THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1040487

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	02895760
Registered	1994-08-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Radius Works Back Lane London NW3 1HL
Phone	02077949835
Email	people@charitiesadvisorytrust.org.uk
Website	www.charitiesadvisorytrust.org.uk

Activities

Objects: (1) RELIEVE POVERTY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (2) ADVANCE EDUCATION (3) PRESERVE BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS OF ARCHITECTURAL MERIT (4) ASSIST CHARITIES SO THAT THEY MAY MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR ASSETS AND RESOURCES BOTH GENERALLY AND IN RELATION TO TRADING AND/OR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES ON THEIR BEHALF (5) TO ADVANCE ANY OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 97(1) CHARITIES ACT 1993

Activities: To;- promote charitable giving through Card Aid and the Good Gifts Catalogue- provide opportunities to help others through volunteering (Knit for Peace - knitting for those in need at home and abroad)- provide advice and practical help to charities to enable them to be more effective. - create and fund income generating activities which provide employment and are sustainable.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Angola
- Dominica
- Ghana
- India
- Israel
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Northern Ireland
- Rwanda
- Scotland
- Sierra Leone
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- The Gambia
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£349,152	£435,898	-	-
2024-06-30	£364,997	£567,536	-	-
2023-06-30	£546,506	£747,471	£2,629,199	5
2022-06-30	£714,487	£763,828	£2,796,136	6
2021-06-30	£608,838	£725,071	£3,018,608	6

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID RUSSELL		2014-07-17
Rowena Dunn		2018-04-25
Sandra Fontano		2025-12-02

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Accounts

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Report and Audited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2025

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The Charities Advisory Trust
Reference and Administrative Details
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Company Number	02895760 (England and Wales)
Charity Number	1040487
Registered Office	Radius Works Back Lane Hampstead London NW3 1HL
Board of Trustees	D Russell L M Mactavish (resigned 2nd December 2025) R Dunn S Fontaro (appointed 2nd December 2025)
Company Secretary	A Jn-Marie (appointed 3rd June 2025) Dame H S B Blume (resigned 3rd June 2025)
Auditor	Knox Cropper LLP 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD

The Charities Advisory Trust
Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

During 2024–25 the Trustees continued to oversee the Charity's strategic transition away from historic dependence on Card Aid income and towards a more diversified, resilient operating model with a principal focus on our two current flagship initiatives, Good Gifts and Knit for Peace. The Charity's principal objectives during the year were:

1. To maintain and further develop our Good Gifts initiative as a core grant-making and public engagement mechanism which continues to generate vital income for an array of our charity partner organisations;
2. To support and manage the continued organic growth of Knit for Peace, responding to both the increase in donations of knitwear from our supporters and growing need among our charity partner organisations;
3. To provide administrative support to Finnart House School Trust, enabling the Charity to advance education for young people of the Jewish faith in financial hardship in the UK principally through the award of scholarships to access higher education;
4. To make prudent and purposeful use of reserves to sustain charitable activity enabling us to fulfil our charitable objects;
5. To explore and test sustainable income-generation approaches, including historically The Green Hotel, Card Aid and Peace Oil as well as other initiatives.

Public benefit

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Charity's activities benefit a wide range of individuals and communities, primarily those who are disadvantaged or vulnerable.

The Charity does not support the promotion of religion. Priority is given to alleviating hardship and disadvantage, through an array of support that the Charity provides through our initiatives such as delivering clothing for vulnerable people through provision of knitwear, contributing to environmental benefit through tree-planting initiatives, and supporting humanitarian projects that have the potential to benefit the wider community.

Grant-making

Most grant-making activity is delivered through funds raised via our Good Gifts initiative. The Charity works with trusted charity partner organisations to deliver clearly defined outcomes aligned with the Trustees' objectives. Applications for individual support are rarely successful.

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Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, achievements and performance

The wider economic climate during the year continued to affect charitable giving, requiring careful cost control and prioritisation by the Trustees. Against this backdrop, the Charity focused on consolidating its core activities, investing in future-facing systems, and ensuring that reserves were deployed responsibly in support of charitable impact.

Good Gifts

Good Gifts remained a central part of the Charity's work during the year. Trustees approved investment in the redevelopment of the Good Gifts digital platform, recognising the need to modernise systems, improve reliability, and enhance the user experience. As such, options to update the Good Gifts website began to be explored at the end of the year.

Purchasing patterns continued to show sensitivity to economic pressures, with donors tending to select lower-value gifts and spend less overall. Nevertheless, Good Gifts continues to provide an important mechanism for engaging supporters and directing funds to charity partner organisations delivering tangible outcomes. It will continue over the years ahead to be a principal focus of the Charity.

Knit for Peace

Knit for Peace continues to be a flagship initiative of the Charity, combining direct material support for those in need with significant wellbeing benefits for our knitters. The initiative now engages a very large community of committed knitters across the UK, whose donated knitted items are distributed to a wide range of charities, community groups, hospices, refugee organisations and care settings, principally in the UK but also in special circumstances overseas as well, such as to the Ukraine.

The Trustees recognise the exceptional contribution made by volunteers and staff in managing logistics, partnerships and distribution at scale. Knit for Peace remains a powerful example of community action, reducing isolation, supporting mental health, and ensuring that vulnerable individuals receive warmth, dignity and care. The work would not be possible without the incredible goodwill that the initiative has generated amongst those involved.

Looking ahead we plan to further concentrate our resources in raising awareness of the initiative to both elicit more donations of knitwear as well as secure new charity partner organisations which can make best use of the donated knitted items. This is achieved both through our active, and increasing popular, social media channels on Instagram and Facebook, as well as through a new website we launched at www.knitforpace.og.uk.

The new website has enabled us for the first time to develop an e-commerce offering through which supporters can buy donated yarn at a competitive price with the knowledge that the proceeds of all sales are a contribution to our cause. This will continue to be a focus as well for our work over the year ahead.

Knit for Peace is incredibly worthwhile, both in providing warm clothes and blankets to those in need, which shows them they are not forgotten and valued. More than that, Knit for Peace is enabling people of all backgrounds to continue to feel useful and overcome the isolation and powerlessness of old age, as well as enjoying the yield of the positive impact from the proven health benefits of knitting which include stress reduction, improved mental health and even slowing the onset of dementia, by promoting a sense of calm, accomplishment, and social connection. We are determined to not only sustain but over time continue to grow the initiative ahead.

Finnart House School Trust

The Charity continued during the year to act as administrator to the Finnart House School Trust, providing governance, financial oversight and operational support in line with the Trust's charitable objects. This role includes supporting trustees with regulatory compliance, financial management and logistical support, enabling the Finnart House School Trust to focus on its core purpose of advancing education. The Trustees consider this administrative role to be consistent with CAT's wider charitable objectives and an effective use of its expertise and resources.

Card Aid

After more than four decades of activity, Card Aid now represents a very small proportion of the Charity's income. In 2024–25 no new card ranges were produced, with activity limited to the sale of residual stock which we do through our Knit for Peace and Good Gifts websites. The Trustees consider the long-term decline in the traditional greetings card market to be structural and irreversible, driven by postage costs, digital alternatives, and changing consumer behaviour. As such, we have determined not to make any further new investment in this initiative, instead to focus on realising the value of the assets that we still hold.

Fundraising Policy

During the year, Charities Advisory Trust did not make use of any consultants or external professionals to undertake its fundraising activities. Additionally, no data was shared with, or sold to, any external agencies. We did not undertake direct mail shots, send any unsolicited newsletters or approach any vulnerable individuals to support our work. A complaints policy is in place, but we received no complaints during the year about any of our fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

The Charity holds investments in accordance with a policy approved by the Trustees, which reflects their commitment to environmental, social and ethical considerations. Investment performance and asset allocation are reviewed regularly by the Trustees with reference to market conditions, income requirements and risk appetite.

The Trustees consider that the investment portfolio remains appropriate to the Charity's needs and that investment risks are managed within acceptable parameters

Reserves policy

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's reserves policy during the year in line with Charity Commission guidance and Charity SORP requirements. The purpose of holding reserves is to:

- ensure the Charity can continue to operate as a going concern;
- manage the financial impact of income volatility and unforeseen events; and
- enable the Charity to meet its commitments and strategic objectives during any transition.

The current level of reserves is considered sufficient to meet foreseeable needs and risks, taking account of planned expenditure and anticipated income.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity maintains a strong financial position with a healthy level of general reserves. They adopt a prudent attitude towards reserves which in the circumstances has proved wise.

Our reserves, built up over the years, and declining since about 2008, give a more cheerful view of our finances. Our income has been declining (because of the decline of Card Aid).

At the year end, general reserves stand at £301,597 (2024: £91,490), whilst designated reserves are £1,593,413 (2024: £1,871,531) and restricted funds are £637,017 (2024: £607,908).

Designated funds

The Trustees have reviewed the designated funds disclosed in the accounts and consider that the designations remain appropriate and prudent. Designated funds represent amounts set aside for specific purposes in accordance with Trustee decisions and may be re-designated if circumstances change.

Project development

The Trustees plan to continue developing the Trust's charitable projects so as to increase both their reach and impact. Priority will be given to the redevelopment of the Good Gifts platform. The Trust will also continue to expand its core initiatives, particularly Knit for Peace, with a focus on volunteer participation and collaboration with trusted partner charities to extend the reach and impact of our work. In addition, the Trustees intend to explore new partnerships and ways of working aligned with the Trust's charitable objects, ensuring that all our initiatives remain responsive to emerging needs while making effective use of the Trust's resources.

Endowment Fund

We are planning for an expected decline in income, we expect to draw upon our reserves to fund our work and worthwhile grants.

Going concern

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees have considered the Charity's financial position, income prospects, expenditure commitments and available reserves. On this basis, they have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trustees' priorities for the coming period are to strengthen the Trust's financial sustainability, expand the reach of its charitable programmes, and enhance supporter engagement. The Trust plans to progress with a complete redevelopment of the Good Gifts platform, building on its migration to a new website with improved illustrations, case studies and partnerships. Core programmes including Knit for Peace will continue to be central to the work of the Trust and developed with an emphasis on volunteer engagement and extending the reach and impact of this key initiative.

The Trustees will continue to review the Trust's investment strategy to ensure an appropriate balance of income, growth and ethical considerations, and will progress arrangements relating to the Radius Works premises to secure suitable long-term terms and value for money. The Trust will also invest in digital systems and partnerships to enable more effective communication and ways of working both internally and with our partners.

In all activities, the Trustees will continue to strengthen governance, ensuring that the Trust's resources are applied efficiently and in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Charity has no share capital or debentures, hence there are no Trustees' interests requiring disclosure. In the event of the Charity being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustees

The Trustees, who served in the year, David Russell, Leila Mactavish. and Rowena Dunn. Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity, who are currently the same as the Trustees. Together the Trustees ensure that the Trust retains an appropriate mix of skills, experience and independence to guide its future development.

Organisational structure and decision making

The founding Director, Dame Hilary Blume, has been responsible to the Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Charity for over thirty years. Owing to ill-health, Dame Hilary retired as Director in March 2025 after many years of dedicated leadership. The Trustees are deeply grateful for her vision and service in establishing and guiding the Trust's work.

Following a planned succession process, the Trustees appointed David Russell as Director. David has over 25 years' experience in social-sector leadership and has worked with Dame Hilary and the Trust for more than 20 years. The Trustees are confident that his experience and long association with the Trust will ensure continuity and support the Charity's future development.

The Charity's policy towards staff is to ensure that all employees and volunteers are supported to realise their full potential and to contribute meaningfully to the Trust's mission. The Trust seeks to provide a positive and flexible working environment. The Trustees are committed to fair employment practices, equality of opportunity, and staff wellbeing, recognising that the Trust's impact depends on the commitment, skills and values of its people. The Trust therefore aims to be a learning organisation in which reflection, knowledge-sharing and continuous improvement are embedded in everyday practice.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling its activities, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the Charity. In addition to the Trustees, key management personnel comprise the Director, David Russell, and the Deputy Director, Avril Jn-Marie.

Following the retirement of Dame Hilary as Director, the Trustees appointed David Russell to succeed her, who is now leading the work of the Trust. Avril Jn-Marie continues in post as Deputy Director and plays an integral role in the day-to-day management and delivery of the Trust's programmes, providing vital continuity and operational oversight across the Charity's activities during what was a year of transition.

Related organisations

Details of the Charity's subsidiary company in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited, are given in Note 21 to the accounts. The company was established in pursuit of the Charity's object of preserving

buildings of architectural merit and its primary activity is currently the running of the Chittaranjan Palace in Mysore as a hotel (The Green Hotel) in order to preserve it. Following the hotel's closure during the pandemic, the charity delegated the day-to-day running of the hotel to a group of investors who financed the re-opening of the hotel, which has helped to rejuevenate it. The agreed profits due to the Charity from future trading are given to charitable and environmental projects in India.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Over the year ahead the Trustees will focus more on setting out and monitoring and managing any identified risks.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Charities Advisory Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the 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 charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- 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

AUDITORS

The auditors, Knox Cropper LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Charities Advisory Trust
Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2025

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

D Russell - Trustee

The Charities Advisory Trust
Independent Auditors' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Charities Advisory Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, statement of cash flows and the 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2025 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 of 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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees 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.

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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion 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, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report, included within the Trustees' 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 Trustees' Report.

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

- Proper and 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 Trustees' 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity 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 charitable company is required to comply with charity law and, based on our knowledge of their activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- We gained an understanding of how the charitable company complied with their legal and regulatory framework, including the requirement to properly account for restricted funds, through discussions with management and a review of the documented policies, procedures and controls.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charitable company susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override.
- Our approach was to check that all restricted income was properly identified and separately accounted for and to ensure that only valid and appropriate expenditure was charged to restricted funds. This included reviewing journal adjustments and unusual transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC'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 trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Liv Burrell (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP (Statutory Auditor)
65 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 2AD

Date: 18/03/26

The Charities Advisory Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including the Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 June 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year Ended 2025 £	Total Funds Year Ended 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	2,073	251,363	253,436	277,043
Charitable Activities	4				
Turnover from purchased goods		-	2,322	2,322	1,578
Turnover from donated goods		-	30,058	30,058	37,505
Other income		29,155	-	29,155	30,198
Investment Income	3	34,181	-	34,181	18,673
Total Income		65,409	283,743	349,152	364,997
Expenditure upon:					
Charitable Activities					
Good Gifts		94,663	140,486	235,149	340,248
UK Disaster Relief		3,992	-	3,992	7,847
Advisory Services		17,920	-	17,920	11,770
Direct Awards Programme		16,059	17,828	33,887	21,820
Card Aid		-	500	500	1
Peace Projects		87,914	47,937	135,851	180,247
IT		-	-	-	-
Project Development		5,853	-	5,853	5,364
Other		2,746	-	2,746	239
Total Expenditure	5	229,147	206,751	435,898	567,536
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		47,845	-	47,845	144,269
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(115,893)	76,992	(38,902)	(58,270)
Transfers between funds	15	47,833	(47,883)	-	-
Net Movement in funds for the year		(68,810)	29,109	(38,902)	(58,270)
Net funds at 1 July 2024		1,963,021	607,908	2,570,929	2,629,199
Net funds at 30 June 2025		1,895,011	637,017	2,532,027	2,570,929

The notes on pages 15 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

All activities derived from continuing operations in each of the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains or losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

The Charities Advisory Trust
Balance Sheet
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	16,433	32,027
Investments	12	1,377,815	2,005,300
		1,394,248	2,037,327
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	289,810	279,701
Cash at bank and in hand		1,000,193	368,523
		1,290,003	648,224
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(152,224)	(114,622)
Net Current Assets		1,137,778	533,602
Total Assets Less Liabilities		2,532,027	2,570,929
Funds			
Restricted	15	637,017	607,908
Unrestricted			
Designated funds	15	1,593,413	1,871,531
General funds	15	301,597	91,490
		2,532,027	2,570,929

The notes on pages 15 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 17th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Name:
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 02895760
Registered Charity Number: 1040487

The Charities Advisory Trust
Cash Flow Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	Year Ended 30 June 2025 £	Year Ended 30 June 2024 £
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	17	(77,841)	(65,572)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	18	709,511	18,673
Net change in cash and cash equivalents in the period		631,670	(46,899)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash			
Movement in net cash in the period		631,670	(46,899)
Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward		368,523	415,422
Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward		1,000,193	368,523

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long-term financing arrangements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (with the exception of investments measured at fair value) and in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements. The financial statements comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102 second edition – effective from January 2019).

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity.

Going Concern
The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Consolidation
As explained in Note 21 the Charity has a subsidiary in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited. Under Indian law assets of the subsidiary are not permitted to be repatriated to the UK and this substantially hinders the exercise of control by the Charity over the subsidiary's assets. The Charity therefore does not prepare group accounts. The subsidiary is regarded by the Charity's Trustees as an independent project and it is administered by a separate board of directors, all Indian nationals except for the Charity's Director.

Income
All incoming resources are shown net of VAT where applicable. Donated goods for sale are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they are sold. Donated services are only recognised to the extent that they are material and reasonably quantifiable and measurable; in particular non-professional services from volunteers are not recognised. All trading activities are undertaken in furtherance of the Charity's objects, including assisting other charities with their fundraising through Good Gifts. Training income is recognised in the period in which the training event took place; where income for a training event is received prior to the event taking place, the income is deferred to the correct financial period. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income or Gift Aid donations is recognised at the time the relevant income is receivable.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of charitable activities and depreciation on related assets. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been split on an estimated time basis for the staff concerned. Support costs comprise those costs incurred centrally in support of the Charity's activities, including Governance costs, and have been apportioned to activities in proportion to the total costs of those activities. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and its strategic management.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment	-	5 to 6 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 to 10 years

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

Fund Accounting
The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund, and the basis of transfers to or from them, are set out in Note 15.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign Currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/(expenditure).

Pension Costs
The Charity has historically operated a defined contribution pension scheme the assets of which are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds chosen by individual staff. For eligible staff, contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities. Since April 2016, The Charity has enrolled all new staff in Nest's defined contribution Workplace Pension Scheme.

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

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies where applicable.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Charity Direct Donations	-	4,652	4,652	1,310
Good Gifts Donations – Gifts	-	198,116	198,116	216,763
Good Gifts Other Income	-	39,159	39,159	44,280
Knit for Peace	-	9,436	9,436	12,089
Other	2,073	-	2,073	2,601
Total Income from Grants and Donations	2,073	251,363	253,436	277,043
Income from Grants and Donations 2024	2,601	274,442	277,043	

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes as described on the Good Gifts website. The donor is also encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and donate this Gift Aid towards the scheme's running costs. The resulting income is the main component of the Good Gifts other income shown above. The donor receives literature associated with the donation for which they are charged postage and packaging. Although this scheme generates a significant amount of voluntary income all costs of administering the scheme are included as part of the cost of Charitable activities. Details of grants given under the scheme are shown in Note 6.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Dividends	17,314	-	17,314	13,257
Bank Interest Receivable	16,867	-	16,867	5,416
Total Income from Investments	34,181	-	34,181	18,673
Income from Investments 2024	18,673	-	18,673	

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Turnover from Purchased Goods	-	2,322	2,322	1,578
Turnover from Donated Goods	-	30,058	30,058	37,505
Other Income	29,155	-	29,155	30,198
	29,155	32,380	61,535	69,281
Income from Charitable Activities 2024	30,198	39,083	69,281	

Details of the Good Gifts Scheme are given in Note 15.

Donated cards are sold through the Charity's websites. The object of the Card Aid initiative is to maximise the amount going to charity from the sale of Christmas cards. All donated cards are sold in aid of a particular beneficiary charity or class of charities and the amount paid to the charities is calculated as a percentage of the sale proceeds. This amount of the sale proceeds is shown above as restricted income.

5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grants Payable (Note 6)	Support Costs (Note 7)	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	56,735	99,005	79,409	235,149
UK Disaster Relief	1,572	-	2,420	3,992
Advisory Services	7,056	-	10,864	17,920
Direct Awards Programme	6,323	17,828	9,736	33,887
Card Aid	500	-	-	500
Peace Projects	59,637	-	76,214	135,851
IT	-	-	-	-
Project Development	2,305	-	3,549	5,853
Other	1,687	-	1,059	2,746
Total Expenditure	135,814	116,833	183,251	435,898

Comparative Resources Expended

	Direct Costs	Grants Payable	Support Costs	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	67,335	192,048	80,865	340,248
UK Disaster Relief	3,452	-	4,395	7,847
Advisory Services	5,178	-	6,592	11,770
Direct Awards Programme	6,271	7,567	7,982	21,820
Card Aid	1	-	-	1
Peace Projects	88,485	-	91,762	180,247
IT	-	-	-	-
Project Development	2,360	-	3,004	5,364
Other	174	-	65	239
	172,256	199,615	194,665	567,536

Details of Support costs and Governance costs are given in Note 7.

UK Disaster Relief (UKDR) is an initiative of the Charity aimed at raising funds for practical assistance in the event of a UK disaster. It has now been established as a separate charitable company, registered charity number 1136164 and registered company number 07104828. The costs included above relate to an allocation of staff costs, representing time spent by Charity staff on UKDR affairs.

Direct costs for Card Aid, Training, Good Gifts, Peace Projects and the Direct awards programme, include grants payable which are detailed in Note 6.

6 GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	-	99,005	99,005	192,048
Direct Awards Programme	-	17,828	17,828	7,567
	-	116,833	116,833	199,615
Grants Payable 2024	-	199,615	199,615	

Good Gifts payments relate to donations by individuals and companies passed on to good causes chosen by them through the Good Gifts website, or catalogue (see Note 15 for more details).

The amount shown as Direct awards programme represents funds donated by individuals paid to charities of their choice (see Note 15).

All grants were made to institutions.

7 SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance	Total 2025	Other	Governance	Total 2024
	£	£	£		£	£
Good Gifts	76,050	3,358	79,408	77,655	3,210	80,865
UK Disaster Relief	2,318	102	2,420	4,220	175	4,395
Advisory Services	10,405	459	10,864	6,330	262	6,592
Direct Awards Programme	9,324	412	9,736	7,666	316	7,982
Card Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peace Projects	72,991	3,223	76,214	88,121	3,641	91,762
IT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Project Development	3,398	150	3,549	2,885	119	3,004
Other	1,015	45	1,060	62	3	65
	175,501	7,750	183,251	186,939	7,726	194,665

Support costs have been apportioned to activities proportionately to staff costs on those activities.

8 NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	15,594	16,133
Auditors' remuneration	7,750	7,726

9 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and Wages	157,661	202,423
Social Security Costs	10,148	8,490
Pension Costs	4,406	4,646
	172,215	215,559

The salary of the Director amounted to £58,800 for the year (2024 - £78,400). In addition, she was due pension contributions amounting to £14,700 (2024 - £19,600).

One employee received total emoluments, excluding employer national insurance and pension contributions, in excess of £60,000 within the band £70,000 - £80,000.

Avreage number of employees during the year were 3 (2024 – 4).

Pension costs represent contributions payable by the Charity for eligible staff to funds chosen by the individuals calculated, for one member of staff, at 6% of annual salary. The Charity has no commitments beyond these regular contributions. All other staff are enrolled in NEST's defined contribution scheme.

10 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

In March 2025, following the retirement of Dame Hilary Blume, the Trustees appointed Trustee David Russell to act as Director of the Trust on a part-time, remunerated consultancy basis through his social sector consultancy in order to ensure continuity of leadership and management. Mr Russell received remunerated £6,000 through Ashben Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The appointment was approved by the other Trustees, who considered the Trust's need for continuity and Mr Russell's experience with the Trust's programmes and operations. Mr Russell declared his interest, withdrew from all related discussions, and did not vote on matters relating to his appointment or remuneration.

The Trustees determined that it was in the best interests of the Trust for Mr Russell to remain a Trustee during this period to maintain governance continuity.

There were no other trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024, nor any other trustees' expenses paid.

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 July 2024	180,242	17,225	197,467
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(1,375)	(1,375)
At 30 June 2025	180,242	15,850	196,092
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2024	155,136	10,304	165,440
Charge for the year	12,424	3,170	15,594
Disposals	-	(1,375)	(1,375)
At 30 June 2025	167,560	12,099	179,659
Net Book Value			
At 30 June 2025	12,682	3,751	16,433
At 30 June 2024	25,106	6,921	32,027

12 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value brought forward	2,005,300	1,861,031
Additions	-	-
Disposals	(675,330)	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment	47,845	144,269
	1,377,815	2,005,300
Historical Cost	932,402	1,607,732

13 DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	85,342	64,992
Other debtors	21,135	9,164
Gift Aid Recoverable	162,496	181,656
VAT	1,009	786
Prepayments	19,828	23,103
	289,810	279,701

14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,605	4,510
Social security and other taxes	2,477	2,860
Other Creditors	5,547	16,475
Accruals	135,950	85,812
Deferred Income	645	4,965
	152,224	114,622

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income		
Balance at 1 July 2024	4,945	645
Amount released in year	-	4,965
Amount deferred in the year	(4,320)	(645)
Balance at 30 June 2025	645	4,965

15 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers & Investment Gain/Loss	Balance at 2025
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Card Aid	127,902	-	(500)		127,402
Charity Direct	225,125	4,652	(17,828)		211,949
Good Gifts – Charitable Gifts	254,881	198,116	(99,005)	(56,327)	297,665
Good Gifts – Running Costs	-	41,482	(41,481)		1
Knit for Peace	-	39,493	(47,937)	8,444	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**607,908**	**283,743**	**(206,751)**	**(47,883)**	**637,017**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
GENERAL FUNDS	91,490	65,409	(229,147)	373,846	301,597
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Working Capital	200,000	-	-	(200,000)	-
Property	25,000	-	-	(25,000)	-
Flexible Endowment	948,000	-	-	200,000	1,148,000
Revaluation Reserve	380,131	-	-	65,282	445,413
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	(23,400)	-
Computer and IT Upgrade	25,000	-	-	(25,000)	-
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	(60,000)	-
Knit for Peace Working Capital	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	-
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	(60,000)	-
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,871,531	-	-	(325,963)	1,593,413
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**1,904,170**	**65,409**	**(229,147)**	**47,883**	**1,895,010**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,570,929**	**349,152**	**(435,898)**	**47,845**	**2,532,027**

As explained in Note 4, part of the sales proceeds of donated cards through the **Card Aid** scheme is payable to named beneficiary charities or classes of charities. Most of the amounts payable from the Card Aid Fund are for specified causes (rather than for specific charities) are usually distributed throughout the year in accordance with the Charity's grant-making policy. Any such amounts not spent by the year-end are carried forward for distribution in the following financial year.

The purpose of **Charity Direct** is to encourage tax-effective giving through Gift Aid donations from individuals. The amounts donated are expended for charitable purposes at the instructions of the individuals concerned. The Charity Direct fund is also used to channel other donations to good causes.

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes. Generally, the donations are passed on to a named charity but the Charities Advisory Trust itself takes direct responsibility for some of the projects. This income, and the corresponding payments to charities, are shown above as **Good Gifts - Charitable Gifts**. Good Gifts payments are usually made twice yearly.

There are also administrative costs associated with the Good Gifts scheme, and these are shown above as **Good Gifts – Running Costs**. The Charity charges a small postage and packing fee for Good Gifts overseas orders and orders below £25. Donors are encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration to enable tax to be reclaimed, helping cover the running costs of the scheme. The corresponding resources expended are part of the running costs of the

scheme. There was a transfer of £56,327 out of this reserve at the year end, which includes £37,588 for the cost of delivering projects and for Knit for Peace income received through Good Gifts, and £18,009 which was commission charged on all gifts to compensate the card payment fees and international transfer costs. The remaining difference represents a contribution to the overheads of the charity.

During the year the Trustees reviewed the structure and purpose of designated funds in light of the Charity's evolving strategic needs. A number of historic designations were consolidated into the Flexible Endowment to simplify reporting and to ensure that resources can be applied more effectively in furtherance of the Charity's objects.

Under the revised policy, the Trustees will not ordinarily earmark unrestricted funds for specific future projects unless a clear commitment has been made. Instead, unrestricted reserves are held more generally so that the Trustees retain flexibility to deploy funds where and when need arises, taking account of emerging opportunities, risks and priorities.

This approach reflects the Trustees' intention to maintain prudent stewardship of reserves while ensuring that resources are available to support the Charity's programmes, manage income volatility, and respond to unforeseen needs. Designations may still be made where appropriate, but are expected to be fewer and more strategic in nature.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS COMPARATIVE

	Balance at 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers & Investment Gain/Loss	Balance at 2024
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Card Aid	127,902	1,657	-	(1,657)	127,902
Charity Direct	231,382	1,310	(7,567)	-	225,125
Good Gifts – Charitable Gifts	304,450	216,763	(192,048)	(74,284)	254,881
Good Gifts – Running Costs	-	45,858	(45,858)	-	-
Knit for Peace	-	47,937	(106,788)	58,851	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**663,734**	**313,525**	**(352,261)**	**(17,090)**	**607,908**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
GENERAL FUNDS	40,203	51,472	(215,275)	215,090	91,490
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Working Capital	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Property	45,000	-	-	(20,000)	25,000
Flexible Endowment	1,078,000	-	-	(130,000)	948,000
Revaluation Reserve	235,862	-	-	144,269	380,131
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	-	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	20,000	-	-	5,000	25,000
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	(53,000)	150,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,925,262	-	-	(53,731)	1,871,531
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**1,965,464**	**51,472**	**(215,275)**	**161,358**	**1,963,021**
TOTAL FUNDS	2,629,199	364,997	(567,536)	144,269	2,570,929

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £
Non-Current Assets	-	919,082	475,166	1,394,248
Current Assets	453,176	674,331	162,496	1,290,003
Creditors: Due Within One Year	(151,579)	-	(645)	(152,224)
	301,597	1,593,413	637,017	2,532,027

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS COMPARATIVE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Non-Current Assets	-	1,547,259	490,068	2,037,327
Current Assets	142,296	324,272	181,656	648,224
Creditors: Due Within One Year	(109,657)	-	(4,965)	(114,622)
	32,639	1,871,531	666,759	2,570,929

17 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET CASHFLOWS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net Income for the reporting period	(38,902)	(58,270)
Investment income	(34,181)	(18,673)
Depreciation	15,594	16,133
Losses/(Gain) on investments	(47,845)	(144,269)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(10,109)	68,823
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors and provisions	37,603	70,684
Net cash (used by)/provided from operating activities	(77,841)	(65,572)

18 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest Received	34,181	18,673
Purchase of Tangible Asset	-	-
Sale of Investment	675,330	-
Net cash (used by)/provided from operating activities	709,511	18,673

19 RELATED PARTIES

David Russell, a Trustee and director at the Charity, is a consultant at SURF. During the year grants totalling £33,322.96 (2024: £44,259) were made to SURF to help fund the SURF Rwanda livelihoods, livestock and education projects. Charities Advisory Trust has supported SURF since before David's appointment as Trustee, and he has no involvement in the donations made to SURF.

20 LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within 1 Year	70,000	44,259
	70,000	44,259

21 GREENWAY HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Charity has a subsidiary called Greenway Hotels Private Limited, a company registered in India, established to preserve historic buildings by refurbishing them for sustainable use in tourist ventures. The company's first project was a historic palace in Mysore - the Chittaranjan Palace - which is now run, as the Green Hotel, as a demonstration project showing how tourism ventures can be run on a non-exploitative basis and can benefit employees, the local community and visitors. Profits earned are distributed for charitable and environmental purposes in India. These grants are made out of profits before the end of the year. In past years the Charity has made grants to the company to renovate the palace and maintain its fabric.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared in respect of the subsidiary company as explained in Note 1. The results of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025 were as follows:

	2025 Rs'000	2025 £	2024 Rs'000	2024 £
Turnover	43,972	397,757	44,916	426,844
Less: Operating Costs	(43,867)	(396,807)	(40,297)	(382,949)
	105	950	4,619	43,895
Taxation	38	344	8	76
Profit for the Year	143	1,294	4,627	43,971
Profit and loss account:				
At the start of the year	(9,776)	(88,431)	(14,403)	(141,819)
Profit/(loss) for year	143	1,294	4,627	43,971
Exchange differences	-	-	-	4,945
At end of year	(9,633)	(87,137)	(9,776)	(92,903)
Share Capital	8,997	81,384	8,997	85,500
Total Capital and Reserves	(637)	(5,753)	(779)	(7,403)
Assets and Liabilities				
Total Assets	14,260	128,991	14,732	140,001
Less: Total Liabilities	(14,897)	(134,744)	(15,511)	(147,404)
	(637)	(5,753)	(779)	(7,403)

22 COMPARATIVE SOFA

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 2024
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		**£**	**£**	**£**
Income from:				
Donations and Legacies		2,601	274,442	277,043
Charitable Activities				
Turnover from purchased goods		-	1,578	1,578
Turnover from donated goods		-	37,505	37,505
Other income		30,198	-	30,198
Investment Income		18,673	-	18,673
Total Income		51,472	313,525	364,997
Expenditure upon:				
Charitable Activities				
Good Gifts		102,342	237,906	340,248
UK Disaster Relief		7,847	-	7,847
Advisory Services		11,770	-	11,770
Direct Awards Programme		14,253	7,567	21,820
Card Aid		1	-	1
Peace Projects		73,459	106,788	180,247
IT		-	-	-
Project Development		5,364	-	5,364
Other		239	-	239
Total Expenditure		215,275	352,261	567,536
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		144,269	-	144,269
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(19,534)	(38,736)	(58,270)
Transfers between funds		17,090	(17,090)	-
Net Movement in funds for the year		(2,444)	(55,826)	(58,270)
Net funds at 1 July 2024		1,965,465	663,734	2,629,199
Net funds at 30 June 2025		1,963,021	607,908	2,570,929

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1040487

Accounts

Company Number: 02895760
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The Charities Advisory Trust

Report and Audited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The Charities Advisory Trust
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The Charities Advisory Trust
Reference and Administrative Details
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Company Number	02895760 (England and Wales)
Charity Number	1040487
Registered Office	Radius Works Back Lane Hampstead London NW3 1HL
Board of Trustees	D Russell Ms L M Mactavish Ms R Dunn
Company Secretary	Dame H S B Blume
Auditor	Knox Cropper LLP 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD

The Charities Advisory Trust
Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's main objectives were to continue to plan the transition from income dependency on Card Aid to other activities:

1) To maintain the Good Gifts Catalogue;
2) To respond to the organic growth of Knit for Peace;
3) To recognise the need to draw on reserves to support the Charity's objectives
4) To devise income generation schemes to fund Knit for Peace on a sustainable basis;
5) To promote the health benefits of knitting

Public benefit

The area of benefit is wide, consistent with the charity's objects. The promotion of religion is not supported, and in general the priority is to provide help to the poor or disadvantaged, except where, for example with tree planting, there is general benefit to the community. Our support for art projects is largely to provide access to the arts for those under 18. Support for medical research we take as potentially benefitting all sections of the community.

Grantmaking

Most of our grant making is through funds raised through the Good Gifts Catalogue. Applications for funding for individuals are rarely, if ever, successful. We work with charities with whom we have developed a programme to deliver the outcomes we seek.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, achievements and performance

The economic climate continues to make everyone cautious about spending and this impacts on giving to all charities.

Card Aid

For over 40 years the Trust produced and marketed charity Christmas cards. The high cost of postage, the unreliability of the mail, the ease of sending e-cards or, for the young, text messages; all continue to erode the market. Therefore, we no longer produce new cards, but we continue to market and sell remaining stock. Sales are now negligible.

Good Gifts Catalogue

For Good Gifts, we noticed people continued to buy less expensive gifts and spend less overall. However, it continues to enjoy the support of a loyal customer base, who turn to it responsible gifting year after year.

Knit for Peace

Knit for Peace is a major part of the Trust's work. It has grown in response to the demands of both knitters and those needing warm clothes, and we are proud of our ability to respond to these real needs. A major part of the work is distributing the donated knitting. We have over 40,000 volunteers in the UK donating their knitting to those in need.

We held a successful holiday in Mysore in January 2024. Many of the participants had been on the holiday before and expressed a wish to return a gain in the future. We wish to give a special thank you to Carol Meldrum who generously led the knitting and crochet classes.

We were honoured to be chosen once again, as the charity of the year by People's Friend Magazine, which brought Knit for Peace to an even wider audience.

We would like to express our thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are worth more their weight in gold. Tribute should be paid to the staff, who work hard to meet the success of Knit for Peace.

Fundraising Policy

During the year, Charities Advisory Trust did not make use of any consultants or external professionals to undertake its fundraising activities. Additionally, no data was shared with, or sold to, any external agencies. We did not undertake direct mail shots, send any unsolicited newsletters or approach any vulnerable individuals to support our work. A complaints policy is in place, but we received no complaints during the year about any of our fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

The Charity's investments are designed to meet the Trustees' wishes for environmental, social and ethical investment. The Trustees continue to monitor the performance of these investments closely.

Reserves policy

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity maintains a strong financial position with a healthy level of general reserves. They adopt a prudent attitude towards reserves which in the circumstances has proved wise.

Our reserves, built up over the years, and declining since about 2008, give a more cheerful view of our finances. Our income has been declining (because of the decline of Card Aid).

At the year end, general reserves stand at £91,490 (2023: £40,203), whilst Designated reserves are £1,871,531 (2023: £1,925,262) and Restricted funds are £607,908 (2023: £663,734).

Knit for Peace is incredibly worthwhile, both in providing warm clothes and blankets to those in need, which shows them they are not forgotten and valued. More than that, Knit for Peace is enabling people of all backgrounds to continue to feel useful and overcome the isolation and powerlessness of old age, as well as enjoying the yield of the positive impact from the proven health benefits of knitting which include stress reduction, improved mental health and even slowing the onset of dementia, by promoting a sense of calm, accomplishment, and social connection. We are determined to continue the project, but do not want to do so to the exclusion of our other activities.

Designated funds

The Trustees have considered the designated funds in the accounts and feel that the various provisions are prudent.

Project development

We expect to continue the expansion on our work on promoting the health benefits of knitting through Knit for Peace, as well as peace and reconciliation through our Knit for Peace initiative in the Middle East and shall continue to invest in improved IT systems.

Endowment Fund

We are planning for an expected decline in income, we expect to draw upon our reserves to fund our work and worthwhile grants.

During the pandemic the trustees took the decision that priority should be given to those we help, rather than conserving our resources. Whilst our income dropped both for Knit for Peace and the Good Gifts Catalogue, our existing supporters remained loyal.

FUTURE PLANS

- Improve IT. This is an ongoing process;
- Expand Knit for Peace, in the UK and Middle East;
- Spread the awareness of the health benefits of knitting

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Charity has no share capital or debentures, hence there are no Trustees' interests requiring disclosure. In the event of the Charity being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustees

The Trustees, who served in the year, David Russell, Leila Mactavish. and Rowena Dunn. Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity, who are currently the same as the Trustees. The Charity sees no need to have a policy on the recruitment, induction and training of Trustees.

Organisational structure and decision making

The founding Director, Dame Hilary Blume, is responsible to the Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Charity and other staff report to her. The Charity's policy towards staff is to ensure that all staff are given the opportunity to realise their full potential. The Trust prides itself on being a learning environment. It should be noted that the Trust has a strict policy on paying graduate interns, which it believes provides opportunities for those not subsidised by their families nor the State.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling its activities, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the

Charity. In addition to the Trustees, key management personnel includes the Director, Dame Hilary Blume, whose remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees and Deputy Director Avril Jn-Marie.

Related organisations

Details of the Charity's subsidiary company in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited, are given in Note 21 to the accounts. The company was established in pursuit of the Charity's object of preserving buildings of architectural merit and its primary activity is currently the running of the Chittaranjan Palace in Mysore as a hotel (the Green Hotel) in order to preserve it. Following the hotel's closure during the pandemic, the charity delegated the day to day running of the hotel to a group of investors who financed the re-opening of the hotel. The agreed profits due to the Charity from future trading are given to charitable and environmental projects in India.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Our resilience during the pandemic pays testament to the organisation's judicious planning.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Charities Advisory Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the 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 charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

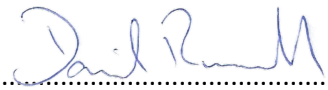
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

AUDITORS

The auditors, Knox Cropper LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....27th March 2025..... and signed on its behalf by:



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D Russell - Trustee

The Charities Advisory Trust
Independent Auditors' Report
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Charities Advisory Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, statement of cash flows and the 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 June 2024 and of its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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 of 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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees 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.

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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Opinion 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, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report, included within the Trustees' 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 Trustees' Report.

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

- Proper and 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 Trustees' 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 trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity 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 charitable company is required to comply with charity law and, based on our knowledge of their activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- We gained an understanding of how the charitable company complied with their legal and regulatory framework, including the requirement to properly account for restricted funds, through discussions with management and a review of the documented policies, procedures and controls.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charitable company susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override.
- Our approach was to check that all restricted income was properly identified and separately accounted for and to ensure that only valid and appropriate expenditure was charged to restricted funds. This included reviewing journal adjustments and unusual transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC'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 trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard Billinghurst (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP (Statutory Auditor)
65 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 2AD

Date:

The Charities Advisory Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including the Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 2024	Total Funds Year Ended 2023
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Income from:					
Donations and Legacies	2	2,601	274,442	277,043	454,113
Charitable Activities	4				
Turnover from purchased goods		-	1,578	1,578	7,665
Turnover from donated goods		-	37,505	37,505	33,740
Other income		30,198	-	30,198	36,483
Investment Income	3	18,673	-	18,673	14,505
Total Income		51,472	313,525	364,997	546,506
Expenditure upon:					
Charitable Activities					
Good Gifts		102,342	237,906	340,248	467,777
UK Disaster Relief		7,847	-	7,847	2,300
Advisory Services		11,770	-	11,770	3,768
Direct Awards Programme		14,253	7,567	21,820	44,122
Card Aid		1	-	1	3,768
Peace Projects		73,459	106,788	180,247	191,765
IT		-	-	-	9,639
Project Development		5,364	-	5,364	1,886
Other		239	-	239	22,446
Total Expenditure	5	215,275	352,261	567,536	747,471
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		144,269	-	144,269	34,028
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(19,534)	(38,736)	(58,270)	(166,937)
Transfers between funds	15	17,090	(17,090)	-	-
Net Movement in funds for the year		(2,444)	(55,826)	(58,270)	(166,937)
Net funds at 1 July 2023		1,965,465	663,734	2,629,199	2,796,136
Net funds at 30 June 2024		1,963,021	607,908	2,570,929	2,629,199

The notes on pages 13 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

All activities derived from continuing operations in each of the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains or losses are included in the above Statement of Financial Activities.

The Charities Advisory Trust
Balance Sheet
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	11	32,027	48,160
Investments	12	2,005,300	1,861,031
		2,037,327	1,909,191
Current Assets			
Debtors	13	279,701	348,524
Cash at bank and in hand		368,523	415,422
		648,224	763,946
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(114,622)	(43,938)
Net Current Assets		533,602	720,008
Total Assets Less Liabilities		2,570,929	2,629,199
Funds			
Restricted	15	607,908	663,734
Unrestricted			
Designated funds	15	1,871,531	1,925,262
General funds	15	91,490	40,203
		2,570,929	2,629,199

The notes on pages 13 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 27th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Name: David Russell
Trustee

Company Registration Number: 02895760
Registered Charity Number: 1040487

The Charities Advisory Trust
Cash Flow Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Year Ended 30 June 2024 £	Year Ended 30 June 2023 £
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	17	(65,572)	(310,656)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	18	18,673	13,956
Net change in cash and cash equivalents in the period		(46,899)	(296,700)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net cash			
Movement in net cash in the period		(46,899)	(296,700)
Net cash and cash equivalents brought forward		415,422	712,122
Net cash and cash equivalents carried forward		368,523	415,422

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long-term financing arrangements.

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (with the exception of investments measured at fair value) and in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements. The financial statements comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102 second edition – effective from January 2019).

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity.

Going Concern
The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Consolidation
As explained in Note 21 the Charity has a subsidiary in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited. Under Indian law assets of the subsidiary are not permitted to be repatriated to the UK and this substantially hinders the exercise of control by the Charity over the subsidiary's assets. The Charity therefore does not prepare group accounts. The subsidiary is regarded by the Charity's Trustees as an independent project and it is administered by a separate board of directors, all Indian nationals except for the Charity's Director.

Income
All incoming resources are shown net of VAT where applicable. Donated goods for sale are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they are sold. Donated services are only recognised to the extent that they are material and reasonably quantifiable and measurable; in particular non-professional services from volunteers are not recognised. All trading activities are undertaken in furtherance of the Charity's objects, including assisting other charities with their fundraising through Good Gifts. Training income is recognised in the period in which the training event took place; where income for a training event is received prior to the event taking place, the income is deferred to the correct financial period. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income or Gift Aid donations is recognised at the time the relevant income is receivable.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of charitable activities and depreciation on related assets. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been split on an estimated time basis for the staff concerned. Support costs comprise those costs incurred centrally in support of the Charity's activities, including Governance costs, and have been apportioned to activities in proportion to the total costs of those activities. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and its strategic management.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible Fixed Assets
Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment	-	5 to 6 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 to 10 years

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

Fund Accounting
The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund, and the basis of transfers to or from them, are set out in Note 19.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign Currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/(expenditure).

Pension Costs
The Charity has historically operated a defined contribution pension scheme the assets of which are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds chosen by individual staff. For eligible staff, contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities. Since April 2016, The Charity has enrolled all new staff in Nest's defined contribution Workplace Pension Scheme.

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

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies where applicable.

2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Charity Direct Donations	-	1,310	1,310	80,773
Good Gifts Donations – Gifts	-	216,763	216,763	294,704
Good Gifts Other Income	-	44,280	44,280	59,574
Knit for Peace	-	12,089	12,089	19,062
Other	2,601	-	2,601	-
Total Income from Grants and Donations	2,601	274,442	277,043	454,113
Income from Grants and Donations 2023	789	453,324	454,113	

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes described in a catalogue. The donor is also encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and donate this Gift Aid towards the scheme's running costs. The resulting income is the main component of the Good Gifts other income shown above. The donor receives literature associated with the donation for which they are charged postage and packaging. Although this scheme generates a significant amount of voluntary income all costs of administering the scheme are included as part of the cost of Charitable activities. Details of grants given under the scheme are shown in Note 6.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Dividends	13,257	-	13,257	12,053
Bank Interest Receivable	5,416	-	5,416	2,452
Total Income from Investments	18,673	-	18,673	14,505
Income from Investments 2023	14,505	-	14,505	

4 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Turnover from Purchased Goods	-	1,578	1,578	7,665
Turnover from Donated Goods	-	37,505	37,505	33,740
Other Income	30,198	-	30,198	36,483
	30,198	39,083	69,281	77,888
Income from Charitable Activities 2023	36,205	41,683	77,888	

Details of the Good Gifts Scheme are given in Note 15.

Donated cards are sold through the Charity's websites. The object of the Card Aid initiative is to maximise the amount going to charity from the sale of Christmas cards. All donated cards are sold in aid of a particular beneficiary charity or class of charities and the amount paid to the charities is calculated as a percentage of the sale proceeds. This amount of the sale proceeds is shown above as restricted income.

5 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grants Payable (Note 6)	Support Costs (Note 7)	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	67,335	192,048	80,865	340,248
UK Disaster Relief	3,452	-	4,395	7,847
Advisory Services	5,178	-	6,592	11,770
Direct Awards Programme	6,271	7,567	7,982	21,820
Card Aid	1	-	-	1
Peace Projects	88,485	-	91,762	180,247
IT	-	-	-	-
Project Development	2,360	-	3,004	5,364
Other	174	-	65	239
Total Expenditure	172,256	199,615	194,665	567,536

Comparative Resources Expended

	Direct Costs	Grants Payable	Support Costs	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	119,232	298,503	50,042	467,777
UK Disaster Relief	1,749	-	551	2,300
Advisory Services	2,623	-	1,145	3,768
Direct Awards Programme	3,061	39,724	1,337	44,122
Card Aid	2,623	-	1,145	3,768
Peace Projects	137,334	-	54,431	191,765
IT	6,562	-	3,077	9,639
Project Development	1,313	-	573	1,886
Other	1,054	-	21,392	22,446
	275,551	338,227	133,693	747,471

Details of Support costs and Governance costs are given in Note 7.

UK Disaster Relief (UKDR) is an initiative of the Charity aimed at raising funds for practical assistance in the event of a UK disaster. It has now been established as a separate charitable company, registered charity number 1136164 and registered company number 07104828. The costs included above relate to an allocation of staff costs, representing time spent by Charity staff on UKDR affairs.

Direct costs for Card Aid, Training, Good Gifts, Peace Projects and the Direct awards programme, include grants payable which are detailed in Note 6.

6 GRANTS PAYABLE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	-	192,048	192,048	298,503
Direct Awards Programme	-	7,567	7,567	39,724
	-	199,615	199,615	338,227
Grants Payable 2023	-	338,227	338,227	

Good Gifts payments relate to donations by individuals and companies passed on to good causes chosen by them from a catalogue or online (see Note 15 for more details). Payments are made twice yearly.

The amount shown as Direct awards programme represents funds donated by individuals paid to charities of their choice (see Note 15).

All grants were made to institutions.

7 SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance	Total 2024	Other	Governance	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Good Gifts	77,655	3,210	80,865	47,347	2,695	50,042
UK Disaster Relief	4,220	175	4,395	510	41	551
Advisory Services	6,330	262	6,592	1,083	62	1,145
Direct Awards Programme	7,666	316	7,982	1,265	72	1,337
Card Aid	-	-	-	1,083	62	1,145
Peace Projects	88,121	3,641	91,762	51,500	2,931	54,431
IT	-	-	-	2,923	154	3,077
Project Development	2,885	119	3,004	542	31	573
Other	62	3	65	20,240	1,152	21,392
	186,939	7,726	194,665	126,493	7,200	133,693

Support costs have been apportioned to activities proportionately to staff costs on those activities.

8 NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of fixed assets	16,133	17,794
Auditors' remuneration	7,726	7,200

9 STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and Wages	202,423	221,909
Social Security Costs	8,490	28,386
Pension Costs	4,646	4,997
	215,559	255,292

The salary of the Director amounted to £78,400 for the year (2023 - £78,400). In addition, she was due pension contributions amounting to £19,600 (2023 - £19,600).

Two employees received total emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, in excess of £60,000, one within the band £70,000 - £80,000 and one within the band £90,000 - £100,000.

Pension costs represent contributions payable by the Charity for eligible staff to funds chosen by the individuals calculated, for most staff, at 6% of annual salaries. The Charity has no commitments beyond these regular contributions. All other staff are enrolled in NEST's defined contribution scheme.

10 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2024 nor for the year ended 30 June 2023.

11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 July 2023	180,242	17,225	197,467
Additions	-	-	-
At 30 June 2024	180,242	17,225	197,467
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2023	142,173	7,134	149,307
Charge for the year	12,963	3,170	16,133
At 30 June 2024	155,136	10,304	165,440
Net Book Value			
At 30 June 2024	25,106	6,921	32,027
At 30 June 2023	38,069	10,091	48,160

12 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value brought forward	1,861,031	1,827,002
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment	144,269	34,029
	2,005,300	1,861,031
Historical Cost	1,607,732	1,607,732

13 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	64,992	80,224
Other debtors	9,164	-
Gift Aid Recoverable	181,656	239,929
VAT	786	4,989
Prepayments	23,103	23,382
	279,701	348,524

14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,510	6,929
Social security and other taxes	2,860	4,231
Other Creditors	16,475	9,325
Accruals	85,812	22,808
Deferred Income	4,965	645
	114,622	43,938

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deferred income		
Balance at 1 July 2023	645	645
Amount released in year	4,965	-
Amount deferred in the year	(645)	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	4,965	645

15 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers & Investment Gain/Loss	Balance at 2024
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Card Aid	127,902	1,657	-	(1,657)	127,902
Charity Direct	231,382	1,310	(7,567)	-	225,125
Good Gifts – Charitable Gifts	304,450	216,763	(192,048)	(74,284)	254,881
Good Gifts – Running Costs	-	45,858	(45,858)	-	-
Knit for Peace	-	47,937	(106,788)	58,851	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**663,734**	**313,525**	**(352,261)**	**(17,090)**	**607,908**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
GENERAL FUNDS	40,203	51,472	(215,275)	215,090	91,490
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Working Capital	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Property	45,000	-	-	(20,000)	25,000
Flexible Endowment	1,078,000	-	-	(130,000)	948,000
Revaluation Reserve	235,862	-	-	144,269	380,131
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	-	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	20,000	-	-	5,000	25,000
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	(53,000)	150,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,925,262	-	-	(53,731)	1,871,531
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**1,965,464**	**51,472**	**(274,126)**	**161,358**	**1,904,170**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,629,199**	**364,997**	**(567,536)**	**144,269**	**2,570,929**

As explained in Note 4, part of the sales proceeds of donated cards through the **Card Aid** scheme is payable to named beneficiary charities or classes of charities. Most of the amounts payable from the Card Aid Fund are for specified causes (rather than for specific charities) are distributed throughout the year in accordance with the Charity's grant-making policy. Any such amounts not spent by the year-end are carried forward for distribution in the following financial year.

The purpose of **Charity Direct** is to encourage tax-effective giving through Gift Aid donations from individuals. The amounts donated are expended for charitable purposes at the instructions of the individuals concerned. The Charity Direct fund is also used to channel other donations to good causes.

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes. Generally, the donations are passed on to a named charity but the Charities Advisory Trust itself takes direct responsibility for some of the projects. This income, and the corresponding payments to charities, are shown above as **Good Gifts - Charitable Gifts**. Good Gifts payments are usually made twice yearly.

There are also administrative costs associated with the Good Gifts scheme, and these are shown above as **Good Gifts – Running Costs**. The Charity charges a small postage and packing fee for Good Gifts overseas orders and orders below £25. Donors are encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration to enable tax to be reclaimed, helping cover the running costs of the scheme. The corresponding resources expended are part of the running costs of the

scheme. There was a transfer of £ £74,284 out of this reserve at the year end, which includes £ £59,605 for the cost of delivering projects and for Knit for Peace income received through Good Gifts, and £14,680 which was commission charged on all gifts to compensate the card payment fees and international transfer costs. The remaining difference represents a contribution to the overheads of the charity.

The Charity has working capital requirements. However, with an adjusted focus on Knit for Peace, the **Working Capital** fund has been reduced in recent years.

Property - Repairs to the roof have been carried out and a new sky light has been installed. Following the flood damage at Radius Works the insurers agreed to repair the drains, and to re-carpet and re-decorate the ground floor. We have adjusted the reserves accordingly. We still intend to re-tile the downstairs toilet.

In 2002, the Trustees decided to establish a **Flexible Endowment** fund to enable grants to be made when suitable projects came to their attention. In 2010, the Flexible endowment fund has been used as a buffer to underwrite some of the restricted funds where payouts were greater than the fund balance. The trustees felt since we had reserves it was better to use them to protect our beneficiaries, hard hit by recession, rather than set them adrift.

The balance in the **Revaluation Reserve** is calculated as the excess of the value of investments over the historical cost (there was no excess at 30 June 2010). The reserve is represented by that part of the investments.

Good Gifts Monitoring - a provision for travel costs to monitor projects/grants.

The sum of £25,000 has been designated for future **Computer and IT** and website upgrades.

Knit for Peace in the Middle East was launched in December 2018. The sum of £60,000 has been set aside for planned expansion into Jordan and the West Bank.

Knitting as team building for companies - we are trying to encourage companies to use knitting days for team building.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS COMPARATIVE

	Balance at 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers & Investment Gain/Loss	Balance at 2023
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Card Aid	127,902	278	-	(278)	127,902
Charity Direct	190,333	80,773	(39,724)	-	231,382
Good Gifts – Charitable Gifts	356,710	294,704	(298,503)	(48,460)	304,451
Good Gifts – Running Costs	-	67,239	(4,628)	(62,611)	-
Knit for Peace	-	52,013	(12,675)	(39,338)	-
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**674,945**	**495,007**	**(355,530)**	**(150,687)**	**663,735**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
GENERAL FUNDS	49,958	51,498	(391,941)	330,687	40,202
DESIGNATED FUNDS					
Working Capital	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Property	103,000	-	-	(58,000)	45,000
Flexible Endowment	1,150,000	-	-	(72,000)	1,078,000
Revaluation Reserve	201,833	-	-	34,028	235,862
Ethics of Charitable Giving	25,000	-	-	(25,000)	-
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	-	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Publications	25,000	-	-	(25,000)	-
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	-	203,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	1,925,262	-	-	(145,972)	1,925,262
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**1,965,464**	**51,498**	**(391,941)**	**184,715**	**1,965,464**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,629,199**	**546,506**	**(747,471)**	**34,028**	**2,629,199**

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Non-Current Assets	-	1,547,259	490,068	2,037,327
Current Assets	142,296	324,272	181,656	648,224
Creditors: Due Within One Year	(109,657)	-	(4,965)	(114,622)
	32,639	1,871,531	666,759	2,570,929

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS COMPARATIVE

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Non-Current Assets	-	1,857,862	51,329	1,909,191
Current Assets	58,162	67,400	638,384	763,946
Creditors: Due Within One Year	(17,960)	-	(25,978)	(43,938)
	40,202	1,925,262	663,735	2,629,199

17 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO NET CASHFLOWS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net Income for the reporting period	(58,270)	(166,937)
Investment income	(18,673)	(14,505)
Depreciation	16,133	17,794
Losses/(Gain) on investments	(144,269)	(34,028)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	68,823	(53,683)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors and provisions	70,684	(59,297)
Net cash (used by)/provided from operating activities	(65,572)	(310,656)

18 Cash Flows from Investing Activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest Received	18,673	14,505
Purchase of Tangible Asset	-	(549)
Net cash (used by)/provided from operating activities	18,673	13,956

19 Related Parties

David Russell, a Trustee at the Charity, is a consultant at SURF. During the year grants totalling £44,259 (2023: £53,100) were made to SURF to help fund the SURF Rwanda livelihoods, livestock and education projects. Charities Advisory Trust has supported SURF since before David's appointment as Trustee, and he has no involvement in the donations made to SURF.

20 LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within 1 Year	44,259	53,272
	44,259	53,272

21 GREENWAY HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Charity has a subsidiary called Greenway Hotels Private Limited, a company registered in India, established to preserve historic buildings by refurbishing them for sustainable use in tourist ventures. The company's first project was a historic palace in Mysore - the Chittaranjan Palace - which is now run, as the Green Hotel, as a demonstration project showing how tourism ventures can be run on a non-exploitative basis and can benefit employees, the local community and visitors. Profits earned are distributed for charitable and environmental purposes in India. These grants are made out of profits before the end of the year. In past years the Charity has made grants to the company to renovate the palace and maintain its fabric.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared in respect of the subsidiary company as explained in Note 1. The results of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 were as follows:

	2024 Rs'000	2024 £	2023 Rs'000	2023 £
Turnover	44,916	426,844	31,359	308,775
Less: Operating Costs	(40,297)	(382,949)	(29,274)	(288,247)
	4,619	43,895	2,085	20,528
Taxation	8	76	(122)	(1,197)
Loss for the Year	4,627	43,971	1,963	19,331
Profit and loss account:				
At the start of the year	(14,403)	(141,819)	(16,366)	(161,151)
Profit/(loss) for year	4,627	43,971	1,963	19,331
Exchange differences	-	4,945	-	(1)
At end of year	(9,776)	(92,903)	(14,403)	(141,819)
Share Capital	8,997	85,500	8,997	88,585
Total Capital and Reserves	(779)	(7,403)	(5,406)	(53,234)
Assets and Liabilities				
Total Assets	14,732	140,001	10,562	103,995
Less: Total Liabilities	(15,511)	(147,404)	(15,968)	(157,229)
	(779)	(7,403)	(5,406)	(53,234)

22 COMPARATIVE SOFA

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year Ended 2023
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		**£**	**£**	**£**
Income from:				
Donations and Legacies		789	453,324	454,113
Charitable Activities				
Turnover from purchased goods		-	7,665	7,665
Turnover from donated goods		-	33,740	33,740
Other income		36,205	278	36,483
Investment Income		14,505	-	14,505
Total Income		51,499	495,007	546,506
Expenditure upon:				
Charitable Activities				
Good Gifts		164,645	303,132	467,777
UK Disaster Relief		2,300	-	2,300
Advisory Services		3,768	-	3,768
Direct Awards Programme		4,398	39,724	44,122
Card Aid		3,768	-	3,768
Peace Projects		179,090	12,675	191,765
IT		9,639	-	9,639
Project Development		1,886	-	1,886
Other		22,446	-	22,446
Total Expenditure		391,940	355,531	747,471
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		34,028	-	34,028
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(306,413)	139,476	(166,937)
Transfers between funds		150,687	(150,687)	-
Net Movement in funds for the year		(155,726)	(11,211)	(166,937)
Net funds at 1 July 2023		2,121,191	674,945	2,796,136
Net funds at 30 June 2024		1,965,465	663,734	2,629,199

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1040487

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02895760 (England and Wales)
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Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

for

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

TRUSTEES	D Russell Ms L M Mactavish Ms R Dunn
COMPANY SECRETARY	Dame H S B Blume
REGISTERED OFFICE	Radius Works Back Lane Hampstead London NW3 1HL
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	02895760 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1040487
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Knox Cropper LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's main objectives were to continue to plan the transition from income dependency on Card Aid to other activities:

1) To maintain the Good Gifts Catalogue;

2) To respond to the organic growth of Knit for Peace;

3) To recognise the need to draw on reserves to support the Charity's objectives

4) To devise income generation schemes to fund Knit for Peace on a sustainable basis;

5) To promote the health benefits of knitting;

Public benefit

The area of benefit is wide, consistent with the charity's objects. The promotion of religion is not supported, and in general the priority is to provide help to the poor or disadvantaged, except where, for example with tree planting, there is general benefit to the community. Our support for art projects is largely to provide access to the arts for those under 18. Support for medical research we take as potentially benefitting all sections of the community.

Grantmaking

Most of our grant making is through funds raised through the Good Gifts Catalogue. Applications for funding for individuals are rarely, if ever, successful. We work with charities with whom we have developed a programme to deliver the outcomes we seek.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, achievements and performance

The economic climate continues to make everyone cautious about spending and this impacts on giving to all charities. The difficult economic conditions made belt-tightening essential.

Card Aid

For over 40 years the Trust has produced and marketed charity Christmas cards. Our Annual Scrooge Awards led to increased revenue in fact generating millions of pounds for charity. The decline in card sending seems to us inexorable. The high cost of postage, the unreliability of the mail, the ease of sending e-cards or, for the young, text messages; all continue to erode the market. We therefore produced no new cards, and marketed existing stock. Sales dropped from £3,827 to £278.

Good Gifts Catalogue

For Good Gifts, we noticed people continued to buy less expensive gifts and spent less overall.

Knit for Peace

Knit for Peace is a major part of the Trust's work. It has grown in response to the demands of both knitters and those needing warm clothes, and we are proud of our ability to respond to these real needs. A major part of the work is distributing the donated knitting. We have over 40,000 volunteers in the UK donating their knitting to those in need.

We held a very successful holiday in Mysore in January 2023. Participants who had been on the holiday before were delighted to return to the Green Hotel post the covid pandemic which forced closure of the hotel and prevented visits in the previous two years.

We were honoured to be chosen as the charity of the year by People's Friend Magazine, which brought Knit for Peace to a wider audience.

We would like to express our thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are worth their weight in gold. Tribute should be paid to the staff, who had to take on a much heavier work load to meet the success of Knit for Peace.

Fundraising Policy

During the year, Charities Advisory Trust did not make use of any consultants or external professionals to undertake its fundraising activities. Additionally, no data was shared with, or sold to, any external agencies. We did not undertake direct mail shots, send any unsolicited newsletters or approach any vulnerable individuals to support our work. A complaints policy is in place, but we received no complaints during the year about any of our fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

The Charity's investments are designed to meet the Trustees' wishes for environmental, social and ethical investment. The Trustees continue to monitor the performance of these investments closely.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity maintains a strong financial position with a healthy level of general reserves. They adopt a prudent attitude towards reserves which in the circumstances has proved wise.

Our reserves, built up over the years, and declining since about 2008, give a more cheerful view of our finances. Our income has been declining (because of the decline of Card Aid).

Knit for Peace is incredibly worthwhile, both in providing warm clothes and blankets to those in need, which shows them they are not forgotten and valued. More than that, Knit for Peace is enabling people of all backgrounds to continue to feel useful and overcome the isolation and powerlessness of old age. We are determined to continue the project, but do not want to do so to the exclusion of our other activities.

Designated funds
The Trustees have considered the designated funds in the accounts and feel that the various provisions are prudent.

Project development:
We expect to continue the expansion on our work on Peace and Reconciliation and on Knit for Peace and shall continue to invest in improved IT systems.

Endowment Fund:
We are planning for an expected decline in income, we expect to draw upon our reserves to fund our work and worthwhile grants.

The pandemic has been a difficult time. The trustees took the decision that priority should be given to those we help, rather than conserving our resources. Whilst our income dropped both for Knit for Peace and the Good Gifts Catalogue, our existing supporters remained loyal.

We moved from a full printed Good Gifts Catalogue, both for reason of cost, particularly postage, and for environmental reasons. Also for environmental reasons, we have encouraged knitters to donate knitting to local charities - reducing transport costs.

In essence the pandemic showed us how people valued the work we do. They could turn to us for emergency funding from Good Gifts, to Knit for Peace for yarn and materials to keep the knitters knitting, and for community groups, hospices, and care homes, wonderful warm clothes and blankets!

FUTURE PLANS

- Improve IT. This is an ongoing process;
- Expand Knit for Peace, in the UK and Middle East;
- Spread the awareness of the health benefits of knitting

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Charity has no share capital or debentures, hence there are no Trustees' interests requiring disclosure. In the event of the Charity being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees

The Trustees, who served in the year, David Russell, Leila Mactavish. and Rowena Dunn. Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity, who are currently the same as the Trustees. The Charity sees no need to have a policy on the recruitment, induction and training of Trustees.

Organisational structure and decision making

The founding Director, Dame Hilary Blume, is responsible to the Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Charity and other staff report to her. The Charity's policy towards staff is to ensure that all staff are given the opportunity to realise their full potential. The Trust prides itself on being a learning environment. It should be noted that the Trust has a strict policy on paying graduate interns, which it believes provides opportunities for those not subsidised by their families nor the State.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling its activities, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the Charity. In addition to the Trustees, key management personnel includes the Director, Dame Hilary Blume, whose remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees and Deputy Director Avril Jn-Marie.

Related organisations

Details of the Charity's subsidiary company in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited, are given in Note 21 to the accounts. The company was established in pursuit of the Charity's object of preserving buildings of architectural merit and its primary activity is currently the running of the Chittaranjan Palace in Mysore as a hotel (the Green Hotel) in order to preserve it. Profits from the Green Hotel are given to charitable and environmental projects in India.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Our resilience during the pandemic pays testament to the organisation's judicious planning.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Charities Advisory Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the 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 charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT - continued
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- 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.

AUDITORS
The auditors, Knox Cropper LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D Russell - Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Charities Advisory Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (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 30 June 2023 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of 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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' 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 Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the trustees' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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 Charitable Company is required to comply with both company law and charity law and, based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.

- We gained an understanding of how the charitable company complied with its legal and regulatory framework, including the requirement to properly account for restricted funds, through discussions with management and a review of the documented policies, procedures and controls.

- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charitable company's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override.

- Our approach was to check that all restricted income was properly identified and separately accounted for and to ensure that only valid and appropriate expenditure was charged to restricted funds. This included reviewing journal adjustments and unusual transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 auditors' 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.

Richard Billinghurst (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
65 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 2AD

Date: 26/03/2024

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2023 Total funds £**	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**789**	**453,324**	**454,113**	637,102
Charitable activities	4				
Turnover from purchased goods		**-**	**7,665**	**7,665**	15,121
Turnover from donated goods		**-**	**33,740**	**33,740**	15,850
Other income		**36,205**	**278**	**36,483**	31,427
Investment income	3	**14,505**	**-**	**14,505**	10,737
Other income		**-**	**-**	**-**	4,250
Total		**51,499**	**495,007**	**546,506**	714,487
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Good Gifts		**164,645**	**303,132**	**467,777**	505,454
UK Disaster Relief		**2,300**	**-**	**2,300**	1,014
Advisory Service		**3,768**	**-**	**3,768**	1,539
Direct awards programme		**4,398**	**39,724**	**44,122**	18,586
Card Aid		**3,768**	**-**	**3,768**	258
Peace projects		**179,090**	**12,675**	**191,765**	180,098
Other		**22,446**	**-**	**22,446**	19,129
IT		**9,639**	**-**	**9,639**	37,750
Project Development		**1,886**	**-**	**1,886**	-
Total		**391,940**	**355,531**	**747,471**	763,828
Net gains/(losses) on investments		**34,028**	**-**	**34,028**	(173,131)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(306,413)**	**139,476**	**(166,937)**	(222,472)
Transfers between funds	19	**150,687**	**(150,687)**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(155,726)**	**(11,211)**	**(166,937)**	(222,472)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,121,191**	**674,945**	**2,796,136**	3,018,608
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**1,965,465**	**663,734**	**2,629,199**	2,796,136

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	**48,160**	65,405
Investments	13	**1,861,031**	1,827,002
		1,909,191	1,892,407
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	**348,524**	294,841
Cash at bank and in hand		**415,422**	712,123
		763,946	1,006,964
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	**(43,938)**	(103,235)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**720,008**	903,729
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,629,199**	2,796,136
NET ASSETS		**2,629,199**	2,796,136
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		**1,965,464**	2,121,191
Restricted funds		**663,735**	674,945
TOTAL FUNDS		**2,629,199**	2,796,136

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....26th March 2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

D Russell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**(310,657)**	(99,138)
Net cash used in operating activities		**(310,646)**	(99,138)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(549)**	(75,850)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		**-**	(400,000)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		**-**	4,250
Interest received		**14,505**	10,737
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**13,956**	(465,113)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**(296,701)**	(564,251)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	**712,123**	1,276,374
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**415,422**	712,123

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(166,937)**	(222,472)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**17,794**	17,650
(Gain)/losses on investments	**(34,028)**	168,881
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	**-**	(4,250)
Interest received	**(14,505)**	(10,737)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(53,683)**	69,833
Decrease in creditors	**(59,297)**	(126,544)
Net cash used in operations	**(310,657)**	(99,138)

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.22	Cash flow	At 30.6.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**712,123**	**(296,701)**	**415,422**
Total	**712,123**	**(296,701)**	**415,422**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Financial Statements are presented in pound sterling.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Consolidation
As explained in Note 21 the Charity has a subsidiary in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited. Under Indian law assets of the subsidiary are not permitted to be repatriated to the UK and this substantially hinders the exercise of control by the Charity over the subsidiary's assets. The Charity therefore does not prepare group accounts. The subsidiary is regarded by the Charity's Trustees as an independent project and it is administered by a separate board of directors, all Indian nationals except for the Charity's Director.

Income
All incoming resources are shown net of VAT where applicable. Donated goods for sale are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they are sold. Donated services are only recognised to the extent that they are material and reasonably quantifiable and measurable; in particular non-professional services from volunteers are not recognised. All trading activities are undertaken in furtherance of the Charity's objects, including assisting other charities with their fundraising through raising their profile through the Card Aid and Good Gifts schemes. Training income is recognised in the period in which the training event took place; where income for a training event is received prior to the event taking place, the income is deferred to the correct financial period. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income or Gift Aid donations is recognised at the time the relevant income is receivable.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of charitable activities and depreciation on related assets. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been split on an estimated time basis for the staff concerned. Support costs comprise those costs incurred centrally in support of the Charity's activities, including Governance costs, and have been apportioned to activities in proportion to the total costs of those activities. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and its strategic management.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment	-	5 to 6 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 to 10 years

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

Fund accounting
The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund, and the basis of transfers to or from them, are set out in Note 19.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/(expenditure).

Pension costs
The Charity has historically operated a defined contribution pension scheme the assets of which are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds chosen by individual staff. For eligible staff, contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities. Since April 2016, The Charity has enrolled all new staff in Nest's defined contribution Workplace Pension Scheme.

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

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies where applicable.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charity Direct donations	**80,773**	65,094
Good Gifts donations - gifts	**294,704**	387,988
Good Gifts other income	**59,574**	68,808
Knit for Peace	**19,062**	115,212
	454,113	637,102

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes described in a catalogue. The donor is also encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and donate this Gift Aid towards the scheme's running costs. The resulting income is the main component of the Good Gifts other income shown above. The donor receives literature associated with the donation for which they are charged postage and packaging. Although this scheme generates a significant amount of voluntary income all costs of administering the scheme are included as part of the cost of Charitable activities. Details of grants given under the scheme are shown in Note 6.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Dividends	**12,053**	10,595
Bank interest receivable	**2,452**	142
	14,505	10,737

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

				2023	2022
	Turnover from purchased goods	Turnover from donated goods	Other income	Total activities	Total activities
	£	£	£	**£**	£
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**7,665**	**33,740**	**36,483**	**77,888**	**62,398**

Details of the Good Gifts Scheme are given in Note 19.

Donated cards are sold through the Charity's websites. The object of the Card Aid initiative is to maximise the amount going to charity from the sale of Christmas cards. All donated cards are sold in aid of a particular beneficiary charity or class of charities and the amount paid to the charities is calculated as a percentage of the sale proceeds. This amount of the sale proceeds is shown above as restricted income.

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**119,232**	**298,503**	**50,042**	**467,777**
UK Disaster Relief	**1,749**	**-**	**551**	**2,300**
Advisory Service	**2,623**	**-**	**1,145**	**3,768**
Direct awards programme	**3,061**	**39,724**	**1,337**	**44,122**
Card Aid	**2,623**	**-**	**1,145**	**3,768**
Peace projects	**137,334**	**-**	**54,431**	**191,765**
Other	**1,054**	**-**	**21,392**	**22,446**
IT	**6,562**	**-**	**3,077**	**9,639**
Project Development	**1,313**	**-**	**573**	**1,886**
	275,551	**338,227**	**133,693**	**747,471**

Details of Support costs and Governance costs are given in Note 7.

UK Disaster Relief (UKDR) is an initiative of the Charity aimed at raising funds for practical assistance in the event of a UK disaster. It has now been established as a separate charitable company, registered charity number 1136164 and registered company number 07104828. The costs included above relate to an allocation of staff costs, representing time spent by Charity staff on UKDR affairs.

Direct costs for Card Aid, Training, Good Gifts, Peace Projects and the Direct awards programme, include grants payable which are detailed in Note 6.

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Good Gifts	**298,503**	339,456
Direct awards programme	**39,724**	15,520
	338,227	354,976

Good Gifts payments relate to donations by individuals and companies passed on to good causes chosen by them from a catalogue (see Note 19 for more details). Payments are made twice yearly.

The amount shown as Direct awards programme represents funds donated by individuals paid to charities of their choice (see Note 19).

All grants were made to institutions.

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**47,347**	**2,695**	**50,042**
UK Disaster Relief	**510**	**41**	**551**
Advisory Service	**1,083**	**62**	**1,145**
Direct awards programme	**1,265**	**72**	**1,337**
Card Aid	**1,083**	**62**	**1,145**
Peace projects	**51,500**	**2,931**	**54,431**
Other	**20,240**	**1,152**	**21,392**
IT	**2,923**	**154**	**3,077**
Project Development	**542**	**31**	**573**
	126,493	**7,200**	**133,693**

Support costs have been apportioned to activities proportionately to staff costs on those activities.

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	**7,200**	6,550
Depreciation - owned assets	**17,794**	17,650
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	**-**	(4,250)

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2023 nor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	221,909	226,279
Social security costs	28,386	18,949
Other pension costs	4,997	25,099
	255,292	270,327

The average number of employees during the year was 7 (2022: 6).

The average weekly number of employees, calculated as full time equivalents, during the period was:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Card Aid	0.06	0.01
IT	0.13	-
Good Gifts	1.71	1.91
Direct Aid	0.07	0.06
Advisory & Ethics	0.06	0.03
Peace projects	2.02	2.73
Project Development	0.03	-
UK Disaster Relief	0.04	0.03
Support and governance	0.96	0.73
	4.98	5.5

The salary of the Director amounted to £78,400 for the year (2022 - £78,400). In addition she was due pension contributions amounting to £19,600 (2022 - £19,600).

Two employees received total emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, in excess of £60,000, one within the band £70,000 - £80,000 and one within the band £90,000-£100,000.

Pension costs represent contributions payable by the Charity for eligible staff to funds chosen by the individuals calculated, for most staff, at 6% of annual salaries. The Charity has no commitments beyond these regular contributions. All other staff are enrolled in NEST's defined contribution scheme.

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	637,102	637,102
Charitable activities			
Turnover from purchased goods	1,181	13,940	15,121
Turnover from donated goods	15,850	-	15,850
Other income	31,427	-	31,427
Investment income	10,736	1	10,737
Other income	4,250	-	4,250
Total	63,444	651,043	714,487
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Good Gifts	-	505,454	505,454
UK Disaster Relief	1,014	-	1,014
Advisory Service	1,539	-	1,539
Direct awards programme	3,066	15,520	18,586
Card Aid	-	258	258
Peace projects	2,986	177,112	180,098
Other	19,129	-	19,129
IT	37,750	-	37,750
Total	65,484	698,344	763,828
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(173,131)	-	(173,131)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(175,171)	(47,301)	(222,472)
Transfers between funds	(31,195)	31,195	-
Net movement in funds	(206,366)	(16,106)	(222,472)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,327,559	691,049	3,018,608
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,121,193	674,943	2,796,136

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 July 2022	**179,693**	**24,524**	**204,217**
Additions	**549**	**-**	**549**
Disposals	**-**	**(7,299)**	**(7,299)**
At 30 June 2023	**180,242**	**17,225**	**197,467**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2022	**127,630**	**11,182**	**138,812**
Charge for year	**14,543**	**3,251**	**17,794**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**(7,299)**	**(7,299)**
At 30 June 2023	**142,173**	**7,134**	**149,307**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2023	**38,069**	**10,091**	**48,160**
At 30 June 2022	52,063	13,342	65,405

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 July 2022	**1,827,002**
Net investment gain/(loss)	**34,029**
At 30 June 2023	**1,861,031**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2023	**1,861,031**
At 30 June 2022	1,827,002

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The historical cost of investments as at the year-end was £1,607,732 (2021: £1,207,732).

The investments include a shareholding in Standard Life with a year end value of £4,177 (2021: £7,081). Other investments comprise of unit trusts.

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	**80,224**	50,405
Due from Christmas Card Scheme Limited	**-**	27
Gift Aid tax recoverable	**239,929**	207,575
VAT	**4,989**	13,885
Prepayments	**23,382**	22,949
	348,524	294,841

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	**6,929**	12,817
Social security and other taxes	**4,231**	3,260
Other creditors	**9,325**	9,488
Accruals	**22,808**	77,025
Deferred training income (Note 16)	**645**	645
	43,938	103,235

16. Deferred Income

Deferred training income, representing fees received in the year for courses, for the following year, comprises the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance at 1 July 2022	**645**	68,418
Add: Deferred training income arising in the year	**-**	645
Less: Released in the year	**-**	(68,148)
Balance at 30 June 2023	**645**	645

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17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2023	2022
Within 1 Year	53,272	53,000

18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets	**48,160**	**-**	**48,160**	65,405
Investments	**1,839,702**	**21,329**	**1,861,031**	1,827,002
Current assets	**125,562**	**638,384**	**763,946**	1,006,964
Current liabilities	**(17,960)**	**(25,978)**	**(43,938)**	(103,235)
	1,965,464	**663,735**	**2,629,199**	2,796,136

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**49,958**	**(340,443)**	**330,687**	**40,202**
Working capital	**200,000**	**-**	**-**	**200,000**
Property	**103,000**	**-**	**(58,000)**	**45,000**
Flexible endowment	**1,150,000**	**-**	**(72,000)**	**1,078,000**
Revaluation reserve	**201,833**	**34,029**	**-**	**235,862**
Ethics of Charitable Giving	**25,000**	**-**	**(25,000)**	**-**
Good Gifts Monitoring	**23,400**	**-**	**-**	**23,400**
Computer and IT Upgrade	**20,000**	**-**	**-**	**20,000**
Publications	**25,000**	**-**	**(25,000)**	**-**
Knit for Peace Middle East	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
Knit for Peace Working Capital	**203,000**	**-**	**-**	**203,000**
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
	2,121,191	**(306,414)**	**150,687**	**1,965,464**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**127,902**	**278**	**(278)**	**127,902**
Charity Direct	**190,333**	**41,049**	**-**	**231,382**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**356,710**	**(3,799)**	**(48,460)**	**304,451**
Good Gifts - running costs	**-**	**62,611**	**(62,611)**	**-**
Knit for peace	**-**	**39,338**	**(39,338)**	**-**
	674,945	**139,477**	**(150,687)**	**663,735**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,796,136**	**(166,937)**	**-**	**2,629,199**

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**51,498**	**(391,941)**	**-**	**(340,443)**
Revaluation reserve	**1**	**-**	**34,028**	**34,029**
	51,499	**(391,941)**	**34,028**	**(306,414)**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**278**	**-**	**-**	**278**
Charity Direct	**80,773**	**(39,724)**	**-**	**41,049**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**294,704**	**(298,503)**	**-**	**(3,799)**
Good Gifts - running costs	**67,239**	**(4,628)**	**-**	**62,611**
Knit for peace	**52,013**	**(12,675)**	**-**	**39,338**
	495,007	**(355,530)**	**-**	**139,477**
TOTAL FUNDS	**546,506**	**(747,471)**	**34,028**	**(166,937)**

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	83,195	(2,042)	(31,195)	49,958
Working capital	200,000	-	-	200,000
Property	103,000	-	-	103,000
Flexible endowment	730,000	-	420,000	1,150,000
Revaluation reserve	374,964	(173,131)	-	201,833
Ethics of Charitable Giving	395,000	-	(370,000)	25,000
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	70,000	-	(50,000)	20,000
Publications	25,000	-	-	25,000
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	203,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	60,000
	2,327,559	(175,173)	(31,195)	2,121,191
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	128,319	(256)	(161)	127,902
Charity Direct	141,644	49,574	(885)	190,333
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	373,127	48,631	(65,048)	356,710
Good Gifts - running costs	-	(97,289)	97,289	-
Knit for peace	47,959	(47,959)	-	-
	691,049	(47,299)	31,195	674,945
TOTAL FUNDS	3,018,608	(222,472)	-	2,796,136

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	63,444	(65,486)	-	(2,042)
Revaluation reserve	-	-	(173,131)	(173,131)
	63,444	(65,486)	(173,131)	(175,173)
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	2	(258)	-	(256)
Charity Direct	65,094	(15,520)	-	49,574
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	387,987	(339,356)	-	48,631
Good Gifts - running costs	68,807	(166,096)	-	(97,289)
Knit for peace	129,153	(177,112)	-	(47,959)
	651,043	(698,342)	-	(47,299)
TOTAL FUNDS	714,487	(763,828)	(173,131)	(222,472)

The Director's hope to set aside time to write a guide on the Ethics of Charitable giving, is unlikely to be realised because of pressure of work.

Good Gifts monitoring - a provision for travel costs to monitor projects/grants.

The sum of £20,000 has been designated for future computer and IT and website upgrades.

Publications – Due to changes in circumstances and rising costs our publication plans have been set aside.

Knit for Peace in the Middle East was launched in December 2018. The sum of £60,000 has been set aside for planned expansion into Jordan and the West Bank. A visit to the 'Knit a Community Conventions in Israel was cancelled due to ill health.

The Charity has working capital requirements. However, with an adjusted focus on Knit for Peace, the working capital fund has been reduced in recent years.

Property - Repairs to the roof have been carried out and a new sky light has been installed. Following the flood damage at Radius Works the insurers agreed to repair the drains, and to re-carpet and re-decorate the ground floor. We have adjusted the reserves accordingly. We still intend to re-tile the downstairs toilet.

In 2002, the Trustees decided to establish a Flexible endowment fund to enable grants to be made when suitable projects came to their attention. In 2010, the Flexible endowment fund has been used as a buffer to underwrite some of the restricted funds where payouts were greater than the fund balance. The trustees felt since we had reserves it was better to use them to protect our beneficiaries, hard hit by recession, rather than set them adrift.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

As explained in Note 4, part of the sales proceeds of donated cards through the Card Aid scheme is payable to named beneficiary charities or classes of charities. Most of the amounts payable from the Card Aid Fund are distributed in February or March after the end of the Card Aid season but some funds for specified causes (rather than for specific charities) are distributed throughout the year in accordance with the Charity's grant-making policy. Any such amounts not spent by the year-end are carried forward for distribution in the following financial year.

The purpose of Charity Direct is to encourage tax-effective giving through Gift Aid donations from individuals. The amounts donated are expended for charitable purposes at the instructions of the individuals concerned. The Charity Direct fund is also used to channel other donations to good causes.

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes. Generally, the donations are passed on to a named charity but the Charities Advisory Trust itself takes direct responsibility for some of the projects. This income, and the corresponding payments to charities, are shown above as Good Gifts - charitable gifts. Good Gifts payments are made twice yearly.

There are also administrative costs associated with the Good Gifts scheme, and these are shown above as Good Gifts – running costs. The Charity charges a small postage and packing fee for Good Gifts overseas orders and orders below £25. Donors are encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration to enable tax to be reclaimed, helping cover the running costs of the scheme. The corresponding resources expended are part of the running costs of the scheme. There was a transfer of £62,611 out of this reserve at the year end, which includes £26,516 for the cost of delivering projects and for Knit for Peace income received through Good Gifts, and £21,944 which was commission charged on all gifts to compensate the card payment fees and international transfer costs. The remaining difference represents a contribution to the overheads of the charity.

Knitting as team building for companies - we are trying to encourage companies to use knitting days for team building.

The balance in the Revaluation reserve is calculated as the excess of the value of investments over the historical cost (there was no excess at 30 June 2010). The reserve is represented by that part of the investments.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

David Russell, a Trustee at the Charity, is a consultant at SURF. During the year grants totalling £53,100 (2022: £92,645) were made to SURF to help fund the SURF Rwanda livelihoods, livestock and education projects. Charities Advisory Trust has supported SURF since before David's appointment as Trustee, and he has no involvement in the donations made to SURF.

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21. GREENWAY HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Charity has a subsidiary called Greenway Hotels Private Limited, a company registered in India, established to preserve historic buildings by refurbishing them for sustainable use in tourist ventures. The company's first project was a historic palace in Mysore - the Chittaranjan Palace - which is now run, as the Green Hotel, as a demonstration project showing how tourism ventures can be run on a non-exploitative basis and can benefit employees, the local community and visitors. Profits earned are distributed for charitable and environmental purposes in India. These grants are made out of profits before the end of the year. In past years the Charity has made grants to the company to renovate the palace and maintain its fabric.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared in respect of the subsidiary company as explained in Note 1. The results of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 were as follows:

	2023 Rs'000	2023 £	2022 Rs'000	2022 £
Turnover	31,359	308,775	2,959	29,139
Less: Operating costs	(29,274)	(288,247)	(7,851)	(77,308)
	2,085	20,528	(4,892)	(48,169)
Taxation	(122)	(1,197)	-	-
Loss for the year	1,963	19,331	(4,892)	(48,169)
Profit and loss account:				
At start of year	(16,366)	(161,151)	(11,474)	(113,375)
Profit/(loss) for year	1,963	19,331	(4,892)	(48,169)
Exchange Differences	-	(1)	-	393
At end of year	(14,403)	(141,819)	(16,366)	(161,151)
Share capital	8,997	88,585	8,997	88,585
Total capital and reserves	(5,406)	(53,234)	(7,369)	(72,566)
Assets and liabilities:				
Total assets	10,562	103,995	7,191	70,802
Less: total liabilities	(15,968)	(157,229)	(14,560)	(143,368)
	(5,406)	(53,234)	(7,369)	(72,566)

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22. CORPORATION TAX

As a registered charity there is no liability to tax on the interest received. The Charity is liable to tax on its trading activities but after taking into account the notional market value of the donated goods and the notional cost of volunteers in the Card Aid shops and other donated services there are tax losses.

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1040487

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02895760 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1040487

Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

for

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

TRUSTEES	B Bhasin (resigned 4.11.21) D Russell Ms L M Mactavish R Dunn
COMPANY SECRETARY	Dame H S B Blume
REGISTERED OFFICE	Radius Works Back Lane Hampstead London NW3 1HL
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	02895760 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1040487
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Knox Cropper LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's main objectives were to continue to plan the transition from income dependency on Card Aid to other activities:

1) To maintain the Good Gifts Catalogue;

2) To respond to the organic growth of Knit for Peace;

3) To recognise the need to draw on reserves to support the Charity's objectives

4) To devise income generation schemes to fund Knit for Peace on a sustainable basis;

5) To promote the health benefits of knitting;

6) To campaign on ethical behaviour by charities.

Public benefit

The Trustees have a policy of transparency on how and whom CAT benefits. Card Aid and the Good Gifts Catalogue clearly state where and how the money is spent. The area of benefit is wide, consistent with the charity's objects. The promotion of religion is not supported, and in general the priority is to provide help to the poor or disadvantaged, except where, for example with tree planting, there is general benefit to the community. Our support for art projects is largely to provide access to the arts for those under 18. Support for medical research we take as potentially benefitting all sections of the community.

Grantmaking

Most of our grant making is through funds raised through the Good Gifts Catalogue. Applications for funding for individuals are rarely, if ever, successful. We work with charities with whom we have developed a programme to deliver the outcomes we seek.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, achievements and performance

The economic climate continues to make everyone cautious about spending and this impacts on giving to all charities. The difficult economic conditions and the drastic fall in interest rates (which is costing us over £100,000 a year) made belt-tightening essential.

Card Aid

For 40 years the Trust has produced and marketed charity Christmas cards. Our Annual Scrooge Awards led to increased revenue in fact generating millions of pounds for charity. The decline in card sending seems to us inexorable. The high cost of postage, the unreliability of the mail, the ease of sending e-cards or, for the young, text messages; all continue to erode the market. We therefore produced no new cards, and marketed existing stock. Sales dropped from £8,462 to £3,827.

Good Gifts Catalogue

For Good Gifts, we noticed people continued to buy less expensive gifts and spent less overall.

Knit for Peace

Knit for Peace is a major part of the Trust's work. It has grown in response to the demands of both knitters and those needing warm clothes, and we are proud of our ability to respond to these real needs. A major part of the work is distributing the donated knitting. We have over 40,000 volunteers in the UK donating their knitting to those in need.

Despite the difficulties, we were able to carry out a feasibility study of setting up Knit a Community organisations in Jordan and the West Bank (Palestinian Authority) on equal footing with Knit a Community in Israel.

We held a very successful holiday at New Lanark in October 2021. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant our very popular holiday at the Green Hotel and other plans had to be cancelled.

We were honoured to be chosen as the charity of the year by Prima Magazine, which brought Knit for Peace to a wider audience.

We would like to express our thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are worth their weight in gold. Because of the pandemic and the need to protect our staff and volunteers, we had to limit the number of people allowed into the office. Tribute should be paid to the staff, who had to take on a much heavier work load.

Fundraising Policy

During the year, Charities Advisory Trust did not make use of any consultants or external professionals to undertake its fundraising activities. Additionally, no data was shared with, or sold to, any external agencies. We did not undertake direct mail shots, send any unsolicited newsletters or approach any vulnerable individuals to support our work. A complaints policy is in place, but we received no complaints during the year about any of our fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

The Charity's investments are designed to meet the Trustees' wishes for environmental, social and ethical investment. The Trustees continue to monitor the performance of these investments closely. The fall in interest rates continues to impact adversely on our income (note that the valuation of investments given on the balance sheet are unrealised assets. Their value may decline).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity maintains a strong financial position with a healthy level of general reserves. They adopt a prudent attitude towards reserves which in the circumstances has proved wise.

Our reserves, built up over the years, and declining since about 2008, give a more cheerful view of our finances. Our income has been declining (because of the decline of Card Aid). Our expenditure on Knit for Peace has grown, and we are grateful for the financial support from the National Lottery Fund.

Knit for Peace is incredibly worthwhile, both in providing warm clothes and blankets to those in need, which shows them they are not forgotten and valued. More than that, Knit for Peace is enabling people of all backgrounds to continue to feel useful and overcome the isolation and powerlessness of old age. We are determined to continue the project, but do not want to do so to the exclusion of our other activities.

Designated funds
The Trustees have considered the designated funds in the accounts and feel that the various provisions are prudent.

Project development:
We expect to continue the expansion on our work on Peace and reconciliation and on Knit for Peace and shall continue to invest in improved IT systems.

Endowment Fund:
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The trustees decided that the charity should aim to hold a minimum of 12 months running costs (£385,000) in free reserves, to mitigate against a significant drop in income or an emergency. This is to allow the charity to cover running costs and continue to support our beneficiaries. This time can be used to plan our recovery and reorganisation if necessary. Our free reserves of £1,134,553 at 30th June 2022 excludes restricted funds, designated funds, revaluation reserves, fixed assets and working capital, but includes the flexible endowment. The free reserves policy is due for review in August 2023.

The pandemic has been a difficult time. The trustees took the decision that priority should be given to those we help, rather than conserving our resources. Whilst our income dropped both for Knit for Peace and the Good Gifts Catalogue, our existing supporters remained loyal.

We introduced a range of new gifts, and these were well received. This was a major part of work involving all the staff.

We moved from a full printed Good Gifts Catalogue, both for reason of cost, particularly postage, and for environmental reasons. Also for environmental reasons, we have encouraged knitters to donate knitting to local charities - reducing transport costs.

An application to the National Lottery for support for Knit for Peace was successful and made us feel more confident going forward.

In essence the pandemic showed us how people valued the work we do. They could turn to us for emergency funding from Good Gifts, to Knit for Peace for yarn and materials to keep the knitters knitting, and for community

groups, hospices, and care homes, wonderful warm clothes and blankets!

FUTURE PLANS
- Improve IT. This is an ongoing process;
- Expand Knit for Peace, in the UK and Middle East;
- Spread the awareness of the health benefits of knitting

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Charity has no share capital or debentures, hence there are no Trustees' interests requiring disclosure. In the event of the Charity being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustees

The Trustees, who served in the year, David Russell, Leila Mactavish. and Rowena Dunn. Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity, who are currently the same as the Trustees. The Charity sees no need to have a policy on the recruitment, induction and training of Trustees.

Organisational structure and decision making

The founding Director, Dame Hilary Blume, is responsible to the Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Charity and other staff report to her. The Charity's policy towards staff is to ensure that all staff are given the opportunity to realise their full potential. The Trust prides itself on being a learning environment. It should be noted that the Trust has a strict policy on paying graduate interns, which it believes provides opportunities for those not subsidised by their families nor the State.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling its activities, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the Charity. In addition to the Trustees, key management personnel includes the Director, Dame Hilary Blume, whose remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees and Deputy Director Avril Jn-Marie.

Related organisations

Details of the Charity's subsidiary company in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited, are given in Note 20 19 to the accounts. The company was established in pursuit of the Charity's object of preserving buildings of architectural merit and its primary activity is currently the running of the Chittaranjan Palace in Mysore as a hotel (the Green Hotel) in order to preserve it. Profits from the Green Hotel are given to charitable and environmental projects in India. The pandemic has forced the suspension of the Hotel's activities.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Our resilience during the pandemic pays testament to the organisation's judicious planning.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Charities Advisory Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the 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 charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT - continued

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Knox Cropper LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

D Russell - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Charities Advisory Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (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 30 June 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, including Financial reporting Standard 102 'The Financial reporting Standard applicable in the Uk and Republic of Ireland; 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of 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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' 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 Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the trustees' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 Charitable Company is required to comply with both company law and charity law and, based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.

- We gained an understanding of how the charitable company complied with its legal and regulatory framework, including the requirement to properly account for restricted funds, through discussions with management and a review of the documented policies, procedures and controls.

- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charitable company's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override.

- Our approach was to check that all restricted income was properly identified and separately accounted for and to ensure that only valid and appropriate expenditure was charged to restricted funds. This included reviewing journal adjustments and unusual transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 auditors' 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.

Richard Billinghurst (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
65 Leadenhall Street
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Date: 09/05/2023

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2022 Total funds £**	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**-**	**637,102**	**637,102**	539,489
Charitable activities	4				
Turnover from purchased goods		**1,178**	**13,943**	**15,121**	5,269
Turnover from donated goods		**15,850**	**-**	**15,850**	39,159
Other income		**35,677**	**-**	**35,677**	12,759
Investment income	3	**10,737**	**-**	**10,737**	12,162
Total		**63,442**	**651,045**	**714,487**	608,838
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Good Gifts		**-**	**505,454**	**505,454**	472,987
UK Disaster Relief		**1,014**	**-**	**1,014**	-
Advisory Service		**1,539**	**-**	**1,539**	1,691
Direct awards programme		**3,066**	**15,520**	**18,586**	3,001
Card Aid		**-**	**258**	**258**	2,228
Peace Oil		**-**	**-**	**-**	1,318
Peace projects		**2,986**	**177,112**	**180,098**	223,360
Other		**19,129**	**-**	**19,129**	20,486
IT		**37,750**	**-**	**37,750**	-
Total		**65,484**	**698,344**	**763,828**	725,071
Net gains/(losses) on investments		**(173,131)**	**-**	**(173,131)**	212,895
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(175,173)**	**(47,299)**	**(222,472)**	96,662
Transfers between funds	17	**(31,195)**	**31,195**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(206,368)**	**(16,104)**	**(222,472)**	96,662
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,327,559**	**691,049**	**3,018,608**	2,921,946
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,121,191**	**674,945**	**2,796,136**	3,018,608

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02895760)

Balance Sheet
30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	**65,405**	7,205
Investments	12	**1,827,002**	1,600,133
		1,892,407	1,607,338
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	**294,841**	364,674
Cash at bank and in hand		**712,123**	1,276,375
		1,006,964	1,641,049
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	**(103,235)**	(229,779)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**903,729**	1,411,270
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,796,136**	3,018,608
NET ASSETS		**2,796,136**	3,018,608
FUNDS	17		
Unrestricted funds		**2,121,191**	2,327,559
Restricted funds		**674,945**	691,049
TOTAL FUNDS		**2,796,136**	3,018,608

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....4th May 2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

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D Russell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**(103,389)**	(111,470)
Net cash used in operating activities		**(103,389)**	(111,470)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(75,850)**	**-**
Purchase of fixed asset investments		**(400,000)**	(136,857)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		**4,250**	**-**
Sale of fixed asset investments		**-**	619,509
Interest received		**10,737**	12,163
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		**(460,863)**	494,815
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**(564,252)**	606,374
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**1,276,375**	670,090
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**712,123**	1,276,375

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**(222,472)**	96,662
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**17,650**	3,522
Losses/(gain) on investments	**173,131**	(212,895)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	**(4,250)**	-
Interest received	**(10,737)**	(12,163)
Decrease in stocks	**-**	1,318
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**69,833**	107,796
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(126,544)**	127,230
Net cash used in operations	**(103,389)**	111,470

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.21	Cash flow	At 30.6.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**1,276,375**	**(564,252)**	**712,123**
	1,276,375	**(564,252)**	**712,123**
Total	**1,276,375**	**(564,252)**	**712,123**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Financial Statements are presented in pound sterling.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Consolidation
As explained in Note 19 the Charity has a subsidiary in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited. Under Indian law assets of the subsidiary are not permitted to be repatriated to the UK and this substantially hinders the exercise of control by the Charity over the subsidiary's assets. The Charity therefore does not prepare group accounts. The subsidiary is regarded by the Charity's Trustees as an independent project and it is administered by a separate board of directors, all Indian nationals except for the Charity's Director.

Income
All incoming resources are shown net of VAT where applicable. Donated goods for sale are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they are sold. Donated services are only recognised to the extent that they are material and reasonably quantifiable and measurable; in particular non-professional services from volunteers are not recognised. All trading activities are undertaken in furtherance of the Charity's objects, including assisting other charities with their fundraising through raising their profile through the Card Aid and Good Gifts schemes. Training income is recognised in the period in which the training event took place; where income for a training event is received prior to the event taking place, the income is deferred to the correct financial period. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income or Gift Aid donations is recognised at the time the relevant income is receivable.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of charitable activities and depreciation on related assets. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been split on an estimated time basis for the staff concerned. Support costs comprise those costs incurred centrally in support of the Charity's activities, including Governance costs, and have been apportioned to activities in proportion to the total costs of those activities. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and its strategic management.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment	-	5 to 6 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 to 10 years

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

Fund accounting
The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund, and the basis of transfers to or from them, are set out in Note 17.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/(expenditure).

Pension costs
The Charity has historically operated a defined contribution pension scheme the assets of which are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds chosen by individual staff. For eligible staff, contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities. Since April 2016, The Charity has enrolled all new staff in Nest's defined contribution Workplace Pension Scheme.

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

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies where applicable.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charity Direct donations	**65,094**	2,310
Good Gifts donations - gifts	**387,988**	406,855
Good Gifts other income	**68,808**	82,547
Knit for Peace	**115,212**	47,537
Other voluntary income	**-**	240
	637,102	539,489

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes described in a catalogue. The donor is also encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and donate this Gift Aid towards the scheme's running costs. The resulting income is the main component of the Good Gifts other income shown above. The donor receives literature associated with the donation for which they are charged postage and packaging. Although this scheme generates a significant amount of voluntary income all costs of administering the scheme are included as part of the cost of Charitable activities. Details of grants given under the scheme are shown in Note 6.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Dividends	**10,595**	11,237
Bank interest receivable	**142**	925
	10,737	12,162

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Turnover from purchased goods	Turnover from donated goods	Other income	2022 Total activities	2021 Total activities
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**15,121**	**15,850**	**35,677**	**66,648**	**57,187**

Details of the Good Gifts Scheme are given in Note 17.

Donated cards and gift tags are sold through the Charity's websites. The object of the Card Aid initiative is to maximise the amount going to charity from the sale of Christmas cards. All donated cards are sold in aid of a particular beneficiary charity or class of charities and the amount paid to the charities (see Note 6) is calculated as a percentage of the sale proceeds. This amount of the sale proceeds is shown above as restricted income.

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**115,272**	**339,456**	**50,726**	**505,454**
UK Disaster Relief	**689**	**-**	**325**	**1,014**
Advisory Service	**1,046**	**-**	**493**	**1,539**
Direct awards programme	**2,094**	**15,520**	**972**	**18,586**
Card Aid	**179**	**-**	**79**	**258**
Peace projects	**125,783**	**-**	**54,315**	**180,098**
Other	**8,398**	**-**	**10,731**	**19,129**
IT	**25,759**	**-**	**11,991**	**37,750**
	279,220	**354,976**	**129,632**	**763,828**

Details of Support costs and Governance costs are given in Note 6.

UK Disaster Relief (UKDR) is an initiative of the Charity aimed at raising funds for practical assistance in the event of a UK disaster. It has now been established as a separate charitable company, registered charity number 1136164 and registered company number 07104828. The costs included above relate to an allocation of staff costs, representing time spent by Charity staff on UKDR affairs.

Direct costs for Card Aid, Training, Good Gifts, Peace Projects and the Direct awards programme, include grants payable which are detailed in Note 7.

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2022	2021
	£	£
Good Gifts	**339,456**	290,566
Direct awards programme	**15,520**	1,895
Card Aid	**-**	383
	354,976	292,844

Good Gifts payments relate to donations by individuals and companies passed on to good causes chosen by them from a catalogue (see Note 18 for more details). Payments are made twice yearly.

The amount shown as Direct awards programme represents funds donated by individuals paid to charities of their choice (see Note 17).

All grants were made to institutions.

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7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**48,162**	**2,564**	**50,726**
UK Disaster Relief	**309**	**16**	**325**
Advisory Service	**468**	**25**	**493**
Direct awards programme	**923**	**49**	**972**
Card Aid	**75**	**4**	**79**
Peace projects	**51,571**	**2,744**	**54,315**
Other	**10,189**	**542**	**10,731**
IT	**11,385**	**606**	**11,991**
	123,082	**6,550**	**129,632**

Support costs have been apportioned to activities proportionately to staff costs on those activities.

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	**6,550**	7,651
Depreciation - owned assets	**17,650**	3,522
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	**(4,250)**	**-**

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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10. STAFF COSTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	221,909	226,279
Social security costs	28,386	18,949
Other pension costs	4,997	25,099
	255,292	270,327

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 6).

The average weekly number of employees, calculated as full time equivalents, during the period was:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Card Aid	0.01	0.01
Training	-	-
Good Gifts	1.91	1.99
Direct Aid	0.06	0.02
Advisory & Ethics	0.03	0.03
Peace projects	2.73	3.04
Peace Oil	-	-
UK Disaster Relief	0.03	-
Support and governance	0.73	0.81
	5.5	5.9

The salary of the Director amounted to £78,400 for the year (2021 - £78,400). In addition she was due pension contributions amounting to £19,600 (2021 - £19,600).

Two employees received total emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, in excess of £60,000, one within the band £70,000 - £80,000 and one within the band £90,000-£100,000.

Pension costs represent contributions payable by the Charity for eligible staff to funds chosen by the individuals calculated, for most staff, at 6% of annual salaries. The Charity has no commitments beyond these regular contributions. All other staff are enrolled in NEST's defined contribution scheme.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 July 2021	**119,693**	**17,533**	**137,226**
Additions	**60,000**	**15,850**	**75,850**
Disposals	**-**	**(8,859)**	**(8,859)**
At 30 June 2022	**179,693**	**24,524**	**204,217**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2021	**114,028**	**15,993**	**130,021**
Charge for year	**13,602**	**4,048**	**17,650**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**(8,859)**	**(8,859)**
At 30 June 2022	**127,630**	**11,182**	**138,812**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2022	**52,063**	**13,342**	**65,405**
At 30 June 2021	5,665	1,540	7,205

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 July 2021	**1,600,133**
Additions	**400,000**
Net investment gain/(loss)	**(173,131)**
At 30 June 2022	**1,827,002**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2022	**1,827,002**
At 30 June 2021	1,600,133

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The historical cost of investments as at the year-end was £1,625,169 (2021: £1,225,169).

The investments include a shareholding in Standard Life with a year end value of £4,177 (2021: £7,081). Other investments comprise of unit trusts.

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13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	**50,405**	60,009
Due from Christmas Card Scheme Limited	**27**	19,091
Gift Aid tax recoverable	**207,575**	206,411
VAT	**13,885**	23,855
Prepayments	**22,949**	55,308
	294,841	364,674

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	**12,815**	1,162
Social security and other taxes	**3,260**	5,255
Other creditors	**9,488**	10,170
Accruals	**77,027**	144,774
Deferred training income	**645**	68,418
	103,235	229,779

Deferred training income, representing fees received in the year for courses, for the following year, comprises the following:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1 July 2021	**68,418**	**-**
Add: Deferred training income arising in the year	**645**	68,418
Less: Released in the year	**(68,418)**	**-**
Balance at 30 June 2022	**£645**	£68,418

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15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within 1 Year	53,000	53,000

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	**2022** Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	**£**	£
Fixed assets	**135,367**	**(69,962)**	**65,405**	7,205
Investments	**1,827,002**	**-**	**1,827,002**	1,600,133
Current assets	**304,994**	**701,970**	**1,006,964**	1,641,049
Current liabilities	**(146,172)**	**42,937**	**(103,235)**	(229,779)
	2,121,191	**674,945**	**2,796,136**	3,018,608

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**83,195**	**(2,042)**	**(31,195)**	**49,958**
Working capital	**200,000**	**-**	**-**	**200,000**
Property	**103,000**	**-**	**-**	**103,000**
Flexible endowment	**730,000**	**-**	**420,000**	**1,150,000**
Revaluation reserve	**374,964**	**(173,131)**	**-**	**201,833**
Ethics of Charitable Giving	**395,000**	**-**	**(370,000)**	**25,000**
Good Gifts Monitoring	**23,400**	**-**	**-**	**23,400**
Computer and IT Upgrade	**70,000**	**-**	**(50,000)**	**20,000**
Publications	**25,000**	**-**	**-**	**25,000**
Knit for Peace Middle East	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
Knit for Peace Working Capital	**203,000**	**-**	**-**	**203,000**
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
	2,327,559	**(175,173)**	**(31,195)**	**2,121,191**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**128,319**	**(256)**	**(161)**	**127,902**
Charity Direct	**141,644**	**49,574**	**(885)**	**190,333**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**373,127**	**48,631**	**(65,048)**	**356,710**
Good Gifts - running costs	**-**	**(97,289)**	**97,289**	**-**
Knit for peace	**47,959**	**(47,959)**	**-**	**-**
	691,049	**(47,299)**	**31,195**	**674,945**
TOTAL FUNDS	**3,018,608**	**(222,472)**	**-**	**2,796,136**

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**63,444**	**(65,486)**	**-**	**(2,042)**
Revaluation reserve	**-**	**-**	**(173,131)**	**(173,131)**
	63,444	**(65,486)**	**(173,131)**	**(175,173)**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**2**	**(258)**	**-**	**(256)**
Charity Direct	**65,094**	**(15,520)**	**-**	**49,574**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**387,987**	**(339,356)**	**-**	**48,631**
Good Gifts - running costs	**68,807**	**(166,096)**	**-**	**(97,289)**
Knit for peace	**129,153**	**(177,112)**	**-**	**(47,959)**
	651,043	**(698,342)**	**-**	**(47,299)**
TOTAL FUNDS	**714,487**	**(763,828)**	**(173,131)**	**(222,472)**

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,626	34,522	(30,953)	83,195
Working capital	200,000	-	-	200,000
Property	103,000	-	-	103,000
Flexible endowment	730,000	-	-	730,000
Revaluation reserve	374,964	-	-	374,964
Ethics of Charitable Giving	395,000	-	-	395,000
Good Gifts Monitoring	23,400	-	-	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	70,000	-	-	70,000
Publications	25,000	-	-	25,000
Knit for Peace Middle East	60,000	-	-	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	203,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	60,000
	2,323,990	34,522	(30,953)	2,327,559
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	130,547	(2,228)	-	128,319
Charity Direct	141,229	415	-	141,644
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	325,758	118,443	(71,074)	373,127
Good Gifts - running costs	-	(102,027)	102,027	-
Knit for peace	422	47,537	-	47,959
	597,956	62,140	30,953	691,049
TOTAL FUNDS	2,921,946	96,662	-	3,018,608

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	69,590	(247,963)	212,895	34,522
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	-	(2,228)	-	(2,228)
Charity Direct	2,310	(1,895)	-	415
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	406,853	(288,410)	-	118,443
Good Gifts - running costs	82,548	(184,575)	-	(102,027)
Knit for peace	47,537	-	-	47,537
	539,248	(477,108)	-	62,140
TOTAL FUNDS	608,838	(725,071)	212,895	96,662

The Director's hope to set aside time to write a guide on the Ethics of Charitable giving, is unlikely to be realised because of pressure of work.

Good Gifts monitoring - a provision for travel costs to monitor projects/grants.

The sum of £20,000 has been designated for future computer and IT and website upgrades.

Publications - £18,000 has been set aside for the publication of Exercises for Knitters, and £7,000 to publish photographs of our projects, which were kindly taken by Alan Judd, and to print cards for Knit for Peace.

Knit for Peace in the Middle East was launched in December 2018. The sum of £60,000 has been set aside for planned expansion into Jordan and the West Bank. A visit to the 'Knit a Community Conventions in Israel was cancelled due to ill health.

The Charity has working capital requirements. However, with an adjusted focus on Knit for Peace, the working capital fund has been reduced in recent years.

Property - The downstairs toilet needs to be re-tiled. Clearing up the Knitting room and hall is a particular concern. The exceptionally heavy rainfall led to flooding at Radius Works, and damage to the drains. We are still trying to resolve this with the insurers.

In 2002, the Trustees decided to establish a Flexible endowment fund to enable grants to be made when suitable projects came to their attention. In 2010, the Flexible endowment fund has been used as a buffer to underwrite some of the restricted funds where payouts were greater than the fund balance. The trustees felt since we had reserves it was better to use them to protect our beneficiaries, hard hit by recession, rather than set them adrift.

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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

As explained in Note 4, part of the sales proceeds of donated cards through the Card Aid scheme is payable to named beneficiary charities or classes of charities. Most of the amounts payable from the Card Aid Fund are distributed in February or March after the end of the Card Aid season but some funds for specified causes (rather than for specific charities) are distributed throughout the year in accordance with the Charity's grant-making policy. Any such amounts not spent by the year-end are carried forward for distribution in the following financial year.

The purpose of Charity Direct is to encourage tax-effective giving through Gift Aid donations from individuals. The amounts donated are expended for charitable purposes at the instructions of the individuals concerned. The Charity Direct fund is also used to channel other donations to good causes.

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes. Generally, the donations are passed on to a named charity but the Charities Advisory Trust itself takes direct responsibility for some of the projects. This income, and the corresponding payments to charities, are shown above as Good Gifts - charitable gifts. Good Gifts payments are made twice yearly.

There was a transfer of £66,094 out of this reserve at the year end. This includes £36,542 which was Knit for Peace income received through Good Gifts, £1,129 for Good Gifts Advent Calendar admin charges and £27,538 which was commission charged on all gifts to compensate the card payment fees and international transfer costs. The remaining difference represents money raised through the sale of Christmas cards specifically in aid of Good Gifts projects.

The Charity charges a small postage and packing fee for Good Gifts overseas orders and encourages the donor to make a Gift Aid declaration to enable tax to be reclaimed, helping cover the running costs of the scheme. This income is shown above in Good Gifts - running costs. The corresponding resources expended are part of the running costs of the scheme, the balance being funded from the General fund.

Knitting as team building for companies - we are trying to encourage companies to use knitting days for team building.

The balance in the Revaluation reserve is calculated as the excess of the value of investments over the historical cost (there was no excess at 30 June 2010). The reserve is represented by that part of the investments.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

David Russell, a Trustee at the Charity, is a consultant at SURF. During the year grants totalling £92,645 (2021: £76,019) were made to SURF to help fund the SURF Rwanda livelihoods, livestock and education projects. Charities Advisory Trust has supported SURF since before David's appointment as Trustee, and he has no involvement in the donations made to SURF.

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19. GREENWAY HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Charity has a subsidiary called Greenway Hotels Private Limited, a company registered in India, established to preserve historic buildings by refurbishing them for sustainable use in tourist ventures. The company's first project was a historic palace in Mysore - the Chittaranjan Palace - which is now run, as the Green Hotel, as a demonstration project showing how tourism ventures can be run on a non-exploitative basis and can benefit employees, the local community and visitors. Profits earned are distributed for charitable and environmental purposes in India. These grants are made out of profits before the end of the year. In past years the Charity has made grants to the company to renovate the palace and maintain its fabric.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared in respect of the subsidiary company as explained in Note 1. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Hotel did not trade in 2020/21, but the results of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 were as follows:

	2021 Rs'000	2021 £	2020 Rs'000	2020 £
Turnover	634	6,165	19,433	208,032
Less: Operating costs	(5,460)	(53,095)	(20,682)	(221,403)
	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,249)	(13,371)
Taxation	-	-	(3)	(32)
Loss for the year	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,252)	(13,403)
Profit and loss account:				
At start of year	(6,833)	(73,148)	(5,581)	(61,764)
Profit/(loss) for year	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,252)	(13,403)
Exchange Differences	-	6,703	-	2,019
At end of year	(11,659)	(113,375)	(6,833)	(73,148)
Share capital	8,997	87,489	8,997	96,314
Total capital and reserves	(2,662)	(25,886)	2,164	23,166
Assets and liabilities:				
Total assets	7,828	76,122	12,875	137,828
Less: total liabilities	(10,490)	(102,008)	(10,711)	(114,662)
	(2,662)	(25,886)	2,164	23,166

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20. CORPORATION TAX

As a registered charity there is no liability to tax on the interest received. The Charity is liable to tax on its trading activities but after taking into account the notional market value of the donated goods and the notional cost of volunteers in the Card Aid shops and other donated services there are tax losses.

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21. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	241	539,248	539,489
Charitable activities			
Turnover from purchased goods	5,269	-	5,269
Turnover from donated goods	39,159	-	39,159
Other income	12,759	-	12,759
Investment income	12,162	-	12,162
Total	69,590	539,248	608,838
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Good Gifts	-	472,987	472,987
Advisory Service	1,691	-	1,691
Direct awards programme	1,106	1,895	3,001
Card Aid	-	2,228	2,228
Peace Oil	1,318	-	1,318
Peace projects	223,360	-	223,360
Other	20,486	-	20,486
Total	247,961	477,110	725,071
Net gains on investments	212,895	-	212,895
NET INCOME	34,524	62,138	96,662
Transfers between funds	(30,953)	30,953	-
Net movement in funds	3,571	93,091	96,662
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,323,990	597,956	2,921,946
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,327,561	691,047	3,018,608

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Charity Direct donations	**65,094**	2,310
Good Gifts donations - gifts	**387,988**	406,855
Good Gifts other income	**68,808**	82,547
Knit for Peace	**115,212**	47,537
Other voluntary income	**-**	240
	637,102	539,489
Investment income		
Dividends	**10,595**	11,237
Bank interest receivable	**142**	925
	10,737	12,162
Charitable activities		
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**62,398**	57,187
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	**4,250**	-
Total incoming resources	**714,487**	608,838
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	**221,908**	226,279
Social security	**28,386**	18,949
Pensions	**4,998**	25,100
CAID operational costs	**-**	384
Printing, over printing, cards postage, and stationery	**-**	470
Direct charitable activities	**15,530**	42,320
PR and Publicity	**-**	384
Sundries	**8,398**	-
Grants to institutions	**354,976**	292,844
	634,196	606,730
Support costs		

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Support costs		
Other		
Office accommodation	**68,630**	70,511
Postage, telephone & office expenses	**24,278**	32,181
Vehicle running costs	**3,060**	2,938
Sundries	**8,336**	1,454
Bank charges	**1,128**	84
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**17,650**	3,522
	123,082	110,690
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	**6,550**	7,651
Total resources expended	**763,828**	725,071
Net expenditure before gains and losses	**(49,341)**	(116,233)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	**(173,131)**	212,895
Net (expenditure)/income	**(222,472)**	96,662

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1040487

Accounts

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02895760 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1040487

Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

for

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

TRUSTEES	D Russell B Bhasin (resigned 4 Nov 21) Ms L M MacTavish R Dunn
COMPANY SECRETARY	Dame H S B Blume
REGISTERED OFFICE	Radius Works Back Lane Hampstead London NW3 1HL
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	02895760 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1040487
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS	Knox Cropper LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 65 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 2AD

Trustees' Report
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's main objectives were to continue to plan the transition from income dependency on Card Aid to other activities:

1) To maintain the Good Gifts Catalogue;

2) To respond to the organic growth of Knit for Peace;

3) To recognise the need to draw on reserves to support the Charity's objectives

4) To devise income generation schemes to fund Knit for Peace on a sustainable basis;

5) To promote the health benefits of knitting;

6) To campaign on ethical behaviour by charities.

Public benefit

The Trustees have a policy of transparency on how and whom CAT benefits. Card Aid and the Good Gifts Catalogue clearly state where and how the money is spent. The area of benefit is wide, consistent with the charity's objects. The promotion of religion is not supported, and in general the priority is to provide help to the poor or disadvantaged, except where, for example with tree planting, there is general benefit to the community. Our support for art projects is largely to provide access to the arts for those under 18. Support for medical research we take as potentially benefitting all sections of the community.

Grantmaking

Most of our grant making is through funds raised through the Good Gifts Catalogue. Applications for funding for individuals are rarely, if ever, successful. We work with charities with whom we have developed a programme to deliver the outcomes we seek.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Activities, achievements and performance

The economic climate continues to make everyone cautious about spending and this impacts on giving to all charities. The difficult economic conditions and the drastic fall in interest rates (which is costing us over £100,000 a year) made belt-tightening essential.

Our strategy has been to safeguard our beneficiaries.
Plans to set up Knit for Peace in the Middle East has exceeded expectations. Knit a Community in Israel now has approximately 230 groups, providing a meeting point for all communities. The next phase is to see the feasibility of setting up parallel organisations in Jordan and the West Bank (Palestinian Authority).

Card Aid

For 40 years the Trust has produced and marketed charity Christmas cards. Our Annual Scrooge Awards led to increased revenue in fact generating millions of pounds for charity. The decline in card sending seems to us inexorable. The high cost of postage, the unreliability of the mail, the ease of sending e-cards or, for the young, text messages; all continue to erode the market.

Good Gifts Catalogue

For Good Gifts, we noticed people continued to buy less expensive gifts. We notice people spent less overall.

Knit for Peace

Knit for Peace is a major part of the Trust's work. It has grown in response to the demands of both knitters and those needing warm clothes, and we are proud of our ability to respond to these real needs. A major part of the work is distributing the donated knitting. We have over 40,000 volunteers in the UK donating their knitting to those in need.

Despite the difficulties, we were able to carry out a feasibility study of setting up Knit a Community organisations in Jordan and the West Bank (Palestinian Authority) on equal footing with Knit a Community in Israel.

We held a very successful knitting holiday at the Green Hotel, led by Jane Crowfoot and Juliet Bernard, building support for Knit for Peace. Unfortunately, the pandemic meant our very successful holidays at the Green Hotel had to be cancelled.

We would like to express our thanks to our wonderful volunteers who are worth their weight in gold. Because of the pandemic and the need to protect our staff and volunteers, we had to limit the number of people allowed into the office. Tribute should be paid to the staff, who had to take on a much heavier work load.

Fundraising Policy

During the year, Charities Advisory Trust did not make use of any consultants or external professionals to undertake its fundraising activities. Additionally, no data was shared with, or sold to, any external agencies. We did not undertake direct mail shots, send any unsolicited newsletters or approach any vulnerable individuals to support our work. A complaints policy is in place, but we received no complaints during the year about any of our fundraising activity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and performance

The Charity's investments were managed by Ethical Investors and Barings Fund Managers Limited, whose policies are designed to meet the Trustees' wishes for environmental, social and ethical investment. The Trustees continue to monitor the performance of these investments closely. The fall in interest rates continues to impact adversely on our income (note that the valuation of investments given on the balance sheet are unrealised assets. Their value may decline).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity maintains a strong financial position with a healthy level of general reserves. They adopt a prudent attitude towards reserves which in the circumstances has proved wise.

Our reserves, built up over the years, and declining since about 2008, give a more cheerful view of our finances. Our income has been declining (because of the decline of Card Aid). Our expenditure on Knit for Peace has grown, and we are grateful for the financial support promised by the National Lottery Fund for our next financial year.

Knit for Peace is incredibly worthwhile, both in providing warm clothes and blankets to those in need, which shows them they are not forgotten and valued. More than that Knit for Peace is enabling people of all backgrounds to continue to feel useful and overcome the isolation and powerlessness of old age. We are determined to continue the project, but do not want to do so to the exclusion of our other activities.

Designated funds
The Trustees have considered the designated funds in the accounts and feel that the various provisions are prudent.

Project development:
We expect to continue the expansion of our work on Peace and reconciliation and on Knit for Peace and shall continue to invest in improved IT systems. Note every year we report plans to improve our IT systems, but changes seem to outpace us.

Endowment Fund:
We are planning for an expected decline in income, we expect to draw upon our reserves to fund our work and worthwhile grants.

The pandemic has been a difficult time. The trustees took the decision that priority should be given to those we help, rather than conserving our resources. Whilst our income dropped both for Knit for Peace and the Good Gifts Catalogue, our existing supporters remained loyal.

We introduced a range of new gifts, and these were well received. The new website neared completion. This was a major part of work involving all the staff.

We moved away from a full printed Good Gifts Catalogue, both for reason of cost, particularly postage, and for environmental reasons. Also, for environmental reasons, we have encouraged knitters to donate knitting to local charities - reducing transport costs.

An application to the National Lottery for support for Knit for Peace was successful and made us feel more confident going forward. The payments will be made in the next financial year.

In essence the pandemic showed us how people valued the work we do. They could turn to us for emergency funding from Good Gifts to Knit for Peace for yarn and materials to keep the knitters knitting, and for community groups, hospices, and care homes, wonderful warm clothes and blankets!

FUTURE PLANS

- Manage the decline in Card Aid income, due to a falling market;
- Improve IT. This is an ongoing process;
- Expand Knit for Peace, in the UK and Middle East;
- Spread the awareness of the health benefits of knitting

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The Charity has no share capital or debentures, hence there are no Trustees' interests requiring disclosure. In the event of the Charity being wound up each member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Trustees

The Trustees, who served in the year, David Russell, Ms Leila Mactavish. and Ms Rowena Dunn. Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity, who are currently the same as the Trustees. The Charity sees no need to have a policy on the recruitment, induction and training of Trustees.

Organisational structure and decision making

The founding Director, Dame Hilary Blume, is responsible to the Trustees for the day-to-day management of the Charity and other staff report to her. The Charity's policy towards staff is to ensure that all staff are given the opportunity to realise their full potential. The Trust prides itself on being a learning environment. It should be noted that the Trust has a strict policy on paying graduate interns, which it believes provides opportunities for those not subsidised by their families nor the State.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling its activities, directly or indirectly, including any Trustee of the Charity. In addition to the Trustees, key management personnel include the Director, Dame Hilary Blume, whose remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees and Deputy Director Avril Jn-Marie.

Related organisations

Details of the Charity's subsidiary company in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited, are given in Note 20 to the accounts. The company was established in pursuit of the Charity's object of preserving buildings of architectural merit and its primary activity is currently the running of the Chittaranjan Palace in Mysore as a hotel (the Green Hotel) in order to preserve it. Profits from the Green Hotel are given to charitable and environmental projects in India. The pandemic has forced the suspension of the Hotel's activities.

The Charity also works with Christmas Card Scheme Limited which manufactures charity Christmas cards and gift tags. As explained in Note 22 to the accounts the company's directors are respectively a Trustee and the Director of the Charity and any profits of the company are paid to the Charity under the Gift Aid scheme. The company sells cards to charities which use the Charity's Card Aid scheme (see below) and also donates cards and gift tags to the Charity for sale in its Card Aid shops. The market for Christmas cards has declined and our plans are to wind up the Charity.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied those systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks. Our resilience during the pandemic pays testament to the organisation's judicious planning.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Charities Advisory Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT - continued

Company law requires the 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 charitable company 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Knox Cropper LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
D Russell - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of The Charities Advisory Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30 June 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement 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 (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 30 June 2021 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of 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 trustees' 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 charitable company'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 trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' 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 Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 trustees' 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the trustees' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- The Charitable Company is required to comply with both company law and charity law and, based on our knowledge of its activities, we identified that the legal requirement to accurately account for restricted funds was of key significance.
- We gained an understanding of how the charitable company complied with its legal and regulatory framework, including the requirement to properly account for restricted funds, through discussions with management and a review of the documented policies, procedures and controls.
- The audit team, which is experienced in the audit of charities, considered the charitable company's susceptibility to material misstatement and how fraud may occur. Our considerations included the risk of management override.
- Our approach was to check that all restricted income was properly identified and separately accounted for and to ensure that only valid and appropriate expenditure was charged to restricted funds. This included reviewing journal adjustments and unusual transactions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 auditors' 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.

Richard Billinghurst (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Knox Cropper LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
65 Leadenhall Street
London
EC3A 2AD

Date: .....

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2021 Total funds £**	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	**240**	**539,248**	**539,488**	753,093
Charitable activities	4				
Turnover from purchased goods		**5,269**	**-**	**5,269**	31,584
Turnover from donated goods		**39,159**	**-**	**39,159**	73,219
Other income		**12,759**	**-**	**12,759**	27,772
Investment income	3	**12,163**	**-**	**12,163**	15,547
Total		**69,590**	**539,248**	**608,838**	901,215
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Good Gifts		**-**	**472,987**	**472,987**	535,870
UK Disaster Relief		**-**	**-**	**-**	1,323
Advisory Service		**1,691**	**-**	**1,691**	43,477
Direct awards programme		**1,106**	**1,895**	**3,001**	14,493
Card Aid		**-**	**2,228**	**2,228**	68,010
Peace Oil		**1,318**	**-**	**1,318**	9,608
Peace projects		**223,360**	**-**	**223,360**	229,841
Other		**20,486**	**-**	**20,486**	40,397
Total		**247,961**	**477,110**	**725,071**	943,019
Net gains/(losses) on investments		**212,895**	**-**	**212,895**	(33,859)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**34,524**	**62,138**	**96,662**	(75,663)
Transfers between funds	19	**(30,953)**	**30,953**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**3,571**	**93,091**	**96,662**	(75,663)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,323,990**	**597,956**	**2,921,946**	2,997,609
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,327,561**	**691,047**	**3,018,608**	2,921,946

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	**7,205**	10,727
Investments	13	**1,600,133**	2,082,696
		1,607,338	2,093,423
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	14	**-**	1,318
Debtors	15	**364,674**	256,878
Cash at bank and in hand		**1,276,375**	670,090
		1,641,049	928,286
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	16	**(229,779)**	(99,763)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**1,411,270**	828,523
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**3,018,608**	2,921,946
NET ASSETS		**3,018,608**	2,921,946
FUNDS	19		
Unrestricted funds		**2,327,559**	2,323,990
Restricted funds		**691,049**	597,956
TOTAL FUNDS		**3,018,608**	2,921,946

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....28th March 2022..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D Russell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

THE CHARITIES ADVISORY TRUST

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	**2021** **£**	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**111,470**	(172,937)
Net cash used in operating activities		**111,470**	(172,937)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**-**	(1,811)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		**(136,857)**	-
Sale of fixed asset investments		**619,509**	-
Interest received		**12,163**	15,547
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**494,815**	13,736
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**606,285**	(159,201)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	**670,090**	829,291
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	**1,276,375**	670,090

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**96,662**	(75,663)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**3,522**	4,425
(Gain)/losses on investments	**(212,895)**	33,859
Interest received	**(12,163)**	(15,547)
Decrease in stocks	**1,318**	4,941
Increase in debtors	**107,796**	(93,557)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**127,230**	(31,395)
Net cash used in operations	**111,470**	(172,937)

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash in hand	**2,965**	36,114
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	**1,273,410**	633,976
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,276,375**	670,090

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.20	Cash flow	**At 30.6.21**
	£	£	**£**
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**670,090**	**606,285**	**1,276,375**
Total	**670,090**	**606,285**	**1,276,375**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The Financial Statements are presented in pound sterling.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Consolidation
As explained in Note 21 the Charity has a subsidiary in India, Greenway Hotels Private Limited. Under Indian law assets of the subsidiary are not permitted to be repatriated to the UK and this substantially hinders the exercise of the Charity over the subsidiary's assets. The Charity therefore does not prepare group accounts. The subsidiary is regarded by the Charity's Trustees as an independent project and it is administered by a separate board of directors, all Indian nationals except for the Charity's Director.

Income
All incoming resources are shown net of VAT where applicable. Donated goods for sale are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as they are sold. Donated services are only recognised to the extent that they are material and reasonably quantifiable and measurable; in particular non-professional services from volunteers are not recognised. All trading activities are undertaken in furtherance of the Charity’s objects, including assisting other charities with their fundraising through raising their profile through the Card Aid and Good Gifts schemes. Training income is recognised in the period in which the training event took place; where income for a training event is received prior to the event taking place, the income is deferred to the correct financial period. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income or Gift Aid donations is recognised at the time the relevant income is receivable.

Expenditure
All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of charitable activities and depreciation on related assets. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been split on an estimated time basis for the staff concerned. Support costs comprise those costs incurred centrally in support of the Charity's activities, including Governance costs, and have been apportioned to activities in proportion to the total costs of those activities. Governance costs are those associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and its strategic management.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Individual fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at cost.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Furniture and equipment	-	5 to 6 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 to 10 years

Stocks
Stocks of Christmas cards donated for resale are not valued by the Charity. The Trustees believe that they are similar in nature to second-hand goods donated for resale by charities. Like these donated goods, the income is not recognised until the point of sale. Stocks of Peace Oil for sale are recognised at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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

Fund accounting
The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund, and the basis of transfers to or from them, are set out in Note 19.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies
Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net income/(expenditure).

Pension costs
The Charity has historically operated a defined contribution pension scheme the assets of which are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered funds chosen by individual staff. For eligible staff, contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities. Since April 2016, The Charity has enrolled all new staff in Nest's defined contribution Workplace Pension Scheme.

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

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty are detailed in the above accounting policies where applicable.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charity Direct donations	**2,310**	58,003
Good Gifts donations - gifts	**406,853**	481,949
Good Gifts other income	**82,547**	92,425
Knit for Peace	**47,537**	118,511
Other voluntary income	**241**	2,205
	539,488	753,093

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes described in a catalogue. The donor is also encouraged to make a Gift Aid declaration and donate this Gift Aid towards the scheme's running costs. The resulting income is the main component of the Good Gifts other income shown above. The donor receives literature associated with the donation for which they are charged postage and packaging. Although this scheme generates a significant amount of voluntary income all costs of administering the scheme are included as part of the cost of Charitable activities. Details of grants given under the scheme are shown in Note 6.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Dividends	**11,239**	13,309
Bank interest receivable	**924**	2,238
	12,163	15,547

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

				2021	2020
	Turnover from purchased goods	Turnover from donated goods	Other income	Total activities	Total activities
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**5,269**	**23,443**	**12,759**	**41,471**	**127,825**
Grants	**-**	**-**	**15,716**	**15,716**	**4,750**
	5,269	**23,443**	**28,475**	**57,187**	**132,575**

Details of the Good Gifts Scheme are given in Note 19.

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4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - continued

Donated cards and gift tags are sold through the Charity's Card Aid shops. The object of the Card Aid initiative, which is delivered through the Charity and its sister company CCSL (see Note 23), is to maximise the amount going to charity from the sale of Christmas cards. Card Aid produces cards for charities to sell to their supporters. All of the donated cards sold, state that they are sold in aid of a particular beneficiary. The amount paid to the charities (see Note 6) is calculated as a percentage of the sale proceeds. This amount of the sale proceeds is shown above as restricted income.

The Card Aid shops sell cards supplied by charities; a levy is charged for this service. The shops also sell 'overs', cards and gift tags surplus to orders, donated by CCSL, the income from which is shown above. Other Card Aid income is mainly the levy on other charities' sales through the Card Aid shops and sales through the Business Initiative.

The Charity provides services to CCSL for which a management charge is made. The corresponding cost (mainly staff and overheads) is included as part of Card Aid costs in Note 5.

Grants represent the amount received from the UK government as part of the Job Retention Scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Furlough Grant Income	**15,716**	4,750

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 6)	Support costs (see note 7)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**135,971**	**290,566**	**46,450**	**472,987**
Advisory Service	**1,243**	**-**	**448**	**1,691**
Direct awards programme	**811**	**1,895**	**295**	**3,001**
Card Aid	**1,774**	**383**	**71**	**2,228**
Peace Oil	**1,318**	**-**	**-**	**1,318**
Peace projects	**172,769**	**-**	**50,591**	**223,360**
Other	**-**	**-**	**20,486**	**20,486**
	313,886	**292,844**	**118,341**	**725,071**

Details of Support costs and Governance costs are given in Note 7.

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS - continued

UK Disaster Relief (UKDR) is an initiative of the Charity aimed at raising funds for practical assistance in the event of a UK disaster. It has now been established as a separate charitable company, registered charity number 1136164 and registered company number 07104828. The costs included above relate to an allocation of staff costs, representing time spent by Charity staff on UKDR affairs.

Direct costs for Card Aid, Training, Good Gifts, Peace Projects and the Direct awards programme, include grants payable which are detailed in Note 6.

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2021	2020
	£	£
Good Gifts	**290,566**	372,340
Direct awards programme	**1,895**	7,197
Card Aid	**383**	4,749
	292,844	384,286

Good Gifts payments relate to donations by individuals and companies passed on to good causes chosen by them from a catalogue (see Note 19 for more details). Payments are made twice yearly.

The amount shown as Direct awards programme represents funds donated by individuals paid to charities of their choice (see Note 19).

All grants were made to institutions.

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Good Gifts	**43,446**	**3,004**	**46,450**
Advisory Service	**419**	**29**	**448**
Direct awards programme	**276**	**19**	**295**
Card Aid	**66**	**5**	**71**
Peace projects	**47,321**	**3,270**	**50,591**
Other	**19,162**	**1,324**	**20,486**
	110,690	**7,651**	**118,341**

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7. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs have been apportioned to activities proportionately to staff costs on those activities.

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	**7,651**	6,250
Depreciation - owned assets	**3,522**	4,425

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2021 nor for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2021 nor for the year ended 30 June 2020.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	226,279	245,457
Social security costs	18,949	27,973
Other pension costs	25,099	25,658
	270,327	299,088

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2020: 7).

The average weekly number of employees, calculated as full-time equivalents, during the period was:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Card Aid	0.01	1.96
Training	-	-
Good Gifts	1.99	2.42
Direct Aid	0.02	0.06
Advisory & Ethics	0.03	0.27
Peace projects	3.04	2.21
Peace Oil	-	0.05
UK Disaster Relief	-	0.01
Support and governance	0.81	1.47

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10. STAFF COSTS - continued

	5.9	7.45

The salary of the Director amounted to £78,400 for the year (2020 - £78,400). In addition, she was due pension contributions amounting to £19,600 (2020 - £19,600).

Only one employee received total emoluments, excluding employer pension contributions, in excess of £60,000.

Pension costs represent contributions payable by the Charity for eligible staff to funds chosen by the individuals calculated, for most staff, at 6% of annual salaries. The Charity has no commitments beyond these regular contributions All other staff are enrolled in NEST's defined contribution scheme.

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	60,208	692,885	753,093
Charitable activities			
Turnover from purchased goods	31,584	-	31,584
Turnover from donated goods	73,219	-	73,219
Other income	27,772	-	27,772
Investment income	15,547	-	15,547
Total	208,330	692,885	901,215
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Good Gifts	132,095	403,775	535,870
UK Disaster Relief	1,323	-	1,323
Advisory Service	43,477	-	43,477
Direct awards programme	7,296	7,197	14,493
Card Aid	52,649	15,361	68,010
Peace Oil	9,608	-	9,608
Peace projects	145,876	83,965	229,841
Other	40,397	-	40,397
Total	432,721	510,298	943,019
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(33,859)	-	(33,859)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(258,250)	182,587	(75,663)
Transfers between funds	96,104	(96,104)	-
Net movement in funds	(162,146)	86,483	(75,663)

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,486,136	511,473	2,997,609
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,323,990	597,956	2,921,946

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021	**119,693**	**17,533**	**137,226**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2020	**112,553**	**13,946**	**126,499**
Charge for year	**2,062**	**1,460**	**3,522**
At 30 June 2021	**114,615**	**15,406**	**130,021**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2021	**5,078**	**2,127**	**7,205**
At 30 June 2020	7,140	3,587	10,727

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 July 2020	**2,082,696**
Additions	**136,857**
Disposals	**(619,509)**
Net investment gain/(loss)	**89**
At 30 June 2021	**1,600,133**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2021	**1,600,133**
At 30 June 2020	2,082,696

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The historical cost of investments as at the year-end was £1,207,732 (2020: £1,707,732).

The investments include a shareholding in Standard Life with a year-end value of £6,992 (2020: £7,686). Other investments comprise of unit trusts.

14. STOCKS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Peace Oil	-	1,318

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	**60,009**	41,826
Due from Christmas Card Scheme Limited	**19,091**	18,363
Gift Aid tax recoverable	**206,411**	118,306
VAT	**23,855**	23,082
Prepayments	**55,308**	55,301
	364,674	256,878

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	**1,162**	1,160
Social security and other taxes	**5,255**	1,479
Other creditors	**10,170**	10,538
Accruals	**144,774**	86,586
Deferred training income	**68,418**	-
	229,779	99,763

Deferred training income, representing fees received in the year for courses, for the following year, comprises the following:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Balance at 1 July 2020	-	38,390
Add: Deferred training income arising in the year	**68,418**	-
Less: Released in the year	**-**	(38,390)
Balance at 30 June 2021	**£68,418**	-

17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2021	2020
Within 1 Year	53,000	53,000

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**2021 Total funds £**	2020 Total funds £
Fixed assets	**7,205**	**-**	**7,205**	10,727
Investments	**1,600,133**	**-**	**1,600,133**	2,082,696
Current assets	**790,595**	**850,454**	**1,641,049**	928,286
Current liabilities	**(70,374)**	**(159,405)**	**(229,779)**	(99,763)
	2,327,559	**691,049**	**3,018,608**	2,921,946

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**79,626**	**34,522**	**(30,953)**	**83,195**
Working capital	**200,000**	**-**	**-**	**200,000**
Property	**103,000**	**-**	**-**	**103,000**
Flexible endowment	**730,000**	**-**	**-**	**730,000**
Revaluation reserve	**374,964**	**-**	**-**	**374,964**
Ethics of Charitable Giving	**395,000**	**-**	**-**	**395,000**
Good Gifts Monitoring	**23,400**	**-**	**-**	**23,400**
Computer and IT Upgrade	**70,000**	**-**	**-**	**70,000**
Publications	**25,000**	**-**	**-**	**25,000**
Knit for Peace Middle East	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
Knit for Peace Working Capital	**203,000**	**-**	**-**	**203,000**
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	**60,000**	**-**	**-**	**60,000**
	2,323,990	**34,522**	**(30,953)**	**2,327,559**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**130,547**	**(2,228)**	**-**	**128,319**
Charity Direct	**141,229**	**415**	**-**	**141,644**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**325,758**	**118,443**	**(71,074)**	**373,127**
Good Gifts - running costs	**-**	**(102,027)**	**102,027**	**-**
Knit for peace	**422**	**47,537**	**-**	**47,959**
	597,956	**62,140**	**30,953**	**691,049**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,921,946**	**96,662**	**-**	**3,018,608**

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**69,590**	**(247,963)**	**212,895**	**34,522**
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	**-**	**(2,228)**	**-**	**(2,228)**
Charity Direct	**2,310**	**(1,895)**	**-**	**415**
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	**406,853**	**(288,410)**	**-**	**118,443**
Good Gifts - running costs	**82,548**	**(184,575)**	**-**	**(102,027)**
Knit for peace	**47,537**	**-**	**-**	**47,537**
	539,248	**(477,108)**	**-**	**62,140**
TOTAL FUNDS	**608,838**	**(725,071)**	**212,895**	**96,662**

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	150,313	(224,391)	153,704	79,626
Working capital	180,000	-	20,000	200,000
Property	103,000	-	-	103,000
Flexible endowment	730,000	-	-	730,000
Revaluation reserve	408,823	(33,859)	-	374,964
Ethics of Charitable Giving	395,000	-	-	395,000
Good Gifts Monitoring	28,000	-	(4,600)	23,400
Computer and IT Upgrade	60,000	-	10,000	70,000
Publications	21,000	-	4,000	25,000
Knit for Peace Middle East	147,000	-	(87,000)	60,000
Knit for Peace Working Capital	203,000	-	-	203,000
Knitting as Team Building for Companies	60,000	-	-	60,000
	2,486,136	(258,250)	96,104	2,323,990
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	123,317	(15,361)	22,591	130,547
Charity Direct	90,424	(7,197)	58,002	141,229
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	297,732	109,609	(81,583)	325,758
Good Gifts - running costs	-	60,990	(60,990)	-
Knit for peace	-	34,546	(34,124)	422
	511,473	182,587	(96,104)	597,956
TOTAL FUNDS	2,997,609	(75,663)	-	2,921,946

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	208,330	(432,721)	-	(224,391)
Revaluation reserve	-	-	(33,859)	(33,859)
	208,330	(432,721)	(33,859)	(258,250)
Restricted funds				
Card Aid	-	(15,361)	-	(15,361)
Charity Direct	-	(7,197)	-	(7,197)
Good Gifts - charitable gifts	481,949	(372,340)	-	109,609
Good Gifts - running costs	92,425	(31,435)	-	60,990
Knit for peace	118,511	(83,965)	-	34,546
	692,885	(510,298)	-	182,587
TOTAL FUNDS	901,215	(943,019)	(33,859)	(75,663)

Ethics of Charitable giving, is a 2 year project resulting in publication and PR - this is in preparation and additional funds have been allocated to it.

Good Gifts monitoring - a provision for travel costs to monitor projects/grants.

The sum of £40,000 has been designated for future computer and IT and website upgrades.

Publications - £18,000 has been set aside for the publication of Exercises for Knitters (planned for 2020/21), and £7,000 to publish photographs of our projects, which were kindly taken by Alan Judd, and to print cards for Knit for Peace.

Knit for Peace in the Middle East was launched in December 2018. The sum of £60,000 has been set aside for planned expansion into Jordan and the West Bank. A visit to the 'Knit a Community Conventions in Israel was cancelled due to ill health.

The Charity previously derived much of its income from CCSL (see Noe 22) which had a significant working capital requirement in the period before sales stat to charities in the new season. The Charity itself also has its own working capital requirements. However, with an adjusted focus on Knit for Peace, the working capital fund has been reduced in recent years.

Property - we are steeling ourselves for major disruption in connection with the downstairs flooring. The downstairs toilet needs to be re-tiled. Clearing up the Knitting room and hall is a particular concern.

The virtually weekly changes during the Pandemic largely overset our plans for future work because of the need to work with reduced staff and volunteers. Work on the Ethics on Charitable Giving was put on hold. Visits to supported projects were curtailed to protect staff from contagion. One aspect of the work which did continue was on the new Good Gifts website.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

In 2002, the Trustees decided to establish a Flexible endowment fund to enable grants to be made when suitable projects came to their attention. In 2010, the Flexible endowment fund has been used as a buffer to underwrite some of the restricted funds where payouts were greater than the fund balance. The trustees felt since we had reserves it was better to use them to protect our beneficiaries, hard hit by recession, rather than set them adrift.

The purpose of Charity Direct is to encourage tax-effective giving through Gift Aid donations from individuals. The amounts donated are expended for charitable purposes at the instructions of the individuals concerned. The Charity Direct fund is also used to channel other donations to good causes.

The Good Gifts scheme encourages donations to a selection of specific charitable purposes described in a catalogue. Generally, the donations are passed on to a named charity but the Charities Advisory Trust itself takes direct responsibility for some of the projects. This income, and the corresponding payments to charities, are shown above as Good Gifts - charitable gifts. Good Gifts payments are made twice yearly. Several of our delivering charities merged or closed down. We made some emergency grants to several charities to bring immediate relief e.g. for food, help with household bills, school books.

It's been a challenging time and much effort went in to projects that subsequently had to be abandoned. We were buoyed up by the trust put in us by our supporters

There was a transfer of £71,074 out of this reserve at the year end. This is made up of £36,440 which was Knit for Peace income received through Good Gifts, £2,247 for Good Gifts Advent Calendar admin charges and £23,812 which was commission charged on all gifts to compensate the card payment fees and international transfer costs. The remaining difference represents money raised through the sale of Christmas cards specifically in aid of Good Gifts projects and funds paid via Green Hotel.

The Charity charges a small postage and packing fee for Good Gifts overseas orders and encourages the donor to make a Gift Aid declaration to enable tax to be reclaimed, helping cover the running costs of the scheme. This income is shown above in Good Gifts - running costs above. The corresponding resources expended are part of the running costs of the scheme, the balance being funded from the General fund.

Knitting as team building for companies - we are trying to encourage companies to use knitting days for team building.

The balance in the Revaluation reserve is calculated as the excess of the value of investments over the historical cost (there was no excess at 30 June 2010). The reserve is represented by that part of the investments.

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20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

David Russell, a Trustee at the Charity, is a consultant at SURF. During the year grants totalling £76,019.39 (2019/20: £49,767.48) were made to SURF to help fund the SURF Rwanda livelihoods, livestock and education projects. Charities Advisory Trust has supported SURF since before David's appointment as Trustee, and he has no involvement in the donations made to SURF.

21. GREENWAY HOTELS PRIVATE LIMITED

The Charity has a subsidiary called Greenway Hotels Private Limited, a company registered in India, established to preserve historic buildings by refurbishing them for sustainable use in tourist ventures. The company's first project was a historic palace in Mysore - the Chittaranjan Palace - which is now run, as the Green Hotel, as a demonstration project showing how tourism ventures can be run on a non-exploitative basis and can benefit employees, the local community and visitors. Profits earned are distributed for charitable and environmental purposes in India. These grants are made out of profits before the end of the year. In past years the Charity has made grants to the company to renovate the palace and maintain its fabric.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared in respect of the subsidiary company as explained in Note 1. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Hotel did not trade in 2020/21, but the results of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 were as follows:

	2021 Rs'000	2021 £	2020 Rs'000	2020 £
Turnover	634	6,165	19,433	208,032
Less: Operating costs	(5,460)	(53,095)	(20,682)	(221,403)
	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,249)	(13,371)
Taxation	-	-	(3)	(32)
Loss for the year	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,252)	(13,403)
Profit and loss account:				
At start of year	(6,833)	(73,148)	(5,581)	(61,764)
Profit/(loss) for year	(4,826)	(46,930)	(1,252)	(13,403)
Exchange Differences	-	6,703	-	2,019
At end of year	(11,659)	(113,375)	(6,833)	(73,148)
Share capital	8,997	87,489	8,997	96,314
Total capital and reserves	(2,662)	(25,886)	2,164	23,166
Assets and liabilities:				
Total assets	7,828	76,122	12,875	137,828
Less: total liabilities	(10,490)	(102,008)	(10,711)	(114,662)
	(2,662)	(25,886)	2,164	23,166

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22. CORPORATION TAX

As a registered charity there is no liability to tax on the interest received. The Charity is liable to tax on its trading activities but after taking into account the notional market value of the donated goods and the notional cost of volunteers in the Card Aid shops and other donated services there are tax losses.

23. CHRISTMAS CARD SCHEME LIMITED

The Charity has a sister company, The Christmas Card Scheme Limited (CCSL), which designed and produced a wide range of cards for sale to charities. Although not a subsidiary, CCSL's directors and shareholders are the Charity's Director and one of its Trustees. Any profits of the company are paid to the Charity. Following the decline in the Christmas card market our plans are to wind up the Charity.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Charity Direct donations	**2,310**	58,003
Good Gifts donations - gifts	**406,853**	481,949
Good Gifts other income	**82,547**	92,425
Knit for Peace	**47,537**	118,511
Other voluntary income	**240**	2,205
	539,487	753,093
Investment income		
Dividends	**11,239**	13,309
Bank interest receivable	**925**	2,238
	12,164	15,547
Charitable activities		
Incoming resources from charitable activities	**57,187**	127,825
Grants	**-**	4,750
	57,187	132,575
Total incoming resources	**608,838**	901,215
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	**226,279**	245,457
Social security	**18,949**	27,973
Pensions	**25,100**	25,658
CAID operational costs	**384**	1,718
CARD Aid Host payments	**-**	5,983
Printing, over printing, cards postage, and stationery	**470**	1,557
Direct charitable activities	**42,320**	121,813
PR and Publicity	**384**	1,000
Grants to institutions	**292,844**	384,286
	606,730	815,445
Support costs		

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	2021 £	2020 £
Support costs		
Other		
Office accommodation	**70,511**	69,707
Postage, telephone & office expenses	**32,181**	35,881
Vehicle running costs	**2,938**	3,445
Sundries	**1,454**	7,514
Bank charges	**84**	352
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**3,522**	4,425
	110,690	121,324
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	**7,651**	6,250
Total resources expended	**725,071**	943,019
Net expenditure before gains and losses	**(116,233)**	(41,804)
Realised recognised gains and losses		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	**212,895**	(33,859)
Net income/(expenditure)	**96,662**	(75,663)