

REVIEW BY TASK AND FINISH PANEL

QUESTIONNAIRE ON SERVICE PROVISION BY SLA FUNDED GROUPS

1. Name of Group...Lambourne End Centre for Outdoor Learning.....

2. What does your group do?....

Lambourne End Centre is a fantastic 54 acre classroom. In this alternative educational environment, our unique blend of adventure, team building, hands-on farm activities, environmental learning, residential visits and vocational courses help young people to build confidence, raise self-esteem, generate a sense of achievement, develop team work and improve communication skills. We inspire vulnerable young people to fulfil their potential and explore the way they view themselves and the world around them.

Our site includes a swimming pool, climbing wall, caving system, farm education centre and classrooms for vocational courses.

3. Please tell us about the positive impact you feel you make in the Epping Forest district

We work with over 12,000 young people from across Essex and East London each year, many struggling in mainstream environments due to disability, special needs or poor educational achievement. We move them away from destructive behaviour and reengage them with positive activities to raise their aspirations, inspire them to fulfil their potential and ultimately improve their life satisfaction.

We work particularly closely with the six secondary schools in Epping Forest (West Hatch, Roding, Davenant, St Johns, Debden and King Harold) delivering an 'Aspirations' project with young people at risk of dropping out of school. Aspirations is a programme using the full range of our activities, giving young people opportunities to realise their potential and achieve.

We have delivered a Golf Roots Programme with 5 students from St John's School, Epping, who achieved a Level 1 Land based Qualification as part of a 10 week, one day a week, course to improve health and wellbeing, team work and practical skills.

We also offer placements on our Food for Thought programme to residents in West Essex. Food for Thought is designed for young people with special educational needs, poor mental health including anxiety, or low confidence and those needing assistance with transition into adulthood. The supportive environment on the gardens, planting and nurturing fruit and vegetables, helps people develop practical and life skills whilst gaining confidence, increasing self-esteem and feeling valued.

In November, Lambourne End Centre was the winner of the Epping Forest Contributor Towards Raising Employment Opportunities of the Year award, presented by the Youth Employment Strategy partnership (YES). Candidates were nominated by local organisations, employers and young people themselves. We were recognised for taking on more than 80 people a year in various roles giving them great future job prospects and for providing excellent skills learning for people of all ages and abilities.

4. Tell us how the grant aid funding has contributed to your activities/services?

Epping Forest District Council's Grant Aid funding has assisted us to purchase new equipment and set up new projects. Recently, grant aid has helped us to kit out our new

cabin with kitchen equipment, and buy our own wool spinning wheel with accompanying tools. In the past, Grant Aid has helped us purchase new adventurous activity equipment and contributed towards the conversion of our pony barn into classrooms and a workshop for the Food for Thought project.

Since setting up the Food for Thought project, we have been able to secure further funding from the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group's Independence, Choice and Control Fund which offers free supported volunteering placements to residents in West Essex based on our gardens, to build their confidence, meet new people, gain transferrable skills and feel valued.

The service level agreement we have with Epping Forest District Council is fantastic not only because it is unrestricted, but because it is a 3 year agreement it has assisted us with planning and budgeting.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the support of Epping Forest District Council over the years through funding, attending our events, telling people about us and lots of other support. Through your grant aid and service level agreement, you have been a major contributor to the development and expansion of the services at our centre, helping young people to build their self-esteem and life skills through outdoor learning.

5. What would your group like to do to extend its provision and what unmet needs are you aware of?

We are continuously fundraising for ongoing projects such as salaries, equipment and refurbishment work. We also seek funding for new initiatives such as a new adventurous activity, a new building or to start up a new project.

Funders often prefer to fund capital projects which can be seen/itemised or new initiatives. This presents a stumbling block as the Centre also requires core funding so that we can carry out our daily activities.

Our current unmet needs are:

- Funding for a new staff post to pull together our work with children with disabilities including keeping up to date with our OFSTED registration and coordinating activity days. This will include salary costs and costs associated with using office space and equipment.
- Funding for the materials and tools (potentially to hire) required to re-paint or replace the surfaces of our climbing walls, including tightening of the 'holds'.
- Funding to replace or purchase new equipment such as tents, pond dipping nets, farm tools and a defibrillator.
- Core costs. We receive some small unrestricted grants on a fairly regular basis including the SLA we have with Epping Forest District Council, but we seek continuous core funding to help secure our finances and plan ahead.

6. Please provide a copy of your latest income/expenditure statement.

Our draft annual accounts for the year end March 2015 are attached, as well as our final accounts for year end March 2014.

Many thanks, Chris Overend, Community, Policy and Grants Manager

LAMBOURNE END LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Donations		4,372	0	4,372	13,039
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Personal Development		294,626	15,554	310,180	235,015
Lambourne End Centre Facilities		131,695	7,897	139,592	123,603
Farm and the Environment		91,588	3,985	95,573	62,872
Hands On Programme		90,182	3,399	93,581	72,697
Food For Thought		39,182	79,475	118,657	117,147
Total incoming resources		651,645	110,310	761,955	624,373
Resources expended					
<i>Cost of generated funds:</i>					
Donations		30,230	0	30,230	28,931
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Personal Development		277,449	2,863	280,312	246,062
Lambourne End Centre Facilities		130,051	4,891	134,943	84,685
Farm and the environment		79,758	1,388	81,146	71,593
Hands On Programme		60,494	232	60,726	54,031
Food For Thought		43,830	66,453	110,283	92,355
<i>Governance</i>		6,747	0	6,747	7,038
Total resources expended	5	628,560	75,827	704,387	584,695
Net incoming resources before transfers	2	23,085	34,483	57,568	39,678
Transfers between funds		35,895	(35,895)	0	0
Net incoming resources after transfers		58,980	(1,412)	57,568	39,678
Fund balances brought forward		441,551	22,714	464,265	424,587
Fund balances carried forward		500,531	21,302	521,833	464,265

All amounts relate to continuing operations. There were no other recognised gains or losses in the period.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts.

