely with the Executive Director, develops the strategy and agrees and maintains the vision, mission, and values of the organisation. During the year, to better reflect the changing nature of the services Nidderdale Plus offers, the board adopted the following mission statement: ***"We promote wellbeing, we foster independence, we cultivate a sense of belonging."***

The Board meets at least six times per year, excluding the AGM, when it discusses and monitors the work and performance of the organisation. Board members also meet to progress initiatives and projects as well as with stakeholders. The Board also holds an annual 'Away Day' where strategy, priorities and performance are considered, and future plans agreed. During the year in review, Martyn Price came on board as an employee, as Governance Administrator, to help with the growing needs of the organisation, digitisation of records, and management of the information that the Board needs to keep abreast of, and to manage trustee meetings and the AGM.

During 2022-2023 the Partnership employed one full time and five part time staff (some permanent and some fixed term), and employed three people on zero-hours contracts.

Executive Director: Helen Flynn (25 hours pw)

Community Hub Coordinator: Sandra Walker (full time)

Business Support Officer: Tracey Dawson (15 hours pw)

Digital Champion Coordinator: Joanne Hayes (15 hours pw)

Partnership Officer: Angela Raw (21 hours pw)

Governance Administrator: Martyn Price (7 hours pm)

Zero-hours contracts: Carole Cottrill, Andy Cockcroft, Laura Crossley

Librarian: Carol Cooling (employed by NYCC)

Volunteers (active in the financial year 2022-2023):

Library/Office: Sharon Cawood, Chris Grainger, Helen Hattan, Rosemary Helme, Pat Jackson, Suzanne Mellor, Fiona Robson, Kath Chapman, Jude Bartle, Julia Saunders

Drivers: Carolyn Evans, David Thomas, Lawrence Sherrington, Roger Wensley, Ron Walker, Sandra Walker, Sarah Turnbull, Simon Robinson, Stuart Hattan, Darryl Hall, Gill Lazonby, David Bird, Andy Chapman, Tracey Dawson, Paul Howells, Duncan Sloane, Gordon Murdoch, Alan Brown, Alan Land, Nigel McDonald, Angela Raw, Julia Saunders, Joanna Wright.

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Shop volunteers: Vanessa Appleby, Jude Bartle, Jayne Booth, Barbara Cansell, David Clarke, Elizabeth Clarke, Ruth Dodsworth, Helen Evans, Judy Evans, Anita Fraser, Felicity Hallam, Jane Hallam, Emma Jones, Susan Jones, Julia Kent, Tessa Lee, Lorraine Pratt, Terri Scarborough, Alison Snow, Thelma Spain, Judith Spencer, Jenny Spruce, Sarah Turnbull, Roger Wensley, Scarlett Wild (Duke of Edinburgh Scheme)

Digital Champion volunteers: Judi Northfield, Jessica Wood, Paul Howells, Simon Cooney, Jane Robinson, Alyson Davies, Colin Jones, David Turley, Paula Waggoner

Meals on Wheels volunteers: Jackie Kerr, Carol White, Grant Blakemore, Samantha O'Brien, Claire Porter, Alan Cottrill, Julia Saunders, Dee Longfellow, Lynne Heaton, Helen Brown, Margaret Helm.

Vaccination volunteer marshals: Jane Aksut, Jerry Anderson, Marie Barnett, Sue Bell, David Bird, Linda Boon, Elaine Brierley, Helen Brown, Andy Cockroft, Sue Cockroft, Anthony Comerford, Helen Comerford, Malcolm Constantine, Karen Cowen, James Critchley, Lee Daysh, Liz Elvidge, John Elvidge, Mandy Fallon, Gemma Franey, Lynne Heaton, Rob Higgs, Sarah Jones, Alan Jordan, Val Jordan, Jackie Kerr, Jonathan Knocker, Carol Lancaster, Colette Luscomb, Jarl Luscomb, Paul Mitchell, Catherine Mounsey, Gina Read, Ann Shepherd, Duncan Sloane, Mark Tankard, John Thompson, Chris Turner, Sandra Walker, Elisa Wardman, Viv White, Viv Whitelaw

Nidderdale Network Volunteer Coordinators: Tracey Dawson, Jackie Kerr, Jane Aksut, Gina Crowther, Bryan Dexter, Nigel Nicholas, Rose Gosling, John Hartshorn, Graham Hebblethwaite, Andy Lyon, Julie Wilberforce

Board of Trustees:

Paula Newson Smith (Chair, stepped down November 2022); Roger Wensley (Treasurer); Richard Bruce (Chair from November 2022) ; Jenny Spruce; David Frady; Jackie Kerr; Malcolm Dawson (joined November 2022); Gordon Murdoch; Sue Jones; Colin Ions (stepped down November 2022).

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Richard Bruce

Richard Bruce – Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NIDDERDALE PLUS PARTNERSHIP

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 11 to 22.

This report is made solely to the Charitable Company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Charitable Company's trustees as a body in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charitable Company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charitable Company, the Charitable Company's members as a body and the Charitable Company's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sarah Wearing

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24 October 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2023 £</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	52,245	59,433	111,678	47,072
Charitable activities	4	123,389	-	123,389	119,555
Investment income	5	250	-	250	6
Total Income		175,884	59,433	235,317	166,633
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	129,901	44,537	174,438	121,580
Total Expenditure		129,901	44,537	174,438	121,580
Net income		45,983	14,896	60,879	45,053
Transfers between funds	14	24,000	(24,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		69,983	(9,104)	60,879	45,053
Total Funds Brought Forward		143,429	24,000	167,429	122,376
Total Funds Carried Forward	15	£ 213,412	£ 14,896	£ 228,308	£ 167,429

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET
(company number: 05331403)

		2023	2022
	<i>Notes</i>	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	9	33,878	10,783
Investments	10	100	100
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	73,976	32,483
Cash at Bank and in Hand		129,701	129,238
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		203,677	161,721
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,347)	(5,175)
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Net Current Assets		194,330	156,546
Total Net Assets		<hr/> <hr/> £ 228,308	<hr/> <hr/> £ 167,429
The Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds			
- Designated	13	114,033	49,583
- Undesignated	13	99,379	93,846
Restricted Funds	14	14,896	24,000
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Total Charity Funds		<hr/> <hr/> £ 228,308	<hr/> <hr/> £ 167,429

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023, the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The Members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees/Management Committee on 24 October 2023.

Roger Wensley

Roger Wensley
Trustee/Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a private company limited by guarantee. The members are the Trustees. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company. The company is incorporated and registered in England and Wales and is a public entity (no. 05331403).

The address of its registered office is:

Station Square, King Street, Pateley Bridge, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 5AT

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102))), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 1A) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charitable Company is small and has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 7 of FRS 102 and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement.

The Nidderdale Plus Partnership meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The accounts are prepared in UK Sterling and rounded to the nearest £.

b) Going Concern

The Charitable Company has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The Charitable Company has seen its service levels and funding expand since the COVID-19 pandemic. These additional services are fully funded with monies provided in advance.

The Trustees therefore have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for 12 months from signing the accounts. They continue to believe that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

c) Income

Donations and legacies are accounted for when they are receivable by the Charitable Company. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis as far as is prudent to do so.

d) Grant Income

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account at the time when they are entitled to the receipt. Any unspent restricted grants at the period end are carried forward as restricted funds in the balance sheet.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure and Allocation of Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Staff costs and overheads are recharged to the subsidiary based on time and income levels. Costs are apportioned within the charity and fund accounting as detailed below:-

Staff costs - on a time basis

Other direct charitable costs and costs of generating funds - on an actual basis

Support costs - on the level of use/ actual basis where specific

f) Taxation

As a registered Charity it benefits from rate relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, but not from VAT. The Charitable Company is not registered for VAT and therefore the irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

g) Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Equipment, fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance
Vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Land and buildings	- 10 year straight line

h) Investments

The investment in the Charitable Company's unlisted trading subsidiary is included at historical cost.

i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and any short term deposit accounts with a maturity of three months or less from the date of opening.

k) Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charitable Company 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

l) Funds

The Unrestricted Funds are funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Designated Funds are funds set aside by the Trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted Funds are funds which have been received by the Charitable Company for a specific purposes other than the general objectives of the Charitable Company.

The nature and purpose of each individual fund are explained in notes 13 and 14.

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3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2023</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Donations	1,440	1,000	2,440	5,941
Donations from Nidderdale Ltd	47,732	-	47,732	1,608
Grant - The Brelms Trust CIO	-	-	-	3,000
Government Grants	1,747	52,193	53,940	7,547
Government Grants - Mini Bus	-	-	-	24,000
Grants	-	6,240	6,240	4,976
Fundraising	1,326	-	1,326	-
	<u>£ 52,245</u>	<u>£ 59,433</u>	<u>£ 111,678</u>	<u>£ 47,072</u>

In 2022 £34,276 of Donations and Legacies were restricted.

The Charity also benefits greatly from the involvement and enthusiastic support of its many volunteers, details of which are given in our annual report. In accordance with Charities SORP, the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2023</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<i>Service level agreements:</i>				
Harrogate Borough Council	13,525	-	13,525	13,000
North Yorkshire Police	6,268	-	6,268	6,268
NYCC - Access to services	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
NYCC - Community Support Organisation	36,000	-	36,000	36,000
NYCC - Dial a ride	1,891	-	1,891	1,891
NYCC - Library	7,598	-	7,598	6,944
NHS - Vaccination volunteers	4,950	-	4,950	13,800
	<u>74,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,232</u>	<u>81,903</u>
<i>Other income:</i>				
Community Car	10,709	-	10,709	8,247
Library Fees	1,524	-	1,524	1,160
Meals on wheels	3,902	-	3,902	6,071
Census Support Service	-	-	-	1,960
Minibus	11,861	-	11,861	-
Costs recharged to Nidd Ltd	21,161	-	21,161	20,214
	<u>£ 123,389</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 123,389</u>	<u>£ 119,555</u>

In 2022 £684 of Income from Charitable activities were restricted.

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5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	<i>Year to</i> <i>31 March 2023</i>	<i>Year to</i> <i>31 March 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Bank and Building Society Interest	£ 250	£ 6

6 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Year to</i> <i>31 March 2023</i>	<i>Year to</i> <i>31 March 2022</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Staff Salary Costs	73,592	21,074	94,666	75,816
Staff Training and Recruitment	1,961	2,000	3,961	1,031
Staff Expenses	282	-	282	-
Volunteer Training	30	-	30	880
Community transport	315	-	315	-
Healthy Independent Connected	-	4,000	4,000	-
Meals on Wheels	4,256	-	4,256	5,196
Community Car - Fuel	143	3,000	3,143	2,650
Community Car - Insurance/Repairs	975	-	975	1,019
Community Car - Driver expenses	998	-	998	913
Telephone and Broadband	1,502	-	1,502	1,065
Stationery and Printing	253	-	253	410
Rent	12,500	-	12,500	10,417
Light, Heat and Water	3,143	-	3,143	2,042
Repairs and Renewals	1,189	-	1,189	2,109
Promotion and Event Costs	1,164	-	1,164	1,188
Cleaning	278	-	278	149
Tackling Loneliness	-	14,030	14,030	-
Emergency Food Aid	-	104	104	153
Sundry	784	-	784	630
Fundraising	245	-	245	-
Minibus - Fuel	1,859	-	1,859	-
Minibus - Insurance/Repairs	1,061	-	1,061	-
Minibus - Honorarium	500	-	500	-
Minibus - Other	989	-	989	-
Grant - Kirby Malzeard COVID	400	-	400	-
Depreciation	12,105	-	12,105	3,594
Support Costs (see below)	9,377	329	9,706	12,318
	£ 129,901	£ 44,537	£ 174,438	£ 121,580
Support costs				
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,500	-	1,500	1,285
AGM Costs	196	-	196	45
IT Costs	1,568	-	1,568	3,230
Insurance	1,348	-	1,348	1,005
Advertising	2,808	329	3,137	4,033
Bank Charges	135	-	135	182
Payroll Services	1,036	-	1,036	1,012
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	1,130
Subscriptions and Licences	786	-	786	396
	£ 9,377	£ 329	£ 9,706	£ 12,318

In 2022 £10,460 of expenses in Charitable activities were applied to restricted activities.

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7 STAFF COSTS

	<i>Year to 31 March 2023</i>	<i>Year to 31 March 2022</i>
	£	£
Wages and Salaries (gross)	89,426	71,125
Sub-contractors	1,808	1,745
Pension Costs	3,432	2,946
	<u>£ 94,666</u>	<u>£ 75,816</u>

The average head count of staff employed during the year was 9 (2022 - 6).

No employee earned over £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the Charitable Company, is the Executive Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity was £28,212 (2022 - £28,333).

8 TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

There were no transactions with trustee during the year (2022:£nil)

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Vehicles	Land and buildings	Equipment, fixtures and fittings	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	-	24,367	26,683	51,050
Additions	35,200	-	-	35,200
	<u>35,200</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>26,683</u>	<u>86,250</u>
At 31 March 2023	35,200	24,367	26,683	86,250
	<u>35,200</u>	<u>24,367</u>	<u>26,683</u>	<u>86,250</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1 April 2022	-	17,058	23,209	40,267
Charge for the year	8,800	2,437	868	12,105
	<u>8,800</u>	<u>19,495</u>	<u>24,077</u>	<u>52,372</u>
At 31 March 2023	8,800	19,495	24,077	52,372
	<u>8,800</u>	<u>19,495</u>	<u>24,077</u>	<u>52,372</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>				
At 31 March 2023	£ 26,400	£ 4,872	£ 2,606	£ 33,878
	<u>£ 26,400</u>	<u>£ 4,872</u>	<u>£ 2,606</u>	<u>£ 33,878</u>
At 31 March 2022	£ -	£ 7,309	£ 3,474	£ 10,783
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 7,309</u>	<u>£ 3,474</u>	<u>£ 10,783</u>

All fixed assets were used for the furtherance of the charitable activities.

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10 INVESTMENTS

The Charitable Company holds 100% of the ordinary £1 share capital in its trading subsidiary Nidderdale Limited totalling £100. The subsidiary was incorporated on 16 September 2015 and its activities include the provision of tourist information, sale of merchandise, office services and retail shop. The total net profit of £47,732 (2022 - £1,608) was donated to The Nidderdale Partnership Plus. Additionally, during the year £21,161 (2022 - £20,214) was recharged to Nidderdale Limited for management fees.

A summary of the results of the subsidiary is shown below:

	<i>Year ended 31 March 2023 £</i>	<i>Year ended 31 March 2022 £</i>
Turnover	96,134	29,410
Cost of sales	(5,455)	(2,039)
Gross profit	90,679	27,371
Administrative expenses	(42,947)	(25,763)
Profit before donations to charity	£ 47,732	£ 1,608

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

Assets	67,524	26,051
Liabilities	(67,424)	(25,951)
Funds	£ 100	£ 100

11 DEBTORS

	<i>2023 £</i>	<i>2022 £</i>
Trade Debtors	2,106	90
Amounts owed from Subsidiary Undertaking	66,680	25,297
Other Debtors	-	400
Prepayments and Accrued Income	5,190	6,696
	£ 73,976	£ 32,483

12 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	<i>2023 £</i>	<i>2022 £</i>
Other Taxes and Social Security	1,613	1,389
Other Creditors	2,000	2,217
Accruals	5,734	1,569
	£ 9,347	£ 5,175

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13 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.22</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
- Fixed assets	10,883	-	(12,105)	35,200	33,978
- Minibus	16,200	-	(4,000)	(8,200)	4,000
- Minibus future	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
- Expanding services	22,500	-	(11,445)	-	11,055
- Community Funding	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	<u>49,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,550)</u>	<u>92,000</u>	<u>114,033</u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>93,846</u>	<u>175,884</u>	<u>(102,351)</u>	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>99,379</u>
	<u>£ 143,429</u>	<u>£ 175,884</u>	<u>£ (129,901)</u>	<u>£ 24,000</u>	<u>£ 213,412</u>

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.21</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2022</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
- Fixed assets	12,557	-	(3,594)	1,920	10,883
- Minibus	19,700	-	-	(3,500)	16,200
- Expanding services	<u>34,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,204)</u>	<u>(7,796)</u>	<u>22,500</u>
	<u>66,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,798)</u>	<u>(9,376)</u>	<u>49,583</u>
Unrestricted Funds	<u>55,619</u>	<u>131,673</u>	<u>(103,322)</u>	<u>9,876</u>	<u>93,846</u>
	<u>£ 122,376</u>	<u>£ 131,673</u>	<u>£ (111,120)</u>	<u>£ 500</u>	<u>£ 143,429</u>

Designated Funds

Fixed Assets: This fund relates to the net book value of the fixed assets of the charity including the investments in the shares of the trading subsidiary.

Minibus: This fund relate to monies set aside for the purchase on a minibus in 2023 and running costs for the first 2 years.

Minibus Future: This fund relates to monies set aside towards the purchase of a new minibus in the future.

Expanding services: This fund relates to the generation of a new post due to the expanding demands on the charity.

Nidderdale Community Funding - This fund relates to monies that Nidderdale Plus has allocated, from charity shop proceeds, to the Nidderdale Plus Community Fund that will make grant awards to local charities, groups and organisations on an annual basis from the financial year 2023/24.

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14 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.22</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Digital Champions	-	7,065	(7,065)	-	-
Emergency Food Aid	-	2,000	(104)	-	1,896
Tackling Loneliness	-	25,668	(25,668)	-	-
NYCC Locality	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
IVAR Connecting Health	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
NYCC Minibus Grant	24,000	-	-	(24,000)	-
NYCC Prevention Grant	-	15,000	(4,000)	-	11,000
NYCC Care and Training	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
NYCC Winter Pressures	-	5,000	(3,000)	-	2,000
Total	£ 24,000	£ 59,433	£ (44,537)	£ (24,000)	£ 14,896

	<i>Balance b/f 01.04.2021</i>	<i>Income received</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers In/(out)</i>	<i>Balance c/f 31.03.2022</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Digital Champions	-	1,020	(1,020)	-	-
Emergency Food Aid	-	350	(350)	-	-
NYCC NHS App Grant	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Prescription Delivery	-	48	(48)	-	-
Meals on Wheels	-	684	(684)	-	-
NYCC Minibus Grant	-	24,000	-	-	24,000
Brierley Homes	-	234	(234)	-	-
TRCF Arqiva Grant	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Computer Costs	-	500	-	(500)	-
The Brelms Trust CIO	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
NYCC Locality	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-
NYCC Thank you Event	-	500	(500)	-	-
TRCF Travel Grant	-	124	(124)	-	-
Total	£ -	£ 34,960	£ (10,460)	£ (500)	£ 24,000

Transfers during the year and prior year relate to unrestricted funds being used to finance a deficit on restricted funds and additions to fixed assets moved to unrestricted funds.

Digital Champions: Various grants/donations were received in year to help fund the Digital Champions project. Principal amongst these were: Connect Up grant from Good Things Foundation (£2,040); Two Ridings Community Foundation Local Fund grant (£3,000); North Yorkshire County Council Locality grant (£1,025); YorPlace Ltd donation (£1,000).

Emergency Food Aid: Monies received from Ripon Community House to administer and purchase emergency food when needed by local residents.

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14 RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

NYCC NHS App Grant: Grant received from NHS (via) NYCC for doing outreach to encourage people to download the NHS App.

Meals on Wheels: monies received from NYCC, HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust and Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund for infrastructure and consumables to support new Meals on Wheels service.

NYCC Minibus Grant: Grant for new minibus in 2022 now released in 2023 as purchase has been made.

Brierley Homes: Grant money received from Brierley Homes to purchase and erect jigsaw shelving in the back office of Nidderdale Plus, to accommodate a growing jigsaw library.

TRCF Arqiva Grant: Grant received from Arqiva so that we can do outreach to let people know what they can do if they continue to experience problems with their TV after the Bilsdale mast burned down.

Computer Costs: Micro Grant received from NYCC for the purchase of IT equipment.

The Brelms Trust CIO: The charity received a 3 year grant commitment from the trust between 2019-21 to help fund the extra staff costs for the expansion of services offered by the charity.

NYCC Locality Grant: NYCC provides each County Councillor with a budget to respond to local needs by recommending funding to support certain activities; we received one in the year to cover time spent dealing with community car project.

NYCC Thank you Event: We received a grant from NYCC to thank volunteers at a special event.

TRCF Travel Grant: To pay for travel expenses to travel down to London to attend a carol service at Westminster Abbey to thank charities for their work during COVID-19.

NYCC Personalised Care and Training - This grant was received to train staff in greater awareness of what is involved in personalised care and also to help facilitate links between ourselves and local care providers

NYCC Winter Pressure Grant - Contribution to community transport providers to assist with the greater pressures of providing transport in winter months.

NYCC Prevention Grant - Grant received for running activities and offering services that aid with the prevention of health issues and promote wellbeing in general to be spent in 2023-24.

IVAR Connecting Health Communities in North Yorkshire - This money was to pay for Executive Director's time in assisting with this project in North Yorkshire.

CTA Tackling Loneliness Grant - This grant money came from the Community Transport Association's successful £498k bid into the Department for Transport's "Tackling Loneliness with Transport" fund. The CTA then offered a grant fund to its members to bid into. Our successful grant was for a partnership with Supporting Older People for a project called "Befriending through Community Transport", which offered a series of day and weekly trips in our new minibus, to alleviate social isolation and loneliness.

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15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted</i>			
	<i>Undesignated</i>	<i>Designated</i>	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>	<i>Funds</i>	
	£	£	£	£
2023				
Fixed Assets	-	33,878	-	33,878
Investments	-	100	-	100
Current Assets	108,726	80,055	14,896	203,677
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	(9,347)	-	-	(9,347)
Net Assets	£ 99,379	£ 114,033	£ 14,896	£ 228,308
2022				
Fixed Assets	-	10,783	-	10,783
Investments	-	100	-	100
Current Assets	99,021	38,700	24,000	161,721
Creditors: Amounts due in less than one year	(5,175)	-	-	(5,175)
Net Assets	£ 93,846	£ 49,583	£ 24,000	£ 167,429

16 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The total future value of minimum lease payments is as follows:

	2023	2022
<i>Buildings</i>	£	£
Within one year	12,500	12,500
Within one to two years	12,500	12,500
Within two to five years	5,208	17,708
	£ 30,208	£ 42,708

The amount of non-cancellable operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the year was £12,500 (2022 - £10,417).

17 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no other related party transactions in the year other than those with Trustees disclosed in note 8 and the subsidiary disclosed in note 10.