

# **Trustees' Annual Report and unaudited financial statements**

**for the year ended  
31 March 2024**

**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  
Denise Oduntan – appointed 8th February 2020  
Catherine Davidson – appointed 17th December 2020  
Dale Biermann – appointed 20th November 2021  
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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 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**



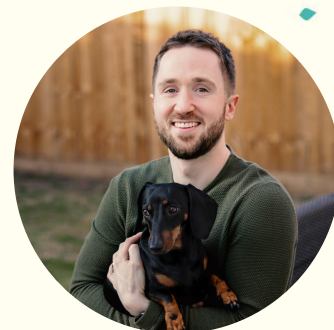


# A word from the Chairperson of The Vitiligo Society

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## A landmark year for community research

What a privilege it has been for me to lead The Vitiligo Society during another significant year for the charity. It has been a super busy 12 months where projects long in the making have started to come to fruition such as publicising the results of our first ever UK patient survey. The survey has provided us with key data and information to demonstrate the social and psychological impact of the condition – something that will be invaluable to us in our work to raise awareness and campaign for better treatment options.



**John Dunster**, Chairperson of The Vitiligo Society

It would be remiss of me not to mention a key challenge that has shaped the last year and will continue to be a key focus for the Board going forward. Advocating for access to new vitiligo treatments on the NHS by contributing to the NICE (National Institute of Care and Health Excellence) appraisal process is a time-consuming endeavour. We will of course be unwavering in our support and point all necessary resources towards fighting for these treatments to become available by prescription in the UK.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight two of our key services that have had another successful year, thanks in particular to the efforts of our tireless volunteers and two Trustees: Natalie Ambersley and Dale Biermann. We are enormously grateful for everyone's selfless efforts in ensuring the VitChat (weekly webchat) and VitSupport (monthly group Zoom discussion) sessions are so well attended and dependable for our community.

You may recognise the name of our absolutely incredible Charity Director, Abbie Hurrell, from some of the communications we send out. What you may not realise is that without Abbie the Society would not be what it is today. When I joined the Board in 2019, and during the pandemic, we could not have dreamed of having such a bold strategy with the financial resources to match it. Now in her 4<sup>th</sup> year, Abbie has been instrumental in this progress and is the absolute backbone of the charity – so I just want to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the time, effort and passion that Abbie pours into everything she does.

We were also incredibly pleased to host our largest ever World Vitiligo Day event in June – this event continues to grow each year, and we are so grateful to the incredible speakers who donate their time to join us and help support our community.

To the Board of Trustees – 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.

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.



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

## OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



We welcomed **71** new members, bringing our total membership to **835** and total subscribers to **3,276**

We wrote and shared **34** new lifestyle and story blogs, and **29** news, research and treatment articles

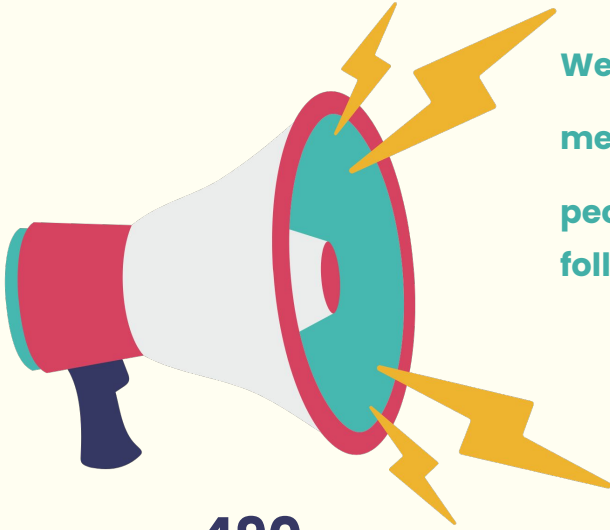


Our website provided information to **96,876** users



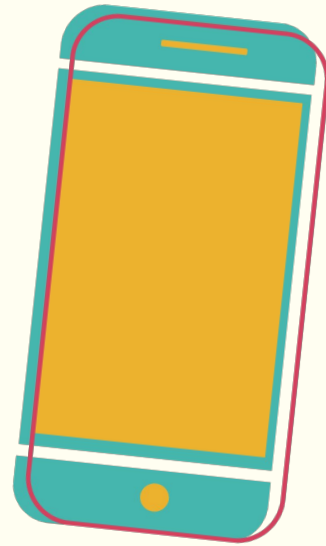


## OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS (Continued)



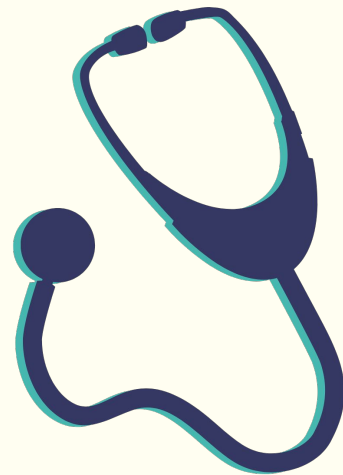
We shared over **395** updates on social media, reaching over **1,470,407** people and gaining over **3,737** new followers.

We answered **490** of your questions through our Live Chat Service & Contact Form, with the help of our team of Dermatologists



We had over **542** people register for our support & information events

We shared **9** 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 vitigosociety.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 **63** 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:

- 354 Facebook posts with a total reach of 81,174 (+502 new page followers)
- 395 Insta posts with a total reach of 260,126 (+2,119 new followers)
- 307 Tweets with total impressions of 168,468 (+241 new followers)
- 315 Linked In updates with total impressions of 149,497 (+388 new followers)
- We gained 364 new followers on YouTube, 68 new followers on Eventbrite and our Pinterest posts resulted in 811,142 impressions



### Partnership work

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

# INFORMING ON AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE LATEST RESEARCH

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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 UK**, the **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence** the **Scottish Medicines Consortium** and the **National Institute for Health Research**. We also remain active members of the **British Association of Dermatologists (BAD)** patient support group collective.

## 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 **nine new research activities**.

## Representing Patients in NICE & SMC technology appraisals

We were the only charity to represent vitiligo patients in both the NICE and SMC technology appraisals for Ruxolitinib for treating non-segmental vitiligo in people over 12 years. This work continues to be incredibly important as we fight to get licenced vitiligo treatments available to patients on the NHS.

## 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

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Our support service development continues to be an exciting and growing area of work for us.

### Contact & voicemail service

We have an incredible volunteer team who have supported us to respond to almost **500 community queries** about vitiligo, helping to signpost people to support services, provide tailored information and specialist feedback to questions.

### Parent Support Network

The Parent Support Network continued to host online support group meeting and support via a dedicated closed facebook page. We were also delighted to release our Schools Resource Pack to help enable teachers to better support children with vitiligo – this was made possible thanks to funding from **The National Lottery Community Fund**

### The VitLife

The VitLife continues to be a source of inspiration and storytelling for our community. This year the team published **63 new articles across our news, research, story and lifestyle feature categories**. We want to thank all the writers who contribute to this work. Articles are shared every month via our e-newsletter.

### 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 **31** 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)

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## Peer Support

This year also saw the launch of our peer support service VitSupport – a monthly virtual drop-in service run by volunteers. These meetings provide a critical opportunity for our community to meet each month and discuss living with vitiligo. Meetings have received great support and feedback, we are really pleased that the team are looking at developing the sessions to include guest speakers.

## Resource Development

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

- E-book 2,219
- Patient leaflet 72
- School Support Pack 423
- Newsletter subscription 2,577
- Vitiligo Research Report 411
- Workplace Support Pack 22

## 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 **52 different events**, supporting **542 participants**. We want to thank all the speakers and volunteers who gave their time to attend and help support our community.

We have also uploaded speaker presentations to our **YouTube channel**, resulting in **6 new informative videos**, accessible to the public.



## 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 last year was to begin our vitiligo research project. We received funding from Pfizer UK and a private Trust funder to fund independent research into the social and psychological impact of vitiligo in the UK. Results of this work were published in November 2023. Since its publication the research, which saw involvement from over 1,000 people, has been informing our work and will be the basis of our next Strategy, due for release early 2025.

### Strengthen our governance

This year we welcomed one new trustee to our board, Rita. Rita is working to help us reach more culturally diverse communities and be more inclusive of other cultures and religions. 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

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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 **Christmas jumper range**. As well as helping raise some much needed funds for the Society, it also provides merchandise to assist and inspire our community to 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.







# Financial review

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Total income for the year was down **£84,857**, compared to the previous year £158,039. This decrease was largely due to a decrease in legacy giving and grant revenue.

Total expenses were down **£111,730**, compared to the previous year £132,198. The deficit was planned by the board to enable the charity to invest in growing its support services. It has also occurred as a result of restricted funds which were received in the previous financial year being utilised in this year, showing a net deficit this year, and a surplus in the previous year. The charity believes in investing income back into supporting our community and sought to invest surplus funds from our reserves 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 **-£26,873** in 2024. This compares to a net surplus of £25,841 in 2023.

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 2024 were in line with this budget. Net Current Assets (see the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024) have **decreased to £66,303** from £93,177 in 2023. This is equivalent to more than one year’s 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 **£49,182**. 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 2024 were **£66,303** (£76,742 in 2023). 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**  
**15th October 2024**







# **Independent Examiner's Report & Financial Statements**

**For the year  
ended 31 March  
2024**

**The Vitiligo Society**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

**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.

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**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 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donation - Members			0	10,275
General Donations	12,105		12,105	20,422
Grants and Donations - Trusts and Foundations		9,591	9,591	44,883
Donations in Kind	43,676		43,676	59,395
	<b>55,781</b>	<b>9,591</b>	<b>65,372</b>	<b>134,975</b>

**3. Income from Charitable Activities**

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Research, Information and Support</b>				
Memberships (Subscriptions)	17,753		17,753	16,264
	<b>17,753</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,753</b>	<b>16,264</b>

**4. Income from other trading activities**

	General Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Event income	172		172	767
Online shop sales	1,560		1,560	6,034
	<b>1,732</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>6,800</b>

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**5. Analysis of expenditure**

	Cost of raising funds	Charitable activities	Support costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Staff costs	0	15,794	8,505	24,299	20,769
Trustees expenses	0	0	635	635	272
Fundraising and publicity	5,336	50,198	0	55,534	73,292
Research support	0	15,165	0	15,165	15,165
Merchandising	480	0	0	480	6,000
Website and CRM	0	0	3,175	3,175	3,775
Printing, postage and stationery	0	0	424	424	1,030
Office expenses	0	0	1,169	1,169	441
Insurance	0	0	595	595	662
Sundry expenses and bank charges	0	0	0	0	261
Computer support and software	0	0	7,796	7,796	6,481
Phone and internet	0	0	370	370	432
Accountancy and examination	0	0	713	713	775
Legal, professional and consultancy fees	0	0	1,375	1,375	2,843
	5,816	81,157	24,757	111,730	132,197
 Support costs	 0	 24,757	 -24,757	 0	 0
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>5,816</b>	<b>105,915</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>111,730</b>	<b>132,197</b>

Fundraising and publicity includes donations in kind of £43,676 (2023: £59,395) 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, £85,704 was unrestricted (2023: £ 103,803) and £26,026 was restricted (2023: £23,645)

**6. Trustee remuneration and expenses**

Staff costs were as follows:

Salaries details	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	21,777	18,768
Social security costs	1,648	1,526
Pension	874	475
Other	0	0
	<b>24,299</b>	<b>20,769</b>

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 (2023 :nil). No Charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: 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 (2023: 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**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,514	1,725
Prepayments	321	365
	<u>1,834</u>	<u>2,090</u>

**11. Creditors – Due in one year**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Taxation and social security	0	0
Accruals	-700	-5,450
Deferred income	-48,700	0
	<u>-49,400</u>	<u>-5,450</u>

**12. Deferred income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at beginning of the year	0	8,480
Amount released to income	0	-8,480
Amount deferred in the year	-48,700	0
Balance at the end of the year	<u>-48,700</u>	<u>0</u>

**13. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
	£	£	2024
			£
Tangible fixed assets			0
Net current assets	63,184	3,119	66,303
<b>Nets assets at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>63,184</b>	<b>3,119</b>	<b>66,303</b>

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

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**14. Movement of funds**

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Research	13,316	0	-13,316	0
Information	210	0	-210	0
Support	2,909	0	-2,909	0
Awards for all	0	9,591	-9,591	0
	16,435	9,591	-26,026	0
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	76,742	75,265	-85,704	66,303
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>93,177</b>	<b>84,856</b>	<b>-111,730</b>	<b>66,303</b>

**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.

**The Vitiligo Society**  
**Independent Examiners report to the Trustees (Directors)**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2024**

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I report on the accounts of the The Vitiligo Society for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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

2. 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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