

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1072258

Details

Other names	I.W.I.C, IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM, IRISH WELFARE AND INFORMATION CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03628076
Registered	1998-11-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE COMPANY IS ESTABLISHED ARE TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THOSE WHO ARE IRISH OR WHO ARE OF IRISH DESCENT. IN PARTICULAR, TO ADVANCE RELIGION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, RELIEVE SICKNESS AND OLD AGE, PRESERVE AND PROTECT GOOD HEALTH AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS

Activities: Birmingham Irish Association enhances the lives of thousands of people throughout Birmingham by providing quality advice and support services. BIA provides help with health issues, family support, tackling social isolation, bereavement, befriending and to promote Irish culture and heritage

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BIRMINGHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£727,580	£688,898	£600,891	15
2024-03-31	£539,957	£701,001	£562,209	15
2023-03-31	£651,516	£774,213	£723,253	20
2022-03-31	£682,907	£717,426	£869,442	21
2021-03-31	£1,040,386	£692,370	£903,961	18

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Downton		2024-03-06
Deirdre Smyth		2024-05-01
Edward O'Connor		2023-10-10
Joan Bernadette Smith		2015-11-23
MICHAEL PETER O'BRIEN		2021-11-23
Rev EAMONN CORDUFF		

Accounts

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Company Number: 03628076

Charity Number: 1072258

**Prime
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)**

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 31 March 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors (Trustees): J B Smith (Chair)
M P O'Brien (Treasurer)
T Lynk
Fr E F Corduff
A Downton
D M Smyth – Appointed 1 May 2024
E O'Connor – Appointed 1 September 2024
P J O'Neill – Resigned 1 September 2024

The Trustees have delegated day to day responsibilities to Maurice Malone, the Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive: Maurice Malone

Charity Number: 1072258

Company Number: 03628076 (England and Wales)

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document:

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8th September 1998. It was registered as a charity on 3rd November 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. The company changed its name, following its members' approval by special resolution at the AGM on 22nd September 2014, from 'Irish in Birmingham' to 'Birmingham Irish Association'.

Recruitment and of Appointment of new Trustees:

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and are appointed according to the rules detailed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees serve for a three year period after which they must stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Organisation has a list of members from which directors are selected. The Trustees may also from time to time co-opt new members, with relevant skills, onto the board. This is conditional upon them becoming members of the charity once elected. New trustees undergo an induction process, are invited to visit projects and receive a comprehensive induction pack.

Organisation of the Charity:

Trustees agree policy and strategy issues and delegate the day to day management of BIA's operation to the Chief Executive Officer who is also supported by a team of appropriately qualified people. Birmingham Irish Association's team consists of 13 full time staff, 2 part time staff, and 60 volunteers.

Public Benefit:

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Decision Making:

The Board of Trustees meets every two months to make decisions, informed by presentation and discussions with the Chief Executive. The matters reserved for board decision include the approval of the budget and the annual report and accounts, development and endorsement of the business plan, significant capital expenditure and the charity's policies and procedures. The Board is also responsible for long term financial and strategic planning and for the governance of the charity. The Management team takes operational decisions and formulates funding bids.

The Board delegates operational responsibility to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers a service in accordance with the objects and mission statement, that key performance indicators are met and for balancing the effective management of resources with creative development that keeps the interests of service users at its heart. The Chair and Chief Executive meet on a regular basis to maintain information flow and the management team meets fortnightly to ensure strategic relevance and operational effectiveness and to provide consultative structures within the organisation. Birmingham Irish Association has policies and procedures in place that describe key financial responsibilities and the agreed areas of delegation from board to senior management. The Treasurer takes responsibility for overseeing account reconciliation and reports directly to the Board on the management accounts and budgetary matters.

Risk Management:

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and has established a risk register updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are mitigated by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the service. The continuing implementation of quality standards ensures a consistent quality of delivery. Procedures are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet statutory and service requirements.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Related Parties:

Details of transactions with related parties are given in note 16 to these financial statements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity:

The objects for which the company is established are the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, the advancement of education and training in particular but not exclusively by promoting community and cultural development, the advancement of citizenship and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation among the inhabitants of Birmingham and surrounding areas (hereinafter called the area of benefit) including but not limited to those of Irish origin or descent without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, age, disability or of political, religious or other opinions'.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Mission Statement:

Birmingham Irish Association aims to enhance the lives of people with Irish heritage by providing quality advice and support services that meet the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham.

Our aspiration is to be the service of choice for all Irish people (with primary or combined Irish heritage) seeking advice, support and information.

Our Services:

Through our organisational values Accessibility, Commitment, Ethics and Partnerships we benefit the Irish Community by providing a fit for purpose organisation that has adapted to the changing needs of the Diaspora. We recognise the strength of the community and through the front line support services we provide we can encourage community involvement and provide much needed Welfare and Cultural services to our clients many of whom are vulnerable and isolated. We have adapted to the changing demographic of the community and can now deliver services locally.

We make a difference in people's lives by providing a wide range of welfare, information, advice and support services. We predominantly deliver to 1st and 2nd generation Irish elders but also to the wider community and new immigrants. Our current programme delivers support with social isolation, physical and mental health issues, poverty, housing, alcohol and substance misuse, family support and more general issues such as Irish passports and pensions. We run a central elders day centre and 12 community sites delivering activities. Our heritage work including art based and literary projects ensures that Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham continues to thrive and develop. Our plans for the forthcoming years include assisting young people who may be living with relatives dealing with dementia and other mental health issues, expanding the Family Support project, doubling the current level of Volunteers working with us and increasing the number of locally based activity centres to deliver services to the marginalised. We also aim to adapt our service portfolio to deal with new immigrants and those from the travelling community. We provide a holistic approach to achieve its mission statement through the provision of a tiered service model.

Our Services:

We offer three levels of support to all clients contacting the service direct or through a referral pathway from a partner organisation. The level of support is determined at the Triage stage and, upon completion, a level of support as detailed below is offered.

Level 1: Information

Level 2: Brief Intervention (Single Advice Interventions)

Level 3: Enablement (Extended Interventions)

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Services are provided from our central offices in Digbeth, from our twelve city-wide community settings or the client's home when appropriate.

Chair's Report 2024-2025

Since 1957 Birmingham Irish Association has always had the primary aim of trying to improve the quality of all members of the Irish community's lives by listening to them and their needs and trying to translate these needs into action. I hope that by reading this Review and Annual Report you will see the extensive work that has been done.

It is very important for us to continue to work closely with our funders and partner groups including the National Lottery Reaching Communities England Fund, Birmingham City Council, Health Authorities and other voluntary organisations to strengthen and to be effective in the services provided by BIA.

None of this would be possible without the hard work, dedication and commitment from our management and staff, who in addition to their normal duties in providing excellent services have worked very hard over the past year on fundraising. All staff produce a very detailed and in-depth report to the board which we receive at each trustee board meeting. It is very clear to see that their dedication and commitment to their roles and responsibilities, is second to none. They are a real asset to the charity.

Special mention should be made of the fantastic efforts by our many volunteers, supporters and fundraisers who play an essential role in both our service delivery and fundraising activities. Indeed, they have been doing so for many years and have also been an important force in helping our service users in numerous ways which often greatly improve their quality of life and ability to accept help. Again, their dedication and commitment to the charity is amazing. They are wonderful people.

The voluntary sector continues to have reduced funding. BIA continues to deliver on services to all communities within and around Birmingham, wherever possible.

It was with a very heavy heart, the board, alongside the CEO, made the difficult decision to postpone this year's St Patrick Day's parade. We deeply regretted the disappointment this caused in Birmingham. But it was the right decision for us to make for financial and security reasons. We are looking forward to planning the festival for 2025. Discussions are already taking place.

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I would like to thank the trustees for supporting me in my role and giving me the opportunity to be chair, which is an honour. It is a pleasure to work with Maurice and the team. Maurice works tirelessly as CEO and is well respected not only in the West Midlands and beyond, but also in Ireland, with his regular visits, as Council of State member to President Michael D Higgins.

Joan Smith
Chair

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year, as intended we continued to run all the projects and activities that we ran in previous years as well as expanding into new areas. The projects that are up and running for public benefit and delivering our mission statement are:

- Family Support - Providing support to young children and their families with issues such as bullying, self-esteem, lack of confidence, isolation, welfare, debt, housing issues and family relationships.
- Social Inclusion - Providing an opportunity for clients to take part in stimulating activities, social interaction, and access to advice and personal support aimed at alleviating loneliness, social isolation and depression and dementia care.
- Primary Care - Supporting older adults who may be suffering from physical and mental health problems and are having difficulty in engaging with statutory services with the aim of improving their quality of life and personal wellbeing.
- Volunteer Project - A vital service for the organisation complementing the staff team and welcoming clients through the front reception, cooking up a hot meal or teaching people how to surf the net!!!
- Culture and Heritage - Promoting Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham and developing activities that enhance Irish identity and a vibrant active community.
- Information and Advice Project - A service aimed at providing help on a wide range of issues from applying for Irish passports, seeking accommodation, booking flights, tracing family members to advice with debt and Welfare benefits.
- Young people and Dementia – A project aimed at supporting children who have a Family member living with Dementia. The project involves visiting schools and delivering sessions to children in the classroom, as we believe children will feel more at ease in a familiar environment and they may be more willing to share their ideas amongst the children they know. Following that, we then tailor individual and smaller group sessions to support children who have a family member living with Dementia. We want to encourage children to ask questions and talk about any worries they may have. Our sessions are fun and engaging and are completely child friendly. They involve lots of discussion and some fun and informative activities.
- Emotional Support Project - Our Emotional Support Project offers low-level, preventative support for children and young people under 21, who are experiencing difficulties with emotional wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence, relationships, bullying and identity. Through a range of one-to-one, drop-in and group workshop sessions, we are able to help those who need it, to get back on their feet once more.
- Irish passports and Birth certificates - We have passport forms available, and can offer guidance with applying for first time or renewals. We also have a Photo-Me booth on site in Digbeth which means we can easily facilitate online passport renewals.

Performance Profile for the year 2024-2025

Through the projects we have delivered the following outcomes:

- Almost 4,000 phone calls received
- Over 4,000 virtual attendances at our drop in centre and activity clubs
- 2,000 Food parcels distributed
- Nearly 300 families and young children supported through the Family Support Project
- Approaching 450 people addressed their health needs through the Primary Care Project
- Over 2,000 clients accessed advice and support services through front office team
- Over 1,000 clients received support with Debt and Welfare benefit related issues
- We had over 1,500 virtual visitors to the office looking for help with passport applications or visiting the shop
- Over 2,500 welfare phone calls took place

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the Year

The year to 31 March 2025 saw the Charity make a surplus of £38,682 (2024: deficit of £161,044).

During the year under review, the Charity's total incoming resources amounted to £727,580 (2024: £539,957) with £30,919 (2024: £55,031) of that from voluntary income from our generous donors, and £663,655 (2024: £464,434) from grants and contracts from our funders, with the remaining £33,006 (2024: £20,492) from investment and other trading activities. Outgoing resources were £688,898 (2024: £701,001).

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 summarises the incoming resources and main areas of expenditure. The Balance Sheet on page 14 shows the Charity's assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025.

Principal Funding Sources

Birmingham Irish Associations principal funding sources for the year are as follows:

- Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Emigrant Support Programme
- Birmingham City Council (Adults and Communities)
- Birmingham & Solihull ICB
- Birmingham Secondary Schools Family Support Project
- The Irish Youth Foundation
- The Big Lottery Community Fund

Investment Policy

Apart from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and have established a policy where the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should aim to be equivalent to nine months' expenditure, at current expenditure rates this is approximately £70,000. This policy is reviewed every year by the Board. The total funds held in reserve at the balance sheet date are £600,891, of this £381,063 are restricted reserves, leaving unrestricted reserves of £219,828.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Birmingham Irish Association will strengthen its role as a specialist support provider that delivers culturally competent services to those with an Irish primary or mixed heritage. This will be achieved by meeting the targets implicit to the following strategic objectives that are grouped with the **5 key strategic aims of the organisation**.

To provide service user centred support services

- The provision of an enhanced menu of advice, information and support services for our target user groups that will enable individuals to achieve greater independence, improve the overall quality of their lives and utilise the community for the benefit of others.
- The engagement with the wider community, including second and subsequent Irish generations, to ensure that service realignment and development meets the needs of the widest constituent group.
- Through research, bench marking and best practice methodology we will broaden the range and accessibility of our services.
- To establish services within the community aimed at tackling mental health issues, specifically in relation to depression, loneliness and dementia.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

- To develop a range of community based resources including a Dementia Café incorporating a telephone help and advice line and support to friends and families of those suffering with Dementia.
- To further develop the family support project and make it available to the wider community.

To build an effective and sustainable organisation

- Recognising that our success is dependent on a highly motivated and effective staff team, offering opportunities for professional and personal development will be integral to its development planning.
- The development and implementation of a marketing strategy to raise the profile of Birmingham Irish Association, establishing the agency as a leading provider of support services in Birmingham and the region.
- The ongoing development of performance, management and quality assurance systems in order to evidence effectiveness and to build on the existing Quality Mark.
- Service user involvement will be strengthened to ensure that users of the service have active participation within the organisation.
- Financial management will continue to be strengthened by reviewing and implementing management systems, ensuring that we meet our financial responsibilities as determined by the Charities Commission and commissioning agents.
- The broadening of our supporter, membership and stakeholder base.
- To diversify funding and move away from the reliance on statutory funding.
- To maintain, promote and develop an ongoing volunteer team that supports the organisation in its service delivery and further strengthens the community recognising its worth.

To work collaboratively with others to meet the needs of those we serve

- The maintenance of existing and the development of new partnerships for the benefit of Birmingham Irish Association's constituent groups.
- The investigation of the opportunities of increased collaborative working with like-minded organisations both locally and nationally.
- Developing Partnerships or collaborative working to respond to the changing landscape of health and social care.

To ensure the charity has sufficient funding in place for those we serve

- To enhance the existing vision of the organisation to achieve a robust and sustainable fundraising strategy.
- To ensure the Fundraising and Development Officer has appropriate support and guidance to make the best return on investment possible.
- To work alongside other similar organisations to maximise funding potential.
- To maximise the number of income opportunities to help sustain the charity and increase levels of unrestricted income.
- To create compelling 'case studies' to promote the work of the charity to encourage regular giving and create a positive outlook.

To provide a wide range of cultural, community, sport and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity.

- To develop heritage and community activities that promote Ireland's identity and maintain a vibrant Irish community.
- To celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between community groups in the city and further afield.
- To support affiliate groups with advertising, workshops, publicity, promotion, events and funding opportunities.
- To develop relationships with the press and media to actively promote Birmingham Irish Association.
- To utilise fully the power of social media to inform, celebrate and increase the profile of the organisation and the wider Irish community.

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

Key Targets and Objectives 2025-2026
Raise the profile of Irish Culture, Sport and Heritage in Birmingham and the wider area
Continue to raise awareness of BIA and the needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham
Further enhance the memory awareness service and created dementia services for the traveller community
Continue to provide quality services in a tough financial environment
Develop partnership working with other like-minded organisations in the West Midlands
Increase younger persons services including mental health support and dementia awareness
Review and deliver a new celebration for St Patrick's Day Festival
Engage with local Irish sports clubs including GAA
Complete the relocation to a new centre in Kings Heath

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees, who are also directors of Birmingham Irish Association 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 period 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:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware:-

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware;
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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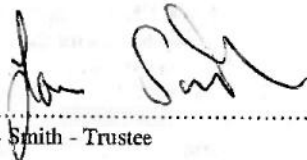
**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)**

AUDITORS

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

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Signed by order of the Trustees:



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J B Smith - Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on 29.09.2025.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Irish Association (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (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 31 March 2025 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 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 contained within the Trustees report. 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 course of 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.

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 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 directors' report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' 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 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meeting of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant parties.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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.



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Jeremy Kitson BA FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
Prime Chartered Accountants
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Date: 16.10.2025.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Year to 31 March 2025			Year to 31 March 2024		
		<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies		-	30,919	30,919	-	55,031	55,031
Charitable activities:							
Emigrant support		293,684	-	293,684	285,684	-	285,684
Community support		274,011	-	274,011	82,812	-	82,812
Health and hardship		88,810	-	88,810	88,280	-	88,280
Schools programme		-	7,150	7,150	750	6,908	7,658
Activity centre		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	2	-	12,420	12,420	-	12,149	12,149
Investment income		-	20,586	20,586	-	8,343	8,343
Total Income		656,505	71,075	727,580	457,526	82,431	539,957
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	-	9,931	9,931	-	9,758	9,758
Charitable activities:	5						
Emigrant support		314,148	-	314,148	287,612	-	287,612
Community support		189,953	-	189,953	206,201	-	206,201
Health and hardship		108,762	-	108,762	116,965	-	116,965
Schools programme		-	15,997	15,997	-	17,627	17,627
Activity centre		-	519	519	-	200	200
Other charitable expenditure		-	49,588	49,588	-	62,638	62,638
Total expenditure		612,863	76,035	688,898	610,778	90,223	701,001
Unrealised gains/losses		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income		43,642	(4,960)	38,682	(153,252)	(7,792)	(161,044)
Transfers between funds	13	20,243	(20,243)	-	29,298	(29,298)	-
Net movement in funds		63,885	(25,203)	38,682	(123,954)	(37,090)	(161,044)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		317,178	245,031	562,209	441,132	282,121	723,253
Total funds carried forward		381,063	219,828	600,891	317,178	245,031	562,209

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

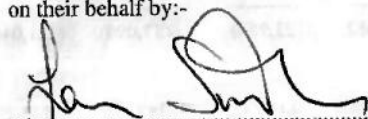
The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these accounts.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	47,904	67,532
Investment property		-	-
		47,904	67,532
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	9	1,504	1,504
Debtors	10	15,540	14,179
Cash at bank and in hand		577,623	526,868
		594,667	542,551
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	(41,680)	(47,874)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		552,987	494,677
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		600,891	562,209
NET ASSETS		600,891	562,209
CHARITY FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted Funds		219,828	245,031
Restricted Funds		381,063	317,178
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		600,891	562,209

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 29.09.2025 and are signed on their behalf by:-


J B Smith - Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these accounts.

Company Registration Number: 03628076

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	72,666	(110,195)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>72,666</u>	<u>(110,195)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,325)	(819)
Interest received		(20,586)	(8,343)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(21,911)</u>	<u>(9,162)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year		<u>50,755</u>	<u>(119,357)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		526,868	646,225
Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u><u>577,623</u></u>	<u><u>526,868</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u><u>577,623</u></u>	<u><u>526,868</u></u>

1. Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	38,682	(161,044)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	20,953	21,270
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	965
Decrease/(increase) in stock	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(1,361)	(4,991)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(6,194)	25,262
Interest Receivable	20,586	8,343
Unrealised gain/loss on Investment Property	-	-
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u><u>72,666</u></u>	<u><u>(110,195)</u></u>

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****(a) 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)', 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.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:-

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised as income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, for example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report, where relevant.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under activities that aggregate all costs related to any particular activity. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties; it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:-

Costs of raising funds comprise costs incurred by the charity in the generation of donation and fundraising income.

Expenditure on charitable activities include those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

All categories of costs include both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include premises costs, office costs, governance costs, administrative and payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated to expenditure on a basis which may be based on activity as represented by direct costs expended on that activity, or based on a proportion of staff costs.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Leasehold property expenditure	- Straight line over 20 years
Website development	- 33.33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on cost

(e) Investment Property

Investment properties are recorded at fair value based on the discounted lease cost of the rented area.

(f) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

(g) Taxation

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

(h) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(i) Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

(j) Operating lease commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to Profit and Loss account as they are incurred.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2025</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2024</u>
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-
Shop income	5,710	4,691
Rents received	6,600	6,600
Passport & photo refund	110	858
	<u>12,420</u>	<u>12,149</u>

3. TRUSTEES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2024: £nil).

No trustees were paid travel expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive. The total amount of employee benefits including employer's pension contributions received by key management personnel were £56,742 (2024: £65,310).

Staff Costs and Employee Benefits

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Gross salaries	382,332	389,795
Employer's national insurance	28,641	29,676
Employer's pension contributions	7,305	8,563
	<u>418,278</u>	<u>428,034</u>

No employees earned more than £60,000 pa (2024: one).

Average Number of Employees:

	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Direct	13	13
Administration	2	2
	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

4. PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The charge to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year is £7,305 (2024: £8,563). There are outstanding contributions at 31 March 2025 £2,034 (2024: £1,762) and no prepaid contributions at the year-end (2024: £nil). The pension charge is allocated in restricted and unrestricted funds depending on whether staff are engaged in activity funded by restricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>Basis of Allocation</u>	<u>Raising Funds</u>	<u>Emigrant Support</u>	<u>Community Support</u>	<u>Health and Hardship</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Activity Centre</u>	<u>Other Costs</u>	<u>Year to 31.3.2025</u>	<u>Year to 31.3.2024</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activities:										
Staff costs	Direct	-	185,906	154,175	76,440	1,757	-	-	418,278	428,034
Fundraising costs	Direct	2,262	1,802	-	-	-	-	-	4,064	2,275
Travel	Direct	-	894	4,056	679	-	-	18,081	23,710	25,393
Activity centre costs	Direct	-	19,313	4,253	-	-	519	20	24,105	24,500
Rent and rates	Direct	-	36,868	10,725	13,407	6,033	-	-	67,033	67,116
Training	Direct	-	100	345	-	-	-	2,154	2,599	1,765
Project costs	Direct	-	1,650	526	-	-	-	3,584	5,760	10,378
Shop purchases	Direct	7,669	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,669	7,983
		9,931	246,533	174,080	90,526	7,790	519	23,839	553,218	567,444
Support costs allocated to activities:										
Premises costs	Staff Time	-	10,506	4,160	3,820	1,719	-	-	20,205	11,648
Office costs	Staff Time	-	20,241	5,888	7,360	3,312	-	-	36,801	36,058
Professional fees	Staff Time	-	25,344	2,473	2,866	1,290	-	25,749	57,722	63,619
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	Staff Time	-	11,524	3,352	4,190	1,886	-	-	20,952	22,232
		-	67,615	15,873	18,236	8,207	-	25,749	135,680	133,557
Total Costs by Activity										
<i>Year to 31 March 2024</i>		9,931	314,148	189,953	108,762	15,997	519	49,588	688,898	701,001
		9,758	287,612	206,201	116,965	17,627	200	62,638	701,001	

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****6. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR**

Net expenditure for the financial year is stated after charging:-

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2025</u> £	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2024</u> £
Depreciation - owned assets - unrestricted funds	20,953	21,270
Audit fees - audit	5,120	4,876
- other services	6,077	5,033
Deficit on disposal of fixed asset	-	962

7. TAXATION

No Corporation Tax liability arises in respect of the year since the company has been accepted as a charity for taxation purposes. The exemptions afforded by legislation are available as all income and gains are applied to charitable purposes.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer</u> <u>Equipment</u> £	<u>Leasehold</u> <u>Property</u> <u>expenditure</u> £	<u>Fixtures &</u> <u>Fittings</u> £	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicle</u> £	<u>Website</u> <u>Development</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost						
At 1 April 2024	58,340	143,654	64,238	37,658	12,747	316,637
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,325	1,325
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>58,340</u>	<u>143,654</u>	<u>64,238</u>	<u>37,658</u>	<u>14,072</u>	<u>317,962</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	57,900	94,019	47,610	37,375	12,201	249,105
Charge for year	440	17,232	2,495	71	715	20,953
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>58,340</u>	<u>111,251</u>	<u>50,105</u>	<u>37,446</u>	<u>12,916</u>	<u>270,058</u>
Net book value						
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>32,403</u>	<u>14,133</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>1,156</u>	<u>47,904</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>440</u>	<u>49,635</u>	<u>16,628</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>67,532</u>

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****9. STOCKS**

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Shop goods held for resale	1,504	1,504
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10. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Other debtors	560	560
Prepayments and accrued income	14,980	13,619
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	15,540	14,179
	=====	=====

11. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Other creditors	13,385	22,956
Social security	28,295	24,918
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	41,680	47,874
	=====	=====

12. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Company has no share capital, being limited by guarantee. There are seven members of the company, each of whom has undertaken to contribute £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	145,447	167,314	(55,418)	-	257,343
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	-	70,500	(39,103)	-	31,397
Health and Hardship fund	-	88,810	(108,762)	19,952	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs: Emigrant Support Programme	11,538	285,684	(294,882)	-	2,340
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs: Reconciliation Fund	12,344	-	(12,635)	291	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs: St Patrick's Festival and Parade	-	8,000	(6,630)	-	1,370
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	127,798	36,197	(95,433)	-	68,562
	<u>317,178</u>	<u>656,505</u>	<u>(612,863)</u>	<u>20,243</u>	<u>381,063</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	245,031	71,075	(76,035)	(20,243)	219,828
	<u>562,209</u>	<u>727,580</u>	<u>(688,898)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,891</u>

A transfer of £20,243 (2024: £29,298) to restricted funds in the year represents the transfer of unrestricted funds to projects in deficit at the year-end for which no further funding is expected to be received to cover costs on the projects concerned.

The charity has sufficient resources at 31 March 2025 to fulfil its commitment to each project.

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Big Lottery Fund	This fund is a project funded by the Big Lottery Fund that will enable the Charity to carry out activities in community support and health related issues.
Birmingham City Council - Older Adults Project including RoSITA	These funds support the provision of the activity centre, outreach support and advice and guidance.
Health and Hardship Fund	This fund provides the resources for health related issues amongst the community the Charity serves and for clients in need of financial support due personal hardship and distress.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs; Emigrant Support Programme	These funds support salary and project costs for Birmingham Irish Association's social inclusion, primary care, family support and cultural development projects.
General Community Support Projects	This fund is made up of a number of smaller community support projects which have been pooled together to form one fund.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs; Reconciliation Fund	Contribution of £12,344 (£15,000) received from the Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs towards Memorialising the Troubles: Creative Approaches to Healing and Historicising in the United Kingdom.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs; St Patrick's Festival and Parade	Contribution towards the costs of organising a festival and/or parade in Birmingham in celebration of St Patrick's Day.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****14. NET ASSETS ANALYSED BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u> £	<u>Net Current Assets</u> £	<u>Liabilities due in more than one year</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Unrestricted funds	47,904	171,924	-	219,828
Restricted funds	-	381,063	-	381,063
	<u>47,904</u>	<u>552,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,891</u>

15. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the trustees, because of the way that the charity is constituted there is no single ultimate controlling party. The charity is effectively controlled by the Board, as a body.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions which require disclosure in the accounts.

17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2025, the Charity was committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:-

	<u>2025</u> £	<u>2024</u> £
Within one year	31,779	36,990
Between one and two years	29,769	30,600
Between two and five years	29,533	59,066
More than five years	-	-
	<u>91,081</u>	<u>126,656</u>

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)****18. ANALYSIS OF THE RESTRICTED FUND DERIVED FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT**

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Emigrant Support Programme:					
<i>Contribution towards Project Costs:</i>					
Culture, Sports and Heritage	-	33,000	(47,639)	14,639	-
Family Support and Welfare	-	35,000	(28,716)	(6,284)	-
Primary Care Projects	-	31,184	(43,458)	12,274	-
Social Inclusion Projects	2,238	155,000	(175,069)	17,831	-
West Midlands Irish Support	9,300	-	-	(9,300)	-
Partnership Collaborative					
Young Persons Emotional Support	-	31,500	-	(29,160)	2,340
Project					
	11,538	285,684	(294,882)	-	2,340

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Irish Government, Department of	12,344	-	(12,635)	291	-
Foreign Affairs; Reconciliation					
Fund	12,344	-	(12,635)	291	-

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2024</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2025</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
St Patrick's Festival and Parade	-	8,000	(6,630)	-	1,370
	-	8,000	(6,630)	-	1,370

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)

19. COMPARATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Movement in funds

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2023</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Costs</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2024</u> £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	201,126	750	(56,429)	-	145,447
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	895	59,660	(61,168)	613	-
Health and Hardship fund	-	88,280	(116,965)	28,685	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	13,466	285,684	(287,612)	-	11,538
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	12,344	-	-	-	12,344
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	193,250	23,152	(88,604)	-	127,798
	<u>441,132</u>	<u>457,526</u>	<u>(610,778)</u>	<u>29,298</u>	<u>317,178</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	282,121	82,431	(90,223)	(29,298)	245,031
	<u>723,253</u>	<u>539,957</u>	<u>(701,001)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>562,209</u>

Net Assets between funds

	<u>Tangible</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u> £	<u>Net Current</u> <u>Assets</u> £	<u>Liabilities due in</u> <u>more than one year</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Unrestricted funds	67,532	177,499	-	245,031
Restricted funds	-	317,178	-	317,178
	<u>67,532</u>	<u>494,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>562,209</u>

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (cont'd)

20. COMPARATIVES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Basis of Allocation	Raising Funds	Emigrant Support	Community Support	Health and Hardship	Schools	Activity Centre	Other Costs	Year to 31.3.2024	Year to 31.3.2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activities:										
Staff costs	Direct	-	183,114	158,023	82,778	4,119	-	-	428,034	512,321
Fundraising costs	Direct	1,775	-	500	-	-	-	-	2,275	4,773
Travel	Direct	-	490	6,400	4,169	-	-	14,334	25,393	22,173
Activity centre costs	Direct	-	12,470	10,625	-	-	200	1,205	24,500	27,114
Rent and rates	Direct	-	36,914	10,739	13,423	6,040	-	-	67,116	72,547
Training	Direct	-	513	1,000	-	-	-	252	1,765	3,760
Project costs	Direct	-	8,475	(2,850)	-	-	-	4,753	10,378	10,647
Shop purchases	Direct	7,983	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,983	4,025
		9,758	241,976	184,437	100,370	10,159	200	20,544	567,444	657,360
Support costs allocated to activities:										
Premises costs	Staff Time	-	6,406	1,864	2,330	1,048	-	-	11,648	6,980
Office costs	Staff Time	-	18,931	7,145	6,884	3,098	-	-	36,058	37,864
Professional fees	Staff Time	-	8,071	9,198	2,935	1,321	-	42,094	63,619	48,378
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	Staff Time	-	12,228	3,557	4,446	2,001	-	-	22,232	26,251
		-	45,636	21,764	16,595	7,468	-	42,094	133,557	119,473
Total Costs by Activity		9,758	287,612	206,201	116,965	17,627	200	62,638	701,001	776,833
Year to 31 March 2023		8,994	313,628	222,566	142,808	18,259	5,103	65,475	776,833	

Accounts

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Company Number: 3628076

Charity Number: 1072258

**Prime
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)**

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 31 March 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors (Trustees): Pat O'Neil (Chair)
Mick O'Brien (Treasurer)
J Smith (Vice Chair)
T Lynk
Fr E Corduff
C Gilliver
C Brogan

The Trustees have delegated day to day responsibilities to Maurice Malone, the Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive: Maurice Malone

Charity Number: 1072258

Company Number: 3628076 (England and Wales)

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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document:

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8th September 1998. It was registered as a charity on 3rd November 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. The company changed its name, following its members' approval by special resolution at the AGM on 22nd September 2014, from Birmingham Irish Association to Birmingham Irish Association.

Recruitment and of Appointment of new Trustees:

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and are appointed according to the rules detailed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees serve for a three year period after which they must stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Organisation has a list of members from which directors are selected. The Trustees may also from time to time co-opt new members, with relevant skills, onto the board. This is conditional upon them becoming members of the charity once elected. New trustees undergo an induction process, are invited to visit projects and receive a comprehensive induction pack.

Organisation of the Charity:

Trustees agree policy and strategy issues and delegate the day to day management of BIA's operation to the Chief Executive Officer who is also supported by a team of appropriately qualified people. Birmingham Irish Association's team consists of 15 full time staff, 2 part time staff, 40 volunteers

Public Benefit:

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Decision Making:

The Board of Trustees meets every two months to make decisions, informed by presentation and discussions with the Chief Executive. The matters reserved for board decision include the approval of the budget and the annual report and accounts, development and endorsement of the business plan, significant capital expenditure and the charity's policies and procedures. The Board is also responsible for long term financial and strategic planning and for the governance of the charity. The Management team takes operational decisions and formulates funding bids.

The Board delegates operational responsibility to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers a service in accordance with the objects and mission statement, that key performance indicators are met and for balancing the effective management of resources with creative development that keeps the interests of service users at its heart. The Chair and Chief Executive meet on a regular basis to maintain information flow and the management team meets fortnightly to ensure strategic relevance and operational effectiveness and to provide consultative structures within the organisation. Birmingham Irish Association has policies and procedures in place that describe key financial responsibilities and the agreed areas of delegation from board to senior management. The Treasurer takes responsibility for overseeing account reconciliation and reports directly to the Board on the management accounts and budgetary matters.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk Management:

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and has established a risk register updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are mitigated by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the service. The continuing implementation of quality standards ensures a consistent quality of delivery. Procedures are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet statutory and service requirements.

Related Parties:

Details of transactions with related parties are given in note 17 to these financial statements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity:

The objects for which the company is established are the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, the advancement of education and training in particular but not exclusively by promoting community and cultural development, the advancement of citizenship and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation among the inhabitants of Birmingham and surrounding areas (hereinafter called the area of benefit) including but not limited to those of Irish origin or descent without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, age, disability or of political, religious or other opinions'.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Mission Statement:

Birmingham Irish Association aims to enhance the lives of people with Irish heritage by providing quality advice and support services that meet the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham.

Our aspiration is to be the service of choice for all Irish people (with primary or combined Irish heritage) seeking advice, support and information.

Our Services:

Through our organisational values Accessibility, Commitment, Ethics and Partnerships we benefit the Irish Community by providing a fit for purpose organisation that has adapted to the changing needs of the Diaspora. We recognise the strength of the community and through the front line support services we provide we can encourage community involvement and provide much needed Welfare and Cultural services to our clients many of whom are vulnerable and isolated. We have adapted to the changing demographic of the community and can now deliver services locally.

We make a difference in people's lives by providing a wide range of welfare, information, advice and support services. We predominantly deliver to 1st and 2nd generation Irish elders but also to the wider community and new immigrants. Our current programme delivers support with social isolation, physical and mental health issues, poverty, housing, alcohol and substance misuse, family support and more general issues such as Irish passports and pensions. We run a central elders day centre and 12 community sites delivering activities. Our heritage work including art based and literary projects ensures that Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham continues to thrive and develop. Our plans for the forthcoming years include assisting young people who may be living with relatives dealing with dementia and other mental health issues, expanding the Family Support project, doubling the current level of Volunteers working with us and increasing the number of locally based activity centres to deliver services to the marginalised. We also aim to adapt our service portfolio to deal with new immigrants and those from the travelling community. We provide a holistic approach to achieve its mission statement through the provision of a tiered service model.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Our Services:

We offer three levels of support to all clients contacting the service direct or through a referral pathway from a partner organisation. The level of support is determined at the Triage stage and, upon completion, a level of support as detailed below is offered.

Level 1: Information

Level 2: Brief Intervention (Single Advice Interventions)

Level 3: Enablement (Extended Interventions)

Services are provided from our central offices in Digbeth, from our twelve city-wide community settings or the client's home when appropriate.

Chair's Report 2022-2023

Since 1957 Birmingham Irish Association has always had the primary aim of trying to improve the quality of all members of the Irish community's lives by listening to them and their needs and trying to translate these needs into action. I hope that by reading this Review and Annual Report you will see the extensive work that has been done. We are aware that much more work needs to be done to ensure we continue to make a difference.

Despite the economic uncertainty BIA has enjoyed an exciting and challenging year. This report outlines our achievements including our expansion of our Dementia Support project, the Young Persons Emotional Support project alongside retaining many of the new initiative services which were the result of the pandemic. These developments are an important part of our programme to work closely with our funders and partner groups including the City Council, Health Authorities and other voluntary organisations to strengthen and to be effective in the services provided by BIA.

None of the above would be possible without the hard work dedication and commitment from our management and staff who in addition to their normal duties in providing excellent services have worked very hard over the past year on fundraising. A number of Board members have also played an important role in this area which is becoming much more demanding and important to our financial situation.

Special mention should be made of the fantastic efforts by our many volunteers, supporters and fundraisers who play a really essential role in both our service delivery and fundraising activities. Indeed they have been doing so for many years and have also been an important force in helping our service users in numerous ways which often greatly improve their quality of life and ability to accept help.

The voluntary sector is changing quite dramatically as a result of reduced spending. This presents both problems and opportunities that will impact on BIA going forward. The Board and Management have recognised that this is a very serious situation in terms of future development and have worked on diversifying our funding base and during the current financial year have commenced work on the redesign and restructuring of what we provide and how we provide it.

This year more than ever we wish to thank our funders for their continuing financial support including the Irish Government Emigrant Support Programme, Birmingham City Council and Birmingham and Solihull ICB plus the many other organisations and individuals who have made donations to support our work.

Last but not least I would really like to thank all members of the BIA Board of Directors for their support to myself and other members during the past year. We welcomed new board members during the year and the successful integration of these individuals has added tremendously to the development of the governance and strategic direction of the organisation.

Pat O'Neill
Chair

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year, as intended we continued to run all the projects and activities that we ran in previous years as well as expanding into new areas. The projects that are up and running for public benefit and delivering our mission statement are:

- **Family Support** - Providing support to young children and their families with issues such as bullying, self-esteem, lack of confidence, isolation, welfare, debt, housing issues and family relationships.
- **Social Inclusion** - Providing an opportunity for clients to take part in stimulating activities, social interaction, and access to advice and personal support aimed at alleviating loneliness, social isolation and depression and dementia care.
- **Primary Care** - Supporting older adults who may be suffering from physical and mental health problems and are having difficulty in engaging with statutory services with the aim of improving their quality of life and personal wellbeing.
- **Volunteer Project** - A vital service for the organisation complementing the staff team and welcoming clients through the front reception, cooking up a hot meal or teaching people how to surf the net!!
- **Culture and Heritage** - Promoting Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham and developing activities that enhance Irish identity and a vibrant active community.
- **Information and Advice Project** - A service aimed at providing help on a wide range of issues from applying for Irish passports, seeking accommodation, booking flights, tracing family members to advice with debt and Welfare benefits.
- **Young people and Dementia** – A project aimed at supporting children who have a Family member living with Dementia. The project involves visiting schools and delivering sessions to children in the classroom, as we believe children will feel more at ease in a familiar environment and they may be more willing to share their ideas amongst the children they know. Following that, we then tailor individual and smaller group sessions to support children who have a family member living with Dementia. We want to encourage children to ask questions and talk about any worries they may have. Our sessions are fun and engaging and are completely child friendly. They involve lots of discussion and some fun and informative activities.
- **Emotional Support Project** - Our Emotional Support Project offers low-level, preventative support for children and young people under 21, who are experiencing difficulties with emotional wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence, relationships, bullying and identity. Through a range of one-to-one, drop-in and group workshop sessions, we are able to help those who need it, to get back on their feet once more.
- **Irish passports and Birth certificates** - We have passport forms available, and can offer guidance with applying for first time or renewals. We also have a Photo-Me booth on site in Digbeth which means we can easily facilitate online passport renewals.

Performance Profile for the year 2022-2023

Through the projects we have delivered the following outcomes:

- Almost 6,200 phone calls received
- Over 1800 virtual attendances at our drop in centre and activity clubs
- 9,000 Food parcels distributed
- Nearly 430 families and young children supported through the Family Support Project
- Approaching 480 people addressed their health needs through the Primary Care Project
- Over 2500 clients accessed advice and support services through front office team
- 5,810 Hot Meals delivered
- Over 1000 clients received support with Debt and Welfare benefit related issues
- We had over 1,200 virtual visitors to the office looking for help with passport applications or visiting the shop
- Over 2,300 welfare phone calls took place

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the Year

The year to 31 March 2023 saw the Charity make a deficit of £146,189.90 (2022: deficit of £34,519.22).

During the year under review, the Charity's total incoming resources amounted to £651,516 (2022: £682,907) with £146,771 (2022: £31,773) of that from voluntary income from our generous donors and £476,204 (2022: £619,767) from grants and contracts from our funders. Outgoing resources were £774,213 (2022: £717,426).

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 summarises the incoming resources and main areas of expenditure. The Balance Sheet on page 14 shows the Charity's assets and liabilities at 31 March 2023.

Principal Funding Sources

Birmingham Irish Associations principal funding sources for the year are as follows:

- Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Emigrant Support Programme
- Birmingham City Council (Adults and Communities)
- Birmingham & Solihull ICB
- Birmingham Secondary Schools Family Support Project
- The Irish Youth Foundation
- The Big Lottery Community Fund
- BVSC Commonwealth Games
- Network Neighbourhood Fund

Investment Policy

Apart from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and have established a policy where the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should aim to be equivalent to nine months' expenditure. The Board estimates this figure to be approximately £375,000 at 31 March 2023 (£375,000 at 31 March 2022). This policy is reviewed every year by the Board.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Birmingham Irish Association will strengthen its role as a specialist support provider that delivers culturally competent services to those with an Irish primary or mixed heritage. This will be achieved by meeting the targets implicit to the following strategic objectives that are grouped with the **5 key strategic aims of the organisation**.

To provide service user centred support services

- The provision of an enhanced menu of advice, information and support services for our target user groups that will enable individuals to achieve greater independence, improve the overall quality of their lives and utilise the community for the benefit of others.
- The engagement with the wider community, including second and subsequent Irish generations, to ensure that service realignment and development meets the needs of the widest constituent group.
- Through research, bench marking and best practice methodology we will broaden the range and accessibility of our services.
- To establish services within the community aimed at tackling mental health issues, specifically in relation to depression, loneliness and dementia.
- To develop a range of community based resources including a Dementia Café incorporating a telephone help and advice line and support to friends and families of those suffering with Dementia.
- To further develop the family support project and make it available to the wider community.

To build an effective and sustainable organisation

- Recognising that our success is dependent on a highly motivated and effective staff team, offering opportunities for professional and personal development will be integral to its development planning.
- The development and implementation of a marketing strategy to raise the profile of Birmingham Irish Association, establishing the agency as a leading provider of support services in Birmingham and the region.
- The ongoing development of performance, management and quality assurance systems in order to evidence effectiveness and to build on the existing Quality Mark.
- Service user involvement will be strengthened to ensure that users of the service have active participation within the organisation.
- Financial management will continue to be strengthened by reviewing and implementing management systems, ensuring that we meet our financial responsibilities as determined by the Charities Commission and commissioning agents.
- The broadening of our supporter, membership and stakeholder base.
- To diversify funding and move away from the reliance on statutory funding.
- To maintain, promote and develop an ongoing volunteer team that supports the organisation in its service delivery and further strengthens the community recognising its worth.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

To work collaboratively with others to meet the needs of those we serve

- The maintenance of existing and the development of new partnerships for the benefit of Birmingham Irish Association's constituent groups.
- The investigation of the opportunities of increased collaborative working with like-minded organisations both locally and nationally.
- Developing Partnerships or collaborative working to respond to the changing landscape of health and social care.

To ensure the charity has sufficient funding in place for those we serve

- To enhance the existing vision of the organisation to achieve a robust and sustainable fundraising strategy.
- To ensure the Fundraising and Development Officer has appropriate support and guidance to make the best return on investment possible.
- To work alongside other similar organisations to maximise funding potential.
- To maximise the number of income opportunities to help sustain the charity and increase levels of unrestricted income.
- To create compelling 'case studies' to promote the work of the charity to encourage regular giving and create a positive outlook.

To provide a wide range of cultural, community, sport and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity.

- To develop heritage and community activities that promote Ireland's identity and maintain a vibrant Irish community.
- To celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between community groups in the city and further afield.
- To support affiliate groups with advertising, workshops, publicity, promotion, events and funding opportunities.
- To develop relationships with the press and media to actively promote Birmingham Irish Association.
- To utilise fully the power of social media to inform, celebrate and increase the profile of the organisation and the wider Irish community.

Key Targets and Objectives 2023-2024
Raise the profile of Irish Culture, Sport and Heritage in Birmingham and the wider area
Continue to raise awareness of BIA and the needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham
Further enhance the memory awareness service and created dementia services for the traveller community
Continue to provide quality services in a tough financial environment
Develop partnership working with other like-minded organisations in the West Midlands
Increase younger persons services including mental health support and dementia awareness
Provide a stable platform to recover post Covid and re profile certain delivery options
Engage with local Irish sports clubs including GAA
Birmingham Irish Association to take on the St Patrick's Parade 2024

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees, who are also directors of Birmingham Irish Association 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 period 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:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware:-

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware;
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

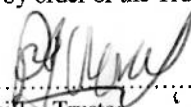
This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

AUDITORS

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

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Signed by order of the Trustees:


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P O'Neill Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on 13/11/2023

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Irish Association (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (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 31 March 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 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 contained within the Trustees report. 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 course of 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.

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 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 directors' report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' 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 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meeting of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant parties.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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.



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Date: 29/11/2023

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

<u>Year to 31 March 2023</u>				<u>Year to 31 March 2022</u>		
<u>Note</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	-	146,771	146,771	-	31,773	31,773
Charitable activities:						
Emigrant support	263,950	-	263,950	237,252	-	237,252
Community support	106,094	-	106,094	284,336	-	284,336
Health and hardship	86,574	9,200	95,774	84,642	-	84,642
Schools programme	-	12,499	12,499	-	9,999	9,999
Activity centre	(2,017)	(96)	(2,113)	-	3,538	3,538
Other trading activities:	2	28,541	28,541	-	31,175	31,175
Investment income	-	-	-	-	192	192
Total Income	454,601	196,915	651,516	606,230	76,677	682,907
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	5	8,994	8,994	-	2,282	2,282
Charitable activities:	5					
Emigrant support	313,628	-	313,628	285,218	-	285,218
Community support	222,566	-	222,566	247,238	-	247,238
Health and hardship	142,808	-	142,808	130,610	-	130,610
Schools programme	-	18,259	18,259	-	15,311	15,311
Activity centre	-	2,483	2,483	-	1,398	1,398
Other charitable expenditure	-	65,475	65,475	-	35,369	35,369
Total expenditure	679,002	95,211	774,213	663,066	54,360	£717,426
Unrealised gains/losses	-	(23,493)	(23,493)	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income	(224,401)	78,211	(146,190)	(56,836)	22,317	(34,519)
Transfers between funds	14	114,734	(114,734)	67,326	(67,326)	-
Net movement in funds	(109,667)	36,523	(146,190)	10,490	(45,009)	(34,519)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	550,799	318,643	869,443	540,309	363,652	903,961
Total funds carried forward	441,132	282,121	723,253	550,799	318,643	869,443

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these accounts.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	45,076		71,324	
Investment property	9	43,872		67,365	
			88,948		138,689
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	10	1,504		1,504	
Debtors	11	9,188		10,174	
Cash at bank and in hand		646,225		743,559	
			656,917		755,237
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12		(22,612)		(24,484)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			£634,305		£730,753
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			723,253		869,442
NET ASSETS			723,253		869,442
CHARITY FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted Funds			282,121		318,643
Restricted Funds			441,132		550,799
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			723,253		869,442

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13/11/2023 and are signed on their behalf by:-



.....
P O'Neill - Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these accounts.

Company Registration Number: 3628076

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(97,334)	5,719
Interest received			192
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>(97,334)</u>	<u>5,911</u>
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(5,541)
Interest received		-	(192)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(5,733)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year		<u>(97,334)</u>	<u>178</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		743,559	743,381
Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>646,225</u>	<u>743,559</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>646,225</u>	<u>743,559</u>

1. Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	(146,190)	(34,519)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	26,248	28,417
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in stock	-	(1,039)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	986	(4,817)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,871)	17,677
Interest Receivable		192
Unrealised gain/loss on Investment Property	23,493	
Net cash flow from operating activities	<u>97,334</u>	<u>5,911</u>

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) 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)', 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.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:-

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised as income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, for example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report, where relevant.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under activities that aggregate all costs related to any particular activity. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties; it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:-

Costs of raising funds comprise costs incurred by the charity in the generation of donation and fundraising income.

Expenditure on charitable activities include those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

All categories of costs include both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include premises costs, office costs, governance costs, administrative and payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated to expenditure on a basis which may be based on activity as represented by direct costs expended on that activity, or based on a proportion of staff costs.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Leasehold property expenditure	- Straight line over 20 years
Website development	- 33.33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on cost

(e) Investment Property

Investment properties are recorded at fair value based on the discounted lease cost of the rented area.

(f) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

(g) Taxation

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

(h) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(i) Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2023</u> £	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2022</u> £
Fundraising events	1,000	-
Shop income	5,752	6,141
Rents received	20,630	25,034
Passport & Photo refund	1,159	
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	28,541	31,175
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3. TRUSTEES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2022: £nil).

No trustees were paid travel expenses during the year (2022: £nil).

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive. The total amount of employee benefits including employer's pension contributions received by key management personnel were £53,550 (2022: £52,614).

Staff Costs and Employee Benefits

	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
Gross salaries	464,622	463,699
Employer's national insurance	36,013	34,963
Employer's pension contributions	11,685	11,755
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	512,320	510,417
	=====	=====

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa (2022: none).

Average Number of Employees:

	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Direct	18	19
Administration	2	2
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	20	21
	=====	=====

4. PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The charge to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year is £11,685 (2022: £11,755). There were no outstanding contributions at 31 March 2023 £nil (2022: £nil) and no prepaid contributions at the year-end (2022: £nil). The pension charge is allocated in restricted and unrestricted funds depending on whether staff are engaged in activity funded by restricted funds.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Basis of Allocation	Raising Funds	Emigrant Support	Community Support	Health and Hardship	Schools	Activity Centre	Other Costs	Year to 31.3.2023	Year to 31.3.2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activities:										
Staff costs	Direct	-	208,973	187,644	111,373	4,331	-	-	512,321	510,417
Fundraising costs	Direct	3,773	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	4,773	1,317
Travel	Direct	1,196	790	1,443	679	4	-	18,061	22,173	16,919
Activity centre costs	Direct	-	12,736	7,874	-	83	323	3,478	24,494	32,020
Rent and rates	Direct	-	38,713	11,262	14,077	6,335	2,160	-	72,547	22,999
Training	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,760	3,760	1,130
Project costs	Direct	-	6,549	-	-	-	-	4,098	10,647	17,011
Shop purchases	Direct	4,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,025	965
		8,994	267,761	209,223	126,129	10,753	2,483	29,397	654,740	602,778
Support costs allocated to activities:										
Premises costs	Staff Time	-	3,839	1,117	1,396	628	-	-	6,980	15,091
Office costs	Staff Time	-	20,825	6,058	7,573	3,408	-	-	37,864	34,326
Professional fees	Staff Time	-	6,765	1,968	2,460	1,107	-	36,078	48,378	36,815
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	Staff Time	-	14,438	4,200	5,250	2,363	-	-	26,251	28,416
		-	45,867	13,343	16,679	7,506	-	36,078	119,473	114,648
Total Costs by Activity		8,994	313,628	222,566	142,808	18,259	2,483	65,475	774,213	717,426
<i>Year to 31 March 2022</i>		2,282	285,218	247,238	130,610	15,311	1,398	35,369	717,426	

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****6. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR**

Net expenditure for the financial year is stated after charging:-

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2023</u> £	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2022</u> £
Depreciation - owned assets - unrestricted funds	26,251	28,417
Audit fees - audit	4,400	4,100
- other services	4,469	5,876
Deficit on disposal of fixed asset	-	-

7. TAXATION

No Corporation Tax liability arises in respect of the year since the company has been accepted as a charity for taxation purposes. The exemptions afforded by legislation are available as all income and gains are applied to charitable purposes.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer</u> <u>Equipment</u> £	<u>Leasehold</u> <u>Property</u> <u>expenditure</u> £	<u>Fixtures &</u> <u>Fittings</u> £	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicle</u> £	<u>Website</u> <u>Development</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	61,245	99,782	65,588	37,658	11,928	276,201
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	61,245	99,782	65,588	37,658	11,928	276,201
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2022	42,492	71,798	41,504	37,155	11,928	204,877
Charge for year	17,579	4,986	3,557	126	-	26,248
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	60,071	76,784	45,061	37,281	11,928	231,125
Net book value						
At 31 March 2023	1,174	22,998	20,527	377	-	45,076
At 31 March 2022	18,753	27,984	24,084	503	-	71,324

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****9. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

Market Value	£
At 01 April 2022	67,365
Revaluation	(23,493)

At 31 March 2023	43,872
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The investment property is included at fair value.

This fair value has been determined by using the discounted cost of the lease of the premises.

10. STOCKS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Shop goods held for resale	1,504	1,504
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11. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	560	5,191
Prepayments and accrued income	8,628	4,983
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	9,188	10,174
	=====	=====

12. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	13,840	14,320
Social security	8,772	10,164
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	22,612	24,484
	=====	=====

13. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Company has no share capital, being limited by guarantee. There are seven members of the company, each of whom has undertaken to contribute £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2022</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2023</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	267,812	-	(66,686)	-	201,126
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	8,022	60,653	(72,780)	5,000	895
Health and Hardship fund	-	86,574	(142,808)	56,234	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	10,815	262,780	(313,629)	53,500	13,466
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	8,252	-	-	-	8,252
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	-	-	-	-	-
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	235,847	44,593	(83,098)	-	197,342
	550,799	454,600	(679,001)	114,734	441,132
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	318,643	196,916	(118,704)	(114,734)	282,121
	869,443	651,516	(774,213)	-	723,253
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

A transfer of £114,734 (2022: £67,326) to restricted funds in the year represents the transfer of unrestricted funds to projects in deficit at the year-end for which no further funding is expected to be received to cover costs on the projects concerned.

The charity has sufficient resources at 31 March 2023 to fulfil its commitment to each project.

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Big Lottery Fund	This fund is a project funded by the Big Lottery Fund that will enable the Charity to carry out activities in community support and health related issues.
Birmingham City Council - Older Adults Project including RoSITA	These funds support the provision of the activity centre, outreach support and advice and guidance.
Health and Hardship Fund	This fund provides the resources for health related issues amongst the community the Charity serves and for clients in need of financial support due personal hardship and distress.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	These funds support salary and project costs for Birmingham Irish Association's social inclusion, primary care, family support and cultural development projects.
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	These funds were for work in bereavement and befriending.
General Community Support Projects	This fund is made up of a number of smaller community support projects which have been pooled together to form one fund.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	Contribution towards the installation of permanent lighting on the Birmingham Pub Bombings memorial, the most significant one of its type in the UK. This will ensure that it can be accessed as a place of memorial all year round and will serve as a beacon of light and hope to all who enter and leave Birmingham through Grand Central Station

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)****15. NET ASSETS ANALYSED BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Net Current Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities due in more than one year</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	88,948	193,173	-	282,121
Restricted funds	-	441,132	-	441,132
	=====	=====	=====	=====
	88,948	634,305	-	723,253
	=====	=====	=====	=====

16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the trustees, because of the way that the charity is constituted there is no single ultimate controlling party. The charity is effectively controlled by the Board, as a body.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions which require disclosure in the accounts.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2023, the Charity was committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:-

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Within one year	35,698	35,310
Between two and five years	88,599	124,298
Later than five years	-	29,533
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	124,297	189,150
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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)

20. ANALYSIS OF THE RESTRICTED FUND DERIVED FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2022</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Costs</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2023</u> £
Emigrant Support Programme:					
<i>Contribution towards Project Costs:</i>					
Culture, Sports and Heritage	-	31,500	(53,949)	22,449	-
Family Support and Welfare	488	33,600	(46,131)	12,043	-
Primary Care Projects	-	28,350	(41,911)	13,561	-
Social Inclusion Projects	-	137,830	(171,638)	33,808	-
West Midlands Irish Support Partnership Collaborative	10,327	31,500	-	(28,361)	13,466
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	10,815	262,780	(313,629)	53,500	13,466
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2022</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Costs</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2023</u> £
Reconciliation Fund	8,252		-	-	8,252
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	-	-	-	-	8,252
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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

21. COMPARATIVES

Movement in funds

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2021</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Costs</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2022</u> £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	196,393	154,050	(82,631)	-	267,812
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	3,460	61,500	(56,938)	-	8,022
Health and Hardship fund	-	84,642	(130,610)	45,968	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	45,675	229,000	(285,218)	21,358	10,815
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	-	8,252	-	-	8,252
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	4,860	-	(4,860)	-	-
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	269,870	68,786	(102,809)	-	235,847
	<u>540,309</u>	<u>606,230</u>	<u>(663,066)</u>	<u>67,326</u>	<u>550,799</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	363,652	76,677	(54,360)	(67,326)	318,643
	<u>903,961</u>	<u>682,907</u>	<u>(717,426)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869,442</u>

Net Assets between funds

	<u>Tangible</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u> £	<u>Net Current</u> <u>Assets</u> £	<u>Liabilities due in</u> <u>more than one year</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Unrestricted funds	138,689	179,954	-	318,643
Restricted funds	-	550,779	-	550,779
	<u>138,689</u>	<u>730,753</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869,442</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (cont'd)

21. COMPARATIVES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Basis of Allocation	Raising Funds	Emigrant Support	Community Support	Health and Hardship	Schools	Activity Centre	Other Costs	Year to 31.3.2022	Year to 31.3.2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activities:										
Staff costs	Direct	-	188,959	211,741	105,784	3,933	-	-	510,417	411,929
Fundraising costs	Direct	1,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,317	-
Professional charges	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	Direct	-	424	910	784	3	-	14,798	16,919	35,795
Activity centre costs	Direct	-	21,812	7,988	-	-	1,398	822	32,020	52,614
Rent and rates	Direct	-	12,649	3,680	4,600	2,070	-	-	22,999	10,000
Training	Direct	-	-	-	150	680	-	300	1,130	4,888
Project costs	Direct	-	8,660	7,583	124	-	-	644	17,011	-
Shop purchases	Direct	965	-	-	-	-	-	-	965	1,691
Other	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2,282	232,504	231,902	111,442	6,686	1,398	16,564	602,778	516,917
Support costs allocated to activities:										
Staff costs	Staff Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premises costs	Staff Time	-	8,300	2,415	3,018	1,358	-	-	15,091	62,507
Office costs	Staff Time	-	19,122	5,563	6,954	3,129	-	(442)	34,326	63,124
Professional fees	Staff Time	-	9,663	2,811	3,513	1,581	-	19,247	36,815	21,524
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	Staff Time	-	15,629	4,547	5,683	2,557	-	-	28,416	28,298
		-	52,714	15,336	19,168	8,625	1,398	18,805	114,648	175,453
Total Costs by Activity		2,282	285,218	247,238	130,610	15,311	1,398	35,369	717,426	692,370
<i>Year to 31 March 2021</i>		<i>1,691</i>	<i>288,619</i>	<i>265,067</i>	<i>81,745</i>	<i>18,630</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>36,618</i>	<i>692,370</i>	

Accounts

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Company Number: 3628076

Charity Number: 1072258

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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT)

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 31 March 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).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors (Trustees): P Reihill (Chair)
P O'Neill (Treasurer)
J Smith (Vice Chair)
T Lynk
Fr E Corduff
C Gilliver
C Brogan

The Trustees have delegated day to day responsibilities to Maurice Malone, the Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive: Maurice Malone

Charity Number : 1072258

Company Number: 3628076 (England and Wales)

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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document:

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8th September 1998. It was registered as a charity on 3rd November 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. The company changed its name, following its members' approval by special resolution at the AGM on 22nd September 2014, from Birmingham Irish Association to Birmingham Irish Association.

Recruitment and of Appointment of new Trustees:

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and are appointed according to the rules detailed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees serve for a three year period after which they must stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Organisation has a list of members from which directors are selected. The Trustees may also from time to time co-opt new members, with relevant skills, onto the board. This is conditional upon them becoming members of the charity once elected. New trustees undergo an induction process, are invited to visit projects and receive a comprehensive induction pack.

Organisation of the Charity:

Trustees agree policy and strategy issues and delegate the day to day management of BIA's operation to the Chief Executive Officer who is also supported by a team of appropriately qualified people. Birmingham Irish Association's team consists of 11 full time staff, 7 part time staff and 45 volunteers.

Public Benefit:

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Decision Making:

The Board of Trustees meets every two months to make decisions, informed by presentation and discussions with the Chief Executive. The matters reserved for board decision include the approval of the budget and the annual report and accounts, development and endorsement of the business plan, significant capital expenditure and the charity's policies and procedures. The Board is also responsible for long term financial and strategic planning and for the governance of the charity. The Management team takes operational decisions and formulates funding bids.

The Board delegates operational responsibility to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers a service in accordance with the objects and mission statement, that key performance indicators are met and for balancing the effective management of resources with creative development that keeps the interests of service users at its heart. The Chair and Chief Executive meet on a regular basis to maintain information flow and the management team meets fortnightly to ensure strategic relevance and operational effectiveness and to provide consultative structures within the organisation. Birmingham Irish Association has policies and procedures in place that describe key financial responsibilities and the agreed areas of delegation from board to senior management. The Treasurer takes responsibility for overseeing account reconciliation and reports directly to the Board on the management accounts and budgetary matters.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk Management:

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and has established a risk register updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are mitigated by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the service. The continuing implementation of quality standards ensures a consistent quality of delivery. Procedures are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet statutory and service requirements.

Related Parties:

Details of transactions with related parties are given in note 17 to these financial statements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity:

The objects for which the company is established are the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, the advancement of education and training in particular but not exclusively by promoting community and cultural development, the advancement of citizenship and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation among the inhabitants of Birmingham and surrounding areas (hereinafter called the area of benefit) including but not limited to those of Irish origin or descent without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, age, disability or of political, religious or other opinions'.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Mission Statement:

Birmingham Irish Association aims to enhance the lives of people with Irish heritage by providing quality advice and support services that meet the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham.

Our aspiration is to be the service of choice for all Irish people (with primary or combined Irish heritage) seeking advice, support and information.

Our Services:

Through our organisational values Accessibility, Commitment, Ethics and Partnerships we benefit the Irish Community by providing a fit for purpose organisation that has adapted to the changing needs of the Diaspora. We recognise the strength of the community and through the front line support services we provide we can encourage community involvement and provide much needed Welfare and Cultural services to our clients many of whom are vulnerable and isolated. We have adapted to the changing demographic of the community and can now deliver services locally.

We make a difference in people's lives by providing a wide range of welfare, information, advice and support services. We predominantly deliver to 1st and 2nd generation Irish elders but also to the wider community and new immigrants. Our current programme delivers support with social isolation, physical and mental health issues, poverty, housing, alcohol and substance misuse, family support and more general issues such as Irish passports and pensions. We run a central elders day centre

and 12 community sites delivering activities. Our heritage work including art based and literary projects ensures that Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham continues to thrive and develop. Our plans for the forthcoming years include assisting young people who may be living with relatives dealing with dementia and other mental health issues, expanding the Family Support project, doubling the current level of Volunteers working with us and increasing the number of locally based activity centres to deliver services to the marginalised. We also aim to adapt our service portfolio to deal with new immigrants and those from the travelling community. We provide a holistic approach to achieve its mission statement through the provision of a tiered service model.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Our Services:

We offer three levels of support to all clients contacting the service direct or through a referral pathway from a partner organisation. The level of support is determined at the Triage stage and, upon completion, a level of support as detailed below is offered.

Level 1: Information

Level 2: Brief Intervention (Single Advice Interventions)

Level 3: Enablement (Extended Interventions)

Services are provided from our central offices in Digbeth, from our twelve city-wide community settings or the client's home when appropriate.

Chair's Report

Last year's report referenced the new emerging virus Covid 19 and little did we imagine that it would come to dominate all of our lives in ways that we now almost take for granted having lived with the pandemic for all of the last year.

It is remarkable to think back over the past 12 months and consider the scale and scope of the changes and our adaptability to them. The notion that necessity is the mother of invention came alive on a daily basis this past year as creativity, imagination and pragmatism came together to ensure that those in need continued to receive vital services. The pandemic laid bare truths often obscured in learned journals of the very real inequalities within our society and the disproportionate and often critical impact on the socially and economically disadvantaged. The response from the Birmingham Irish society to these challenges has been both immense and inspirational. It is no exaggeration to say that these interventions saved and continue to save lives.

Acting as the fulcrum for a variety of other organisations ranging from our heroic GAA local clubs to cultural organisations the mountain of food that came through and was dispatched from St Anne's on a weekly basis helped no end to bring some balance to the scales.

The resilience and fortitude of our staff and volunteer's remains an inspiration and they continue to demonstrate infectious good humour often in the mouth of appalling adversity.

The arrival of the vaccine and the pictures beamed around the world of Margaret Keenan (An Enniskillen woman) as the first recipient was a heart-warming global beacon. We are delighted that the take up of the vaccine amongst our community has been excellent and its salutary effects are impacting on the virus's lethal scourge. But all suggestions are that we are in this for the long haul and Covid-19 or one of its myriad maverick manifestations will be around for some considerable time yet.

We were particularly taken aback that a local family in Coventry were denied an inscription in Irish on their Mother's gravestone.

The Birmingham Irish Association were proud to have actively supported the family of Margaret Keane who won a landmark appeal to have "*Inár gcroí go Deo*" ("In Our Heart Forever") in Irish-only on her gravestone in Coventry.

Trustee of the Birmingham Irish Association, and Solicitor, Caroline Brogan, acted for the family with high profile barristers, Caoilfhionn Gallagher QC and Mary-Rachel McCabe. The legal team all acted on a free of charge basis.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

Chair's Report (Continued)

The family could never have envisaged that their application for a loving memorial would reach the most senior court in the Ecclesiastical system. There are other gravestones in the same churchyard in Welsh, Latin and Hebrew, without translation. There is even a gravestone with "In our Hearts Forever" in Welsh only. However, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Coventry, Stephen Eyre QC, on his own volition, refused the Irish inscription without an English translation and said *"Given the passions & feelings connected with the use of Irish Gaelic there is a sad risk that the phrase could be regarded as some form of slogan or that it's inclusion without translation would of itself be seen as a political statement"* and he said *"It would be unintelligible to all but a small minority of readers"* in *"English speaking Coventry"*.

The family went through a long legal challenge to overturn the Chancellor's Judgment and were successful at the one-day appeal hearing before three senior judges in St Mary-le-Bow, London, in February 2021. The written judgment was handed down in June 2021.

The Arches Court of Canterbury confirmed that the decision of the Chancellor not to permit the family's inscription in Irish-only was unreasonable under the common law, and in breach of the family's right not to be discriminated against under the Human Rights Act and Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

We are deeply indebted to the Irish government whose year on year recognition of our work in the form of the Emigrant Support Programme allows us to carry on our vital work. Other funders deserve special mention, Birmingham City Council, Birmingham and Cross City CCG, Irish Youth Foundation, Big Lottery Community Fund, Heart of England Foundation, Charities Aid Foundation, CCLORS, Clothmakers Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation Awards for All, Children in Need and of course those members of the Business and Irish community who continue to support us.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year, as intended we continued to run all the projects and activities that we ran in previous years as well as expanding into new areas. The projects that are up and running for public benefit and delivering our mission statement are:

- Family Support - Providing support to young children and their families with issues such as bullying, self-esteem, lack of confidence, isolation, welfare, debt, housing issues and family relationships.
- Social Inclusion - Providing an opportunity for clients to take part in stimulating activities, social interaction, and access to advice and personal support aimed at alleviating loneliness, social isolation and depression and dementia care.
- Primary Care - Supporting older adults who may be suffering from physical and mental health problems and are having difficulty in engaging with statutory services with the aim of improving their quality of life and personal wellbeing.
- Volunteer Project - A vital service for the organisation complementing the staff team and welcoming clients through the front reception, cooking up a hot meal or teaching people how to surf the net!!!
- Culture and Heritage - Promoting Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham and developing activities that enhance Irish identity and a vibrant active community.

- Information and Advice Project - A service aimed at providing help on a wide range of issues from applying for Irish passports, seeking accommodation, booking flights, tracing family members to advice with debt and Welfare benefits.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Performance Profile for the year 2019-2020

Through the projects we have delivered the following outcomes:

- Almost 6,000 phone calls received
- Over 1500 virtual attendances at our drop in centre and activity clubs
- 9,000 Food parcels distributed
- Nearly 400 families and young children supported through the Family Support Project
- Approaching 300 people addressed their health needs through the Primary Care Project
- Over 2000 clients accessed advice and support services through front office team
- 5,500 Hot Meals delivered
- 400 clients received support with Debt and Welfare benefit related issues
- We had over 1,000 virtual visitors to the office looking for help with passport applications or visiting the shop
- Over 2,000 welfare phone calls took place

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the Year

The year to 31 March 2022 saw the result of our careful approach to dealing with the challenges put to us in the present funding climate. We are pleased to report that we have been able to make a surplus of £ (2021: £348,016).

During the year under review, the Charity's total incoming resources amounted to £ (2021: £1,040,386) with £ (2021: £82,349) of that from voluntary income from our generous donors and £ (2021: £936,281) from grants and contracts from our funders. Outgoing resources were £692,370 (2021: £692,370) with the bulk of that increase coming from costs relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 summarises the incoming resources and main areas of expenditure. The Balance Sheet on page 14 shows the Charity's assets and liabilities at 31 March 2022.

Principal Funding Sources

Birmingham Irish Associations principal funding sources for the year are as follows:

- Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Emigrant Support Programme
- Birmingham City Council (Adults and Communities)
- Birmingham Cross City CCG
- Birmingham South Central CCG
- Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG
- Ireland Fund of Great Britain
- Birmingham Secondary Schools Family Support Project
- The Irish Youth Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund

- Awards For All
- Children In Need
- Charities Aid Foundation
- Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Heart of England Community Foundation
- Clothworkers Foundation
- Covid-19 Community-Led Organisations Recovery Scheme (CCLORS)

Investment Policy

Apart from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and have established a policy where the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should aim to be equivalent to nine months' expenditure. The Board estimates this figure to be approximately £ at 31 March 2022 (£375,000 at 31 March 2021). This policy is reviewed every year by the Board.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Birmingham Irish Association will strengthen its role as a specialist support provider that delivers culturally competent services to those with an Irish primary or mixed heritage. This will be achieved by meeting the targets implicit to the following strategic objectives that are grouped with the **5 key strategic aims of the organisation**.

To provide service user centred support services

The provision of an enhanced menu of advice, information and support services for our target user groups that will enable individuals to achieve greater independence, improve the overall quality of their lives and utilise the community for the benefit of others.

The engagement with the wider community, including second and subsequent Irish generations, to ensure that service realignment and development meets the needs of the widest constituent group.

Through research, bench marking and best practice methodology we will broaden the range and accessibility of our services.

To establish services within the community aimed at tackling mental health issues, specifically in relation to depression, loneliness and dementia.

To develop a range of community based resources including a Dementia Café incorporating a telephone help and advice line and support to friends and families of those suffering with Dementia.

To further develop the family support project and make it available to the wider community.

To build an effective and sustainable organisation

Recognising that our success is dependent on a highly motivated and effective staff team, offering opportunities for professional and personal development will be integral to its development planning.

The development and implementation of a marketing strategy to raise the profile of Birmingham Irish Association, establishing the agency as a leading provider of support services in Birmingham and the region.

The ongoing development of performance, management and quality assurance systems in order to evidence effectiveness and to build on the existing Quality Mark.

Service user involvement will be strengthened to ensure that users of the service have active participation within the organisation.

Financial management will continue to be strengthened by reviewing and implementing management systems, ensuring that we meet our financial responsibilities as determined by the Charities Commission and commissioning agents.

The broadening of our supporter, membership and stakeholder base.

To diversify funding and move away from the reliance on statutory funding.

To maintain, promote and develop an ongoing volunteer team that supports the organisation in its service delivery and further strengthens the community recognising its worth.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

To work collaboratively with others to meet the needs of those we serve

The maintenance of existing and the development of new partnerships for the benefit of Birmingham Irish Association's constituent groups.

The investigation of the opportunities of increased collaborative working with like-minded organisations both locally and nationally.

Developing Partnerships or collaborative working to respond to the changing landscape of health and social care.

To ensure the charity has sufficient funding in place for those we serve

To enhance the existing vision of the organisation to achieve a robust and sustainable fundraising strategy.

To ensure the Fundraising and Development Officer has appropriate support and guidance to make the best return on investment possible.

To work alongside other similar organisations to maximise funding potential.

To maximise the number of income opportunities to help sustain the charity and increase levels of unrestricted income.

To create compelling 'case studies' to promote the work of the charity to encourage regular giving and create a positive outlook.

To provide a wide range of cultural, community, sport and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity.

To develop heritage and community activities that promote Ireland's identity and maintain a vibrant Irish community.

To celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between community groups in the city and further afield.

To support affiliate groups with advertising, workshops, publicity, promotion, events and funding opportunities.

To develop relationships with the press and media to actively promote Birmingham Irish Association.

To utilise fully the power of social media to inform, celebrate and increase the profile of the organisation and the wider Irish community.

Key Targets and Objectives 2021-2022
Raise the profile of Irish Culture, Sport and Heritage in Birmingham and the wider

area
Continue to raise awareness of BIA and the needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham
Further enhance the memory awareness service and created dementia services for the traveller community
Continue to provide quality services in a tough financial environment
Develop partnership working with other like-minded organisations in the West Midlands
Increase younger persons services including mental health support and dementia awareness
Provide a stable platform to recover post Covid and re profile certain delivery options
Engage with local Irish sports clubs including GAA

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)****STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees, who are also directors of Birmingham Irish Association 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 period 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:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware:-

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware;
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

AUDITORS

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

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Signed by order of the Trustees:

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P Reihill - Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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C Gilliver
C Brogan
M O'Brien (appointed Jan-22)

The Trustees have delegated day to day responsibilities to Maurice Malone, the Chief Executive Officer

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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document:

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 8th September 1998. It was registered as a charity on 3rd November 1998. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. The company changed its name, following its members' approval by special resolution at the AGM on 22nd September 2014, from Birmingham Irish Association to Birmingham Irish Association.

Recruitment and of Appointment of new Trustees:

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and are appointed according to the rules detailed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees serve for a three year period after which they must stand for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Organisation has a list of members from which directors are selected. The Trustees may also from time to time co-opt new members, with relevant skills, onto the board. This is conditional upon them becoming members of the charity once elected. New trustees undergo an induction process, are invited to visit projects and receive a comprehensive induction pack.

Organisation of the Charity:

Trustees agree policy and strategy issues and delegate the day to day management of BIA's operation to the Chief Executive Officer who is also supported by a team of appropriately qualified people. Birmingham Irish Association's team consists of 12 full time staff, 9 part time staff and 47 volunteers.

Public Benefit:

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Decision Making:

The Board of Trustees meets every two months to make decisions, informed by presentation and discussions with the Chief Executive. The matters reserved for board decision include the approval of the budget and the annual report and accounts, development and endorsement of the business plan, significant capital expenditure and the charity's policies and procedures. The Board is also responsible for long term financial and strategic planning and for the governance of the charity. The Management team takes operational decisions and formulates funding bids.

The Board delegates operational responsibility to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers a service in accordance with the objects and mission statement, that key performance indicators are met and for balancing the effective management of resources with creative development that keeps the interests of service users at its heart. The Chair and Chief Executive meet on a regular basis to maintain information flow and the management team meets fortnightly to ensure strategic relevance and operational effectiveness and to provide consultative structures within the organisation. Birmingham Irish Association has policies and procedures in place that describe key financial responsibilities and the agreed areas of delegation from board to senior management. The Treasurer takes responsibility for overseeing account reconciliation and reports directly to the Board on the management accounts and budgetary matters.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk Management:

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and has established a risk register updated annually. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are mitigated by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the service. The continuing implementation of quality standards ensures a consistent quality of delivery. Procedures are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to meet statutory and service requirements.

Related Parties:

Details of transactions with related parties are given in note 17 to these financial statements.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity:

The objects for which the company is established are the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, the advancement of education and training in particular but not exclusively by promoting community and cultural development, the advancement of citizenship and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation among the inhabitants of Birmingham and surrounding areas (hereinafter called the area of benefit) including but not limited to those of Irish origin or descent without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, age, disability or of political, religious or other opinions'.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Mission Statement:

Birmingham Irish Association aims to enhance the lives of people with Irish heritage by providing quality advice and support services that meet the welfare and cultural needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham.

Our aspiration is to be the service of choice for all Irish people (with primary or combined Irish heritage) seeking advice, support and information.

Our Services:

Through our organisational values Accessibility, Commitment, Ethics and Partnerships we benefit the Irish Community by providing a fit for purpose organisation that has adapted to the changing needs of the Diaspora. We recognise the strength of the community and through the front line support services we provide we can encourage community involvement and provide much needed Welfare and Cultural services to our clients many of whom are vulnerable and isolated. We have adapted to the changing demographic of the community and can now deliver services locally.

We make a difference in people's lives by providing a wide range of welfare, information, advice and support services. We predominantly deliver to 1st and 2nd generation Irish elders but also to the wider community and new immigrants. Our current programme delivers support with social isolation, physical and mental health issues, poverty, housing, alcohol and substance misuse, family support and more general issues such as Irish passports and pensions. We run a central elders day centre and 12 community sites delivering activities. Our heritage work including art based and literary projects ensures that Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham continues to thrive and develop. Our plans for the forthcoming years include assisting young people who may be living with relatives dealing with dementia and other mental health issues, expanding the Family Support project, doubling the current level of Volunteers working with us and increasing the number of locally based activity centres to deliver services to the marginalised. We also aim to adapt our service portfolio to deal with new immigrants and those from the travelling community. We provide a holistic approach to achieve its mission statement through the provision of a tiered service model.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Our Services:

We offer three levels of support to all clients contacting the service direct or through a referral pathway from a partner organisation. The level of support is determined at the Triage stage and, upon completion, a level of support as detailed below is offered.

Level 1: Information

Level 2: Brief Intervention (Single Advice Interventions)

Level 3: Enablement (Extended Interventions)

Services are provided from our central offices in Digbeth, from our twelve city-wide community settings or the client's home when appropriate.

Chair's Report

This past year has seen the dark all-pervading clouds of the pandemic begin to diminish largely banished by the vaccine and for that, we are all truly grateful. The ingenuity of humankind to find solutions at the times of greatest need was never more welcome. However, no sooner had these clouds started to become a memory than another ominous threat appeared, taking us back to the dark days of a European war in the last century.

These global events resonate and bite much close to home with their effects experienced by each one of our community. The personal losses as a result of COVID19 left very few homes unscathed and the biting winds of economic uncertainty and hardship magnified by the war in Ukraine has spared no one. It is a truism that bears repeating that those who have least suffer most in times of hardship. Here at the Birmingham Irish association we see that reality day and daily at our front door and witness the paralysing anxiety that many experience as we are reminded that there is worse to come. The stratospheric rise in energy costs and fuel feed that anxiety.

I am reminded of Carlyle's words from the 19th century bemoaning the inadequacies of the government's response to spiralling need and it is as relevant today as then,

"Thus, in the midst of plethoric plenty do the people perish".

The remarkable energy and selfless commitment of our staff and volunteers means that I am confident but not complacent that we will rise to the challenges that the coming months will bring and that we will not be found wanting. This confidence is not borne out of wishful thinking but from experience and the exceptional good fortune that we as an organisation have in our CEO Maurice Malone who leads with passion, humour and inexhaustible reserves of good will. It was entirely fitting that he received the British Empire Medal in the New years list

Last year also saw a slight departure for our organisation as we moved in response to a deep reservoir of need to provide emotional support to young people. One of the few positives to emerge from the pandemic was the start of a national conversation around mental health and this has made significant inroads into challenging this stigma. The shared experiences of fear and isolation have been real catalysts for change. No where were these experiences so acutely felt than in our young people and we are delighted to have been able to respond to these needs with the recruitment of 2 emotional support workers. It is testimony to the adaptability and industry of our staff that funders are confident that when they entrust us with monies we deliver.

We are deeply indebted to the Irish government whose year on year recognition of our work in the form of the Emigrant Support Programme allows us to carry on our vital work. Other funders deserve special mention, Birmingham City Council, Birmingham and Cross City CCG, Irish Youth Foundation, Big Lottery Community Fund, Heart of England Foundation, Lloyds Bank Foundation, and of course those members of the Business and Irish community who continue to support us.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year, as intended we continued to run all the projects and activities that we ran in previous years as well as expanding into new areas. The projects that are up and running for public benefit and delivering our mission statement are:

- Family Support - Providing support to young children and their families with issues such as bullying, self-esteem, lack of confidence, isolation, welfare, debt, housing issues and family relationships.
- Social Inclusion - Providing an opportunity for clients to take part in stimulating activities, social interaction, and access to advice and personal support aimed at alleviating loneliness, social isolation and depression and dementia care.
- Primary Care - Supporting older adults who may be suffering from physical and mental health problems and are having difficulty in engaging with statutory services with the aim of improving their quality of life and personal wellbeing.
- Volunteer Project - A vital service for the organisation complementing the staff team and welcoming clients through the front reception, cooking up a hot meal or teaching people how to surf the net!!!
- Culture and Heritage - Promoting Irish culture and heritage in Birmingham and developing activities that enhance Irish identity and a vibrant active community.
- Information and Advice Project - A service aimed at providing help on a wide range of issues from applying for Irish passports, seeking accommodation, booking flights, tracing family members to advice with debt and Welfare benefits.
- Young people and Dementia - A project aimed at supporting children who have a Family member living with Dementia. The project involves visiting schools and delivering sessions to children in the classroom, as we believe children will feel more at ease in a familiar environment and they may be more willing to share their ideas amongst the children they know. Following that, we then tailor individual and smaller group sessions to support children who have a family member living with Dementia. We want to encourage children to ask questions and talk about any worries they may have. Our sessions are fun and engaging and are completely child friendly. They involve lots of discussion and some fun and informative activities.
- Emotional Support Project - Our Emotional Support Project offers low-level, preventative support for children and young people under 21, who are experiencing difficulties with emotional wellbeing, self-esteem, confidence, relationships, bullying and identity. Through a range of one-to-one, drop-in and group workshop sessions, we are able to help those who need it, to get back on their feet once more.
- Irish passports and Birth certificates - We have passport forms available, and can offer guidance with applying for first time or renewals. We also have a Photo-Me booth on site in Digbeth which means we can easily facilitate online passport renewals.

Performance Profile for the year 2019-2020

Through the projects we have delivered the following outcomes:

- Almost 6,000 phone calls received
- Over 1500 virtual attendances at our drop in centre and activity clubs
- 9,000 Food parcels distributed
- Nearly 400 families and young children supported through the Family Support Project
- Approaching 300 people addressed their health needs through the Primary Care Project
- Over 2000 clients accessed advice and support services through front office team
- 5,500 Hot Meals delivered
- 400 clients received support with Debt and Welfare benefit related issues
- We had over 1,000 virtual visitors to the office looking for help with passport applications or visiting the shop
- Over 2,000 welfare phone calls took place

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)****FINANCIAL REVIEW****Results for the Year**

The year to 31 March 2022 saw the Charity make a deficit of £34,519 (2021: surplus of £348,016).

During the year under review, the Charity's total incoming resources amounted to £682,907 (2021: £1,040,386) with £31,773 (2021: £82,349) of that from voluntary income from our generous donors and £616,229 (2021: £936,281) from grants and contracts from our funders. Outgoing resources were £717,426 (2021: £692,370).

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 summarises the incoming resources and main areas of expenditure. The Balance Sheet on page 14 shows the Charity's assets and liabilities at 31 March 2022.

Principal Funding Sources

Birmingham Irish Associations principal funding sources for the year are as follows:

- Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Emigrant Support Programme
- Birmingham City Council (Adults and Communities)
- Birmingham Cross City CCG
- Birmingham South Central CCG
- Birmingham Secondary Schools Family Support Project
- The Irish Youth Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Heart of England Community Foundation
- BSVC Commonwealth Games
- Neighbourly

Investment Policy

Apart from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and have established a policy where the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should aim to be equivalent to nine months' expenditure. The Board estimates this figure to be approximately £375,000 at 31 March 2022 (£375,000 at 31 March 2021). This policy is reviewed every year by the Board.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Birmingham Irish Association will strengthen its role as a specialist support provider that delivers culturally competent services to those with an Irish primary or mixed heritage. This will be achieved by meeting the targets implicit to the following strategic objectives that are grouped with the **5 key strategic aims of the organisation**.

To provide service user centred support services

- The provision of an enhanced menu of advice, information and support services for our target user groups that will enable individuals to achieve greater independence, improve the overall quality of their lives and utilise the community for the benefit of others.
- The engagement with the wider community, including second and subsequent Irish generations, to ensure that service realignment and development meets the needs of the widest constituent group.
- Through research, bench marking and best practice methodology we will broaden the range and accessibility of our services.
- To establish services within the community aimed at tackling mental health issues, specifically in relation to depression, loneliness and dementia.
- To develop a range of community based resources including a Dementia Café incorporating a telephone help and advice line and support to friends and families of those suffering with Dementia.
- To further develop the family support project and make it available to the wider community.

To build an effective and sustainable organisation

- Recognising that our success is dependent on a highly motivated and effective staff team, offering opportunities for professional and personal development will be integral to its development planning.
- The development and implementation of a marketing strategy to raise the profile of Birmingham Irish Association, establishing the agency as a leading provider of support services in Birmingham and the region.
- The ongoing development of performance, management and quality assurance systems in order to evidence effectiveness and to build on the existing Quality Mark.
- Service user involvement will be strengthened to ensure that users of the service have active participation within the organisation.
- Financial management will continue to be strengthened by reviewing and implementing management systems, ensuring that we meet our financial responsibilities as determined by the Charities Commission and commissioning agents.
- The broadening of our supporter, membership and stakeholder base.
- To diversify funding and move away from the reliance on statutory funding.
- To maintain, promote and develop an ongoing volunteer team that supports the organisation in its service delivery and further strengthens the community recognising its worth.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022 (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS (continued)

To work collaboratively with others to meet the needs of those we serve

- The maintenance of existing and the development of new partnerships for the benefit of Birmingham Irish Association's constituent groups.
- The investigation of the opportunities of increased collaborative working with like-minded organisations both locally and nationally.
- Developing Partnerships or collaborative working to respond to the changing landscape of health and social care.

To ensure the charity has sufficient funding in place for those we serve

- To enhance the existing vision of the organisation to achieve a robust and sustainable fundraising strategy.
- To ensure the Fundraising and Development Officer has appropriate support and guidance to make the best return on investment possible.
- To work alongside other similar organisations to maximise funding potential.
- To maximise the number of income opportunities to help sustain the charity and increase levels of unrestricted income.
- To create compelling 'case studies' to promote the work of the charity to encourage regular giving and create a positive outlook.

To provide a wide range of cultural, community, sport and heritage projects, which foster a vibrant sense of Irish community and identity.

- To develop heritage and community activities that promote Ireland's identity and maintain a vibrant Irish community.
- To celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between community groups in the city and further afield.
- To support affiliate groups with advertising, workshops, publicity, promotion, events and funding opportunities.
- To develop relationships with the press and media to actively promote Birmingham Irish Association.
- To utilise fully the power of social media to inform, celebrate and increase the profile of the organisation and the wider Irish community.

Key Targets and Objectives 2022-2023

Key Targets and Objectives 2022-2023
Raise the profile of Irish Culture, Sport and Heritage in Birmingham and the wider area
Continue to raise awareness of BIA and the needs of the Irish Community in Birmingham
Further enhance the memory awareness service and created dementia services for the traveller community
Continue to provide quality services in a tough financial environment
Develop partnership working with other like-minded organisations in the West Midlands
Increase younger persons services including mental health support and dementia awareness
Provide a stable platform to recover post Covid and re profile certain delivery options
Engage with local Irish sports clubs including GAA

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022
(INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS REPORT) (continued)****STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees, who are also directors of Birmingham Irish Association 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 period 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:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate 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.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the Trustees are aware:-

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware;
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

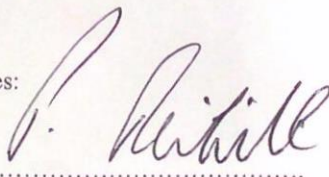
This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities FRS 102 and in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

AUDITORS

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

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Signed by order of the Trustees:



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P Reihill - Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Birmingham Irish Association (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (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 31 March 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; 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 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 contained within the Trustees report. 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 course of 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.

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 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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 directors' report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' 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 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management and from our commercial knowledge and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meeting of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and other relevant parties.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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.

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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

		<u>Year to 31 March 2022</u>			<u>Year to 31 March 2021</u>		
	<u>Note</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Donations and legacies		-	31,773	31,773	-	82,349	82,349
Charitable activities:							
Emigrant support		237,252	-	237,252	226,741	-	226,741
Community support		284,336	-	284,336	584,718	-	614,718
Health and hardship		84,642	-	84,642	84,823	-	84,823
Schools programme		-	9,999	9,999	-	9,999	9,999
Activity centre		-	3,538	3,538	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	2	-	31,175	31,175	-	21,756	21,756
Investment income		-	192	192	-	-	-
Total Income		606,230	76,677	682,907	896,282	144,104	1,040,386
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	-	2,282	2,282	-	1,691	1,691
Charitable activities:	5						
Emigrant support		285,218	-	285,218	288,619	-	288,619
Community support		247,238	-	247,238	265,067	-	265,067
Health and hardship		130,610	-	130,610	81,745	-	81,745
Schools programme		-	15,311	15,311	-	18,630	18,630
Activity centre		-	1,398	1,398	-	-	-
Other charitable expenditure		-	35,369	35,369	-	36,618	36,618
Total expenditure		663,066	54,360	717,426	635,431	56,939	£692,370
Net (expenditure)/income		(56,836)	22,317	(34,519)	260,851	87,165	348,016
Transfers between funds	14	67,326	(67,326)	-	76,923	(76,923)	-
Net movement in funds		10,490	(45,009)	(34,519)	337,774	10,242	348,016
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		540,309	363,652	903,961	202,535	353,410	555,945
Total funds carried forward		550,799	318,643	869,442	540,309	363,652	903,961

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these accounts.

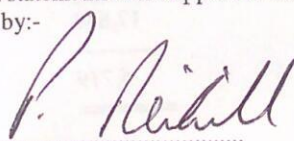
BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	71,324		94,200	
Investment property	9	67,365		67,365	
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			138,689		161,565
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	10	1,504		465	
Debtors	11	10,174		5,357	
Cash at bank and in hand		743,559		743,381	
		-----		-----	
			755,237		749,203
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12		(24,484)		(6,807)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			730,753		£742,396
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			869,442		903,961
			-----		-----
NET ASSETS			869,442		£903,961
			=====		=====
CHARITY FUNDS	15				
Unrestricted Funds			318,643		363,652
Restricted Funds			550,799		540,309
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TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			869,442		£903,961
			=====		=====

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies regime under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on _____ and are signed on their behalf by:-



 P Reihill - Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 25 form part of these accounts.

Company Registration Number: 3628076

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	5,719	371,902
Interest received		192	-
		-----	-----
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		5,911	371,902
		-----	-----
Cash flow from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(5,541)	(70,768)
Interest received		(192)	-
		-----	-----
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(5,733)	(70,768)
		-----	-----
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year		178	301,134
		-----	-----
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		743,381	442,247
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Total cash equivalents at the end of the year		743,559	743,381
		=====	=====
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		743,559	743,381
		=====	=====

1. Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the SOFA)	(34,519)	348,016
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	28,417	28,073
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	224
Decrease/(increase) in stock	(1,039)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(4,817)	(3,484)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	17,677	(927)
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Net cash flow from operating activities	5,719	371,902
	=====	=====

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) 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)', 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.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for twelve months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:-

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income from grants is recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised as income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, for example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report, where relevant.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under activities that aggregate all costs related to any particular activity. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties; it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:-

Costs of raising funds comprise costs incurred by the charity in the generation of donation and fundraising income.

Expenditure on charitable activities include those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

All categories of costs include both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include premises costs, office costs, governance costs, administrative and payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated to expenditure on a basis which may be based on activity as represented by direct costs expended on that activity, or based on a proportion of staff costs.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Leasehold property expenditure	- Straight line over 20 years
Website development	- 33.33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33.33% on cost

(e) Investment Property

Investment properties are recorded at fair value based on the discounted lease cost of the rented area.

(f) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

(g) Taxation

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

(h) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

(i) Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)****2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2022</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March 2021</u>
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-
Shop income	6,141	2,668
Rents received	25,034	19,088
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	31,175	21,756
	=====	=====

3. TRUSTEES AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2021: £nil).

No trustees (2021: none) were paid travel expenses during the year (2021: £nil).

The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive. The total amount of employee benefits including employer's pension contributions received by key management personnel were £52,614 (2021: £44,160).

Staff Costs and Employee Benefits

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Gross salaries	463,699	377,767
Employer's national insurance	34,963	25,826
Employer's pension contributions	11,755	8,336
	-----	-----
	510,417	411,929
	=====	=====

No employee earned more than £60,000 pa (2021: none).

Average Number of Employees:

	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Direct	19	16
Administration	2	2
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	21	18
	=====	=====

4. PENSIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The charge to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year is £11,755 (2021: £8,336). There were no outstanding contributions at 31 March 2022 (2021: £nil) and no prepaid contributions at the year-end (2021: £nil). The pension charge is allocated in restricted and unrestricted funds depending on whether staff are engaged in activity funded by restricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Basis of Allocation	Raising Funds	Emigrant Support	Community Support	Health and Hardship	Schools	Activity Centre	Other Costs	Year to 31.3.2022	Year to 31.3.2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	Total	Total
Costs directly allocated to activities:									
Staff costs	-	188,959	211,741	105,784	3,933	-	-	510,417	411,929
Fundraising costs	1,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,317	-
Travel	-	424	910	784	3	-	14,798	16,919	35,795
Activity centre costs	-	21,812	7,988	-	-	1,398	822	32,020	52,614
Rent and rates	-	12,649	3,680	4,600	2,070	-	-	22,999	10,000
Training	-	-	-	150	680	-	300	1,130	4,888
Project costs	-	8,660	7,583	124	-	-	644	17,011	-
Shop purchases	965	-	-	-	-	-	-	965	1,691
	2,282	232,504	231,902	111,442	6,686	1,398	16,564	602,778	516,917
Support costs allocated to activities:									
Premises costs	-	8,300	2,415	3,018	1,358	-	-	15,091	62,507
Office costs	-	19,122	5,563	6,954	3,129	-	(442)	34,326	63,124
Professional fees	-	9,663	2,811	3,513	1,581	-	19,247	36,815	21,524
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	-	15,629	4,547	5,683	2,557	-	-	28,416	28,298
	-	52,714	15,336	19,168	8,625	-	18,805	114,648	175,453
Total Costs by Activity									
	2,282	285,218	247,238	130,610	15,311	1,398	35,369	717,426	692,370
	1,691	288,619	265,067	81,745	18,630	-	36,618	692,370	-
Year to 31 March 2021									

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

6. NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

Net expenditure for the financial year is stated after charging:-

	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2022</u> £	<u>Year to</u> <u>31 March</u> <u>2021</u> £
Depreciation - owned assets - unrestricted funds	28,417	28,073
Audit fees - audit	4,100	3,200
- other services	5,876	4,571
Deficit on disposal of fixed asset	-	224

7. TAXATION

No Corporation Tax liability arises in respect of the year since the company has been accepted as a charity for taxation purposes. The exemptions afforded by legislation are available as all income and gains are applied to charitable purposes.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Computer</u> <u>Equipment</u> £	<u>Leasehold</u> <u>Property</u> <u>expenditure</u> £	<u>Fixtures &</u> <u>Fittings</u> £	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicle</u> £	<u>Website</u> <u>Development</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost						
At 1 April 2021	58,606	99,782	62,687	37,658	11,928	270,661
Additions	3,740	-	1,801	-	-	5,541
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	62,346	99,782	64,488	37,658	11,928	276,202
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2021	23,366	66,809	37,371	36,987	11,928	176,461
Charge for year	19,209	4,989	4,051	168	-	28,417
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	42,575	71,798	41,422	37,155	11,928	204,878
Net book value						
At 31 March 2022	19,771	27,984	23,066	503	-	71,324
At 31 March 2021	35,240	32,973	25,316	671	-	94,200

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)****9. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

Market Value	£
At 01 April 2021	67,365

At 31 March 2022	67,365
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The investment property is included at fair value.

This fair value has been determined by using the discounted cost of the lease of the premises.

10. STOCKS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Shop goods held for resale	1,504	465
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11. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Other debtors	5,191	3,792
Prepayments and accrued income	4,983	1,565
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	10,174	5,357
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12. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	284
Other creditors	14,320	6,523
Social security	10,164	-
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	24,484	6,807
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13. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The Company has no share capital, being limited by guarantee. There are seven members of the company, each of whom has undertaken to contribute £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2021</u> £	<u>Income</u> £	<u>Costs</u> £	<u>Transfers</u> £	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2022</u> £
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	196,393	154,050	(82,631)	-	267,812
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	3,460	61,500	(56,938)	-	8,022
Health and Hardship fund	-	84,642	(130,610)	45,968	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	45,675	229,000	(285,218)	21,358	10,815
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	-	8,252	-	-	8,252
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	4,860	-	(4,860)	-	-
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	269,870	68,786	(102,809)	-	235,849
	540,309	606,230	(663,066)	67,326	550,799
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	363,652	76,677	(54,360)	(67,326)	318,643
	903,961	682,907	(717,426)	-	869,442

A transfer of £67,326 (2021: £76,923) to restricted funds in the year represents the transfer of unrestricted funds to projects in deficit at the year-end for which no further funding is expected to be received to cover costs on the projects concerned.

The charity has sufficient resources at 31 March 2022 to fulfil its commitment to each project.

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Big Lottery Fund	This fund is a project funded by the Big Lottery Fund that will enable the Charity to carry out activities in community support and health related issues.
Birmingham City Council - Older Adults Project including RoSITA	These funds support the provision of the activity centre, outreach support and advice and guidance.
Health and Hardship Fund	This fund provides the resources for health related issues amongst the community the Charity serves and for clients in need of financial support due personal hardship and distress.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	These funds support salary and project costs for Birmingham Irish Association's social inclusion, primary care, family support and cultural development projects.
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	These funds were for work in bereavement and befriending.
General Community Support Projects	This fund is made up of a number of smaller community support projects which have been pooled together to form one fund.
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Reconciliation Fund	Contribution towards the installation of permanent lighting on the Birmingham Pub Bombings memorial, the most significant one of its type in the UK. This will ensure that it can be accessed as a place of memorial all year round and will serve as a beacon of light and hope to all who enter and leave Birmingham through Grand Central Station

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)****15. NET ASSETS ANALYSED BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<u>Tangible</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u> £	<u>Net Current</u> <u>Assets</u> £	<u>Liabilities due in</u> <u>more than one year</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Unrestricted funds	138,689	179,954	-	318,643
Restricted funds	-	550,799	-	550,799
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	138,689	730,753	-	869,442
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16. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the trustees, because of the way that the charity is constituted there is no single ultimate controlling party. The charity is effectively controlled by the Board, as a body.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions which require disclosure in the accounts.

18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2022, the Charity was committed to total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:-

	<u>2022</u> £	<u>2021</u> £
Within one year	35,319	18,852
Between two and five years	124,298	71,970
Later than five years	29,533	34,266
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	189,150	125,088
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BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

19. ANALYSIS OF THE RESTRICTED FUND DERIVED FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Emigrant Support Programme:					
<i>Contribution towards Project Costs:</i>					
Culture, Sports and Heritage	7,418	30,000	(48,055)	10,637	-
Family Support and Welfare	9,244	32,000	(40,756)	-	488
Primary Care Projects	7,724	27,000	(37,056)	2,332	-
Social Inclusion Projects	10,962	140,000	(159,351)	8,389	-
West Midlands Irish Support	10,327	-	-	-	10,327
Partnership Collaborative					
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	45,675	229,000	(285,218)	21,358	10,815
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The income received from the Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of £237,252 represents the funding received in the financial year in the form of an Emigrant Support Programme Grant from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. This grant has been fully recognised on receipt in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2021</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Reconciliation Fund	-	8,252	-	-	8,252
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	-	8,252	-	-	8,252
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The income received from the Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of €10,000 (£8,252) represents the funding received in the financial year in the form of an Reconciliation Fund Grant. This grant has been fully recognised on receipt in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

20. COMPARATIVES

Movement in funds

	<u>At 1</u> <u>Apr 2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>At 31</u> <u>Mar 2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Big Lottery Fund	62,551	203,732	(69,890)	-	196,393
Birmingham City Council – Older Adults including RoSITA	20,007	61,500	(98,047)	20,000	3,460
Health and Hardship fund	-	84,823	(81,746)	(3,077)	-
Irish Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	47,553	226,741	(288,619)	60,000	45,675
The Ireland Fund of Great Britain	4,860	-	-	-	4,860
Other	20,051	-	-	-	20,051
General Community Support Projects	47,513	319,486	(97,129)	-	269,870
	202,535	896,282	(635,431)	76,923	540,309
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	353,410	144,104	(56,939)	(76,923)	363,652
	555,945	1,040,386	(692,370)	-	903,961

Net Assets between funds

	<u>Tangible</u> <u>Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Net Current</u> <u>Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities due in</u> <u>more than one year</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	161,565	202,087	-	363,652
Restricted funds	-	540,309	-	540,309
	161,565	742,396	-	903,961

BIRMINGHAM IRISH ASSOCIATION (FORMERLY IRISH IN BIRMINGHAM)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

21. COMPARATIVES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Basis of Allocation	Raising Funds	Emigrant Support	Community Support	Health and Hardship	Schools	Other Costs	Year to 31.3.2021 Total	Year to 31.3.2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Costs directly allocated to activities:									
Staff costs	Direct	-	183,524	175,688	48,671	3,900	146	411,929	327,905
Fundraising costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional charges	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	Direct	-	147	11,730	344	-	23,574	35,795	10,912
Activity centre costs	Direct	-	6,938	39,083	-	-	6,593	52,614	26,267
Rent and rates	Direct	-	8,000	2,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Training	Direct	-	-	1,380	-	-	3,508	4,888	558
Project costs	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,916
Shop purchases	Direct	1,691	-	-	-	-	-	1,691	6,777
Other	Direct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1,691	198,609	229,881	49,015	3,900	33,821	516,917	386,335
Support costs allocated to activities:									
Staff costs	Staff Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premises costs	Staff Time	-	34,379	10,001	12,501	5,626	-	62,507	46,193
Office costs	Staff Time	-	34,718	10,100	12,625	5,681	-	63,124	38,403
Professional fees	Staff Time	-	5,350	10,556	1,945	876	2,797	21,524	18,748
Depreciation and loss on sales of fixed assets	Staff Time	-	15,563	4,529	5,659	2,547	-	28,298	10,324
		-	90,010	35,186	32,730	14,730	2,797	175,453	113,668
Total Costs by Activity		1,691	288,619	265,067	81,745	18,630	36,618	692,370	500,003
<i>Year to 31 March 2020</i>		6,77	258,594	124,428	78,832	16,721	14,651	500,003	

Birmingham Irish Association

Internal control weaknesses

From: 01/04/2021

To: 31/03/2022

Area	Weakness	What to do	Results
Shop income	It was found that the price of sales were not being recorded in the till book. Only the amount of stock sold is recorded.	Ensure that prices are included for all sales recorded in the till book.	More accurate records will be maintained and the risk of fraud or error will be decreased.
Xero	There are a number of inconsistent postings in Xero, income of the same nature is going to different income codes throughout the year. Similarly costs are not consistently going to the same codes throughout the year, and some costs are in income codes.	Ensure all income and costs of a similar nature (e.g. Dementia Centre donations) are all in the same Xero nominal.	The Xero nominals will have the same income year on year allocated to them and this will make comparisons much more effective. Additionally, it makes finding the transactions much easier.
Fund splits	Transactions are not consistently allocated to the correct or relevant funds or projects in Xero	Ensure all income and expenditure is allocated a "SOFA Reporting" and "Individual Fund" in Xero.	Reduced time spent when reporting to funders about income and expenditure. Reduced time spent at year end to split the Restricted and Unrestricted funds for the year end accounts
Bank authorisations	Since the change to Metro bank, there is no second authorisation on bank payments.	Request a second authoriser for bank payments from Metro bank or change banks to accommodate for this.	The Charity Commission guidelines recommend that all Charity banks have two separate authorisers to reduce the risk of fraudulent payments being made and enforce segregation of duties.
Bank reconciliation	No bank reconciliation had been done on Xero since the year end, which is 2 months at the audit date.	Reconcile the bank transactions monthly. Recommend setting up the Xero bank feed to make this easier.	It will be easier and faster to highlight errors and a regular check on the bank balance and Xero records will then be possible.
Missing bank transactions in Xero	The bank account in Xero at the year end did not originally agree to the bank statement. There were a number of missing transactions.	Reconcile the bank transactions monthly and check this to the actual bank statements to ensure all transactions are included and dated correctly in Xero. Recommend setting up the Xero bank feed to make this easier.	No time wasted going back to find errors and the bank balance will always agree. As a result, reassurance will be had that there are not missing income or expenditure transactions in Xero.