

Trustees' Annual Report and unaudited financial statements

**for the year ended
31 March 2023**

Status: Company Limited by Guarantee No.03542195
Charity Registration No.1069607
The Company's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 7 April 1998

Registered Office: 7 Bell Yard, London WC2A 2JR
The Company does not have a separate principal office.

Trustees: John Dunster (Chairperson) – appointed 27th March 2019
Natalie Ambersley – appointed 16th February 2017
Lisa Frontino – resigned 22nd September 2022
Denise Oduntan – appointed 8th February 2020
Catherine Davidson – appointed 17th December 2020
Dale Biermann – appointed 20th November 2021
Emily Murfin – resigned 24th April 2022
Alexandre Schneider – appointed 20th November 2021
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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. This is also a Directors' Report required by s.417 of the Companies Act 2006 and all trustees are directors.

This Trustees' Report and the associated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with guidance for preparing Charity Accounts and Reports presented in "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice" and are therefore in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) – Second edition October 2019 – 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) together with The Companies Act 2006.



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The Vitiligo Society has complied with its duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising its powers or duties.



Overview

Who we are

The Vitiligo Society was established in 1985 as the London Vitiligo Group and on 13 January 1986 was officially registered as a charity. The charity later changed its name to the Vitiligo Group before becoming The Vitiligo Society in 1990. The Vitiligo Society was incorporated on 7 April 1998 as a company limited by guarantee.

The Vitiligo Society is a national charity headquartered in London, and supports those living with vitiligo across the UK. As an organisation, we are proud of our long heritage and our continued commitment to improve the lives of those diagnosed with vitiligo.

Vitiligo, also called 'leucoderma', is a long-term skin condition that causes an area of the skin to lose its colour (pigmentation), which results in the area looking white or pink in appearance. Because pigment cells give colour to hair as well as skin, some people with vitiligo may notice early onset greying of the hair or a loss of colour on the lips.

Vitiligo affects 1-2% of the world's population. There is no prejudice in terms of who can develop the condition. Therefore, it can affect anyone, whatever their skin colour or ethnic origin, but will be more visually prominent in those with darker skin.

Vitiligo is not life-threatening and for some, embracing their new life with vitiligo is not a problem. That being said, often people find that vitiligo negatively impacts their quality of life and self-esteem. We are a charity that delivers services to support all aspects of living with vitiligo, both physically and emotionally.



The Society's mission

Our mission is to beat vitiligo by eradicating the psychological, social and physical effects on people's lives and by finding effective treatments and a cure.

The Society's vision

Our vision is to provide information, tools, strategies and action to help people overcome the physical, psychological and social impact that vitiligo has on their lives.

The Society's priorities:

- To provide up-to-date information on vitiligo
- Inform on, and contribute to, the latest research
- Develop and invest in our support services
- Be a strong voice for our community
- Reach out to all the people who need us

Our values:

- We are **informed**
- We are **community led**
- We are **positive**
- We are **trustworthy**
- We are **digitally creative and innovative**



A word from the Chairperson of The Vitiligo Society

A significant year of growth and development

Well, what a year it has been for our community and The Vitiligo Society! We've had a fantastically busy 12 months that has seen projects long on the horizon start to come to fruition, along with the launching and strengthening of several of our member services such as the VitChat and VitSupport.

Securing the funding for our first ever UK patient survey has been a significant achievement and we can't wait to share the outputs with you in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who completed and shared the survey – you enabled us to get over 1,000 responses!

Last November, we had our highest ever attendance numbers at our second Vitiligo Research Summit. It was such a pleasure to see how much engagement we had from the audience on the day. We are so grateful to the vitiligo experts from the medical community who gave us such excellent presentations and answered our many questions. There are many more achievements to reflect on, and I will let you read all about them in the pages of this year's report.

I would like to take a moment to recognise the contribution of our amazing Charity Director, Abbie Hurrell, who is now in her 3rd year with the Society. Abbie also does a tremendous amount behind the scenes, often at unsociable hours, in order to help us deliver events or coordinate volunteer groups. So I'd just like to say a massive thank you to Abbie from all of us for always going above and beyond.

A special thank you also to our volunteer, Tamsin Addy, who created our first ever very stylish Christmas jumper that was a festive hit with our online shop customers – I was very proud to wear mine last December as you can see in the picture!

We have said farewell to a couple of old faces but also welcomed a new trustee to our Board this year. As ever, I feel very privileged to lead such a passionate and talented group that has helped us push the boundaries of what we can achieve and deliver for our community.

The next 12 months is shaping up to be very significant for The Vitiligo Society, not just in terms of our ongoing activities such as the survey outputs but the advent of potentially the first ever treatment specifically approved for vitiligo in the UK. This is also going to help media coverage and awareness of vitiligo continue on an upward trend, which I'm sure we can all agree is a good thing.

Lastly, I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fantastic volunteers, donors, fundraisers, members and trustees for their amazing support. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you.



John Dunster, Chairperson
of The Vitiligo Society





The Society's achievements and activities, from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



We welcomed **73** new members, bringing our total membership to **837** and total subscribers to **2,673**

We wrote and shared **25** new lifestyle and story blogs, and **21** news, research and treatment articles



Our website provided information to **78,588** users

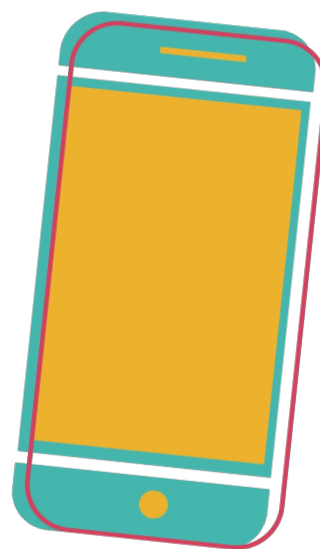


OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS (Continued)



We answered **200** of your questions through our Live Chat Service & Contact Form, with the help of our team of Dermatologists

We shared over **340** updates on social media, reaching over **578,000** people and gaining over **2,700** new followers.



We had over **444** people register for our support & information events

We shared **6** research participation opportunities with our community



DELIVERING UP-TO-DATE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON VITILIGO

A key objective for our Society is to deliver up-to-date information on vitiligo to our members and followers, as well as to the medical and research community. We are UK based and the experts on vitiligo in the UK. We also recognise the part we need to play interacting with organisations around the globe, within our role as the UK vitiligo community representatives.

Maintaining up-to-date digital platforms (website)

Our website vitiligosociety.org continues to be our main hub of information, resources and signposting. We continue to update information by uploading news articles, VitLife articles and additional information pages including our new volunteer, fundraising and kids information pages.



We published **46** new articles via our VitLife blog, sharing updates, stories and lifestyle tips with our community via our newsletter and social media.

Maintaining up-to-date digital platforms (social media)

We continue to focus on growing our reach through our **social media** presence; this year showed growth across all our platforms as follows:

- 342 Facebook posts with a total reach of 124,096 (+814 new page followers)
- 193 Insta posts with a total reach of 130,404 (+1072 new followers)
- 294 Tweets with total impressions of 220,143 (+330 new followers)
- 297 Linked In updates with total impressions of 156,568 (+515 new followers)
- We gained 87 new followers on YouTube, 72 new followers on Eventbrite and our Pinterest posts resulted in 103,416 impressions



Partnership work

We continue to work with the **Global Vitiligo Foundation, BAD, NICE, Incyte & Pfizer, The National Institute of Health Clinical Research Network, Association of Francaise du Vitiligo, Eczema Outreach Support, Vitiligo International Patient Organizations Committee & Vitiligo Research Foundation.**



INFORMING ON AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE LATEST RESEARCH

Whilst we want to support everyone with vitiligo to feel confident in their own skin, we know that vitiligo is a health condition and we should always be striving to find a cure. This will only come from us contributing to and informing on the latest research.

Strengthening our relationships with research organisations

This year saw us continue to strengthen our new relationships with **Pfizer UK** and **Incyte Europe and UK** and the **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence** and the **National Institute for Health Research**. We are excited to be collaborating with these new partners and bringing the patient voice to their research activities. We also remain active members of the **All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin (APPGS)**, **Dermatology Council of England (DCE)** and **British Association of Dermatologists (BAD)**.

Provide information on current and pipeline research

Over the past year we shared **10 new vitiligo research study reports & articles** with our community via social media and news roundups. We recognise not only the importance of sharing reports, but also helping our community to understand the impact of research and what it means to them.

Facilitate patient and public involvement in research

We continue to use our platform to identify participants for research opportunities. We found participants to support **five new research activities**, and to support the shaping of future medical research and **one PPI opportunity**.

Grow and develop MaSAP

Panelists continue to support us by responding to medical enquiries from our community, writing articles for our magazine, participating in our events and spreading awareness of our work through their networks.



DEVELOPING OUR SUPPORT SERVICES

Our support service development is an exciting new area of work for us. Whilst we have always been here to respond to member enquiries and host an Annual General Meeting event, we want to do more to proactively support our community and find ways to bring people together to share information and support one another.

Membership app

Our trustees took the difficult decision to close this project, after our developer was unable to complete the work. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this project.

Contact & voicemail service

The voicemail service and enquiry form continue to be used by our community to reach us, request information and ask questions. We are fortunate that we have support from an incredible team of volunteers and dermatologists to help answer these queries.



Parent Support Network

Re-launched in April 2021. Our vision for the group was twofold: to provide support for those who have questions or concerns relating to vitiligo; and to create a space where parents can feel supported and listened to, whilst being able to ask questions and feel reassured in an environment where you may share common concerns. The group has **met virtually four times** over the last year, and also hosts a facebook support group.

The VitLife

The VitLife continues to be a source of inspiration and storytelling for our community. This year the team published **46 new articles across our news, research, story and lifestyle feature categories**. We want to thank all the writers who contribute to this work.

VitChat Service

We were thrilled to launch VitChat this year – an online instant chat support service, run entirely by volunteers and made possible by funding from **The National Lottery Community Fund**. Throughout the year **80** people were supported by the service. We want to say a huge thank you to the volunteer team who log on every week to support people, and continue to help shape and develop this critical service for our community.



DEVELOPING OUR SUPPORT SERVICES (continued)

Peer Support

This year also saw the launch of our Peer Support service, a monthly virtual drop-in service run by volunteers to offer peer-support. Meetings received great support and feedback and the team are looking at developing the sessions to include guest speakers.

Resource Development

Following the success of our e-book and patient leaflet we wrote and released a new **School Support Pack** which was made available to our community to download. Currently our resources have been downloaded as follows:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| • E-book | 1,405 |
| • Patient leaflet | 24 |
| • School Support Pack | 252 |
| • Newsletter subscription | 2,351 |

Events calendar

Our team worked hard to develop our new **Events page**, and continue to build on and develop our calendar of opportunities for people to come together for support and learning. This year we hosted **27 different events**, supporting **444 participants**. We want to thank all the speakers who gave their time to attend and help support our community.

We have also uploaded speaker presentations to our **YouTube channel**, resulting in **eight new informative videos**, accessible to the public.

Highlight of this year was our **Research Summit**, which attracted **240** registrations. The videos of which have already attracted over **1,000** views.



BUILDING A STRONG VOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

An important part of our work is providing a voice and advocacy for our community. In order to do this we recognised that we first needed to strengthen our Society internally by reviewing our governance and building internal capacity. We also acknowledge the importance of creating a strong brand and messaging that represents our community and our voice as a united collective.

Research Work

A key piece of work that we undertook this year was in reference to our research project. Understanding the range of experiences our audience have with vitiligo is at the core of our mission. In order to explore more about how vitiligo affects day-to-day life, wellbeing and mental health, this year we commissioned Social Change, an independent research agency, to carry out behavioural research on our behalf.

The results of this survey will be used to help us direct our resources to deliver the best support to our community and campaign for change. Some of the financial support for this project has been provided to The Vitiligo Society as a grant from Pfizer Ltd. Other funding was secured through a private donation, for which we are extremely grateful.

The research will be undertaken in 2023, and we look forward to sharing the results with our community and stakeholders.

Strengthen our governance

This year we welcomed two new trustees to our board, one of whom is leading on the above research. We want to thank all our Trustees who each play a vital part in leading on critical project work for the Society.



REACHING ALL THE PEOPLE WHO NEED US

A key challenge for our Society is how we reach all the people who need us. Our transition to a digital-first organisation is the start of this journey, but there is so much more work we need to do.

Legacy programme

We recognise the importance of all our supporters, especially those who have been with us for years and for whom our digital work may not feel as relevant. We continue to keep in contact with members who are not online, and we ensure that there are a number of different routes through which people can access our information, advice and services. Legacy donations play a vital role in bringing much needed income into our charity, and we are sensitive to the fact that we need to remain relevant to all our supporters, regardless of age or access to technology.

Community Fundraising

We continue to provide a range of ways for people to support our work. We want to thank all the fundraisers who have run marathons and taken part in sponsored events this year – we couldn't have achieved so much without you all.

Online Shop

Our online shop continues to go from strength to strength, seeing strong sales thanks to the launch of our **vitiligo bear** and our first ever **Christmas jumper range**. As well as helping to raise much needed funds for the Society, it also provides merchandise to assist and inspire our community in raise awareness about vitiligo.

Growing our membership

We continue to struggle to grow our membership and recognise that the cost of living crisis impacts on the amount of money many people can donate to charities. We have taken measures to make it easier for people to donate. This includes offering a monthly membership and donation option – recognising that smaller, regular donations may be more affordable than one larger one. We will continue to review this throughout the year and take a decision on whether it has made an impact to sign-ups.

Registration with the Fundraising Regulator

We continue to register with the UK Fundraising Regulator to ensure that donors feel confident in supporting us, and that we have the ability to protect their information and contributions to our work.

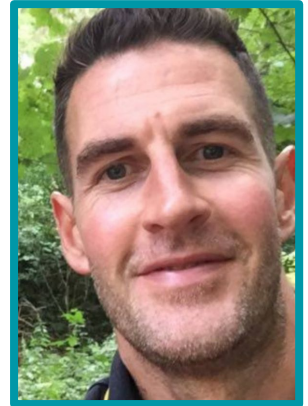


TEAM CHANGES

Rob Symonds has been involved in the Society since he called the Society's helpline as a worried 16 year old. He then got involved in the Society through fundraising activities, then from 2005 as a trustee for around 10 years, in the latter period chairing the board meetings.

After taking a break, Rob recently became re-involved with the Society as a volunteer on our community research project. He brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge from his previous work with our charity and from his own career.

Rob re-joined the trustee board in November 2022.



Volunteers

The Vitiligo Society would also like to thank everyone who has joined our growing team of volunteers this year, without whom we could not have supported our community or achieved so much.





Financial review

Total income for the year was **£158,039**, up **46%** as compared to the previous year £108,207. This increase was largely due to an increase in legacy giving, private donations and grant revenue.

Total expenses were **£132,198**, up **31 %** on the previous year £100,653. This increase of expenditure was planned and approved by the Board. The charity believes in investing income back into supporting our community and sought to invest the increase we saw in revenue this year into some key project work as outlined earlier in this report.

The Vitiligo Society generated a net income (termed “Net Income” in the Statement of Financial Activities) of **£25,841** in 2023. This compares to a net surplus of £7,814 in 2022.

The Society’s work is entirely reliant on memberships (subscriptions) and donations from its members, together with financial support from other donors and charitable trusts. Each year the Trustees agree to a financial budget, setting out expected income together with planned expenses. This is monitored on a regular basis and the results for the year to 31 March 2023 were in line with this budget. Net Current Assets (see the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023) have **risen to £93,177** from £67,076 in 2022. This is equivalent to more than one years’ worth of expenses at current levels. In line with previous years, the Society carries minimal liabilities and no loans/debt.

We continue to be cautious with our financial planning, balancing the requirement to demonstrate the charity’s long term financial sustainability, whilst making prudent investments into our services, community and infrastructure.

As always, we are extremely grateful to those paying membership fees (subscriptions) and also to those who feel able to provide donations, of whatever amount. All monies received are carefully managed. With this in mind, the trustees remain ever vigilant, making sure that our operational costs are the lowest they can pragmatically be and we will continue to do this going forward.



Financial policies

Grant policy

The Society occasionally awards grants to people from a variety of disciplines such as dermatology, psychology and biochemistry.

Reserves policy

The trustees believe it would be prudent to maintain the charity's reserves to at least a sum equivalent to between six and 12 months' operating costs, currently projected to be **£35,843**. This is in order to ensure the charity has sufficient funds in reserve to meet its statutory and contractual obligations.

Unrestricted reserves are available, at the discretion of the trustees, to further the general objects of the charity. The unrestricted funds available to the charity as at 31 March 2023 were **£76,742** (£62,751 in 2022). This is considered sufficient to meet these objectives.

Managing risk of harm

The trustees carry out an annual review of the major risks to which the Society is exposed. They ensure that the systems and procedures established to manage the risks remain robust and fit for purpose. This year the Society dedicated considerable time to ensure that we comply with GDPR legislation.

Structure, governance and management

The Governing document of the Society is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The trustees of the charity, for the purpose of charity law, are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The Society is governed by a council of management that at all times must comprise a majority of members who have vitiligo or have partners, children or siblings with the condition. One third of the members of the council retire each year and retiring members are eligible for re-election. Decisions on behalf of the charity are made by the directors, (known by the charity as trustees) who meet approximately once every three months. Trustees are appointed on recommendation by the Board of Trustees or by election at the Annual General Meeting. All new trustees are required to demonstrate a knowledge of their responsibilities and where necessary undergo training in certain areas.



Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that the charity will continue to be a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board on 21st December 2021 and signed on its behalf.

Signed:



John Dunster, Trustee/Director

4th June 2023





Independent Examiner's Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Vitiligo Society
Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)
for the year ended 31st March 2023

I report on the accounts of The Vitiligo Society for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination being a full member of the AAT.

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with such records:
- where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date 6th November 2023



The Vitiligo Society
Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:	2	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	2	99,220	35,755	134,975	90,451
Charitable activities					
Research, information and support	3	16,264	0	16,264	16,419
Other trading activities	4	6,800	0	6,800	1,597
Investments				0	0
Total		122,284	35,755	158,039	108,467
 Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	17,116		17,116	9,218
Charitable activities					
Research, information and support		91,437	23,645	115,081	91,436
Total		108,553	23,645	132,198	100,654
 Net income/(expenditure)		13,731	12,110	25,841	7,814
 Transfers between funds		0		0	0
 Net movement in funds after transfers		13,731	12,110	25,841	7,814
 Total funds brought forward		63,011	4,325	67,336	59,522
 Total funds carried forward	14	76,742	16,435	93,177	67,336

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.



**The Vitiligo Society
Balance sheet
As at 31st March 2023**

		2023	2022
		Total	Total
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	2,091	576
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>96,536</u>	<u>75,941</u>
		98,627	76,516
Liabilities			
Creditors - amounts due within one year	11	<u>-5,450</u>	<u>-9,181</u>
Net current assets		93,177	67,336
Net assets		<u>93,177</u>	<u>67,336</u>
Funds of the company	14		
Unrestricted Funds		76,742	63,011
Restricted Funds		<u>16,435</u>	<u>4,325</u>
Total funds		<u>93,177</u>	<u>67,336</u>

For the year 31st March 2023 the company is entitled to the audit exemption under section 477 (2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirement of the companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

Small company provisions:

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

The directors declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the Directors:

Signed: *John Dunster*

John Dunster, Trustee/Director

4th June 2023

The accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.



The Vitiligo Society
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1.1. Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS102
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102)

(effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

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

1.1.4. All figures presented in the statements and supporting notes have been rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when, the company becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project. Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt.



The Vitiligo Society
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2023

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the company is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donation - Members	10,275		10,275	10,481
General Donations	20,422		20,422	9,074
Grants and Donations - Trusts and Foundations	9,128	35,755	44,883	9,100
Donations in Kind	59,395		59,395	61,796
	99,220	35,755	134,975	90,451

Donations in kind comprises value to The Vitiligo Society of free advertising in the form of AdGrants on Google for not for profits within their search engine.

3. Income from Charitable Activities

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Research, Information and Support				
Memberships (Subscriptions)	16,264		16,264	16,159
	16,264	0	16,264	16,159

4. Income from other trading activities

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Event income	767		767	0
Online shop sales	6,034		6,034	1,597
	6,800	0	6,800	1,597



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5. Analysis of expenditure

	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Support costs	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Staff costs		13,500	7,269	20,769	17,593
Trustees expenses			272	272	37
Fundraising and publicity	10,856	62,436		73,292	70,157
Research support		15,165		15,165	0
Merchandising	6,000			6,000	1,628
Website and CRM		3,775		3,775	0
Printing, postage and stationery			1,030	1,030	1,127
Office expenses			441	441	15
Insurance			662	662	527
Sundry expenses and bank charges	261			261	212
Computer support and software			6,481	6,481	451
Phone and internet			432	432	5,059
Accountancy and examination			775	775	432
Legal, professional and consultancy fees			2,843	2,843	775
	17,116	94,876	20,205	132,198	98,013
Support costs		20,205	-20,205	0	0
Total expenditure	17,116	115,081	0	132,198	98,013

Fundraising and publicity includes donations in kind of £59,395 (2022: £61,796) which is the value to The Vitiligo Society of free advertising in the form of AdGrant on Google for not for profits within their search engine.

Of the total expenditure, £103,803 was unrestricted (2022: £92,854) and £23,645 was restricted (2022: £7,800)

6. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Staff costs were as follows:

Salaries details	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	18,768	16,133
Social security costs	1,526	1,006
Pension	475	454
Other	0	0
	20,769	17,593

No person received emoluments of more than £60,000.in the year.

The Charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022:nil). No Charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: nil)

No Trustees were reimbursed any expenses incurred in relation to their duties as trustees.



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7. Related party transactions

Aggregate donations from related parties during the year were Nil (2022: Nil)

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of the charity's business and no restricted donations from related parties. Some trustees donate back out of pocket expenses incurred.

8. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

9. Fixed assets

There were no additions in respect of fixed assets during the period. Existing assets have been fully depreciated in previous accounting periods.

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,725	51
Prepayments	365	265
	<u>2,090</u>	<u>316</u>

11. Creditors – Due in one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and social security	0	0
Accruals	-5,450	-700
Deferred income	0	-8,480
	<u>-5,450</u>	<u>-9,181</u>

12. Deferred income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance at beginning of the year	8,480	7,800
Amount released to income	-8,480	-7800
Amount deferred in the year	0	8,480
Balance at the end of the year	<u>0</u>	<u>8,480</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets			0
Net current assets	76,742	16,435	93,177
Nets assets at 31 March 2022	<u>76,742</u>	<u>16,435</u>	<u>93,177</u>

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets			0
Net current assets	60,311	4,325	67,336
Nets assets at 31 March 2022	<u>60,311</u>	<u>4,325</u>	<u>67,336</u>



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14. Movement of funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Research	1,206	27,275	-15,165	13,316
Information	210	0	0	210
Support	2,909	0	0	2,909
Awards for all	0	8,480	-8,480	0
	4,325	35,755	-23,645	16,435
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	63,011	122,284	-108,553	76,742
Total funds	67,336	158,039	-132,198	93,177

The restricted funding received during the year were towards Research information and support for people with Vitiligo.

15. Legal status of the Charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

