

The Trustees have reviewed the charity's needs in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and believe the charity should hold financial reserves because:-

- It has no regular endowment or grants funding and is dependent for income on donor funding, which is subject to fluctuation and dependent on the availability of furniture, electrical and household items, and the state of the economy generally.
- It requires protection against, and the ability to continue operating in the event of damaging or unforeseen circumstances.

The Trustees have set aside or designated

- £10,000 to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken at short notice, and
- £145,000 to safeguard the charity's position representing 3 months running costs.

The Trustees have expressed a desire to increase the reserves to represent 4 months running costs which would equate to £194,000 and will work towards this figure.

The Trustees believe that the reserves should be at least at this level to ensure the charity can run efficiently and safely to meet the needs of its beneficiaries both now and in the future.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees every six months.

Signed by the
Chairman:

Date: