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Company registered number 08179414 (England & Wales)

LIFELINE (HARROGATE) LIMITED

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

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A D Barnes

C M Good

R J B Marjoribanks

Miss A W A Seaver

Mrs G P Good (resigned 24/03/2015)

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Trustees Report

The trustees present their report and accounts
For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2006.

Structure governance and management :

The charity operates as a company limited by guarantee. The principal activity of the company continued to be to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit.

The trustees who are also the directors for the purpose of company law and who served during the year were :

Dr C R Coggins
A D Barnes
C M Good
R J B Marjoribanks
Miss A W A Seaver
Mrs G P Good (resigned 24/03/2015)

The directors of the company are also trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are known as members of the management committee.
Under the requirements of the memorandum or articles of association the members of the management committee are elected and / or re-elected at the annual general meeting.

Organisational structure :

The charity has a management committee of up to 6 members who meet at regular intervals and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Objectives and aims

Objectives and activities :

The charity's Objects are the relief of need and poverty of homeless people in Harrogate and district by providing accommodation, education, training, personal development opportunities, counselling, mentoring and advice.

Significant activities

We work with Local Authority financed initiatives such as the Harrogate Homeless Project to identify those ready to move on from hostel accommodation as a step towards independent living. These help support the Governments' national No Second Night Out initiative by freeing up places in hostel accommodation. We currently have three houses each accommodating up to 3 adults. Lifeline's third house completed in August 2015.

We support and train volunteers to mentor and befriend those in the houses to assist, in conjunction with the Housing Support Officer employed by the charity, in the path to independent living.

Public benefit

The trustees have considered their statutory duties to ensure that the charity operates in the public benefit. The trustees believe that the support they offer to homeless people is clearly in the public benefit.

Achievements and performance :

Charitable activities

During the year the charity were pleased to be able to continue to provide "move on" accommodation to adults forced to rely on temporary hostel beds. We value our working relationship with the Harrogate Homeless Project in identifying adults ready for this move. These are individuals the hostel has identified as being ready for independent living with floating support.

As mentioned below in the review of the years activities we are in the process of expanding our referral base to incorporate other agencies.

Fundraising activities

Our fundraising activities in the past year have included talks to local Churches, organisations and schools to encourage people to adopt us as their sponsored charity or join us as "Partners" and other personal contact activities.

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Financial review :

Total incoming resources increased by nearly 30% with the second house being available throughout the full year and following the opening of our third house in September. Voluntary income slightly ahead of the prior year level and was sufficient to support our normal activities. We are pleased to report a surplus for the year which has strengthened our reserves and established the necessary funds to launch our third house. Operating costs rose as a result of increased staffing required to support the extra houses and the need to establish a small office for the charity.

Reserves policy

The trustees believe that a general reserve of three months planned expenditure will enable it to provide the security required by its supported tenants. We now have reserves at just under three months expenditure based on expenditure plans for the coming year and are seeking additional regular support to make up the shortfall.

Investment policy and objectives

The charity's funds are retained at the bank to be available for the charity's activities.

Review of the Year

Lifeline Harrogate was established as a response to the lack of hope that many were experiencing after the traumatic experience of becoming homeless had left them housed, but only in a hostel. Without people being able to see a way out of their situation in the hostel despair was setting in. Lifeline though is able to provide a real 'home' and a step out of the hostel into independent living. That home brings many benefits such as an address in the community, a front door key, a place to rebuild their life, a place where they can feel safe and secure, with support, and a launch-pad into a future life. We have been able to give people hope by giving them all of those things in a wealthy town where the gap between haves and have-nots is huge and so by restoring them back into the community we can reduce that gap at a stroke. We have residents in three three-bedroom houses.

With the advent of Universal Credit meaning that Landlords cannot be paid directly and the massive demand for rented property in the town, the Estate Agents have decided that lets through them can not only not be made to those on benefits ('DSS' as the agents call it) but not to anyone earning less than £15,000 per annum. This is causing even more problems for those on the margins and we are grateful for the opportunity we have at Lifeline to make a difference to those for whom otherwise their options would be extremely restricted.

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Review of the Year (continued)

Lifeline takes each individual through a support plan which provides the focus for weekly meetings. We focus on the following areas of development with each resident;

Finance and Debt
Education, training and employment
Relationships
Confidence and self-esteem issues
Independent Living Skills
Substance Misuse
Physical Health
Emotional and Mental Health
Offending behaviour
Resettlement
Any other quantifiable support need

By focussing on these issues, and continually reinforcing them, we are able to increase the chances of resettling individuals back into the community minimising the change that they should become homeless again. We have had some success stories of people literally throwing off the shackles of a dependent life-style and forging off on their own through employment gained whilst with Lifeline into fully independent accommodation.

To date Lifeline has had 94% occupancy of its bed since its inception in February 2013. Rent unpaid is only 3.81% of total rents achievable comparing well to private landlords (*A third (32 per cent) of landlords in the UK – approximately 500,000 – say they have experienced rent arrears in the last 12 months, according to research from the National Landlords Association*)

Lifeline has housed 25 people since inception. There have been 19 leavers with 11 of those going on into fully independent accommodation (58%). 8 residents have found work whilst with Lifeline (32%).

Lifeline conducted a resident survey for 2015 and the results came back that all were 'at least satisfied' with Lifeline in all the different areas of support that we administer, most 'highly satisfied', and that they 'at least agreed', mostly 'strongly agreed', that Lifeline was helping in various ways.

Lifeline has also worked in 'partnership' with Harrogate Homeless Project, Harrogate Town AFC, Fairfax Community Centre and Halo Security Ltd in providing a football course called 'Lifeline through Football' which provides a work-based qualification in Stewarding. This is for anyone on benefits. The course received funding from the DWP. Harrogate has very low unemployment rates so this course is reaching out to those who are really struggling to take that next step. Four courses (all 8 days long) have been run now, three in the last 12 months. A number of individuals from the course have gone onto paid employment.

Lifeline is the process of extending its catchment for referrals to the Young Persons Hub, Foundation Housing, YMCA and SASH so that we will work with more people under the age of 25 and over the age of 21.

Since Lifeline began housing people in 2013 our residents have now enjoyed over 6300 nights in a warm, comfortable environment. It is not only housing they receive but ongoing support in all aspects of their life. During this time we have seen many amazing changes in people as they benefit from being part of what we feel we create, which is a community and a family.

Lifeline would like to thank the following organisations for their financial support in 2015;

Liz and Terry Bramall Charitable Trust
Help the Homeless Charity
St Marks Church
Green Pastures CBS Limited
DWP

Lifeline is a Christian Charity which has Jesus at its head. We cannot do what we do without him. We continue to be guided and inspired by the story given by Jesus of the Good Samaritan who chose not to pass by but instead took total responsibility for a strangers needs.

On behalf of the board of trustees

R J B Marjoribanks

Trustee

Dated : 18 July 2016

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of

Lifeline (Harrogate) Limited :

We report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on the following pages

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The trustees who are also the directors of Lifeline (Harrogate) Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to :

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention :

(a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :

(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and

(ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

have not been met; or

(b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Accountants and Tax Harrogate Limited
6 Mount Street
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Dated : 1 June 2016

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Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Notes			Dec-15	Dec-14
Incoming resources from generated funds :				
Voluntary income	£24,082		£24,082	£19,959
Activities for generating funds	2 £0		£0	£0
Investment income	3 £8		£8	£31
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
Supported housing	£57,201		£57,201	£42,846
			£0	
Total incoming resources	£81,291	£0	£81,291	£62,836
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising trading : cost of goods sold and other related costs	£0		£0	£0
Charitable activities :				
Supported housing	£44,239		£44,239	£32,722
Operating costs	£28,382		£28,382	£18,365
Lunch group	£814		£814	£839
Governance costs	£300		£300	£300
Total resources expended	£73,735	£0	£73,735	£52,226
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	£7,556	£0	£7,556	£10,610
Deficit of Expenditure over Income	£0	£0	£0	£0
Transfers between funds				
Fund balances at start of period	£16,658	£0	£16,658	£6,048
Fund balances at end of period	£24,214	£0	£24,214	£16,658

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2015

	Notes	Dec-15	42338
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	£0	£137
Current assets			
Debtors	8	£4,188	£2,038
Cash at bank and in hand		£20,475	£16,888
		£24,663	£18,926
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within 1 year	9	£450	£2,405
Net current assets		£24,213	£16,521
Total assets less current liabilities		£24,213	£16,658
Income funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	£24,214	£16,658
Restricted funds		£0	
Total Funds		£24,214	£16,658

The charitable company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006,

No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit for these accounts.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The accounts were approved by the board on 18 July 2016

R J B Marjoribanks (Trustee)

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Notes to the Accounts

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

Note 1 : Accounting policies

Note 1.1 : Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

Note 1.2 : Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each assets over its expected useful life as follows :

Freehold land is not depreciated

Freehold buildings are not depreciated

Note 1.3 : Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each assets over its estimated useful life.

Computer and other equipment	33% on cost
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Note 1.4 : Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Note 1.5 : Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Note 2 : Activities for Generating Funds

	2015	2014
Fundraising events	£0	£0

Note 3 : Investment Income

	2015	2014
Bank deposit account interest	£8	£31

Note 4 : Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources

	2015	2014
Net resources are stated after charging / (crediting) :		
Depreciation - owned assets	£137	£135

Note 5 : Trustee's Remuneration and benefits

C M Good is remunerated for his duties as Chief Executive of the company and this is reviewed annually by the other trustees in accordance with Charities Commission guidelines.

Trustee's expenses

During the year the following trustees were reimbursed amount:
incurred on behalf of the charity.

	2015	2014
C M Good	£1,504	£1,158
Dr. C R Coggins	£48	£38

Note 6 : Employees

	2015	2014
The average monthly number of employees during the period was	3	2
Costs of wages and salaries	£24,642	£15,836

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £80,000 or more.

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Note 7 : Tangible fixed assets

Plant & Machinery Etc.

Cost :

As at 1 January 2015	£408
Additions	£0
Disposals	£0
As at 31 December 2015	£408

Depreciation :

As at 1 January 2015	£271
Charged during period	£137

As at 31 December 2015 **£408**

Net book values :

As at 31 December 2015 **£0**

As at 1 January 2015 £137

Note 8 : Debtors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2015	2014
Supported housing income due	£2,605	£979
Gift aid claims due	£1,583	£1,059
Other amounts due	£0	£0
	£4,188	£2,038

Note 9 : Creditors : amounts falling due within one year :

	2015	2014
Supported housing costs payable	£150	£0
Governance costs payable	£300	£300
Loan(s) outstanding	£0	£2,105
	£450	£2,405