

**Asthma Relief Charity**

**Accounts**

**For the year ended 30 June 2021**

**Simon Day & Co.**

**Chartered Accountants**

## **Asthma Relief Charity**

### **Examiner's Unqualified Report on the Accounts**

#### **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Asthma Relief Charity**

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2021, which are set out on the attached pages.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act state, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met: or

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

Simon Day & Co.

Chartered Accountants  
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Date:

# Asthma Relief Charity

## Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Donations, grants and bequests		233,194		273,655
CAF and collection boxes		1,311		1,758
Events and other		3,616		10,755
		<u>238,121</u>		<u>286,168</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<u>Direct charitable expenditure</u>				
Nebulisers & breathing equipment	75,358		174,352	
Servicing, spares and repairs	50		540	
Transport and delivery	3,702		4,835	
Help line	666		632	
Wages*	22,433		18,226	
Staff pension costs	6,889		3,725	
Information and support	28,455		30,280	
Motor costs	1,999		2,528	
	<u>139,552</u>		<u>235,118</u>	
<u>Indirect charitable expenditure</u>				
Insurance	752		896	
Office rent and services	5,442		4,848	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,316		1,421	
Fundraising	66,396		70,931	
Telephone	112		168	
Website costs	84		1,098	
Bank charges	539		657	
Honorarium	300		300	
Sundry expenses	156		1,226	
	<u>75,097</u>		<u>81,545</u>	
 Total expenditure		(214,649)		(316,663)
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>23,472</u>		<u>(30,495)</u>
 Monies carried over from previous year		35,324		65,819
Monies carried over to next year		<u>58,796</u>		<u>35,324</u>

# Asthma Relief Charity

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	59,436		35,664	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Honorarium accrual	640		340	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		58,796		35,324
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		58,796		35,324
<b>Capital Account</b>				
Brought forward at 1 July 2020		35,324		65,819
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		23,472		(30,495)
		58,796		35,324

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.



A Mitchell (Trustee)



Dr Matheson (Chairperson)



Dr P Moss (Trustee)

Date: 01/11/2021



**CHAIRMANS REPORT – Year 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021**

Once again I would like to offer our most sincere gratitude to all of our donors, from Grant making organisations and Corporate donors, small Businesses, individuals and all those who have given their time and expertise to Asthma Relief voluntarily – your kindness and generosity have enabled Asthma Relief to continue with our vital work - thank you all.

The Coronavirus pandemic was once again at the forefront of much of our planning during the year; being a Respiratory Charity we somewhat expected increased requests for our help to materialise – and materialise they did.

In terms of the planning that was deployed, it was a longer term approach that we adopted which began very early on in the pandemic spanning last years' accounting period as well as this year, we have also structured plans for the next year based upon solid information that we now have available to us after operating at full capacity throughout the pandemic.

I have to pay tribute to our Honorary Manager (and founder of the Charity) Dave Penman, assisted by our Office Manager Tricia Davis for their forward thinking approach concerning the logistical effects of the pandemic on our work; both on a day to basis and over the longer term.

This well thought through approach placed us in the strongest position to be able to respond to numerous urgent requests for our help from those who really were in need of our support.

To clarify further - during the pandemic we encountered periods when we were unable to source Nebulisers. We were fortunate that one supplier came forward with an offer of several hundred machines and we decided to purchase them immediately due to experiencing the short supply. We are pleased we did so - because of this we were able to accommodate every urgent request for Nebulisers, which, during such difficult times in people's lives was essential (in particular older and more vulnerable patients). Our previous years' accounts reflected this decision showing a substantial deficit. Our finances have since returned to a more normal level as can be observed in this years' accounts.

I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees for their unwavering commitment and support throughout such a difficult and challenging period in overseeing the wellbeing of the Charity.

With that in mind I have to announce; with much sadness, that due to health reasons Sue Jones and Charles Penman have stepped down as Trustees. I thank you both for your years of service on the board of Trustees and the exemplary example you have set for all of us. We at the Charity offer all of our best wishes for the future and I know that we shall keep in touch.

**Coronavirus (Covid19) – our continuing story: -**

Whilst our infrastructure and our commitment to getting Nebulisers to those who need them most urgently, have remained intact, there have been many logistical challenges that we have had to address.

One such challenge had been providing single Nebuliser placements in those urgent cases involving Patients - we were most diligent observing strict guidelines and protocols when handling machines.

With Hospices, Hospitals, Medical Centres and Nursing Teams, wherever possible we provided Nebulisers in unopened batches of 4 or 6 machines, in each box (depending upon which machines were being utilized) in order to minimise handing of the machines between the manufacturing and distribution processes.



Some messages of thanks .... *(From the Mother of a 5 year girl with severe asthma) 'I confess I was rather panicked and worried about her. A bit of a state if I'm honest between how bad she was, then the fear and stress of all that's going on. I was struggling to manage it at all for her where she has been so bad, she has also been panicking herself when her breathing gets bad also as she recently ended up in hospital which scared her. Obviously her panicking doesn't help her either, just makes it worse. I was scared but also scared of her needing the hospital too especially as hospital seems to be the worst place for her at the moment even if it was needed, as petrified of her coming down with covid19 as her issues with breathing is when she is ill as well as at night. Then the nebuliser broke and I could not get a replacement. It all got too much. It's been pretty much hell since October with her constantly being unwell (tonsillitis/ throat, chest and ear infections) and that triggering the breathing issues. Thankfully between the new nebuliser, medication and weather change she seems to have finally improved. Thank you doesn't cover it. Not sure there really is a way to show how grateful I am'.*

*(From a Cystic Fibrosis Clinical Nurse Specialist at a Children's Hospital) 'Thank you so much for the very kind donation of 2 Eflow nebulisers that I received yesterday. We continue to be very grateful for these pieces of equipment, especially now, as they make such a difference to the children whose treatment regimens are complex and burdensome. It helps save time in treatment delivery, and therefore frees up time for more important things in life. Keep up the great work!'*

*(A Patient) 'We would like to thank you for the wonderful help and support you have given by providing a nebuliser. It has certainly helped. Without the help and support your charity provides many other sufferers would go unaided. Carry on with your great work and thank you once again'.*

*(A Respiratory Nursing Team) 'Just to let you know that we received the Nebuliser machines yesterday. Thank you so much for your great generosity! .... We greatly appreciate your donation in sending them to us – your support is invaluable to us, especially so in such troubling times! .. On behalf of the Respiratory Service, thank you again!'*

*(From a Hospice) 'On behalf of the entire team at the Hospice I wanted to thank you and the team at Asthma Relief Charity for the generous donation of Nebulisers. During these difficult times they are very useful and represent a good cost saving for us also, thank you. Please pass on our thanks and best wishes to the team there – we hope you are all keeping safe and well during these strange and challenging times. Thank you again for your continued support.'*

During the past year it has been a humbling experience seeing the selfless work of the many NHS and social care workers who have put their own wellbeing at risk in their care of the vulnerable people in need of physical, mental and emotional support – we salute them all.

Asthma Relief can only continue its work with those whose lives are affected with breathing and related issues with the ongoing commitment of the generous people and Organisations that support us in so many ways. I offer my heartfelt thanks to them all.

I would like to add another special thank you to Simon Day who has once again very kindly provided accounting services free of charge.



Ian Matheson (Doctor) Chairman

(Report compiled 1 November 2021)