

CHILDNET

England & Wales · Charity number 1080173

Details

Other names	CHILDNET INTERNATIONAL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03958416
Registered	2000-03-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD IN ALL ASPECTS OF COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET TECHNOLOGY INCLUDING THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOFTWARE FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF CHILDREN; (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF CHILDREN IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD IN AND BY THE USE OF COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERNET TECHNOLOGY; (3) TO PROTECT THE MORAL WELFARE OF CHILDREN IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD BY THE PROMOTION OF MEASURES DIRECTED TO PREVENT THEIR EXPOSURE TO RACIST PORNOGRAPHIC OBSCENE OR OTHER HARMFUL ELECTRONIC COMPUTER AND TELEVISUAL MATERIAL AND (4) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: Childnet's mission is to work in partnership with others worldwide to help make the Internet a great & safe place for children. Our vision is to ensure that all those involved in developing, producing, controlling, using & regulating international telecoms , recognise & implement policies and programmes which prioritise the rights of children so that their interests are both promoted & protected

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ANY PART OF THE WORLD
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£738,877	£776,151	£88,736	13
2024-03-31	£891,028	£1,022,972	£126,010	17
2023-03-31	£1,070,298	£1,029,413	£257,954	17
2022-03-31	£1,151,313	£1,076,068	£217,069	18
2021-03-31	£959,538	£940,226	£141,824	18

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KARL PETER HOPWOOD	Chair	
Julian Coles		2015-09-29
Kevin Nigel Franklin		2022-03-07
ROB WRIGHT		2012-01-31
Victoria Hordern		2020-04-09

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Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees

Mr Karl Hopwood, Chair
Mr Rob Wright
Mr Julian Coles
Miss Victoria Hordern
Mr Kevin Franklin
Katie Rigg
Deborah Hurley

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03958416

Charity registered number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Childnet for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

• Policies and objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

- (i) To advance the education of the public in any part of the world in all aspects of computer communications and Internet technology including the most effective software for the education and training of children;
- (ii) To advance the education and training of children in any part of the world in and by the use of computer communications and Internet technology;
- (iii) To protect the moral welfare of children in any part of the world by the promotion of measures directed to prevent their exposure to racist, pornographic, obscene or other harmful electronic computer and televisual material.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The principal activity of the charity is the promotion of children's interests in international communications by means of education, training, and research.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

• Strategies for achieving objectives

In all the work undertaken by Childnet it is Childnet's aim to maintain its independence, leadership, and reputation.

The charity continues to express its core purpose as "helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children".

- (i) Access - Helping children and young people to use the net constructively, access positive online resources and help them create quality content.
- (ii) Awareness - Helping children and young people acquire new "net literacy" skills, giving advice to organisations, parents, teachers, and carers about internet safety.
- (iii) Protection - Helping to protect children and young people and prevent them from being exploited in the online environment provided by new technologies.
- (iv) Policy - Helping all sectors develop effective policy responses in line with the rapidly changing communications technology.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

• **Grant-making policies**

Very rarely one-off small grants may be made from unrestricted or restricted income in strict pursuance of the charity's objectives although none were made during the 2024-25 year.

Achievements and performance

• **Review of activities**

The following gives a quarterly breakdown of the activities carried out by Childnet from 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025.

Certain key activities take place throughout the year. For example, Childnet's education and outreach work. This work, carried out by Childnet's education team visits and presents in person in primary and secondary schools across the country, and also in some nurseries and Sixth Form Colleges, running sessions for children, staff and parents and carers, to empower children and those that support them to be able to use technology safely and responsibly. The demand for this work continued throughout the year. The team also assisted in the development of key resources and activities, and keeping all the materials up to date, including the Childnet and UK Safer Internet Centre websites. We collate the questions we receive during the sessions with children, parents and carers and staff, and try to respond to the recurring themes in blogs posted on our website, www.childnet.com.

Childnet continued to be active members of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). The CEO, Will Gardner, has been part of the Executive Board since April 2013. Although the Executive Board did not meet during this period, Will Gardner founded and chairs the Early Warning Working Group, made up of helplines, hotlines, law enforcement and government departments. Will Gardner is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance Advisory Group and is on the Expert Advisory Board for Internet Matters, a parents' portal established by the four major ISPs. Childnet also continued to be members of Meta's Safety Advisory Council as well as their Youth Advisors group.

Childnet, with partner organisations the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), continued in their role as the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), a role part funded by Nominet. In this role, Childnet form the Awareness Centre, and joins a network of European Safer Internet Centres called INSAFE, with whom we share ideas and best practice. We develop safety resources for the UK, organise youth participation and youth voice, and organise Safer Internet Day in the UK.

Childnet have done a range of media work, including a range of TV, radio, newspaper, and online media interviews over the year. In this work they have been able to help spread awareness messages. It is mentioned later, but on Safer Internet Day 2025 (11th February), which Childnet organised for the UK (as part of their role in the UK Safer Internet Centre) , Safer Internet Day featured across various media channels, producing over 760 pieces of coverage across national and local broadcast and other media and with over 1.5 billion total reach across media and social platforms. Childnet have also been interviewed by and met with several researchers in this area.

Childnet staff have presented at and chaired panels at a number of national conferences and events over the year.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

● **Review of activities (continued)**

April to September 2024:

Over this period, we said goodbye to one Youth Advisory Board (YAB), who had served their one-year term, and recruited a new YAB.

We recruited 8 young people aged 13-18 from across the UK to form our Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Throughout the year go on to hold monthly online meetings with this group of young people to inform our work, co-create resources and provided opportunities for their voice to be heard by key stakeholders in this area from industry, government and more. We also have a second youth board called the Digital Champions, drawn from the ranks of Childnet Digital Leaders, who are young people active in promoting online safety in their school communities in schools across the UK and in some international schools.

We responded to the very real concern around the sexual extortion of children online, with particularly current reference to teenage boys being targeted by financially motivated sexual extortion. We developed new advice pages on this for both For parents and carers and for young people aged 11-18. We fed into the preparation by the National Crime Agency (NCA) for their alert co-issued with the DfE, and also in Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland on the increase in sextortion. These resources on our site and on the UKSIC site were developed to be ready to support this alert

We updated some of our existing resources over this period, including the Smartie the Penguin stories, designed to support younger internet users, and we also made available resources for every age group on encouraging youth voice in online safety.

We attended the launch of the report/materials of the VIRRAC project, which we had collaborated on with the University of East London and Middlesex, looking at online risk in the metaverse and virtual reality environments.

We ran the Childnet Film Competition 2024, with the theme "How would you make the internet a better place?" There was a primary and secondary category. We also ran the International Film Competition for the third year running using the same theme.

We had a good number of entries, with over 250 children taking part in the UK competition and the standard was incredibly high. The judges were David Austin, CEO of the BBFC, Jessica Schibli from the BBC, Lisa Prime from BAFTA, Stan McCoy from the MPA (Motion Picture Association), and James Filippatos from Disney. A young person, a member of Childnet's Digital Champions, also joined the judging panel.

We held a finalists' ceremony in person at Disney's offices in Hammersmith in London, and the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza came and gave a keynote together with one of her youth ambassadors. You can see the winning films [here](#).

We there was also an International category to the Childnet Film Competition. The winning film entry was from a school in Kazakhstan and this was announced online on 10th July. Film entries this year had come in from Thailand, Kazakhstan, Australia, India, Cyprus, UAE, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Indonesia, and Kenya. The International Film Competition was kindly promoted in different parts of the world by partners including the E-Safety commissioner Australia, Netsafe in New Zealand, Social Media Matters in India, and other partner organisations across the world.

The academic year Sept 23-Sept 24 saw a progression in the number of school visits and children, parents and carers and school staff reached by our education outreach work, reaching 26,000, mostly children and young people, but also school staff and parents and carers.

Will Gardner and other Childnet staff also spoke at several national conferences in April, May, June, and July - some online and some in person.

We collaborated with Snap on advice for parents and carers, and Childnet CEO was on a panel at the launch of this advice in September, chaired by Giovanna Fletcher.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

We launched the start of the Safer Internet Day 2025 campaign in this period. We had numerous focus groups with children and young people in May and June and responded to their concerns around online scams, determining this to be the focus of the campaign with the strapline “Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from online scams”. We held our launch meeting in September for stakeholders and had record attendance of 150 stakeholders. We worked on developing the education resources that would accompany this campaign over this period. These resources would be launched in November, having been translated into Welsh, thanks to support from the Welsh Government, and into Irish, thanks to the Northern Ireland Safeguarding Board.

We organised for the DSIT Secretary of State to visit a school in East London, where Childnet CEO and NSPCC CEO (Peter Wanless) hosted a parents’ and carers’ focus group, and a group of young people, and had the chance to interact with the Secretary of State.

Will Gardner joined monthly calls of a Youth Advisory Group, hosted by Meta, bringing together around 20 global experts.

The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a peer education programme. Schools subscribe and recruit 8-10 pupils as Digital Leaders. These pupils complete online training modules, and they then work to earn badges by completing tasks, such as running an education awareness session for their peers, or for parents or staff. This programme continued to run throughout the year.

October to December 2024:

We brought 6 members of our Youth Advisory Board to an event hosted by the Tech Coalition in London, where they answered questions and gave their insights into generative AI to members of the tech industry. They also had their questions answered by members of the tech industry.

Youth Advisory Board member Anna, spoke at the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) 40th anniversary celebration event in Westminster.

We developed and launched some resources on topics identified as priority by our Youth Board. These are teaching resources for use with 9 to 13 year olds on the topic of group chats, and a ‘cheat sheet’ with information and insights for parents and carers on the same topic.

Several blogs went live during this period, including:

- o <https://www.childnet.com/blog/trick-or-treat-taking-a-closer-look-at-online-prank-videos/>
- o <https://www.childnet.com/blog/advice-on-embedding-online-safety-in-your-practice-if-you-started-teaching-this-september/>
- o <https://www.childnet.com/blog/managing-your-familys-tech-use-during-the-back-to-school-period/>

In the build-up of the Safer Internet Day campaign, with its focus on scams, Childnet CEO spoke at several meetings of key stakeholders including the ASA, StopScamsUK and UK Finance.

Will Gardner chaired a roundtable focussed on the issue of online sextortion. The roundtable was brought together as part of our work as the UK Safer Internet Centre, as it was an issue that all three partners were concerned about and we wanted a continued focus on this issue. This was the fourth such meeting with representatives from the tech industry, law enforcement from the UK and the US, NGOs from the UK and international, teaching unions and government departments, 37 attendees in total.

The education and outreach work of Childnet was busy in schools over this period, and we also delivered to other groups, including session for trainee teachers at Birmingham University and sessions including increasing numbers of schools/settings for young people with SEND. We also delivered to PGCE students. We also ran sessions for children identified as at risk of becoming Not in Education Employment or Training (NEETs) with Essex County Council. Throughout the year we also continued to run workshops with the Council of International Schools on a range of current online harms and strategies for supporting parents and carers.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

Childnet participated and spoke at a number of events over this period.

January to March 2025:

Safer Internet Day 2025 took place on 11th February. Activities took place right across the UK, with schools and a wide range of organisations getting involved from every sector. We had over 1700 organisations register as supporters of the Day, and we worked with the BBC on content, including supporting a live lesson that went out on the day and had an audience of hundreds of thousands.

On the day itself, we launched some research looking at children and young people's experience of scams online. We did numerous radio interviews, both local and national, discussing the results of this survey as well as the wider initiative of Safer Internet Day. 99% of the total media and social coverage included a mention of this research.

We held an event at the BT Tower, attended by policy makers from all sectors, and had keynote speeches from a young person (member of our YAB), as well as, DSIT Government Minister Baroness Jones, and we had young people from primary and secondary schools, as well as schools for children with Special Educational Needs, running workshops for the adults attending. . We ran a Parliamentary drop-in where some of our youth advisory board spoke to about 40 Parliamentarians in various roles.

The education resources prepared in support of Safer Internet Day received almost 160,000 downloads, and Safer Internet Day was trending on social media throughout the Day. The quizzes we put online were co-created with young people and had over 86,000 uses.

In the build up to the Day, we ran a webinar for teachers to go through the teaching resources for Safer Internet Day. We held 4 such webinars, one for each of the UK nations, England, Scotland and Wales, and for Northern Ireland we had a particularly strong turnout with hundreds of educators joining.

We have had some great feedback from people about the Day. You can see here the supportive quotes we received from a wide range of people.

We also launched a personality quiz on scams in partnership with Roblox (<https://www.childnet.com/resources/protecting-yourself-and-others-from-scams-online/>)

We carried out an evaluation of the reach and impact of Safer Internet Day 2024, commissioning Yonder to do a nationally representative survey, and we reached 57% of 8-17s (up from 52% in 2024) and 50% of parents and carers (up from 32% in 2024), with some great impact data of that reach too. A short report on this can be found [here](#).

The Yonder survey found that those that heard SID messages:

For 8-17s:

- 76% feel more confident about what to do if something is worrying them online
- 79% had learnt something new about online safety as a result of Safer Internet Day 2024.
- 57% spoke to a parent or carer about how to stay safe
- 34% spoke to a parent or carer about something that had been worrying them online.
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Parents and carers:

- 71% of parents and carers felt better prepared to keep their child safe online
- 77% talked to their child about using the internet safely.
- 69% felt more confident about what to do if their child came to them with a problem they had online
- 34% said their child spoke to them about something that had been worrying them online
- 73% are more aware of the impact that online scams can have on their child.

In addition to support from Nominet for Safer Internet Day 2025, we secured support from Supercell, Tesco Mobile, Apple, Snap, Amazon, Sony Interactive Entertainment, Roblox, Yubo and Vodafone.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

We held and chaired a 5th roundtable on online sexual extortion, bringing together key stakeholders for this event in March.

We held the third meeting of the UK Safer Internet Centre Advisory Board, chaired by Will Gardner, Childnet CEO and co-director of the UKSIC. This meeting was hybrid, with people attending in person and online. 35 stakeholders attended including from Ofcom, Government, children's charities, teaching unions and the tech industry. We covered three key areas of concern, including violence against women and girls (VAWG), self-reporting services for Child Sexual Abuse Material for young people, and changes in community standards of service providers.

The Global Online Safety Regulators Network (the Network) are setting up an international youth dialogue project for 18–25-year-olds. We have offered this to previous members of our youth boards and some of them attended and spoke at these meetings.

Will Gardner spoke at several conferences and meetings over this period.

We delivered some bespoke sessions over this period, with children at risk of becoming NEETs, at a hospital school, for foster carers, for youth workers, and we continue with a project to support kinship carers with online safety.

We started a project, with support from Microsoft, to tackle the misuse of AI, particularly nudification, developing resources that would be released mid-2025, following consultation with young people

Working with support from the Northern Ireland safeguarding board, we started work on developing webinars for parents and carers.

We updated some key content on keeping under 5s safe online <https://www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online/> and also advice for foster carers and adoptive parents, see <https://www.childnet.com/resources/foster-carers-and-adoptive-parents/>

We launched a set of resources that focus on GenAI and include a cheat sheet for parents and carers plus slides for use in education settings to support with CPD and staff training.

We also developed a set of resources to celebrate International Women's Day. These were developed after consultation with our two youth boards (the YAB and the DCs) and can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/exploring-online-experiences-life-online-for-women-and-girls/>

Childnet CEO and Senior Education Officer, Charlie attended the Insafe Training Meeting in Amsterdam and co-hosted an open session on our work with Microsoft and misuse of AI/nudification, sharing this with the other Safer Internet Centres across the EU.

Will Gardner chaired meetings of the Early Warning Working Group of the UKCIS Executive Board every 6 weeks throughout this period.

YAB member Kole delivered a keynote speech to 650 attendees and was a panellist along with Childnet CEO at the Global Anti Scams Alliance meeting in London on 26th March.

The Youth Advisory Board came to end of their one-year position at the end of March, and we prepared the process of recruiting 10 young people to join the next year's Youth Advisory Board.

In a challenging economic environment, Childnet has been grateful to receive funding not aforementioned from Adobe, BBC Children In Need, British Board of Film Classification, Discover Financial Services, Disney, the Emerton-Christie Charity, Fivium, Garfield Weston Foundation, Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, Mainhouse Trust, Meta, techUK, Technology Coalition, Trend Micro, IPDD staff and London Philanthropic Orchestra, together supporting a range of work, including the development of educational resources and Childnet's role in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

- **Factors relevant to achieve objectives**

Childnet has consistently built its reach and impact of its work and there are several factors involved in this. The staff at Childnet are experts in their areas and absolutely recognise the importance of the work they are doing - as such they are dedicated to the objectives of the organisation. The Board of Trustees provide great oversight of the organisation, and their expertise and experience provide an invaluable resource and support.

Childnet builds strong and effective partnerships and sees working in collaboration key to successful implementation of its mission. Building a great coalition of support for Safer Internet Day, with key supporters like the BBC and Liverpool Football Club, has been successful in getting great reach and impact. The Childnet Digital Leaders programme has supported Childnet's mission of empowering children and young people and really giving them agency and voice in their communities.

Financial review

- **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the principal funding section below.

- **Reserves policy**

For the year ending 31 March 2025, the Directors and Trustees had previously set a reserves policy objective of having a level of reserves sufficient to cover 3 months operational costs at any one time. This is estimated currently to be around the region of £150,000. This was reviewed during the year. It was decided that this level should remain in place, although it remains an aspiration to increase it in the future as funding allows. In April 2025, post the year end, reserves recovered to adequately cover the stated reserves policy.

- **Material investments policy**

Childnet does not currently have sufficient funds to justify a long-term investment policy. However, professional advice is sought on short-term commitment of funds to high interest-bearing accounts for appropriate periods which bring the best return for the charity while maintaining liquidity.

Childnet also uses the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in making and implementing pension scheme decisions for its staff.

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● **Principal funding**

During the year the total incoming resources of the charity amounted to £738,835 (2024: £891,028) and total resources expended were £776,151 (2024: £1,022,972). This resulted in a deficit of £37,316 for the year (2024: deficit £131,944). The reserves therefore stood at £88,736 at the year-end (2024: £126,010), of which £4,307 was restricted and £84,429 was unrestricted (2024: £Nil and £126,010 respectively).

Going forward the Directors/Trustees have acknowledged with the auditors that there is a significant challenge in being able to continue to fundraise, especially for unrestricted income, for Childnet's work as a non-crisis intervention charity. At the date of this report, so long as the assumptions used in preparing forecasts remain valid, there is sufficient funding for the current operations to be maintained for the foreseeable future. The Directors/Trustees and staff are actively reviewing all areas of the charity's activities and future operations, options for reducing costs and securing grants and donations to continue the operations within the funds available.

Structure, governance and management

● **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000. On the 1st of April 2000 the net assets and activities of the charitable trust Childnet International, which had been founded in 1995, were transferred to Childnet, having the same objects and trustees at that time.

● **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

Childnet had 7 trustees on the 1st of April 2024. There were no resignations or appointments in the year meaning Childnet still had 7 trustees at the year-end 31 March 2025.

Trustees are selected against a clear job description and criteria which have been updated by the CEO and Trustees over the last few years.

Trustees are recruited following periodic Trustee audits in which areas of expertise are reviewed and new candidates identified.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

• **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Childnet is made up of the people listed on the page 1 who have a range of relevant experience in child protection, education, marketing, and the computing, business training and telecommunications industries.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Executive who is involved in all issues of strategic direction, management of staff and resources, policy, and with support from the Childnet Business Manager, the financial management of the organisation.

Childnet is run on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of Trustees regularly. Trustees meet with the CEO and Business Manager (who is also the Company Secretary) formally 4 or 5 times a year. However, communication takes place between the chair and CEO on a regular basis. Reports are submitted from the CEO and Business Manager to each Trustee meeting outlining progress against targets and actions agreed. Full minutes of these meetings are taken and signed as an accurate record of each meeting at the beginning of the next meeting. Additionally, interim finance meetings are held as and when required.

The CEO and Business Manager have authority to carry out the duties of the organisation, as agreed in the business plan and budget at the start of each financial year (1st April – 31st March). This includes the employing of staff, expenditure to carry out agreed project work as well as communication within and outside of the organisation. Spending limits are set and all payments over £3,000 are additionally authorised by the Chair of Trustees.

The Chair of Trustees liaises with the CEO and Business Manager prior to each Trustees' meeting to review progress since the last meeting, including reviewing action points and matters arising, to set the agenda and to provide a report to the full Board of Trustees.

The Honorary Treasurer also meets (sometimes virtually) with the CEO and Business Manager before each Trustee's meeting to review progress on expenditure and income. Where needed a written report is submitted to the trustees as a further check and balance

• **Related party relationships**

Childnet seeks to co-operate with many agencies around the world who share the objective of promoting safe and fun internet use for children. This is an area that has continued to grow throughout the past year but none of these activities justify the reporting of a related party relationship or transaction.

Over this period Childnet did not operate any independent bodies or companies or trading subsidiaries. As an organisation Childnet has a few formal and informal partnerships with other charities, funders, and organisations. All formal partnerships and major contractual relationships are reviewed and approved by Trustees before signature.

As a member of the consortium that makes up the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with both the SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning Trust) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) in respect of these projects now part funded by Nominet (in previous years part funded by the EC (European Commission)).

Childnet is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and the Sex Education Forum (SEF).

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Financial risk management**

The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the management of risk and building on the previous full risk audits that the Trustees completed, they have continued to work with senior staff in identifying and managing risks which Childnet might face as well as the responses to these risks. Elements of this are reviewed annually.

To manage elements of potential risk, Childnet undertake a number of processes and financial management and risk analysis including:

- (i) Having an Honorary Treasurer on the Board (Kevin Franklin since March 2022) to review accounts, financial reporting, and business management.
- (ii) Engaging professional/legal services for HR and H&S matters.
- (iii) Ensuring that all new Childnet staff and trustees were checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), with enhanced clearance where appropriate.
- (iv) Updating annually the Childnet Child Protection Policy in light of Childnet's own advice to others about moderation and online child protection.
- (v) Having access to Independent Financial Advisor in respect of pension and life assurance arrangements.
- (vi) Ensuring that all contracts signed by Childnet with sponsors or partners are reviewed by the Business Manager to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place for Childnet.

In addition, all The Directors and Trustees intend to revisit the risk assessment issues on a regular basis at Board meetings and continue to implement strategies to minimise the risks and ensure best practice.

● **Members' liability**

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

Plans for future periods

Childnet is committed to the highest quality of operations (internal procedures, governance, staff training and development etc.). During the next 12 months the organization is continuing to keep in place and develop procedures which include:

- (i) Continuing to review the make-up of the Trustee body and recruit additional trustees
- (ii) Continuing to strengthen our internal monitoring and evaluation processes
- (iii) Ensuring that the organisation continues to have strong reference and participation from children and young people
- (iv) Strengthening the fundraising and promotion of the organisation with the appointment or appropriate outsourcing of fundraising personnel
- (v) Continuing to regularly review the strategic direction of the organisation
- (vi) Developing staff through regular training and supervision and ensure that all internal policies are constantly updated
- (vii) Formally review Childnet's international strategy

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 17 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Karl Hopwood

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 17 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Karl Hopwood

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childnet (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 Charities Act 2011.

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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how Childnet is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
3 Newhouse Business Centre
Old Crawley Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 4RU

17 December 2025

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	164,385	422,636	587,021	694,785
Charitable activities	4	109,628	40,051	149,679	194,175
Other trading activities	5	-	-	-	4
Investments	6	2,135	-	2,135	2,064
Total income		276,148	462,687	738,835	891,028
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	761	-	761	2,188
Charitable activities	8	209,818	565,572	775,390	1,020,784
Total expenditure		210,579	565,572	776,151	1,022,972
Net income/(expenditure)		65,569	(102,885)	(37,316)	(131,944)
Transfers between funds	18	(107,192)	107,192	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		(41,623)	4,307	(37,316)	(131,944)
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Other gains		42	-	42	-
Net movement in funds		(41,581)	4,307	(37,274)	(131,944)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		126,010	-	126,010	257,954
Net movement in funds		(41,581)	4,307	(37,274)	(131,944)
Total funds carried forward		84,429	4,307	88,736	126,010

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,816	4,811
Investments	14	1	1
		<u>1,817</u>	<u>4,812</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	115,946	172,114
Cash at bank and in hand		88,946	110,496
		<u>204,892</u>	<u>282,610</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(117,973)	(161,412)
		<u>86,919</u>	<u>121,198</u>
Net current assets		<u>86,919</u>	<u>121,198</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>88,736</u></u>	<u><u>126,010</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	4,307	-
Unrestricted funds	18	84,429	126,010
		<u>88,736</u>	<u>126,010</u>
Total funds		<u><u>88,736</u></u>	<u><u>126,010</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Kevin Franklin

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(21,592)	(195,780)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	42	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(3,719)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	42	(3,719)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(21,550)	(199,499)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	110,496	309,995
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	88,946	110,496

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Childnet meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £150 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Office equipment	-	25% straight line
Computer equipment	-	33% straight line

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	108,966	35,278	144,244
Grants	55,419	387,358	442,777
	164,385	422,636	587,021

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	67,330	-	67,330
Grants	138,162	489,293	627,455
	<u>205,492</u>	<u>489,293</u>	<u>694,785</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Consultancy income	27,365	5,051	32,416
Programme and other income	77,190	25,000	102,190
Sponsorship income	-	10,000	10,000
Consultancy expenses recovered	5,073	-	5,073
	<u>109,628</u>	<u>40,051</u>	<u>149,679</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Consultancy income	113,276	113,276
Programme and other income	74,663	74,663
Consultancy expenses recovered	6,236	6,236
	<u>194,175</u>	<u>194,175</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Total funds 2025 £
Net income - Everyclick	-
	<u> </u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Net income - Everyclick	4	4
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income - bank interest	2,135	2,135
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment income - bank interest	2,064	2,064
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fundraising expenses	761	761
	<u>761</u>	<u>761</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	2,188	2,188
	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,188</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	209,818	565,572	775,390
	<u>209,818</u>	<u>565,572</u>	<u>775,390</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	300,514	720,270	1,020,784
	<u>300,514</u>	<u>720,270</u>	<u>1,020,784</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	683,307	92,083	775,390

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	888,583	132,201	1,020,784

Analysis of direct costs

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Salaries and wages	597,398	597,398
Staff costs	457	457
Hire of premises	12,283	12,283
Design and print	25,643	25,643
Motor and travel	1,529	1,529
Other direct costs	45,997	45,997
	<u>683,307</u>	<u>683,307</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	<i>Activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Salaries and wages	754,716	754,716
Staff costs	8,572	8,572
Consultancy	3,990	3,990
Hire of premises	20,817	20,817
Design and print	64,657	64,657
Motor and travel	35,831	35,831
	<u>888,583</u>	<u>888,583</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Rent and rates	23,318	23,318
Heating and lighting	4,637	4,637
Postage, printing and stationery	1,019	1,019
Telephone and communications	2,176	2,176
Publicity and marketing	10,976	10,976
IT support costs	6,600	6,600
Website design and hosting	5,329	5,329
Exchange differences	620	620
Repairs and renewals	450	450
Bank charges and interest	759	759
Professional HR Costs	9,275	9,275
Computer costs	1,799	1,799
Subscriptions	661	661
Office costs	16,642	16,642
Governance costs	7,822	7,822
	<u>92,083</u>	<u>92,083</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	<i>Activities 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Rent and rates	23,019	23,019
Heating and lighting	5,833	5,833
Postage, printing and stationery	2,636	2,636
Telephone and communications	2,553	2,553
Publicity and marketing	35,537	35,537
IT support costs	4,931	4,931
Website design and hosting	12,433	12,433
Exchange differences	507	507
Repairs and renewals	1,977	1,977
Bank charges and interest	986	986
Professional HR Costs	5,678	5,678
Computer costs	11,955	11,955
Subscriptions	691	691
Office costs	12,943	12,943
Governance costs	10,522	10,522
	<u>132,201</u>	<u>132,201</u>

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,710</u>

11. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	512,365	634,254
Social security costs	35,477	59,887
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	49,556	60,575
	<u>597,398</u>	<u>754,716</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	<i>2024 No.</i>
Charity operations and administration	13	<i>17</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2024 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2024 - £NIL*).

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	17,078	37,517	54,595
Disposals	-	(11,449)	(11,449)
At 31 March 2025	17,078	26,068	43,146
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	15,606	34,178	49,784
Charge for the year	1,027	1,968	2,995
On disposals	-	(11,449)	(11,449)
At 31 March 2025	16,633	24,697	41,330
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	445	1,371	1,816
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<i>1,472</i>	<i>3,339</i>	<i>4,811</i>

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	1
At 31 March 2025	1
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	1
At 31 March 2024	1

15. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	112,915	75,102
Other debtors	1,141	1,695
Prepayments and accrued income	1,890	95,317
	115,946	172,114

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank overdrafts	-	2,624
Trade creditors	11,620	9,923
Other taxation and social security	21,056	23,653
Pension contributions payable	-	5,859
Accruals and deferred income	85,297	119,353
	117,973	161,412

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17. Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	88,947	110,497

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises balances held by the bank.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	126,010	276,148	(210,579)	(107,192)	42	84,429
Restricted funds						
MPA International Film	-	-	(6,450)	6,450	-	-
Facebook deSHAME	-	3,426	(4,569)	1,143	-	-
Nominent Enhance	-	11,783	(1,959)	(9,824)	-	-
Tech Co	-	10,372	(6,065)	-	-	4,307
Nominet UKSIC 9	-	437,106	(546,529)	109,423	-	-
	-	462,687	(565,572)	107,192	-	4,307
Total of funds	126,010	738,835	(776,151)	-	42	88,736

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	252,520	401,735	(302,702)	(225,543)	126,010
Restricted funds					
DCMS Media Literacy Programme Fund	5,434	2,100	(7,534)	-	-
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	422,168	(613,722)	191,554	-
Youth Advisory Board	-	33,011	(58,548)	25,537	-
Nominet enhancements	-	11,440	(19,892)	8,452	-
International film	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
deSHAME extension	-	8,074	(8,074)	-	-
	5,434	489,293	(720,270)	225,543	-
Total of funds	257,954	891,028	(1,022,972)	-	126,010

19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
General funds	126,010	276,148	(210,579)	(107,192)	42	84,429
Restricted funds	-	462,687	(565,572)	107,192	-	4,307
	126,010	738,835	(776,151)	-	42	88,736

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19. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
General funds	252,520	401,735	(302,702)	(225,543)	126,010
Restricted funds	5,434	489,293	(720,270)	225,543	-
	<u>257,954</u>	<u>891,028</u>	<u>(1,022,972)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,010</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,816	-	1,816
Fixed asset investments	1	-	1
Current assets	200,585	4,307	204,892
Creditors due within one year	(117,973)	-	(117,973)
Total	<u>84,429</u>	<u>4,307</u>	<u>88,736</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	4,811	4,811
Fixed asset investments	1	1
Current assets	282,610	282,610
Creditors due within one year	(161,412)	(161,412)
Total	<u>126,010</u>	<u>126,010</u>

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21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(37,316)	(131,944)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,995	4,072
Decrease in debtors	56,168	38,553
Decrease in creditors	(43,439)	(106,461)
Net cash used in operating activities	(21,592)	(195,780)

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	88,946	110,496
Total cash and cash equivalents	88,946	110,496

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	110,496	(21,550)	88,946
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	(2,624)	2,624	-
Debt due within 1 year	(5,859)	5,859	-
	102,013	(13,067)	88,946

24. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £49,556 (2024 - £60,575).

£nil (2024 - £nil) was payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and is included in creditors.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

Mrs Tink Palmer, Chair (resigned 21 November 2023)
Mr Karl Hopwood, Chair
Mr Rob Wright
Mr Julian Coles
Miss Victoria Hordern
Mr Kevin Franklin
Katie Rigg (appointed 25 March 2024)
Deborah Hurley (appointed 20 November 2023)

Company registered number

03958416

Charity registered number

1080173

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Chief executive officer

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Childnet for the 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

• Policies and objectives

The principal activity of the charity is the promotion of children's interests in international communications by means of education, training, and research.

In all the work undertaken by Childnet it is Childnet's aim to maintain its independence, leadership, and reputation.

The charity continues to express its core purpose as "helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children".

- (i) Access - Helping children and young people to use the net constructively, access positive online resources and help them create quality content.
- (ii) Awareness - Helping children and young people acquire new "net literacy" skills, giving advice to organisations, parents, teachers, and carers about internet safety.
- (iii) Protection - Helping to protect children and young people and prevent them from being exploited in the online environment provided by new technologies.
- (iv) Policy - Helping all sectors develop effective policy responses in line with the rapidly changing communications technology.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

• Grant-making policies

Very rarely one-off small grants may be made from unrestricted or restricted income in strict pursuance of the charity's objectives although none were made during the 2024-24 year.

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Achievements and performance

● **Review of activities**

The following gives a quarterly breakdown of the activities carried out by Childnet during April 2023 – 31st March 2024.

Certain key activities take place throughout the year. For example, Childnet's education and outreach work. This work, carried out by Childnet's education team visits and presents in person in primary and secondary schools across the country, and also in some nurseries and Sixth Form Colleges, running sessions for children, staff and parents and carers, to empower children and those that support them to be able to use technology safely and responsibly. The demand for this work continued throughout the year. The team also assisted in the development of key resources and activities, and keeping all the materials up to date, including the Childnet and UK Safer Internet Centre websites. We collate the questions we receive during the sessions with children, parents and carers and staff, and try to respond to the recurring themes in blogs posted on our website.

Childnet continued to be active members of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). The CEO, Will Gardner, has been part of the Executive Board since April 2013. Although the Executive Board did not meet during this period, Childnet were active members of those working groups that continue to meet, including the UKCIS Evidence Group, and host the findings of this group, i.e., a summary of the latest research in the area of children's online activity and safety issues on our UK Safer Internet Centre website. Amy Lockwood was part of the Education group. Kate Travers was part of the Digital Resilience working group. Phoebe Roberts was part of the Vulnerable Users Working Group, and Will Gardner founded and chairs the Early Warning Working Group, made up of helplines, hotlines, and law enforcement. Will Gardner is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance Advisory Group and is on the Expert Advisory Board for Internet Matters, a parents' portal established by the four major ISPs. Childnet also continued to be members of Meta's Safety Advisory Council.

Childnet have done a range of media work, including a range of TV, radio, newspaper, and online media interviews. In this work they have been able to help spread awareness messages. It is mentioned later, but on Safer Internet Day 2024 (6th February), which Childnet organised for the UK, Safer Internet Day featured across various media channels, producing over 2,000 pieces of media coverage with over 600 million Opportunities to see Safer Internet Day in the national and local broadcast and other media. Childnet have also been interviewed by and met with several researchers in this area.

Childnet staff have presented at and chaired panels at a number of national conferences and events.

Childnet, with partner organisations the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), continued in their role as the UK Safer Internet Centre, a role part funded by Nominet. In this role, Childnet form the Awareness Centre, and joins a network of European Safer Internet Centres called INSAFE, with whom we share ideas and best practice. We develop safety resources for the UK, organise youth participation and youth voice, and organise Safer Internet Day in the UK.

April to September 2023:

We recruited 12 young people aged 13-18 from across the UK to form our Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Throughout the year we held monthly online meetings with this group of young people to inform our work, co-create resources and provided opportunities for their voice to be heard by key stakeholders in this area from industry, government and more. We held a residential over three days in London in early October, bringing all the young people together and their chaperones.

We created and launched two 'social story' resources for educators working with children aged 7-11 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/connect-with-respect-send/> They have also delivered two piloting sessions with schools who were originally involved in the development phase of the resource.

We also launched some quick activities for teachers working with primary aged pupils on how to limit harm of upsetting content online, which can be found here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/limiting-harm-from->

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upsetting-content/

We developed a new approach for a resource for parents and carers. 2 short films of primary age children talking about two specific online safety topics, screen time and parental controls. You can see these here, <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/parental-controls> and here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/screen-time>

We also developed and launched a resource for upper primary and early secondary pupils (and adaptable for other audiences) where they 'spot the risk' on a social media profile page titled 'ReelLife' is now live and being piloted as part of soft launch with some schools:
<https://apps.childnet.com/reellife/> <https://www.childnet.com/resources/reellife/>

Phoebe Roberts presented at the Insafe training meeting in Vienna on our work with SEND and LGBTQIA+ CYP to Safer Internet Centres across the EU.

We started a new project with funding from the Welsh Government to develop content for children and young people directly, which is hosted on the Welsh government site called Hwb. We ran 5 focus groups in Wales with children to determine the issues that Welsh young people wanted support with, and the resulting content was provided in both English and Welsh. 10 topics were covered.

Working with Community Fibre, we developed a pilot programme to provide online safety education and awareness to a number of primary schools in the Greater London area.

Working with TES (previously Times Educational Supplement) we re-developed an online safeguarding course for professionals working with children. We also started some consultancy work with the University of East London on the issue on online safety for children in the Metaverse.

We ran the Childnet Film Competition 2023, with the theme following the pattern of the last Safer Internet Day, 'Time to talk! How can people support each other online?' There was a primary and secondary category as well as a Storyboard category (to enable those without access to the equipment to film to participate). We also ran the International Film Competition for the second year running using the same theme.

We had a good number of entries, with over 250 children taking part and the standard was incredibly high. The judges were David Austin, CEO of the BBFC, Hannah Salt from the BBC, Mark Reid from the BFI, and Lisa Prime from BAFTA, Stan McCoy from the MPA (Motion Picture Association), and James Filippatos from Disney. A young person, a former Childnet's Digital Champions, also joined the judging panel.

We returned to having a finalists' ceremony in person, for the first time post pandemic, which we held at the British Film Institute (BFI). You can see the winning films here.

The Childnet Film Competition International category closed on 21st June 2023 and the winning film entry from a school in Mexico announced online on 19th July. The International Film Competition was supported by E-Safety commissioner Australia, with two representatives from their Youth Advisory Council involved in the voting process.

Childnet collaborated with the MPA on their Film School Friday event, which took place on 13th July at Disney UK HQ. A past Childnet Film Comp winner and two of 2023 finalists joined the panel, which was chaired by Childnet CEO, Will Gardner.

The academic year Sept 22-Sept 23 saw a progression in the number of school visits and children, parents and carers and school staff reached by our education outreach work, getting back towards the levels pre-Covid and lockdowns, reaching 26,000, mostly children and young people, but also school staff and parents and carers. Will Gardner and other Childnet staff also spoke at several national conferences in April, May, June, and July - all these events were online during this period.

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Will Gardner joined monthly calls of a Youth Advisory Group, hosted by Meta, bringing together around 20 global experts. Amy, Childnet's Education Manager, represented Childnet at a large multi-stakeholder discussion convened by Roblox.

The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a peer education programme. Schools subscribe and recruit 8-10 pupils as Digital Leaders. These pupils complete online training modules and they then work to earn badges by completing tasks, such as running an education awareness session for their peers, or for parents or staff. This programme continued to run throughout the year.

Two new Education officers joined the Childnet team, Georgia Bell and Rosie Bromley. Naoimh O'Connor, Education Officer, and Ben House, Communications Officer, left Childnet in June and August respectively.

Tink Palmer stepped down as chair of our Board of Trustees, after serving brilliantly in this position since 2009. Karl Hopwood, already a trustee, was voted in by the trustees and stepped up into this role.

October to December 2023:

We held the residential meeting for the Youth Advisory Board, in London from Friday 6th October to Sunday 8th. We had in depth discussions with the young people over this time covering a range of aspects, and started the process of finding a core theme on which they would look to help co-create a resource on. We also had a session on the Metaverse working in collaboration with the University of East London and supported conducting a focus group on this topic with the YAB members.

In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2024 we developed the theme in discussion with young people, determining the focus needed to be on 'change', with the strapline 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. We worked to put youth voice, and young people, at the heart of Safer Internet Day with the aim of giving them the space and platform to talk about the things they are seeing and experiencing online. The focus on change meant for conversations to cover the rapid changes in technology, for example generative AI and its impact, both positive or negative, and how to stay safe in new online environments. It also covered the change that content you see online can have on you, whether being inspired or negatively affected by what you see. And we also focussed on what difference you can make to a safe online environment, how you can look after yourself and others. We also worked to give parents and carers, educators and the wider sector the tools to facilitate these conversations.

We held stakeholder meetings, bringing representatives from many organisations together to be briefed on the forthcoming Safer internet Day and support their early planning. These were online events, and we had large turnouts. We held a central event, and subsequent ones for Wales and Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Education packs were launched in November, having also been translated into Welsh, and their resources catering for those working with 3-7 year olds, 7-11s, 11-14s and 14-18s. The Welsh Government supported the translation of these resources into Welsh. The Northern Ireland Safeguarding Board supported the translation of these resources into Irish.

Will Gardner chaired a roundtable focussed on the issue of online sextortion. The roundtable was brought together as part of our work as the UK Safer Internet Centre, as it was an issue that all three partners were concerned about. We held one roundtable in October and a second in December, with representatives from the tech industry, law enforcement from the UK and the US, NGOs from the UK and international, teaching unions and government departments.

The Online Safety Act was passed in this period. The period of consultation by Ofcom began and continued through the remainder of this financial year and beyond.

We appointed a new trustee, Deborah Hurley.

The education and outreach work of Childnet was busy in schools over this period, and we also delivered to

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other groups, including session for 150 trainee teachers at Birmingham University and a bespoke session for a hospital school, working with children and young people with severe mental and emotional health. Throughout the year we also continued to run workshops with the Council of International Schools on online consent and online sexual harassment.

The team also updated some key resources over this period and ran a number of free webinars for educators.

Childnet participated and spoke at several events over this period. We attended a roundtable hosted by CommonsenseMedia and the NSPCC looking at the future of generative AI and what steps should be taken to address concerns and safety risks.

Will Gardner spoke at several national conferences in October, November and December. Phoebe Roberts ran a workshop at the Marie Colline Foundation conference on online sexual harassment. She also spoke at the EduSafe conference in Wakefield.

January to March 2024:

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on 6th February. Activities took place right across the UK, with schools and a wide range of organisations getting involved from every sector. We have over 2000 organisations register as supporters of the Day, and we worked with the BBC on content, including supporting live lesson that went out on the day and had an audience of hundreds of thousands.

On the day itself, we launched some research looking at the theme of change online, including data on the use of generative AI by children and their parents and carers and whether they see positive and/or negative use of this technology. We did numerous radio interviews, both local and national, discussing the results of this survey as well as the wider initiative of Safer Internet Day.

We held an event at the BT Tower, attended by policy makers from all sectors, and had keynote speeches from young people, as well as a DSIT Government Minister, and we had young people from primary and secondary schools running workshops for the adults attending. The event was also livestreamed. We also supported the APPG on social media meeting in Parliament where some of our Youth Advisory Board and some young people from primary school spoke.

The education resources received almost 100,000 downloads, the films we created to help support the Day were viewed 1.6 million times and Safer Internet Day was trending on social media throughout the Day. The quizzes we put online were co-created with young people and had over 25,000 uses.

In the build up to the Day, we ran a webinar for teachers to go through the teaching resources for Safer Internet Day.

We called out to schools to share in video clips what they are doing to celebrate Safer Internet Day, and with BTs help we edited that and played it during our live event.

We have had some great feedback from people about the Day. You can see here the supportive quotes we received from a wide range of people.

We carried out an evaluation of the reach and impact of Safer Internet Day 2024, commissioning Yonder to do a nationally representative survey, and we reached 52% of 8-17s and 32% of parents and carers, which some great impact data of that reach too. A short report on this can be found [here](#).

The Yonder survey found that those that heard SID messages:

For 8-17s:

- 77% feel more confident about what to do if something is worrying them online
- 76% had learnt something new about online safety as a result of Safer Internet Day 2024.
- 46% spoke to a parent or carer about how to stay safe

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- 31% spoke to a parent or carer about something that had been worrying them online.

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Parents and carers:

- 64% of parents and carers felt better prepared to keep their child safe online
- 72% talked to their child about using the internet safely.
- 66% felt more confident about what to do if their child came to them with a problem they had online
- 28% said their child spoke to them about something that had been worrying them online
- 72% felt they had a better understanding of online harms

In addition to support from Nominet for Safer Internet Day 2023, we secured support from Supercell, Tesco Mobile, Apple, Snap, Amazon, Discord, Microsoft, Roblox, Securus Software, and Vodafone.

We held the second meeting of the UK Safer Internet Centre Advisory Board, chaired by Will Gardner. This was in person although some joined online. 31 stakeholders attended including from Ofcom, Government, children's charities, teaching unions and the tech industry. We covered three key areas of concern, including the impact on parental controls by developments in technical standards, online sextortion and nudification and generative AI.

A new trustee joined the Board, Katie Rigg.

Will Gardner spoke at several conferences and meetings over this period. We delivered a webinar to Welsh educators on behalf of the Welsh government on tackling online sexual harassment.

We delivered a webinar on Early Years and online safety in March.

Will Gardner chaired meetings of the Early Warning Working Group of the UKCIS Executive Board every 6 weeks throughout this period.

The Youth Advisory Board came to end of their one-year position at the end of March, and we prepared the process of recruiting 10 young people to join the next year's Youth Advisory Board. This work is part of the UKSIC project, so has support from Nominet and was matched this year with support from Twitch.

As the current YAB term comes to an end, we have carried out an evaluation from the YAB members. 10 have completed the evaluation. Some very positive feedback.

- Impact - 90% said participating in YAB improved my ability to discuss online safety with adults & improved my ability to discuss online safety with young people, 80% said it helped me develop new skills & gave me a platform to raise awareness of online safety issues
- Skills – 100% agreed time on YAB had developed their teamwork and collaboration, 70% - Confidence, perseverance and overcoming difficulties, understanding and empathising with the perspectives of others, stepping out of my comfort zone to try new things.
- One quote from a YAB member said - "Joining the Childnet YAB has been such an eye-opening experience, I found myself discussing topics we talked in calls with my friends and my parents. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunities given, which changed my way of thinking and left a highly positive impact in my life and allowed me to make great friends I talked to frequently outside of our calls and residential! As a young person I never thought I'd feel as if I'd made a mark, but the Board allowed me to do exactly that!"

We launched a resource, Reliability Online Interactive Resource, co-produced with the Youth Advisory Board, and piloted in a school as part of our Nominet work. Includes video footage of YAB member sharing key advice.

In a challenging economic environment, Childnet has been grateful to receive funding not aforementioned from Disney, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Trend Micro, techUK, The Motion Picture Association of America (MPA), Meta, Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, Mainhouse Charitable Trust, Millby Foundation, Sir James Roll Foundation, Fivium, IPDD staff, and the very many individual donations, together supporting a range of work,

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including the development of educational resources and Childnet's role in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

● **Factors relevant to achieve objectives**

Childnet has consistently built its reach and impact of its work and there are several factors involved in this. The staff at Childnet are experts in their areas and absolutely recognise the importance of the work they are doing - as such they are dedicated to the objectives of the organisation. The Board of Trustees provide great oversight of the organisation, and their expertise and experience provide an invaluable resource and support.

Childnet builds strong and effective partnerships and sees working in collaboration key to successful implementation of its mission. Building a great coalition of support for Safer Internet Day, with key supporters like the BBC and Liverpool Football Club, has been successful in getting great reach and impact. The Childnet Digital Leaders programme has supported Childnet's mission of empowering children and young people, and really giving them agency and voice in their communities.

Financial review

● **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the principal funding section below.

● **Reserves policy**

For the year ending 31 March 2024, the Directors and Trustees had previously set a reserves policy objective of having a level of reserves sufficient to cover 3 months operational costs at any one time. This is estimated currently to be around the region of £200,000. This was reviewed during the year. It was decided that this level should remain in place, although it remains an aspiration to increase it in the future as funding allows.

● **Material investments policy**

Childnet does not currently have sufficient funds to justify a long-term investment policy. However, professional advice is sought on short-term commitment of funds to high interest-bearing accounts for appropriate periods which bring the best return for the charity while maintaining liquidity.

Childnet also uses the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in making and implementing pension scheme decisions for its staff.

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● **Principal funding**

During the year the total incoming resources of the charity amounted to £891,028 (2023: £1,070,298) and total resources expended were £1,022,972 (2023: £1,029,413). This resulted in a deficit of £131,944 for the year (2023: surplus £40,885). The reserves therefore stood at £126,010 at the year end (2023: £257,094), of which £Nil was restricted and £126,010 was unrestricted (2023: £5,434 and £252,520 respectively).

Going forward the Directors/Trustees have acknowledged with the auditors that there is a significant challenge in being able to continue to fundraise, especially for unrestricted income, for Childnet's work as a non-crisis intervention charity. At the date of this report, so long as the assumptions used in preparing forecasts remain valid, there is sufficient funding for the current operations to be maintained for the foreseeable future. The Directors/Trustees and staff are actively reviewing all areas of the charity's activities and future operations, options for reducing costs and securing grants and donations to continue the operations within the funds available.

Structure, governance and management

● **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000. On the 1st April 2000 the net assets and activities of the charitable trust Childnet International, which had been founded in 1995, were transferred to Childnet, having the same objects and trustees at that time.

The above-mentioned documents outline the objectives of the charity including:

- (i) To advance the education of the public in any part of the world in all aspects of computer communications and Internet technology including the most effective software for the education and training of children;
- (ii) To advance the education and training of children in any part of the world in and by the use of computer communications and Internet technology;
- (iii) To protect the moral welfare of children in any part of the world by the promotion of measures directed to prevent their exposure to racist, pornographic, obscene or other harmful electronic computer and televisual material.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

● **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

Childnet had 6 trustees on the 1st of April 2023. Tink Palmer resigned as Chair and as a trustee following the AGM. Deborah Hurley joined on 20 November 2023 and Katie Rigg on 25 March 2024, meaning Childnet had 7 trustees at the year-end 31 March 2024.

Trustees are selected against a clear job description and criteria which have been updated by the CEO and Trustees over the last few years.

Trustees are recruited following periodic Trustee audits in which areas of expertise are reviewed and new candidates identified.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

• **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Childnet is made up of the people listed on the page 1 who have a range of relevant experience in child protection, education, marketing, and the computing, business training and telecommunications industries.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Executive who is involved in all issues of strategic direction, management of staff and resources, policy along with the Deputy Chief Executive and, with support from the Childnet Business Manager, the financial management of the organisation.

Childnet is run on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of Trustees regularly. Trustees meet with the CEO, the Deputy CEO and Business Manager (who is also the Company Secretary) formally 4 or 5 times a year. However, communication takes place between the chair and CEO on a regular basis. Reports are submitted from the CEO and Business Manager to each Trustee meeting outlining progress against targets and actions agreed. Full minutes of these meetings are taken and signed as an accurate record of each meeting at the beginning of the next meeting. Additionally, interim finance meetings are held as and when required.

The CEO and Business Manager have authority to carry out the duties of the organisation, as agreed in the business plan and budget at the start of each financial year (1st April – 31st March). This includes the employing of staff, expenditure to carry out agreed project work as well as communication within and outside of the organisation. Spending limits are set and all payments over £3,000 are authorised by the Chair of Trustees.

The Chair of Trustees meets with the CEO and Business Manager prior to each Trustees' meeting to review progress since the last meeting, including reviewing action points and matters arising, to set the agenda and to provide a report to the full Board of Trustees.

The treasurer usually liaises with the Business Manager and sometimes the CEO, virtually if not in person, before each Trustees' meeting to review progress on expenditure and income. His update, in writing or verbal, is submitted to the trustees as a further check and balance

• **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Each Trustee is given a full induction which includes:

- (i) Going through the job description (there are separate detailed job descriptions for Chair and Honorary Treasurer).
- (ii) Advice from the Charity Commission on their duties.
- (iii) Full set of Company papers including policies on equal opportunities, child protection, staff computer use, ethos and values and staff contracts.
- (iv) the offer of training on their role and duties as well as provided with support in their work from the staff, including updates on legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector.
- (v) Trustees now have to complete full DBS clearance as part of their appointment.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Related party relationships**

Childnet seeks to co-operate with many agencies around the world who share the objective of promoting safe and fun internet use for children. This is an area that has continued to grow throughout the past year but none of these activities justify the reporting of a related party relationship or transaction.

Over this period Childnet did not operate any independent bodies or companies or trading subsidiaries. As an organisation Childnet has a few formal and informal partnerships with other charities, funders, and organisations. All formal partnerships and major contractual relationships are reviewed and approved by Trustees before signature.

As a member of the consortium that makes up the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with both the SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning Trust) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) in respect of these projects now part funded by Nominet (in previous years part funded by the EC (European Commission)).

Childnet is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and the Sex Education Forum (SEF).

● **Financial risk management**

The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the management of risk and building on the previous full risk audits that the Trustees completed, they have continued to work with senior staff in identifying and managing risks which Childnet might face as well as the responses to these risks. Elements of this are reviewed annually.

To manage elements of potential risk, Childnet maintained contact with our solicitor for expert legal advice as needed and ensured that we continued to keep abreast of potential risks and to include periodic monitoring and assessment of these risks in reports to Trustees. In addition, the Childnet staff have worked to strengthen a number of policies and processes to do with financial management and risk analysis including:

- (i) The process set in motion in 2021 to recruit a new Honorary Treasurer to review accounts, financial reporting, and business management, resulted in Kevin Franklin being appointed in March 2022.
- (ii) Further updating and maintenance of staff contracts.
- (iii) Ensuring that all new Childnet staff and trustees were checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), with enhanced clearance where appropriate.
- (iv) Updating annually the Childnet Child Protection Policy in light of Childnet's own advice to others about moderation and online child protection.
- (v) Retaining the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in respect of pension and life assurance arrangements.
- (vi) Ensuring that all contracts signed by Childnet with sponsors or partners are reviewed by the Business Manager to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place for Childnet.

In addition, all The Directors and Trustees intend to revisit the risk assessment issues on a regular basis at Board meetings and continue to implement strategies to minimise the risks and ensure best practice.

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Plans for future periods

Childnet is committed to the highest quality of operations (internal procedures, governance, staff training and development etc.). During the next 12 months the organization is continuing to keep in place and develop procedures which include:

- (i) Continuing to review the make-up of the Trustee body and recruit additional trustees
- (ii) Continuing to strengthen our internal monitoring and evaluation processes
- (iii) Ensuring that the organisation continues to have strong reference and participation from children and young people
- (iv) Strengthening the fundraising and promotion of the organisation with the appointment or appropriate outsourcing of fundraising personnel
- (v) Continuing to regularly review the strategic direction of the organisation
- (vi) Developing staff through regular training and supervision and ensure that all internal policies are constantly updated
- (vii) Formally review Childnet's international strategy.

Members' liability

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 20 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Karl Hopwood

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childnet (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 2024 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how Childnet is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
3 Newhouse Business Centre
Old Crawley Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 4RU

20 December 2024

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	489,293	205,492	694,785	795,747
Charitable activities	4	-	194,175	194,175	273,894
Other trading activities	5	-	4	4	4
Investments	6	-	2,064	2,064	653
Total income		489,293	401,735	891,028	1,070,298
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	2,188	2,188	350
Charitable activities	8	720,270	300,514	1,020,784	1,029,063
Total expenditure		720,270	302,702	1,022,972	1,029,413
Net (expenditure)/income		(230,977)	99,033	(131,944)	40,885
Transfers between funds	18	225,543	(225,543)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,434)	(126,510)	(131,944)	40,885
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		5,434	252,520	257,954	217,069
Net movement in funds		(5,434)	(126,510)	(131,944)	40,885
Total funds carried forward		-	126,010	126,010	257,954

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	4,811	5,164
Investments	14	1	1
		<u>4,812</u>	<u>5,165</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	15	172,114	210,667
Cash at bank and in hand		110,496	309,995
		<u>282,610</u>	<u>520,662</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(161,412)	(267,873)
Net current assets		<u>121,198</u>	<u>252,789</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>126,010</u></u>	<u><u>257,954</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	18	-	5,434
Unrestricted funds	18	126,010	252,520
Total funds		<u><u>126,010</u></u>	<u><u>257,954</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Kevin Franklin

The notes on pages 21 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(195,780)	(53,079)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(3,719)	(3,076)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,719)	(3,076)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(199,499)	(56,155)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	309,995	366,150
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	110,496	309,995

The notes on pages 21 to 37 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Childnet meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £150 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	-	67,330	67,330
Grants	489,293	138,162	627,455
	<u>489,293</u>	<u>205,492</u>	<u>694,785</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	112,500	32,441	144,941
Grants	558,679	92,127	650,806
	<u>671,179</u>	<u>124,568</u>	<u>795,747</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Consultancy income	113,276	113,276
Programme and other income	74,663	74,663
Consultancy expenses recovered	6,236	6,236
	<u>194,175</u>	<u>194,175</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Consultancy income	157,068	157,068
Programme and other income	84,594	84,594
Consultancy expenses recovered	32,232	32,232
	<u>273,894</u>	<u>273,894</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Net income - Everyclick	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Net income - Everyclick	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income - bank interest	2,064	2,064
	<u>2,064</u>	<u>2,064</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Investment income - bank interest	653	653
	<u>653</u>	<u>653</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fundraising expense	2,188	2,188

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	350	350

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	720,270	300,514	1,020,784
	<i>Restricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	695,844	333,219	1,029,063

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	888,583	132,201	1,020,784
	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	888,070	140,993	1,029,063

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Salaries and wages	754,716	754,716
Staff costs	8,572	8,572
Consultancy	3,990	3,990
Hire of premises	20,817	20,817
Design and print	64,657	64,657
Motor and travel	35,831	35,831
	<u>888,583</u>	<u>888,583</u>
	<i>Charitable activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Salaries and wages	695,651	695,651
Staff costs	18,517	18,517
Consultancy	19,128	19,128
Hire of premises	22,305	22,305
Design and print	105,759	105,759
Motor and travel	26,710	26,710
	<u>888,070</u>	<u>888,070</u>

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Support activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rent and rates	23,019	23,019
Heating and lighting	5,833	5,833
Postage, printing and stationery	2,636	2,636
Telephone and communications	2,553	2,553
Publicity and marketing	35,537	35,537
IT support costs	4,931	4,931
Website design and hosting	12,433	12,433
Exchange differences	507	507
Repairs and renewals	1,977	1,977
Bank charges and interest	986	986
Professional HR costs	5,678	5,678
Computer costs	11,955	11,955
Subscriptions	691	691
Office costs	12,943	12,943
Governance costs	10,522	10,522
	132,201	132,201

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	<i>Support activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Rent and rates	20,954	20,954
Heating and lighting	2,675	2,675
Postage, printing and stationery	2,208	2,208
Telephone and communications	2,258	2,258
Publicity and marketing	34,098	34,098
Website design and hosting	27,565	27,565
Repairs and renewals	8,830	8,830
Bank charges and interest	785	785
Professional HR costs	5,583	5,583
Leasing charges	980	980
Computer costs	9,587	9,587
Office costs	13,285	13,285
Governance costs	12,185	12,185
	<u>140,993</u>	<u>140,993</u>

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	5,710	5,400
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>

11. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	634,254	584,061
Social security costs	59,887	56,072
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	60,575	55,518
	<u>754,716</u>	<u>695,651</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	<i>2023 No.</i>
Charity operations and administration	17	<i>17</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses totalling £674 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2023 - £375 to 1 Trustee). The expenses were travel and subsistence costs incurred in attending trustee meetings.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023	16,188	34,688	50,876
Additions	890	2,829	3,719
At 31 March 2024	17,078	37,517	54,595
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	14,579	31,133	45,712
Charge for the year	1,027	3,045	4,072
At 31 March 2024	15,606	34,178	49,784
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	1,472	3,339	4,811
At 31 March 2023	<i>1,609</i>	<i>3,555</i>	<i>5,164</i>

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14. Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	1
At 31 March 2024	1
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	1
At 31 March 2023	1

15. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	75,102	139,857
Other debtors	1,695	1,671
Prepayments and accrued income	95,317	69,139
	172,114	210,667

16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank overdrafts	2,624	-
Trade creditors	9,923	40,106
Other taxation and social security	23,653	19,733
Pension contributions payable	5,859	-
Accruals and deferred income	119,353	208,034
	161,412	267,873

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17. Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>110,497</u>	<u>309,996</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises balances held by the bank.

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	252,520	401,735	(302,702)	(225,543)	126,010
Restricted funds					
DCMS Media Literacy Programme fund	5,434	2,100	(7,534)	-	-
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	422,168	(613,722)	191,554	-
Youth Advisory Board	-	33,011	(58,548)	25,537	-
Nominet enhancements	-	11,440	(19,892)	8,452	-
International film	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	-
deSHAME extension	-	8,074	(8,074)	-	-
	5,434	489,293	(720,270)	225,543	-
Total of funds	257,954	891,028	(1,022,972)	-	126,010

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	217,069	399,119	(278,673)	(84,995)	252,520
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	-	16,000	(16,047)	47	-
DCMS Media Literacy Programme fund	-	47,900	(42,466)	-	5,434
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	459,961	(534,418)	74,457	-
Youth Advisory Board	-	30,924	(40,907)	9,983	-
Google Thrive	-	38,500	(38,500)	-	-
Nominet DL plus	-	54,000	(54,000)	-	-
Nominet SIC transition	-	624	(624)	-	-
Nominet SID 2022	-	17,000	(17,489)	489	-
International film	-	6,200	(6,200)	-	-
deSHAME extension	-	70	(89)	19	-
	-	671,179	(750,740)	84,995	5,434
Total of funds	217,069	1,070,298	(1,029,413)	-	257,954

19. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	252,520	401,735	(302,702)	(225,543)	126,010
Restricted funds	5,434	489,293	(720,270)	225,543	-
	257,954	891,028	(1,022,972)	-	126,010

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19. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	217,069	399,119	(278,673)	(84,995)	252,520
Restricted funds	-	671,179	(750,740)	84,995	5,434
	<u>217,069</u>	<u>1,070,298</u>	<u>(1,029,413)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,954</u>

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,811	4,811
Fixed asset investments	1	1
Current assets	282,610	282,610
Creditors due within one year	(161,412)	(161,412)
Total	<u>126,010</u>	<u>126,010</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Restricted funds 2023</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023</i>	<i>Total funds 2023</i>
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,164	5,164
Fixed asset investments	-	1	1
Current assets	5,434	515,228	520,662
Creditors due within one year	-	(267,873)	(267,873)
Total	<u>5,434</u>	<u>252,520</u>	<u>257,954</u>

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21. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(131,944)	40,885
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,072	4,162
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	38,553	(8,574)
Decrease in creditors	(106,461)	(89,552)
Net cash used in operating activities	(195,780)	(53,079)

22. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	110,496	309,995
Total cash and cash equivalents	110,496	309,995

23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	309,995	(199,499)	110,496
Bank overdrafts repayable on demand	-	(2,624)	(2,624)
Pension contributions due within 1 year	-	(5,859)	(5,859)
	309,995	(207,982)	102,013

24. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £60,575 (2023 - £55,518).

£5,859 (2023 - £nil) was payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and is included in creditors.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

Mrs Tink Palmer, Chair
Mr Karl Hopwood
Mr Rob Wright
Mr Julian Coles
Miss Victoria Hordern
Mr Kevin Franklin

Company registered number

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Charity registered number

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Childnet for the 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

● **Policies and objectives**

The principal activity of the charity is the promotion of children's interests in international communications by means of education, training, and research.

In all the work undertaken by Childnet it is Childnet's aim to maintain its independence, leadership, and reputation.

The charity continues to express its core purpose as "helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children".

- (i) Access - Helping children and young people to use the net constructively, access positive online resources and help them create quality content.
- (ii) Awareness - Helping children and young people acquire new "net literacy" skills, giving advice to organisations, parents, teachers, and carers about internet safety.
- (iii) Protection - Helping to protect children and young people and prevent them from being exploited in the online environment provided by new technologies.
- (iv) Policy - Helping all sectors develop effective policy responses in line with the rapidly changing communications technology.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

● **Grant-making policies**

Very rarely one-off small grants may be made from unrestricted or restricted income in strict pursuance of the charity's objectives although none were made during the 2022-23 year.

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Achievements and performance

● **Review of activities**

The following gives a quarterly breakdown of the activities carried out by Childnet during April 2022 – 31st March 2023.

Certain key activities take place throughout the year. For example, Childnet's education and outreach work. This work, carried out by Childnet's education team visits and presents in person in primary and secondary schools across the country, and also in some nurseries and Sixth Form Colleges, running sessions for children, staff and parents and carers, to empower children and those that support them to be able to use technology safely and responsibly. The demand for this work continued throughout the year. The team also assisted in the development of key resources and activities, and keeping all the materials up to date, including the Childnet and UK Safer Internet Centre websites. We collate the questions we receive during the sessions with children, parents and carers and staff, and try to respond to the recurring themes in blogs posted on our website.

Childnet continued to be active members of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). The CEO, Will Gardner, has been part of the Executive Board since April 2013. Although the Executive Board did not meet during this period, Childnet were active members of the UKCIS Evidence Group, and host the findings of this group, i.e., a summary of the latest research in the area of children's online activity and safety issues on our UK Safer Internet Centre website. Childnet were also active members of the UKCIS Education group, represented by Tom Pinfield. Childnet's Deputy CEO (Kate Travers) was a member of the Digital Resilience Working Group. Phoebe Roberts was part of the Vulnerable Users Working Group, and Will Gardner founded and chairs the Early Warning Working Group, made up of helplines, hotlines, and law enforcement. Will Gardner is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance Advisory Group and is on the Expert Advisory Board for Internet Matters, a parents' portal established by the four major ISPs. Childnet have done a range of media work, including a range of TV, radio, newspaper, and online media interviews. In this work they have been able to help spread awareness messages. It is mentioned later, but on Safer Internet Day 2023 (7th February), which Childnet organised for the UK, Safer Internet Day featured across various channels including TV, national and local radio and online, including Newsround, the Independent and the Mirror. Childnet have also been interviewed by and met with several researchers in this area.

Childnet also continued to be members of Meta's Safety Advisory Council, and were members of Twitter's "Trust & Safety Council" until it was disbanded in December 2022.

Childnet staff have presented at and chaired panels at a number of national and international conferences.

Childnet, with partner organisations the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), continued in their role as the UK Safer Internet Centre, a role part funded by Nominet. In this role, Childnet form the Awareness Centre, and joins a network of European Safer Internet Centres called INSAFE, with whom we share ideas and best practice. We develop safety resources for the UK, organise youth participation and youth voice, and organise Safer Internet Day in the UK.

April to September 2022:

We recruited 10 young people aged 13-16 from across the UK to form our Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and we held our first YAB residential, bringing all the young people and their chaperones to London for 2 days in early May. Throughout the year we held monthly online meetings with this group of young people to inform our work, co-create resources and provided opportunities for their voice to be heard by key stakeholders in this area from industry, government and more.

We launched new resources for educators working with children with Special Educational Needs, part of Project Thrive, which focuses on the issues of online pornography, healthy relationships and digital wellbeing. All the resources were piloted with 4 SEND schools. This project was a two-year project funded by Google.org's impact challenge on safety. The virtual launch of these resources took place on 18th May and over 70 attendees were given a demonstration of the resources and heard from a teacher and two pupils who had been involved in the pilot. This project also developed accessible modules for the Digital Leaders online platform to enable the

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training for peer-to-peer education by children with SEND.

Ellie Proffitt, Childnet Education Manager, and Amy Lockwood, Childnet Assistant Education Manager, co-presented a webinar at the NSPCC How Safe? Conference on 12th May focussing on gaming online.

We started a new project with funding from the Welsh Government to focus on training educators and Designated Safeguarding Persons (DSPs) on preventing and responding to online sexual harassment. This project ran until the end of March 2023, and developed online training for this audience on tackling online sexual harassment among children and young people, and later this year and early 2023 we went on to deliver 22 online training sessions to education professionals in Wales, one for each local authority as well as developing guidance for parent and carers.

We worked with the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) to develop a guide for parents and carers as well as professionals working with children and young people. This will be for an international audience and will be translated into several languages.

We collaborated with an Italian teacher to make the 5 Digiduck books available in Italian.

We ran the Childnet Film Competition 2022, with the theme following the pattern of the last Safer Internet Day, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. What can we all do to play our part? There was a primary and secondary category as well as a Storyboard category (to enable those without access to the equipment to film to participate) and a Solo category for 16-18s. We also ran the International Film Competition for the second year running using the same theme.

We had a good number of entries, with over 300 children taking part and the standard was incredibly high. The judges were David Austin, CEO of the BBFC, Goz Ugochuckwu from the BBC, Mark Reid from the BFI, and Lisa Prime from BAFTA, Stan McCoy from the MPA (Motion Picture Association), and James Filippatos from Disney. A young person, one of Childnet's Digital Champions, also joined the judging panel.

There was no physical event to announce the winners this year so we created a finalist event film to culminate the competition and reveal the winners (our judges took part in this by recording sections to give feedback on the films). This screened 13th July and you can see the winning primary films [here](#), the secondary films [here](#), and the storyboard category winner [here](#).

For the second year running we launched the international category on 16th March, and this closed on 22nd June, with the [winner](#) (an entry from Thailand) announced on 27th July.

Childnet collaborated on a post Film Competition project to feature in the MPA's 'Film School Friday' our future storytellers. Will Gardner and 2 of this year's secondary finalists featured on the MPA's Film School Fridays (screened 15th June).

With support from Issured, we ran a programme to offer the Digital Leaders programme to schools with a high percentage of pupil premium.

Childnet supported the campaign organised by the Home Office against the move of messaging services popular with children into an End-to-End Encrypted environment. The website is [here](#), [noplacetohide](#)

The academic year Sept 21-Sept 22 saw a progression in the number of school visits and children, parents and carers and school staff reached by our education outreach work, getting back towards the levels pre-Covid and lockdowns. Over this period Childnet developed and released a number of new resources, including a new advice page for 11-18s on 'influencer culture'. We updated our Family agreement as well as a new handout for teachers and professionals signposting to key resources and organisations. This is available on the website and the latter is used specifically to support our staff training sessions in schools/other settings.

Will Gardner and other Childnet staff also spoke at several national conferences in April, May, June, and July -

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all these events were online during this period.

Over this period Will Gardner, CEO, continued as a member of the Advisory Board of the Anti-bullying Alliance as well as the Children's Panel of the ICO, supporting around the Age-Appropriate Design Code which came into force last September. Will Gardner attended the meeting of the Meta Safety Advisory Board in September in California.

The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a peer education programme. Schools subscribe and recruit 8-10 pupils as Digital Leaders. These pupils complete online training modules and they then work to earn badges by completing tasks, such as running an education awareness session for their peers, or for parents or staff. During this period, we launched the new platform that we had been redeveloping for some time and it received great feedback from the Digital Leaders. We gave all the modules and the platform an overhaul and complete refresh to help ensure it continue to be as engaging as it needs to be for children and young people.

We finished the Digital Leaders Plus project, supported by Nominet, in April, which had offered the Digital Leaders programme to targeted schools at a subsidised rate, working to ensure this programme was for all children and young people. This period also saw the end of a Meta-funded project, involving consultation with young people, with the last focussing on social justice issues.

We had some staff changes over this time. Some left the organisation over this period: Siobhan Slater, the Digital Leader's team senior Programme Officer left Childnet in July, Ellie Proffitt, Education Manager left the organisation in August, and Lee Jones, Communication Manager left Childnet in August. And subsequently Amy Lockwood was promoted to Education Manager, Becca Cawthorne was promoted to Communications and Marketing Manager, and we recruited two new Education Officers, Naoimh O'Connor and Alison Elliot.

October to December 2022:

In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2023 we developed the theme, determining the focus needed to be on youth voice, with the strapline 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations online'. We worked to put youth voice, and young people, at the heart of Safer Internet Day with the aim of giving them the space and platform to talk about the things they are seeing and experiencing online, whether positive or negative. We also worked to give parents and carers, educators and the wider sector the tools to facilitate these conversations.

We held stakeholder meetings, bringing representatives from many organisations together to be briefed on the forthcoming Safer internet Day and support their early planning. These were online events and we had large turnouts. We held a central event, and subsequent ones for Wales and Scotland. The Education Resources were launched, having also been translated into Welsh, and there were packs created for primary and secondary, and they included, assembly plan, lesson plan, quick ideas to teachers, as well as a pack for schools to provide to parents and carers. The Welsh Government supported the translation of these resources into Welsh. We also launched an illustrated picture book, Hanni and the Magic Window, translated into Welsh as well, which is included in the Safer Internet Day resources.

The education and outreach work of Childnet was busy in schools over this period, and we also delivered to other groups, including a local Guides group for example. The team also updated some key resources over this period, including our staff led online safety inset presentation resource as well as a resource sheet for parents and carers. We also began the development of a range of other resources.

Childnet participated and spoke at a number of events over this period. And the Digital Champions, a group of young people drawn from our Digital Leaders programme, led a presentation to the INSAFE network's young coordinators meeting on 'fast social media' looking to share young people's perspective on a key area of social media affecting young people.

Danielle Antha, the programme manager for the Digital Leaders Programme was on the advisory board for the Nominet Digital Youth Index for its second-year launch.

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Kate Travers, Deputy CEO, attended the Safer Internet Forum as well as the INSAFE training meeting, both in Brussels, and she ran a discussion around age verification. She also attended the launch of the Nominet Digital youth index in Manchester and spoke at an event at Meta run by SWGfL aimed at professionals working with children.

Will Gardner spoke at several national conferences in October, November and December. He also led a table discussion at the IICSA senior leaders launch in November, looking at how to carry forward the recommendations coming out of the inquiry. Phoebe Roberts, Assistant Education Manager spoke at a conference of headteachers and senior leaders in York, organised by Pixl.

Kerease Howell, Administration and Community Apprentice, part of the Digital Leaders Team, left Childnet in November. Sinead Russell joined the Digital Leaders Team at Childnet as Senior Learning Officer.

January to March 2023:

We started a project funded by the DCMS Media Literacy Programme to ensure the voice of LGBT+ young people is included in online safety, including for Safer Internet Day. We worked on this project with the NGO, Galop, and ran focus group/workshops with LGBT+ young people to inform this work.

We also started a project for the Welsh Government which involved organising focus groups with Welsh young people and developing new online safety information for young people as well as updating existing content, subsequent to what young people said, and this would be content for the Welsh Government's site, Hwb.

In addition to schools' outreach work gathering pace, the team also delivered sessions at the International School in Monaco, developed and shared content for parents and carers at a school in China, and delivered sessions for Merthyr Tydfil Council's safeguarding week. Amy Lockwood delivered a Safer Internet Day themed webinar for the NEU.

In January we released the theme for the Childnet Film Competition 2023, 'Time to talk – how can people support each other online?' and did the official launch in late February. The theme is revisiting the Safer Internet Day theme in the main, (which was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'). Competition packs and the communications plan were developed to support the competition. We had confirmation of their involvement from all of the judging panel, comprising the BBFC, BAFTA kids, the BBC, the MPA, Disney & the BFI. We are working towards hosting an in-person event to be held in early July at the BFI on the Southbank in central London. We have financial support from the Motion Picture Association as well as from Disney for this competition, as well as from the Nominet (as part of our UK Safer Internet Centre work).

Over this period, we completed the 22 online training sessions for Designated Safeguarding Persons and other professionals working with children in Wales, the deliverable for the Welsh Government supported project started last summer.

We developed a number of new educational resources which are available for free on our website, including a resource for educators of primary school aged children with SEND. We ran several focus groups with staff and young people in the preparation of these resources. We also developed a film for parents and carers of young people talking about the issues of screen time and parental controls. And, as another example, we also published some quick activities for teachers working with primary aged pupils on how to limit harm of upsetting content online completed and designed internally.

Safer Internet Day took place on 7th February and was enormous and was successful in its goal of amplifying youth voice. We released a [research report](#), 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. There is a short summary report and a fuller report on this webpage.

This research supported the press release. You can see the release in this [blog](#), and we secured a quote from DCMS Secretary of State Michelle Donelan. We did several local radio interviews, PA and the [Independent](#), and

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Achievements and performance (continued)

our main spokespeople were Will Gardner and two young people, who are Digital Champions, and they did an amazing job.

We had record numbers of supporters that registered this year. Last year we also broke records with 3400 organisations signing up. This time we reached 5000, a huge jump and bodes well for the scale of the Day.

The education resources received over 200,000 downloads, the films we created to help support the Day were viewed almost 1 million times and Safer Internet Day was trending on social media throughout the Day and much of the following day. The quizzes we put online were co-created with young people and were taken over 30,000 times. We will collate numbers for other things, including the quizzes, where young people played a key role in their creation.

We had over 450 people watch our Live event on the Day, broadcast from the BT Tower. We had two young people hosting, Aimee and Dominik, and a youth keynote speaker, Thomas, and two children's panels, one primary and one secondary. One of our Digital Champions went to the DCMS the week before and was filmed interviewing DCMS Minister Paul Scully, which we played at the event.

We held a drop in at Parliament on Safer Internet Day, and Danielle Antha attended with two young people, along with a couple of other UKSIC staff from IWF, and Charlotte Aynsley, who is UKSIC Head of Public Policy. We had a great turnout, with over 30 MPs and peers coming.

Our UKSIC partners ran an event at Liverpool FC and also supported one at Everton the week before and broadcast this on the Day. There is a great [interview with John Barnes](#) at Liverpool which was made available online. The BBC did a brilliant Live Lesson at 11am on the Day, and several of our Digital Champions were involved in that; and more were involved in other BBC content made for and released on the Day.

Two of the Education Team acted as experts for an Internet Matters Q&A on social media on the Day.

In the build up to the Day, we ran a webinar for teachers to go through the teaching resources for Safer Internet Day. The maximum number registered, 500, and over 200 actually attended, with 2.3k views of the recording hosted on YouTube. We wrote a deep dive blog on each of the Education Resources, four in total, and we collated supporting visual materials to sit alongside education resources for children with SEND. Amy Lockwood recorded a reading of the storybook Hanni and the Magic Window, part of our Education Resources, which had BSL translation added and used by Education Scotland for three events on Safer Internet Day.

We called out to schools to share in video clips what they are doing to celebrate Safer Internet Day, and with BTs help we edited that and played it during our live event.

We have already had a good response to the Youth Charter activity. It was part of the Education Resources to be used on the Day and designed to allow young people to share the changes they would like to see by industry and government. We will collate and share that later in the year.

We have had some great feedback from people about the Day. You can see [here](#) the supportive quotes we received from a wide range of people.

We conducted an evaluation survey to measure the reach and impact of the Day, commissioning Yonder to carry this out. The Yonder survey post Safer Internet Day told us that 50% of children (8-17s) and 37% of parents and carers were reached by SID. We have great impact data too.

The focus was on conversations and youth voice, and the Yonder survey found that those that heard SID messages:

- 21% of 8-17s spoke to a friend about something that had been worrying them online
- 16% spoke to a teacher or staff member about something that had been worrying them online
- 64% of parents and carers started a conversation with their child about their online life
- 70% talked to their child about using the internet safely.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

- 75% will have more regular conversations
- 33% said their child spoke to them about something that had been worrying them online

For 8-17s:

- 69% feel more confident about what to do if something is worrying them online
- 66% spoke to someone about staying safe online after finding out about SID 23
- 46% spoke to a parent or carer about how to stay safe
- 24% spoke to a parent or carer about something that had been worrying them online.

In addition to support from Nominet for Safer Internet Day 2023, we secured support from Apple, Snap, Amazon, Discord, Meta, Twitter, Roblox, Vodafone, Supercell, and we ran a project with DCMS support to help carry Safer Internet Day messages to the LGBTQ+ community using influencers.

We established and held the first meeting of the UK Safer Internet Centre Advisory Board, chaired by Will Gardner. Around 30 stakeholders were on the call including from Ofcom, Government and industry.

Isaac Tendo joined the team as a Marketing Officer.

Will Gardner spoke at several conferences and meetings over this period, including, in February, a Council of International Schools conference.

Will Gardner chaired meetings of the Early Warning Working Group of the UKCIS Executive Board every 6 weeks throughout this period.

The Youth Advisory Board came to end of their one-year position at the end of March, and we prepared the process of recruiting 10 young people to join the next year's Youth Advisory Board. This work is part of the UKSIC project, so has support from Nominet, and we also have matched this support with support from Twitch.

In a challenging economic environment, Childnet has been grateful to receive funding not aforementioned from the Garfield Weston Foundation, Lexis Nexis Risk Management, Mainhouse Trust, techUK, The Millby Foundation, Omnicom Media Group/Drum UK, SuperAwesome/Epic, Trend Micro, together supporting a range of work, including the development of educational resources and Childnet's role in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

• Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Childnet has consistently built its reach and impact of its work and there are several factors involved in this. The staff at Childnet are experts in their areas and absolutely recognise the importance of the work they are doing - as such they are dedicated to the objectives of the organisation. The Board of Trustees provide great oversight of the organisation and their expertise and experience provide an invaluable resource and support.

Childnet builds strong and effective partnerships and sees working in collaboration key to successful implementation of its mission. Building a great coalition of support for Safer Internet Day, with key supporters like the BBC and Liverpool Football Club, has been successful in getting great reach and impact. The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is core to Childnet's mission of empowering children and young people, and really giving them agency and voice in their communities.

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Financial review

• **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the principal funding section below.

• **Reserves policy**

For the year ending 31 March 2023, the Directors and Trustees had previously set a reserves policy objective of having a level of reserves sufficient to cover 3 months operational costs at any one time. This is estimated currently to be around the region of £222,000. This was reviewed during the year. It was decided that this level should remain in place, although it remains an aspiration to increase it in the future as funding allows.

• **Material investments policy**

Childnet does not currently have sufficient funds to justify a long-term investment policy. However, professional advice is sought on short-term commitment of funds to high interest-bearing accounts for appropriate periods which bring the best return for the charity while maintaining liquidity.

Childnet also uses the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in making and implementing pension scheme decisions for its staff.

• **Principal funding**

During the year the total incoming resources of the charity amounted to £1,070,298 (2022: £1,151,313) and total resources expended were £1,029,413 (2022: £1,076,068). This resulted in a surplus of £40,885 for the year (2022: surplus £75,245). The reserves therefore stood at £257,954 at the year end (2022: £217,069), of which £5,434 was restricted and £252,520 was unrestricted (2022: £Nil and £217,069 respectively).

Going forward the Directors/Trustees have acknowledged with the auditors that there is a significant challenge in being able to continue to fundraise, especially for unrestricted income, for Childnet's work as a non-crisis intervention charity. At the date of this report, so long as the assumptions used in preparing forecasts remain valid, there is sufficient funding for the current operations to be maintained for the foreseeable future. The Directors/Trustees and staff are actively reviewing all areas of the charity's activities and future operations, options for reducing costs and securing grants and donations to continue the operations within the funds available.

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Structure, governance and management

• **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000. On the 1st April 2000 the net assets and activities of the charitable trust Childnet International, which had been founded in 1995, were transferred to Childnet, having the same objects and trustees at that time.

The above-mentioned documents outline the objectives of the charity including:

- (i) To advance the education of the public in any part of the world in all aspects of computer communications and Internet technology including the most effective software for the education and training of children;
- (ii) To advance the education and training of children in any part of the world in and by the use of computer communications and Internet technology;
- (iii) To protect the moral welfare of children in any part of the world by the promotion of measures directed to prevent their exposure to racist, pornographic, obscene or other harmful electronic computer and televisual material.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

• **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

Childnet had 6 trustees on the 1st of April 2022. There were no resignations or new appointments during the year, meaning Childnet had 6 trustees at the year-end 31 March 2023.

Trustees are selected against a clear job description and criteria which have been updated by the CEO and Trustees over the last few years.

Trustees are recruited following periodic Trustee audits in which areas of expertise are reviewed and new candidates identified.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Childnet is made up of the people listed on the page 1 who have a range of relevant experience in child protection, education, marketing, and the computing, business training and telecommunications industries.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Executive who is involved in all issues of strategic direction, management of staff and resources, policy along with the Deputy Chief Executive and, with support from the Childnet Business Manager, the financial management of the organisation.

Childnet is run on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of Trustees regularly. Trustees meet with the CEO, the Deputy CEO and Business Manager (who is also the Company Secretary) formally 4 or 5 times a year. However, communication takes place between the chair and CEO on a regular basis. Reports are submitted from the CEO and Business Manager to each Trustee meeting outlining progress against targets and actions agreed. Full minutes of these meetings are taken and signed as an accurate record of each meeting at the beginning of the next meeting. Additionally, interim finance meetings are held as and when required.

The CEO and Business Manager have authority to carry out the duties of the organisation, as agreed in the business plan and budget at the start of each financial year (1st April – 31st March). This includes the employing of staff, expenditure to carry out agreed project work as well as communication within and outside of the organisation. Spending limits are set and all payments over £3,000 are authorised by the Chair of Trustees.

The Chair of Trustees meets with the CEO and Business Manager prior to each Trustees' meeting to review progress since the last meeting, including reviewing action points and matters arising, to set the agenda and to provide a report to the full Board of Trustees.

The Honorary Treasurer also meets (sometimes virtually) with the CEO and Business Manager before each Trustee's meeting to review progress on expenditure and income. His written report is submitted to the trustees as a further check and balance.

● **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Each Trustee is given a full induction which includes:

- (i) Going through the job description (there are separate detailed job descriptions for Chair and Honorary Treasurer).
- (ii) Advice from the Charity Commission on their duties.
- (iii) Full set of Company papers including policies on equal opportunities, child protection, staff computer use, ethos and values and staff contracts.
- (iv) the offer of training on their role and duties as well as provided with support in their work from the staff, including updates on legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector.
- (v) Trustees now have to complete full DBS clearance as part of their appointment.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Related party relationships**

Childnet seeks to co-operate with many agencies around the world who share the objective of promoting safe and fun internet use for children. This is an area that has continued to grow throughout the past year but none of these activities justify the reporting of a related party relationship or transaction.

Over this period Childnet did not operate any independent bodies or companies or trading subsidiaries. As an organisation Childnet has a few formal and informal partnerships with other charities, funders, and organisations. All formal partnerships and major contractual relationships are reviewed and approved by Trustees before signature.

As a member of the consortium that makes up the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with both the SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning Trust) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) in respect of these projects now part funded by Nominet (in previous years part funded by the EC (European Commission)).

Childnet is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and the Sex Education Forum (SEF).

● **Financial risk management**

The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the management of risk and building on the previous full risk audits that the Trustees completed, they have continued to work with senior staff in identifying and managing risks which Childnet might face as well as the responses to these risks. Elements of this are reviewed annually.

To manage elements of potential risk, Childnet maintained contact with our solicitor for expert legal advice as needed and ensured that we continued to keep abreast of potential risks and to include periodic monitoring and assessment of these risks in reports to Trustees. In addition, the Childnet staff have worked to strengthen a number of policies and processes to do with financial management and risk analysis including:

- (i) The process set in motion in 2021 to recruit a new Honorary Treasurer to review accounts, financial reporting, and business management, resulted in Kevin Franklin being appointed in March 2022.
- (ii) Further updating and maintenance of staff contracts.
- (iii) Ensuring that all new Childnet staff and trustees were checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), with enhanced clearance where appropriate.
- (iv) Updating annually the Childnet Child Protection Policy in light of Childnet's own advice to others about moderation and online child protection.
- (v) Retaining the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in respect of pension and life assurance arrangements.
- (vi) Ensuring that all contracts signed by Childnet with sponsors or partners are reviewed by the Business Manager to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place for Childnet.

In addition, all The Directors and Trustees intend to revisit the risk assessment issues on a regular basis at Board meetings and continue to implement strategies to minimise the risks and ensure best practice.

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Plans for future periods

Childnet is committed to the highest quality of operations (internal procedures, governance, staff training and development etc.). During the next 12 months the organization is continuing to keep in place and develop 1 procedures which include:

- (i) Continuing to review the make-up of the Trustee body and recruit additional trustees
- (ii) Continuing to strengthen our internal monitoring and evaluation processes
- (iii) Ensuring that the organisation continues to have strong reference and participation from children and young people
- (iv) Strengthening the fundraising and promotion of the organisation with the appointment or appropriate outsourcing of fundraising personnel
- (v) Continuing to regularly review the strategic direction of the organisation
- (vi) Developing staff through regular training and supervision and ensure that all internal policies are constantly updated
- (vii) Formally review Childnet's international strategy.

Members' liability

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 25 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childnet (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 Charities Act 2011.

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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how Childnet is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
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Old Crawley Road
Horsham
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RH12 4RU

25 September 2023

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	671,179	124,568	795,747	975,270
Charitable activities	4	-	273,894	273,894	176,024
Other trading activities	5	-	4	4	2
Investments	6	-	653	653	17
Total income		671,179	399,119	1,070,298	1,151,313
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	350	350	215
Charitable activities	9	750,740	278,323	1,029,063	1,075,853
Total expenditure		750,740	278,673	1,029,413	1,076,068
Net (expenditure)/income		(79,561)	120,446	40,885	75,245
Transfers between funds	19	84,995	(84,995)	-	-
Net movement in funds		5,434	35,451	40,885	75,245
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	217,069	217,069	141,824
Net movement in funds		5,434	35,451	40,885	75,245
Total funds carried forward		5,434	252,520	257,954	217,069

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	5,164	6,250
Investments	15	1	1
		<u>5,165</u>	<u>6,251</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	210,667	202,093
Cash at bank and in hand		309,995	366,150
		<u>520,662</u>	<u>568,243</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(267,873)	(357,425)
Net current assets		<u>252,789</u>	<u>210,818</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>257,954</u></u>	<u><u>217,069</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	5,434	-
Unrestricted funds	19	252,520	217,069
Total funds		<u><u>257,954</u></u>	<u><u>217,069</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 25 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(53,079)	171,218
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(3,076)	(7,730)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,076)	(7,730)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(56,155)	163,488
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	366,150	202,662
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	309,995	366,150

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Childnet meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £150 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	112,500	32,441	144,941
Grants	558,679	92,127	650,806
	671,179	124,568	795,747

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Donations	70,700	12,417	83,117
Grants	726,892	117,974	844,866
Government grants	-	47,287	47,287
	<u>797,592</u>	<u>177,678</u>	<u>975,270</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Consultancy income	157,068	157,068
Programme and other income	84,594	84,594
Consultancy expenses recovered	32,232	32,232
	<u>273,894</u>	<u>273,894</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Consultancy income	89,386	89,386
Programme and other income	85,705	85,705
Consultancy expenses recovered	933	933
	<u>176,024</u>	<u>176,024</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Net income - Everyclick	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Net income - Everyclick	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income - bank interest	653	653
	<u>653</u>	<u>653</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Investment income - bank interest	17	17
	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising expense	350	350

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	215	215

8. Analysis of grants

No grants made in 2023.

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants made	8,830	8,830

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	695,844	333,219	1,029,063

	<i>Restricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total 2022 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	804,780	271,073	1,075,853

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	888,070	140,993	1,029,063

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2022 £</i>	<i>Grant funding of activities 2022 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	799,191	8,830	267,832	1,075,853

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Salaries and wages	695,651	695,651
Staff costs	18,517	18,517
Consultancy	19,128	19,128
Hire of premises	22,305	22,305
Design and print	105,759	105,759
Motor and travel	26,710	26,710
	<u>888,070</u>	<u>888,070</u>
	<i>Charitable activities 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Salaries and wages	641,395	641,395
Staff costs	18,034	18,034
Consultancy	14,211	14,211
Hire of premises	22,997	22,997
Design and print	95,126	95,126
Motor and travel	7,428	7,428
	<u>799,191</u>	<u>799,191</u>

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Support activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rent and rates	20,954	20,954
Heating and lighting	2,675	2,675
Postage, printing and stationery	2,208	2,208
Telephone and communications	2,258	2,258
Publicity and marketing	34,098	34,098
Website design and hosting	27,565	27,565
Repairs and renewals	8,830	8,830
Bank charges and interest	785	785
Professional HR costs	5,583	5,583
Leasing charges	980	980
Computer costs	9,587	9,587
Office costs	13,285	13,285
Governance costs	12,185	12,185
	140,993	140,993

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	<i>Support activities 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Rent and rates	21,337	21,337
Heating and lighting	2,196	2,196
Postage, printing and stationery	1,638	1,638
Telephone and communications	2,172	2,172
Publicity and marketing	52,208	52,208
Website design and hosting	131,653	131,653
Repairs and renewals	7,775	7,775
Bank charges and interest	862	862
Professional HR costs	5,583	5,583
Leasing charges	1,021	1,021
Computer costs	7,659	7,659
Office costs	23,882	23,882
Governance costs	9,846	9,846
	<u>267,832</u>	<u>267,832</u>

11. Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	5,400	4,740
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	2,000	900
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>900</u>

12. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	584,061	542,575
Social security costs	56,072	47,395
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	55,518	51,425
	<u>695,651</u>	<u>641,395</u>

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12. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	<i>2022 No.</i>
Charity operations and administration	17	<i>18</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2022 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, expenses totalling £375 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (*2022 - £186 to 1 Trustee*). The expenses were travel and subsistence costs incurred in attending trustee meetings.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	16,188	35,459	51,647
Additions	-	3,076	3,076
Disposals	-	(3,847)	(3,847)
At 31 March 2023	16,188	34,688	50,876
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	13,775	31,622	45,397
Charge for the year	804	3,358	4,162
On disposals	-	(3,847)	(3,847)
At 31 March 2023	14,579	31,133	45,712
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	1,609	3,555	5,164
<i>At 31 March 2022</i>	<i>2,413</i>	<i>3,837</i>	<i>6,250</i>

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15. Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2022	1
At 31 March 2023	1
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	1
At 31 March 2022	1

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	139,857	56,101
Other debtors	1,671	2,022
Prepayments and accrued income	69,139	143,970
	210,667	202,093

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	40,106	29,802
Other taxation and social security	19,733	25,277
Accruals and deferred income	208,034	302,346
	267,873	357,425

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18. Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	309,996	366,151

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises balances held by the bank.

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	217,069	399,119	(278,673)	(84,995)	252,520
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	-	16,000	(16,047)	47	-
DCMS Media Literacy Programme fund	-	47,900	(42,466)	-	5,434
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	459,961	(534,418)	74,457	-
Youth Advisory Board	-	30,924	(40,907)	9,983	-
Google Thrive	-	38,500	(38,500)	-	-
Nominet DL plus	-	54,000	(54,000)	-	-
Nominet SIC transition	-	624	(624)	-	-
Nominet SID 2022	-	17,000	(17,489)	489	-
International film	-	6,200	(6,200)	-	-
deSHAME extension	-	70	(89)	19	-
	-	671,179	(750,740)	84,995	5,434
Total of funds	217,069	1,070,298	(1,029,413)	-	257,954

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	119,878	353,721	(186,179)	(70,351)	217,069
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	9,946	70,700	(70,754)	(9,892)	-
UK Safer Internet Centre	12,000	282,852	(428,052)	133,200	-
Youth Advisory Board	-	22,313	(22,313)	-	-
Google Thrive	-	111,338	(111,465)	127	-
Nominet DL plus	-	37,849	(37,862)	13	-
Nominet SIC transition	-	56,519	(91,892)	35,373	-
Nominet SID 2022	-	208,759	(120,288)	(88,471)	-
International film	-	7,262	(7,263)	1	-
	21,946	797,592	(889,889)	70,351	-
Total of funds	141,824	1,151,313	(1,076,068)	-	217,069

20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	217,069	399,119	(278,673)	(84,995)	252,520
Restricted funds	-	671,179	(750,740)	84,995	5,434
	217,069	1,070,298	(1,029,413)	-	257,954

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20. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
General funds	119,878	353,721	(186,179)	(70,351)	217,069
Restricted funds	21,946	797,592	(889,889)	70,351	-
	<u>141,824</u>	<u>1,151,313</u>	<u>(1,076,068)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,069</u>

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	5,164	5,164
Fixed asset investments	-	1	1
Current assets	5,434	515,228	520,662
Creditors due within one year	-	(267,873)	(267,873)
Total	<u>5,434</u>	<u>252,520</u>	<u>257,954</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	6,250	6,250
Fixed asset investments	1	1
Current assets	568,243	568,243
Creditors due within one year	(357,425)	(357,425)
Total	<u>217,069</u>	<u>217,069</u>

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	40,885	75,245
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,162	4,010
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(8,574)	150,948
Decrease in creditors	(89,552)	(58,985)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(53,079)	171,218

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	309,995	366,150
Total cash and cash equivalents	309,995	366,150

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	366,150	(56,155)	309,995
	366,150	(56,155)	309,995

25. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £55,518 (2022 - £51,425).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees

Mrs Tink Palmer, Chair
Mr Karl Hopwood
Mr Rob Wright
Mr Julian Coles
Miss Victoria Hordern
Mr Kevin Franklin (appointed 7 March 2022)

Company registered number

03958416

Charity registered number

1080173

Registered office

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Company secretary

John Ryan

Chief executive officer

William Gardner

Independent auditors

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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RH12 4RU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Childnet for the 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

● **Policies and objectives**

The principal activity of the charity is the promotion of children's interests in international communications by means of education, training, and research.

In all the work undertaken by Childnet it is Childnet's aim to maintain its independence, leadership, and reputation.

The charity continues to express its core purpose as "helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children".

- (i) Access - Helping children and young people to use the net constructively, access positive online resources and help them create quality content.
- (ii) Awareness - Helping children and young people acquire new "net literacy" skills, giving advice to organisations, parents, teachers, and carers about internet safety.
- (iii) Protection - Helping to protect children and young people and prevent them from being exploited in the online environment provided by new technologies.
- (iv) Policy - Helping all sectors develop effective policy responses in line with the rapidly changing communications technology.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

● **Grant-making policies**

Under the terms of a grant from the European Commission (EC), supporting our work on project deSHAME and a related grant from Facebook, there was a requirement to disburse some of those funds as grants to our project partners Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark), Kek Vonal (Hungary) and University of Central Lancashire (UK). The project finished last year so the disbursement of £8,830 (see note 8) took place after receipt of the final payment this year.

Very rarely one-off small grants may be made from unrestricted or restricted income in strict pursuance of the charity's objectives although none were made during the 2021-22 year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Achievements and performance

● **Review of activities**

The following gives a quarterly breakdown of the activities carried out by Childnet during April 2021 – 31st March 2022.

Certain key activities take place throughout the year. For example, Childnet's education and outreach work. This work, carried out by Childnet's education team would normally visit and present in person in primary and secondary schools across the country, and also in some nurseries and Sixth Form Colleges, running sessions for children, staff and parents and carers, to empower children and those that support them to be able to use technology safely and responsibly. The demand for this work continued throughout the year. At the start of this financial year this work continued to be impacted by the pandemic, and we were able to meet this by providing sessions online, both live and pre-recorded and then reverting to more in person as restrictions allowed and confidence returned. The team also assisted in the development of key resources and activities, and keeping all the materials up to date, including the Childnet and UK Safer Internet Centre websites. We collate the questions we receive during the sessions with children, parents and carers and staff, and try to respond to the recurring themes in blogs posted on our website.

Childnet continued to be active members of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). The CEO, Will Gardner, has been part of the Executive Board since April 2013. Although the Executive Board did not meet during this period, Childnet were active members of the UKCIS Evidence Group, and host the findings of this group, i.e., a summary of the latest research in the area of children's online activity and safety issues on our UK Safer Internet Centre website. Childnet were also active members of the UKCIS Education group, represented by Tom Pinfield. Childnet's Deputy CEO (Kate Jones, followed by Kate Travers) were members of the Digital Resilience Working group. Phoebe Moriarty Roberts was part of the Vulnerable Users Working Group, and Will Gardner founded and chairs the Early Warning Working Group, made up of helplines, hotlines, and law enforcement. Will Gardner is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance Advisory Group and is on the Advisory Board for Internet Matters, a parents' portal established by the four major ISPs. Childnet have done a range of media work, including a range of TV, radio, newspaper, and online media interviews. In this work they have been able to help spread awareness messages. It is mentioned later, but on Safer Internet Day 2022 (8th February), which Childnet organised for the UK, there was a media reach of 140 million people, across national TV, national and local radio and online. Childnet have also been interviewed by and met with several researchers in this area.

Childnet also continued to be members of the Twitter "Trust & Safety Council" and Facebook's Safety Advisory Board.

Childnet staff have presented at and chaired panels at a number of national and international conferences.

Childnet, with partner organisations the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), continued in their role as the UK Safer Internet Centre, a role part funded, until the end of January 2022, by the European Commission's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). In this role, Childnet form the Awareness Centre, and joins a network of European Safer Internet Centres called INSAFE, with whom we share ideas and best practice. We develop safety resources for the UK, organise youth participation and youth voice, and organise Safer Internet Day in the UK. UKSIC project VI began in January 2021 and ran until the end of January 2022. With support from Nominet and the Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport the project continued during this period (end of March 2022), and Nominet have committed to part-funding this project for the next three years.

April to September 2021:

We had launched the final resources as part of Project deSHAME II on 30th March 2021, and we were actively disseminating these materials to support tackling online sexual harassment among children during this period. These resources are for parents and educators working with 9-12s and add to the earlier work we had done for teens on this issue. We worked with the app Yubo to develop core messages to be disseminated on the Yubo platform directly to the teen and young adult audience to identify and prevent online sexual harassment and to inform users what they can do when it happens.

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Over this period Childnet developed and released a number of new resources, including for 4–6-year-olds, as well as blogs to inform parents and carers as well as educators on services such as Twitch. The Education team were also supporting schools by providing pre-recordings of the activity days that they would ordinarily have run face-to-face with young people in schools, as well as running live online sessions with children, parents and carers and staff.

Will Gardner and other Childnet staff also spoke at several national conferences in April, May, June, and July - all these events were online during this period. Will Gardner gave evidence to the APPG inquiry on coerced self-generated indecent images. Kate Jones, Deputy CEO, chaired a national conference in August. Will chaired the UKCIS Early Warning Working Group, bringing together helplines across the country, and the hotline, law enforcement and Government departments to discuss online risk and harm in its current form.

It was the 12th year of Childnet's annual Film Competition. The theme was 'Separating fact from fiction. Finding trustworthy information online'. The Competition had three categories, one for primary schools and one for secondary. and a Storyboard category, to enable those without the equipment to film to participate. We had an amazing number of entries, and the standard was incredibly high. The judges were David Austin, CEO of the BBFC, Catherine McAllister from the BBC, Mark Reid from the BFI, and Lisa Prime from BAFTA, Stan McCoy from the MPA (Motion Picture Association), and James Filippatos from Disney. There was no physical event to announce the winners this time due to Covid concerns, so we created a Big Reveal film which we made live on YouTube on 1st July, see <https://youtu.be/D4B5o0euMuk>. The films of all 6 finalists were hosted on BBC OwnIt.

Childnet collaborated on a post Film Competition project to feature in the MPA's 'Film School Friday' our future storytellers. This year's secondary category winner Rosalyn, plus 2 past winners (Keith and Jude) joined the panel to be interviewed by Will Gardner, Childnet CEO. Keith also participated in the second panel with the MPA and Disney. It was a fantastic testament to Film Comp and how it has helped shape their chosen careers. <https://www.motionpictures.org/event/film-school-friday-our-future-storytellers/>

We ran an international film competition for the first time, getting entries from all over, including Moldova, Mexico City, Dubai, Kazakhstan, Turkey, India, Dublin, and Myanmar. We announced the winning entries from Kazakhstan and the UAE on 13th September.

Will Gardner, CEO, was re-elected to the Advisory Board of the Anti-bullying Alliance.

Will Gardner joined the newly formed Children's Panel of the ICO, supporting around the Age-Appropriate Design Code which came into force in September. Will also joined an expert steering group set up by the new Children Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, for a project working with 16 to 21-year-olds to develop guidance for parents on how to best support their children manage their online lives and relationships.

Work continued on Project Thrive Online, which is supported by the Google.org Impact Challenge, and will lead to the development of resources for educators working with children with SEND covering online pornography, healthy relationships, and digital wellbeing, as well as support for parents of children with SEND. It will also develop content for the Digital Leaders programme. During this period, we were reviewing research we carried out with the target audience and with these findings we were starting to develop resources including lesson plans and films.

The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a peer education programme. Schools subscribe and recruit 8-10 pupils as Digital Leaders. These pupils complete online training modules and they then work to earn badges by completing tasks, such as running an education awareness session for their peers, or for parents or staff. During this period, we gave all the modules and the platform an overhaul and complete refresh to help ensure it continue to be as engaging as it needs to be for children and young people.

We continue to run the Digital Leaders Plus project, with support from Nominet. This project includes providing a bursary scheme for schools in the least economically advantaged areas of the UK to access the programme, and during this period we were signing up schools for this project.

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We held a UK Safer Internet Centre Advisory Board meeting in June (online). This meeting is chaired by Childnet's CEO, bringing together key stakeholders from industry, the charity sector, Government, education, academia and more.

The UK Safer Internet Centre runs the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on social media, chaired by Chris Elmore MP. In September it launched its report on coerced self-generated images.

Jess Parsons, Education Officer, left the Childnet team in May, and Marie Sedge did not return after the end of her maternity leave in August.

Ellie Proffitt, Education Manager returned from maternity leave in September and Sharon McQuarrie re-joined Childnet as Office Manager.

October to December 2021:

We recruited a Communications and Marketing Officer, Ben House, as well as an Education Officer, Joe Ruocco.

In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2022 we held stakeholder meetings, bringing representatives from many organisations together to be briefed on the forthcoming Safer internet Day and support their early planning. These were online events and we had large turnouts. We held a central event, and subsequent ones for Wales and Scotland. The Education packs were launched, having also been translated into Welsh, and the focus this year is on respect and relationships online, with a particular focus on online games. There were packs created for primary and secondary, and they included Assembly plan, lesson plan, quick ideas to teachers, as well as a pack for schools to provide to parents and carers. The Welsh Government supported the translation of these resources into Welsh.

The education and outreach work of Childnet was firmly back in schools again. During this period, we also did some other bespoke sessions, including for example to Tower Hamlets CAMHS (Children & Adolescents, Mental Health Services), 200 Secondary PGCE students at the University of Birmingham, a bespoke virtual session for Walsall Academy (combined Y7 and parent and carer audience) as well as delivering a bespoke parents and carers session for a kindergarten tailored for parents of under 5s.

Childnet participated and spoke at a number of events over this period. For example, Will Gardner spoke at the Council of International Schools conference. Anisa from Childnet's youth advisory board participated in the Better Internet for Kids Youth Panel for the Safer Internet Forum, joining up with other young people from across the EU to have their voices heard by delegates from all sectors. Ellie Proffitt ran a workshop at the INSAFE training meeting in November on online sexual harassment among children, and Will Gardner chaired a panel at the same meeting. We also participated in several roundtables, including at Nominet's launch of the Digital Youth Index and others related to the developing Online Safety Bill.

Kate Jones, Deputy CEO spoke at the APPG on videogaming, sharing our insights into online safety and gaming.

We launched a resource called Moving on up targeting supporting children who are about to or have just transitioned from primary to secondary schools. We also launched two new illustrated Digiduck books online, and these were also translated into Greek by the Greek Safer Internet Centre for use there. We also produced a new lesson plan for use with 8-12s on video-sharing platforms.

We launched a new Childnet website as well as a new UK Safer Internet Centre website. This was the complete redevelopment of these two sites, giving us greater functionality and stability. SuperAwesome/Epic supports the redevelopment of the Childnet website. We also carried a redesign of the Childnet brand, the first since Childnet started, after consulting with children and young people.

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Kate Jones, Deputy CEO, left Childnet and we actively recruited her replacement.

January to March 2022:

The UK Safer Internet Centre Project VI began on January 1st, 2021, and ran with part-EU funding until the end of January 2022, and continued with support from Nominet and the DCMS to the end of this period, with Nominet committing to part-supporting this work going forward.

Kate Travers joined Childnet as Deputy CEO. Joe Ruocco, Education Officer, left Childnet.

Childnet organised and ran Safer Internet Day (SID) in the UK (8th February). We took a collaborative approach to the Day, encouraging and mobilising a large number of organisations and schools to support the Day. This was the biggest Safer Internet Day ever, reaching 54% of children and 32% of parents. Of the children that heard SID messages, 80% felt more confident about what to do if they were worried about something online. Of the parents that heard SID messages, 67% talked to their children about using the internet safely. Huge reach and huge impact, growing even on the record-breaking previous year.

Each February for Safer Internet Day, hundreds of organisations right across the UK get involved to help inspire the safe and positive use of technology. In the UK we marked Safer Internet Day by mobilising people across the UK 'Together for a better internet' and explore how a better internet starts with each and every one of us.

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day in the UK was respect and relationships online with a particular focus on online gaming, and we released a research report into this – 'All fun and games? Exploring young people's experiences of respect and relationships in online games' - which was drawn from a survey of over 2000 young people aged 8-17 across the UK. The Safer Internet Day campaign saw so many come together to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Over 3,400 organisations across the UK delivered activities for the day, including schools, police forces, government, companies, football clubs, charities, and others – more than ever before, up from 2,100 in 2021.

All these organisations came together to deliver a range of inspiring activities to encourage the safe and positive use of technology. They joined hundreds of individuals supporting the #SaferInternetDay social media campaign and #PlayYourPart. The social media campaign trended on Twitter throughout the Day.

There were youth events across the UK (although they were virtual) which helped ensure that the day really reflected the voice of young people. At these events young people spoke in front of Government ministers, policy makers, industry representatives and more, with opportunities to share their experiences of being online and their recommendations for how this space can be improved for young people.

BT supported us to hold a livestreamed event. It was hosted by Seema Jaswal live from the BT Tower, and featured live guests, including a panel of young people talking about SID and the theme, Will Gardner went through the research in discussion with Seema, Chris Philp DCMS Minister spoke at the event in person, and we had several pre-records, from DfE Minister Will Quince, from Marc Allera of BT, and of young people from all over the UK sharing their opinions, as well as live updates from our social feeds. The highlight was undoubtedly a live panel of young people answering questions. The BT Tower displayed the SID message.

Schools across the UK used the UK Safer Internet Centre's Education Packs, developed by Childnet, and the accompanying Safer Internet Day TV films (developed by the SWGfL) to explore these issues. In fact, there were over 125,000 downloads of the educational resources prepared for SID, and almost 1 million views of the SID films.

A group of Childnet Digital Leaders also spoke with MPs at a virtual meeting for Parliamentarians on Safer Internet Day, sharing their perspectives on the theme of respect and relationships online and online gaming.

In addition to support from Nominet for Safer Internet Day 2022, we secured support from Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Twitter, Roblox, Lego, Samsung, Vodafone, Supercell, and we ran a project with DCMS support to help

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carry Safer Internet Day messages to the LGBTQ+ community using influencers.

The Film Competition 2022 was launched in February 2022, with the theme, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. What can we all do to play our part?' We have financial support from the Motion Picture Association as well as from Disney for this Competition, as well as from the Nominet (as part of our UK Safer Internet Centre work).

Will Gardner spoke at several conferences and meetings over this period, including, in January, a Council of International Schools conference.

Will Gardner chaired meetings of the Early Warning Working Group of the UKCIS Executive Board every 6 weeks throughout this period. There were no meetings of the UKCIS Executive Board.

Kate Travers represented Childnet at a techUK roundtable in Parliament discussing the Online Safety Bill.

Four Childnet Digital Champions (drawn from our Digital Leaders) took part in a roundtable with MPs.

Childnet joined the Noplace to hide campaign to prevent existing services popular with children from moving to an End-to-end encrypted environment.

The Education team ran CPD sessions for NASUWT and NEU members.

The process of recruiting 10 young people to join a new Youth Advisory Board at Childnet began, and we are targeting May to have a 2-day residential to bring these young people together. This work is part of the UKSIC project, so has support from Nominet, and we also have matched this support with support from Twitch.

In a challenging economic environment, Childnet has been grateful to receive funding not aforementioned from Facebook, Trend Micro, techUK, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Dulverton Foundation, Mainhouse Trust, Arnold Clark Community Fund, and the Swire Trusts, together supporting a range of work, including the development of educational resources and Childnet's role in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

● Factors relevant to achieve objectives

Childnet has consistently built its reach and impact of its work and there are several factors involved in this. The staff at Childnet are experts in their areas and absolutely recognise the importance of the work they are doing - as such they are dedicated to the objectives of the organisation. The Board of Trustees provide great oversight of the organisation and their expertise and experience provide an invaluable resource and support.

Childnet builds strong and effective partnerships and sees working in collaboration key to successful implementation of its mission. Building a great coalition of support for Safer Internet Day, with key supporters like the BBC and Liverpool Football Club, has been successful in getting great reach and impact. The Childnet Digital Leaders programme is core to Childnet's mission of empowering children and young people, and really giving them agency and voice in their communities.

Financial review

● Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the principal funding section below.

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● **Reserves policy**

For the year ending 31 March 2022, the Directors and Trustees had previously set a reserves policy objective of having a level of reserves sufficient to cover 3 months operational costs at any one time. This is estimated currently to be around the region of £220,000. This was reviewed during the year. It was decided that this level should remain in place, although it remains an aspiration to increase it in the future as funding allows.

● **Material investments policy**

Childnet does not currently have sufficient funds to justify a long-term investment policy. However, professional advice is sought on short-term commitment of funds to high interest-bearing accounts for appropriate periods which bring the best return for the charity while maintaining liquidity.

Childnet also uses the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in making and implementing pension scheme decisions for its staff.

● **Principal funding**

During the year the total incoming resources of the charity amounted to £1,151,313 (2021: £959,538) and total resources expended were £1,076,068 (2021: £940,226). This resulted in a surplus of £75,245 for the year (2021: surplus £19,312). The reserves therefore stood at £217,069 at the year end (2021: £141,824), of which £Nil was restricted and £217,069 was unrestricted (2021: £21,946 and £119,878 respectively).

Going forward the Directors/Trustees have acknowledged with the auditors that there is a significant challenge in being able to continue to fundraise, especially for unrestricted income, for Childnet's work as a non-crisis intervention charity. At the date of this report, so long as the assumptions used in preparing forecasts remain valid, there is sufficient funding for the current operations to be maintained for the foreseeable future. The Directors/Trustees and staff are actively reviewing all areas of the charity's activities and future operations, options for reducing costs and securing grants and donations to continue the operations within the funds available.

Structure, governance and management

● **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000. On the 1st April 2000 the net assets and activities of the charitable trust Childnet International, which had been founded in 1995, were transferred to Childnet, having the same objects and trustees at that time.

The above-mentioned documents outline the objectives of the charity including:

- (i) To advance the education of the public in any part of the world in all aspects of computer communications and Internet technology including the most effective software for the education and training of children;
- (ii) To advance the education and training of children in any part of the world in and by the use of computer communications and Internet technology;
- (iii) To protect the moral welfare of children in any part of the world by the promotion of measures directed to prevent their exposure to racist, pornographic, obscene or other harmful electronic computer and televisual material.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

Childnet had 5 trustees on the 1st of April 2021. Kevin Franklin joined the board as Honorary Treasurer on 7 March 2022, meaning Childnet had 6 trustees at the year end 31 March 2022.

Trustees are selected against a clear job description and criteria which have been updated by the CEO and Trustees over the last few years.

Trustees are recruited following periodic Trustee audits in which areas of expertise are reviewed and new candidates identified.

● **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Childnet is made up of the people listed on the page 1 who have a range of relevant experience in education, marketing, child protection and the computing and telecommunications industries.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Executive who is involved in all issues of strategic direction, management of staff and resources, policy along with the Deputy Chief Executive and, with support from the Childnet Business Manager, the financial management of the organisation.

Childnet is run on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of Trustees regularly. Trustees meet with the CEO, the Deputy CEO and Business Manager (who is also the Company Secretary) formally 4 or 5 times a year. However, communication takes place between the chair and CEO on a regular basis. Reports are submitted from the CEO and Business Manager to each Trustee meeting outlining progress against targets and actions agreed. Full minutes of these meetings are taken and signed as an accurate record of each meeting at the beginning of the next meeting. Additionally, interim finance meetings are held as and when required.

The CEO and Business Manager have authority to carry out the duties of the organisation, as agreed in the business plan and budget at the start of each financial year (1st April – 31st March). This includes the employing of staff, expenditure to carry out agreed project work as well as communication within and outside of the organisation. Spending limits are set and all expenditure over £3,000 is authorised by the Chair of Trustees, and this process is verified separately by the Honorary Treasurer.

The Chair of Trustees meets with the CEO and Business Manager prior to each Trustee's Meeting to review progress since the last meeting, including reviewing action points and matters arising, to set the agenda and to provide a report to the full Board of Trustees.

The Honorary Treasurer also meets with the CEO and Business Manager before each Trustee's meeting to review progress on expenditure and income. His written report is submitted to the trustees as a further check and balance.

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● **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Each Trustee is given a full induction which includes:

- (i) Going through the job description (there are separate detailed job descriptions for Chair and Honorary Treasurer).
- (ii) Advice from the Charity Commission on their duties.
- (iii) Full set of Company papers including policies on equal opportunities, child protection, staff computer use, ethos and values and staff contracts.
- (iv) the offer of training on their role and duties as well as provided with support in their work from the staff, including updates on legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector.
- (v) Trustees now have to complete full DBS clearance as part of their appointment.

● **Related party relationships**

Childnet seeks to co-operate with many agencies around the world who share the objective of promoting safe and fun internet use for children. This is an area that has continued to grow throughout the past year but none of these activities justify the reporting of a related party relationship or transaction.

Over this period Childnet did not operate any independent bodies or companies or trading subsidiaries.

As an organisation Childnet has a number of formal and informal partnerships with other charities, funders, and organisations. All formal partnerships and major contractual relationships are reviewed and approved by Trustees before signature.

As a member of the consortium that makes up the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with both the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) in respect of these part-European Commission (EC) funded projects.

As the lead member of the consortium that makes up the deSHAME project for the EC, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark), Kek Vonal (Hungary) and University of Central Lancashire.

Childnet is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and the Sex Education Forum (SEF).

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● **Financial risk management**

The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the management of risk and building on the previous full risk audits that the Trustees completed, they have continued to work with senior staff in identifying and managing risks which Childnet might face as well as the responses to these risks. Elements of this are reviewed annually.

To manage elements of potential risk, Childnet maintained contact with our solicitor for expert legal advice as needed and ensured that we continued to keep abreast of potential risks and to include periodic monitoring and assessment of these risks in reports to Trustees. In addition, the Childnet staff have worked to strengthen a number of policies and processes to do with financial management and risk analysis including:

- (i) The process set in motion in 2021 to recruit a new Honorary Treasurer to review accounts, financial reporting, and business management, resulted in Kevin Franklin being appointed in March 2022.
- (ii) Further updating and maintenance of staff contracts.
- (iii) Ensuring that all new Childnet staff and trustees were checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), with enhanced clearance where appropriate.
- (iv) Updating annually the Childnet Child Protection Policy in light of Childnet's own advice to others about moderation and online child protection.
- (v) Retaining the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in respect of pension and life assurance arrangements.
- (vi) Ensuring that all contracts signed by Childnet with sponsors or partners are reviewed by the Business Manager and Childnet's solicitor where appropriate to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place for Childnet.

In addition, all The Directors and Trustees intend to revisit the risk assessment issues on a regular basis at Board meetings and continue to implement strategies to minimise the risks and ensure best practice.

Plans for future periods

Childnet is committed to the highest quality of operations (internal procedures, governance, staff training and development etc.). During the next 12 months the organization is continuing to keep in place and develop procedures which include:

- (i) Continuing to review the make-up of the Trustee body and recruit additional trustees
- (ii) Continuing to strengthen our internal monitoring and evaluation processes
- (iii) Ensuring that the organisation continues to have strong reference and participation from children and young people
- (iv) Strengthening the fundraising and promotion of the organisation with the appointment or appropriate outsourcing of fundraising personnel
- (v) Continuing to regularly review the strategic direction of the organisation
- (vi) Developing staff through regular training and supervision and ensure that all internal policies are constantly updated
- (vii) Formally review Childnet's international strategy.

Members' liability

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 21 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childnet (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 Charities Act 2011.

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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how Childnet is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
3 Newhouse Business Centre
Old Crawley Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 4RU

21 November 2022

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	797,592	177,678	975,270	779,896
Charitable activities	4	-	176,024	176,024	179,492
Other trading activities	5	-	2	2	2
Investments	6	-	17	17	148
Total income		797,592	353,721	1,151,313	959,538
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	215	215	231
Charitable activities	9	889,889	185,964	1,075,853	939,995
Total expenditure		889,889	186,179	1,076,068	940,226
Net (expenditure)/income		(92,297)	167,542	75,245	19,312
Transfers between funds	19	70,351	(70,351)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(21,946)	97,191	75,245	19,312
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		21,946	119,878	141,824	122,512
Net movement in funds		(21,946)	97,191	75,245	19,312
Total funds carried forward		-	217,069	217,069	141,824

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	6,250	2,530
Investments	15	1	1
		<u>6,251</u>	<u>2,531</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	202,093	353,041
Cash at bank and in hand		366,150	202,662
		<u>568,243</u>	<u>555,703</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(357,425)	(416,410)
Net current assets		<u>210,818</u>	<u>139,293</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>217,069</u></u>	<u><u>141,824</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	-	21,946
Unrestricted funds	19	217,069	119,878
Total funds		<u><u>217,069</u></u>	<u><u>141,824</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 21 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	171,218	(118,318)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(7,730)	(2,490)
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,730)	(2,490)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	163,488	(120,808)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	202,662	323,470
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	366,150	202,662

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Childnet meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £150 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	70,700	12,417	83,117
Grants	726,892	117,974	844,866
Government grants	-	47,287	47,287
	<u>797,592</u>	<u>177,678</u>	<u>975,270</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	107,342	67,705	175,047
Grants	443,443	63,049	506,492
Government grants	96,116	2,241	98,357
	<u>646,901</u>	<u>132,995</u>	<u>779,896</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Consultancy income	89,386	89,386
Programme and other income	85,705	85,705
Consultancy expenses recovered	933	933
	<u>176,024</u>	<u>176,024</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Consultancy income	57,815	57,815
Programme and other income	121,677	121,677
	<u>179,492</u>	<u>179,492</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Net income - Everyclick	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Net income - Everyclick	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income - bank interest	17	17
	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Investment income - bank interest	148	148
	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising expense	215	215

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	231	231

8. Analysis of grants

No grants made in 2021.

	Grants to Institutions 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Disbursements made	8,830	8,830	-

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	804,780	271,073	1,075,853
	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	688,756	251,239	939,995

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	799,191	8,830	267,832	1,075,853
	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2021 £</i>		<i>Support costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	748,880		191,115	939,995

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Salaries and wages	641,395	641,395
Staff costs	18,034	18,034
Consultancy	14,211	14,211
Hire of premises	22,997	22,997
Design and print	95,126	95,126
Motor and travel	7,428	7,428
	<u>799,191</u>	<u>799,191</u>
	<i>Charitable activities 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Salaries and wages	650,604	650,604
Staff costs	3,035	3,035
Consultancy	15,841	15,841
Hire of premises	5,513	5,513
Design and print	72,632	72,632
Motor and travel	1,255	1,255
	<u>748,880</u>	<u>748,880</u>

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Support activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rent and rates	21,337	21,337
Heating and lighting	2,196	2,196
Postage, printing and stationery	1,638	1,638
Telephone and communications	2,172	2,172
Publicity and marketing	52,208	52,208
Website design and hosting	131,653	131,653
Repairs and renewals	7,775	7,775
Bank charges and interest	862	862
Professional HR costs	5,583	5,583
Leasing charges	1,021	1,021
Computer costs	7,659	7,659
Other	23,882	23,882
Governance costs	9,846	9,846
	267,832	267,832

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	<i>Support activities 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Rent and rates	21,078	21,078
Heating and lighting	1,435	1,435
Postage, printing and stationery	1,183	1,183
Telephone and communications	2,721	2,721
Publicity and marketing	77,631	77,631
Website design and hosting	37,085	37,085
Repairs and renewals	8,481	8,481
Bank charges and interest	875	875
Professional HR costs	1,746	1,746
Leasing charges	787	787
Computer costs	14,153	14,153
Other	16,563	16,563
Governance costs	7,377	7,377
	<u>191,115</u>	<u>191,115</u>

11. Auditors' remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	4,740	5,040
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	900	-

12. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	542,575	547,253
Social security costs	47,395	49,139
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	51,425	54,211
	<u>641,395</u>	<u>650,603</u>

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12. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	<i>2021 No.</i>
Charity operations and administration	18	<i>18</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2021 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, expenses totalling £186 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (*2021 - £NIL to Trustee*). The expenses were travel and subsistence costs incurred in attending trustee meetings.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2021	12,971	32,886	45,857
Additions	3,218	4,512	7,730
Disposals	-	(1,939)	(1,939)
At 31 March 2022	16,189	35,459	51,648
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	12,857	30,470	43,327
Charge for the year	919	3,091	4,010
On disposals	-	(1,939)	(1,939)
At 31 March 2022	13,776	31,622	45,398
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	2,413	3,837	6,250
<i>At 31 March 2021</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>2,416</i>	<i>2,530</i>

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15. Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2021	1
At 31 March 2022	1
Net book value	
At 31 March 2022	1
At 31 March 2021	1

16. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	56,101	48,109
Other debtors	2,022	10,152
Prepayments and accrued income	143,970	294,780
	202,093	353,041

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	29,802	33,859
Other taxation and social security	25,277	12,265
Other creditors	-	5,170
Accruals and deferred income	302,346	365,116
	357,425	416,410

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18. Financial instruments

	2022 £	2021 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	366,151	202,663

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises balances held by the bank.

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	119,878	353,721	(186,179)	(70,351)	217,069
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	9,946	70,700	(70,754)	(9,892)	-
UK Safer Internet Centre	12,000	282,852	(428,052)	133,200	-
deSHAME 2	-	22,313	(22,313)	-	-
Google Thrive	-	111,338	(111,465)	127	-
Nominet DL plus	-	37,849	(37,862)	13	-
Nominet SIC transition	-	56,519	(91,892)	35,373	-
Nominet SID 2022	-	208,759	(120,288)	(88,471)	-
International film	-	7,262	(7,263)	1	-
	21,946	797,592	(889,889)	70,351	-
Total of funds	141,824	1,151,313	(1,076,068)	-	217,069

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	86,226	312,637	(195,965)	(83,020)	119,878
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	36,286	17,080	(43,420)	-	9,946
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	467,852	(538,211)	82,359	12,000
deSHAME 2	-	100,993	(101,534)	541	-
Google Thrive	-	18,575	(18,626)	51	-
Nominet DL plus	-	42,401	(42,470)	69	-
	36,286	646,901	(744,261)	83,020	21,946
Total of funds	122,512	959,538	(940,226)	-	141,824

20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</i>
General funds	119,878	353,721	(186,179)	(70,351)	217,069
Restricted funds	21,946	797,592	(889,889)	70,351	-
	141,824	1,151,313	(1,076,068)	-	217,069

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20. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
General funds	86,226	312,637	(195,965)	(83,020)	119,878
Restricted funds	36,286	646,901	(744,261)	83,020	21,946
	<u>122,512</u>	<u>959,538</u>	<u>(940,226)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,824</u>

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,250	6,250
Fixed asset investments	1	1
Current assets	568,243	568,243
Creditors due within one year	(357,425)	(357,425)
Total	<u>217,069</u>	<u>217,069</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,530	2,530
Fixed asset investments	-	1	1
Current assets	21,946	533,757	555,703
Creditors due within one year	-	(416,410)	(416,410)
Total	<u>21,946</u>	<u>119,878</u>	<u>141,824</u>

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	75,245	19,312
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	4,010	3,426
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	150,948	(243,515)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(58,985)	102,459
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	171,218	(118,318)

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	366,150	202,662
Total cash and cash equivalents	366,150	202,662

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	202,662	163,488	366,150
	202,662	163,488	366,150

25. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £51,425 (2021 - £54,211).

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees

Mrs Tink Palmer, Chair
Mr Graham Wallace (resigned 20 November 2020)
Mr Karl Hopwood
Mr Rob Wright
Mr Julian Coles
Miss Victoria Hordern (appointed 9 April 2020)

Company registered number

03958416

Charity registered number

1080173

Registered office

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Company secretary

John Ryan

Chief executive officer

William Gardner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Childnet for the 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

• Policies and objectives

The principal activity of the charity is the promotion of children's interests in international communications by means of education, training, and research.

In all the work undertaken by Childnet it is Childnet's aim to maintain its independence, leadership, and reputation.

The charity continues to express its core purpose as "helping to make the internet a great and safe place for children".

- (i) Access - Helping children and young people to use the net constructively, access positive online resources and help them create quality content.
- (ii) Awareness - Helping children and young people acquire new "net literacy" skills, giving advice to organisations, parents, teachers, and carers about internet safety.
- (iii) Protection - Helping to protect children and young people and prevent them from being exploited in the online environment provided by new technologies.
- (iv) Policy - Helping all sectors develop effective policy responses in line with the rapidly changing communications technology.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

• Grant-making policies

Under the terms of a grant from the European Commission (EC), supporting our work on project deSHAME and a related grant from Facebook, there was a requirement to disburse some of those funds as grants to our project partners Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark), Kek Vonal (Hungary) and University of Central Lancashire (UK). The project had only just finished at this year end so the disbursements will take place after receipt of final payment in the next financial year.

Very rarely one-off small grants may be made from unrestricted or restricted income in strict pursuance of the charity's objectives although none were made during the 2019-20 year.

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Achievements and performance

● **Review of activities**

The following gives a quarterly breakdown of the activities carried out by Childnet during April 2020 – 31st March 2021.

Certain key activities take place throughout the year. For example, Childnet's education and outreach work.

This work, carried out by Childnet's education outreach team would normally visit and present in person in primary and secondary schools across the country, and also in some nurseries and Sixth Form Colleges, running sessions for children, staff and parents and carers, to empower children and those that support them to be able to use technology safely and responsibly. This work was impacted by covid 19 and the resulting lockdown, and over the course of the year the demand for this work continued, and we were able to meet this by providing sessions online, both live and pre-recorded. The team also assisted in the development of key resources and activities, and keeping all the materials up to date, including the Childnet and UK Safer Internet Centre websites. We collate the questions we receive during the sessions with children, parents and carers and staff, and try to respond to the recurring themes in blogs posted on our website.

Childnet continued to be active members of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). The CEO, Will Gardner, has been part of the Executive Board since April 2013. Childnet were active members of the UKCIS Evidence Group, and host the findings of this group, i.e., a summary of the latest research in the area of children's online activity and safety issues on our UK Safer Internet Centre website. Childnet has been an active member of the UKCIS Education group. Kate Jones (Deputy CEO) has been a member of the Digital Resilience Working group. Phoebe Moriarty Roberts joined the Vulnerable Users Working Group, and Will Gardner founded and chairs the Early Warning Working Group, made up of helplines, hotlines, and law enforcement. Will Gardner is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance Advisory Group and is on the Advisory Board for Internet Matters, a parents' portal established by the four major ISPs. Childnet have done a range of media work, including a range of TV, radio, newspaper, and online media interviews. In this work they have been able to help spread awareness messages. It is mentioned later, but on Safer Internet Day 2021 (9th February), which Childnet organised for the UK, there was a media reach of 126 million people, across outlets including the BBC, Sky, ITV News and Sky News Radio. Childnet have also been interviewed by and met with several researchers in this area.

Childnet also continued to be members of the Twitter "Trust & Safety Council" and Facebook's Safety Advisory Board.

Childnet staff have presented at and chaired panels at a number of conferences both in the UK and across the world.

Childnet, with partner organisations the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation, continued in their role as the UK Safer Internet Centre, a role part funded by the European Commission's Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). In this role, Childnet form the Awareness Centre, and joins a network of European Safer Internet Centres called INSAFE, with whom we share ideas and best practice. We develop safety resources for the UK, organise youth participation and youth voice, and organise Safer Internet Day in the UK. UKSIC project V finished at the end of 2020, and we began UKSIC VI in January 2021, and this project will run until the end of 2021.

April to September 2020:

Childnet staff have attended and spoken at Safer Internet Centre meetings, run by INSAFE, the coordinator of the network of European Safer Internet Centres that are part-funded by the EC, in order to share good practice, recent trends and issues. The meetings were virtual due to the lockdown situation caused by Covid-19. Childnet attended the meeting which has been due to take place in Oslo, Norway, but was instead online (June 2020) and also the one later in the year in October, and the Safer Internet Forum in November. We have also shared our educational materials and resources with our colleagues from this European Network, via the Better Internet for Kids platform.

Project deSHAME II, focussed on tackling the online sexual harassment among 9-12 year-olds and supporting parents and carers ran throughout the financial year, culminating in a public launch of the resources developed

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on 30th March 2021. The Project is 80% funded by the EC Rights Equality and Citizenship Programme. The other partners in this project are the University of Central Lancashire (UK), Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark) and Kek Vonal (Hungary). We had been due to hold a second youth residential in April, bringing together the members of the Youth Advisory Board for a weekend, but due to Covid we had to cancel this meeting, and instead we met with the YAB online every 6 weeks throughout the rest of the year.

Peace One Day took place on Saturday 21st Sept. Afua, a Youth Advisory Board member for the first Project deSHAME joined as a panellist at an event that was the centrepiece of the global celebration.

Over this period Childnet developed and released a number of new resources, including new video lessons, to support parents and carers in their home-schooling, enabling them to include online safety. This targeted the 6-9 age-range and the videos are for parents and children to watch together. It won the INSAFE resource competition later in the year. The team also worked on the development of other resources, and updated a range of online information and advice. The Education team ran a number of webinars/trainings for a range of audiences, including, one to support adopters for Adoption UK, as well as 2 webinars for a support group for parents of children with SEND in SE London, as well as for the staff of Plan UK. The team were also supporting schools by providing pre-recordings of the activity days that they would ordinarily have run face-to-face with young people in schools.

Will Gardner and other Childnet staff also spoke at several events, though all online during this period. Will Gardner attended a charities roundtable (a conference call) chaired by two Government ministers, James Brokenshire (Home Office) and Caroline Dinenage (DCMS). Will Gardner also attended the third DCMS roundtable on Transparency, chaired by Caroline Dinenage. Will chaired the UKCIS Early Warning Working Group, bringing together helplines across the country, and the hotline, law enforcement and Government departments to discuss online risk and harm in its current form. At the start of lockdown the meetings were held fortnightly so we could all keep a close eye on the impact of lockdown on online risk and harm.

We developed guidance for the National Lottery Heritage fund – A Digital guide: working safely online with children and young people – supporting heritage organisations to engage with young people online, and to do so safely.

It was the 11th year of Childnet's annual Film Competition. The theme was 'We want an internet where we are free to' The Competition is normally has two categories, one for primary schools and one for secondary. Because of lockdown, and schools being closed to most pupils, we had to change the competition this time, having a Solo category for primary and also for secondary, a Group category, and a new Storyboard category, to enable those without the equipment to film to participate. We had an amazing number of entries, and the standard was incredibly high. The judges were David Austin, CEO of the BBFC, Catherine McAllister from the BBC, Mark Reid from the BFI, and Lisa Prime from BAFTA, Stan McCoy from the MPA (Motion Picture Association), and Amy Phillips from Disney. There was no physical event to announce the winners this time due to Covid, so these were shared and promoted online.

A new project, Project Thrive Online started in June. It is supported by the Google.org Impact Challenge on Safety 2019, and it will lead to the development of resources for educators working with children with SEND covering online pornography, healthy relationships, and digital wellbeing, as well as support for parents of children with SEND. It will run for two years, until the summer of 2023. It will also develop content for the Digital Leaders programme.

The Childnet Digital Leaders Programme is a peer education programme. Schools subscribe and recruit 8-10 pupils as Digital Leaders. These pupils complete online training modules and they then work to earn badges by completing tasks, such as running an education awareness session for their peers, or for parents or staff.

The Primary and Secondary programme were both impacted by the lockdown, and the team were focussed on adapting the programme to support children during this period. We produced the annual impact report for the Childnet Digital Leaders programme, and highlights include:

- 95% of teachers said the programme has impacted on a whole school level
- 81% of teachers have said the programme has helped their school staff fulfil their safeguarding duties

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- 81% of teachers have noticed safer online behaviours from young people as a result of the programme
- 84% of Digital Leaders feel they can make a difference in their school

We launched a new Project, Digital Leaders Plus, with support from Nominet. This project includes providing a bursary scheme for schools in the least economically advantaged areas of the UK to access the programme.

Charlie Benson joined the Childnet team as an Education Officer at the end of April.

Maithreyi Rajeshkumar, Childnet's Policy and Communications Manager, and Charlotte Mugarra D'Cruze, School Relations Officer (part of the Digital Leaders team), both left Childnet in August.

Jess Parsons joined the team as a new Education Officer on 1st September. Marie Fichardo, Education Officer went on maternity leave in September. Ellie Proffitt, Education Manager went on maternity leave in October 2020.

October to December 2020:

We recruited a Communications and Marketing Manager, Lee Jones.

In preparation for Safer Internet Day 2021 we held stakeholder meetings, bringing representatives from many organisations together to be briefed on the forthcoming Safer internet Day and support their early planning. These were online events and we had large turnouts. We held a central event, and subsequent ones for Wales and Scotland. The Education packs were launched, having also been translated into Welsh, and the focus this year is on the issue of misinformation and reliability of content. There were packs created for primary and secondary, and they included Assembly plan, lesson plan, quick ideas to teachers, as well as a pack for parents. TikTok supported this work. The Welsh Government supported the translation of these resources into Welsh.

We held a UK Safer Internet Centre Advisory Board meeting in October online, the second for this project (UKSIC V). This meeting is chaired by Childnet's CEO, bringing together key stakeholders from industry, the charity sector, Government, education, academia and more.

Childnet participated and spoke at a number of events over this period. For example, Will Gardner spoke at the Council of International Schools conference.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has taken over the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on social media, chaired by Chris Elmore MP. The first meeting, attended by Home Office minister Victoria Atkins, saw the launch of an inquiry into coerced self-generated images, responding to the IWF finding that 40% of their reports look to be coerced self-generated images of primarily girls aged 11-13. We had close to 100 people attend the first meeting.

We held an Experts Advisory Board for project deSHAME II, bringing together experts from relevant sectors to discuss the progress and plans for the work tackling online sexual harassment and bullying amongst 9-12 year-olds and supporting parents and carers.

We started a new project, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, supporting our core work and to better embed young people's voices into our web content.

We launched some ground-breaking resources during this period. The STAR toolkit has been hugely expanded and is a brilliantly all-encompassing toolkit for educators working with children with SEND. The toolkit also has four animations to support the teaching and learning. We launched this resource at an online event hosted by Facebook in December, with Vicky Ford, DfE Minister addressing the event, attended by 70 stakeholders.

We launched a learning to read book, targeting children and parents. And we also launched a resource to address online hate called Talk about it. We also updated key resources, such as for foster carers and adoptive parents, and the parents' guide to technology.

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January to March 2021:

The UK Safer Internet Centre Project V ended at the end of 2020 and Project VI began on January 1st, 2021.

Childnet organised and ran Safer internet Day in the UK (9th February). We took a collaborative approach to the Day, encouraging and mobilising a large number of organisations and schools to support the Day. This was the biggest Safer Internet Day ever, reaching 51% of children and 38% of parents. Of the children that heard SID messages, 82% felt more confident about what to do if they were worried about something online. Of the parents that heard SID messages, 70% talked to their children about using the internet safely. Huge reach and huge impact, growing even on the record-breaking previous year.

Each February for Safer Internet Day, hundreds of organisations right across the UK get involved to help inspire the safe and positive use of technology. In the UK we marked Safer Internet Day by mobilising people across the UK 'Together for a better internet' and explore how a better internet starts with each and every one of us.

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day in the UK was reliability online, and we released a research report into this – 'An internet young people can trust' a report into how young people are managing reliability and misleading content online - which was drawn from a survey of over 2000 young people aged 8-17 across the UK. The Safer Internet Day campaign saw so many come together to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Over 2,100 organisations across the UK delivered activities for the day, including schools, police forces, government, companies, football clubs, charities, and others – more than ever before.

All these organisations came together to deliver a range of inspiring activities to encourage the safe and positive use of technology. They joined hundreds of individuals supporting the #SaferInternetDay social media campaign and #AnInternetWeTrust. The social media campaign trended on Twitter throughout the Day. Safer Internet Day (SID) broke a Guinness World Record this time, for the most online safety pledges.

There were youth events across the UK (although they were virtual) which helped ensure that the day really reflected the voice of young people. At these events young people spoke in front of Government ministers, policy makers, industry representatives and more, with opportunities to share their experiences of being online and their recommendations for how this space can be improved for young people.

BT supported us to hold a livestreamed event. It was hosted by Jake Humphrey live from the BT Tower, and featured several films of young people talking about SID and the theme, Will Gardner went through the research in discussion with Jake, we had several pre-records from DfE, DCMS and from BT, live updates from our social feeds, and the highlight was a live panel of young people answering questions filmed by industry reps. The BT Tower displayed the SID message.

Schools across the UK used the UK Safer Internet Centre's Education Packs, developed by Childnet, and the accompanying Safer Internet Day TV films (developed by the SWGfL) to explore these issues. In fact, there were over 1.5 million downloads of the educational resources prepared for SID, and over 2.4 million views of the SID films.

A group of Childnet Digital Leaders also spoke with MPs at the APPG on social media the day before Safer Internet Day, sharing their perspectives on the theme of misleading information online.

The resources produced in Project deSHAME II were soft launched in January 2021, and then we held an event in March, addressed by DfE Minister Vicky Ford (by providing a pre-recorded video address), and attended by 100 stakeholders. We were also joined by two members of our Youth Advisory Board, who eloquently explained the importance of this issue and the resources and explained the issue of online sexual harassment from a young person's perspective.

The Film Competition 2021 was launched in February 2021, with the theme, 'Separating fact from fiction: finding trustworthy information online'. We have financial support from the Motion Picture Association as well as from Disney for this Competition, as well as from the EU (as part of our UK Safer Internet Centre work).

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Will Gardner spoke at several conferences and meetings over this period, including, in January, a Council of International Schools conference, and an EY conference. Phoebe Moriarty Roberts ran a workshop on online safety education to young people with SEND at a conference in January.

Will Gardner attended the meeting of the UKCIS Executive Board held in February.

In a challenging economic environment, Childnet has been grateful to receive funding not aforementioned from Disney, The Motion Picture Association, Facebook, Roblox, Apple, Supercell, Microsoft, Snap, TikTok, Trend Micro, techUK, and Twitter, together supporting a range of work, including the development of educational resources and Childnet's role in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

● **Factors relevant to achieve objectives**

Childnet has consistently built its reach and impact of its work and there are several factors involved in this. The staff at Childnet are experts in their areas and absolutely recognise the importance of the work they are doing - as such they are dedicated to the objectives of the organisation. The Board of Trustees provide great oversight of the organisation and their expertise and experience provide an invaluable resource and support.

Childnet builds strong and effective partnerships and sees working in collaboration key to successful implementation of its mission. Building a great coalition of support for Safer Internet Day, with key supporters like the BBC and Liverpool Football Club, has been successful in getting great reach and impact. The Childnet Digital Leaders programme is core to Childnet's mission of empowering children and young people, and really giving them agency and voice in their communities.

Financial review

● **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the principal funding section below.

● **Reserves policy**

For the year ending 31 March 2021, the Directors and Trustees had previously set a reserves policy objective of having a level of reserves sufficient to cover 3 months operational costs at any one time. This is estimated currently to be around the region of £140,000. This was reviewed during the year. It was decided that this level should remain in place, although it remains an aspiration to increase it in the future as funding allows.

● **Material investments policy**

Childnet does not currently have sufficient funds to justify a long-term investment policy. However, professional advice is sought on short-term commitment of funds to high interest-bearing accounts for appropriate periods which bring the best return for the charity while maintaining liquidity.

Childnet also uses the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in making and implementing pension scheme decisions for its staff.

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● **Principal funding**

During the year the total incoming resources of the charity amounted to £959,538 (2020: £1,087,914) and total resources expended were £940,226 (2019: £1,091,643). This resulted in a surplus of £19,312 for the year (2020: deficit £3,729). The reserves therefore stood at £141,824 at the year end (2020: £122,512), of which £21,946 was restricted and £119,878 was unrestricted (2020: £36,286 and £86,226 respectively).

Going forward the Directors/Trustees have acknowledged with the Auditors that there is a significant challenge in being able to continue to fundraise, especially for unrestricted income, for Childnet's work as a non-crisis intervention charity. At the date of this report, so long as the assumptions used in preparing forecasts remain valid, there is sufficient funding for the current operations to be maintained for the foreseeable future. The Directors/Trustees and staff are actively reviewing all areas of the charity's activities and future operations, options for reducing costs and securing grants and donations to continue the operations within the funds available.

Structure, governance and management

● **Constitution**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000. On the 1st April 2000 the net assets and activities of the charitable trust Childnet International, which had been founded in 1995, were transferred to Childnet, having the same objects and trustees at that time.

The above-mentioned documents outline the objectives of the charity including:

- (i) To advance the education of the public in any part of the world in all aspects of computer communications and Internet technology including the most effective software for the education and training of children;
- (ii) To advance the education and training of children in any part of the world in and by the use of computer communications and Internet technology;
- (iii) To protect the moral welfare of children in any part of the world by the promotion of measures directed to prevent their exposure to racist, pornographic, obscene or other harmful electronic computer and televisual material.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

● **Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

Childnet had 5 trustees on the 1st of April 2020. Victoria Hordern started the process of joining the Board of trustees during the previous year, formal approval taking place just after the year end in April 2020. Graham Wallace stepped down from the Board in November 2020.

Trustees are selected against a clear job description and criteria which have been updated by the CEO and Trustees over the last few years.

Trustees are recruited following periodic Trustee audits in which areas of expertise are reviewed and new candidates identified.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The Board of Childnet is made up of the people listed on the page 1 who have a range of relevant experience in education, marketing, child protection and the computing and telecommunications industries.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the Chief Executive who is involved in all issues of strategic direction, management of staff and resources, policy along with the Deputy Chief Executive and, with support from the Childnet Business Manager, the financial management of the organisation.

Childnet is run on a day-to-day basis by the Chief Executive Officer who reports to the Board of Trustees through the Chair of Trustees regularly. Trustees meet with the CEO, the Deputy CEO and Business Manager (who is also the Company Secretary) formally 4 or 5 times a year. However, communication takes place between the chair and CEO on a regular basis. Reports are submitted from the CEO and Business Manager to each Trustee meeting outlining progress against targets and actions agreed. Full minutes of these meetings are taken and signed as an accurate record of each meeting at the beginning of the next meeting. Additionally, interim finance meetings are held as and when required.

The CEO and Business Manager have authority to carry out the duties of the organisation, as agreed in the business plan and budget at the start of each financial year (1st April – 31st March). This includes the employing of staff, expenditure to carry out agreed project work as well as communication within and outside of the organisation. Spending limits are set and all expenditure over £3,000 is authorised by the Chair of Trustees, and this process is verified separately by the Honorary Treasurer.

The Chair of Trustees meets with the CEO and Business Manager prior to each Trustee's Meeting to review progress since the last meeting, including reviewing action points and matters arising, to set the agenda and to provide a report to the full Board of Trustees.

The Honorary Treasurer also meets with the CEO and Business Manager before each Trustee's meeting to review progress on expenditure and income. His written report is submitted to the trustees as a further check and balance.

● **Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Each Trustee is given a full induction which includes:

- (i) Going through the job description (there are separate detailed job descriptions for Chair and Honorary Treasurer).
- (ii) Advice from the Charity Commission on their duties.
- (iii) Full set of Company papers including policies on equal opportunities, child protection, staff computer use, ethos and values and staff contracts.
- (iv) the offer of training on their role and duties as well as provided with support in their work from the staff, including updates on legislation and best practice within the voluntary sector.
- (v) Trustees now have to complete full DBS clearance as part of their appointment.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

● **Related party relationships**

Childnet seeks to co-operate with many agencies around the world who share the objective of promoting safe and fun internet use for children. This is an area that has continued to grow throughout the past year but none of these activities justify the reporting of a related party relationship or transaction.

Over this period Childnet did not operate any independent bodies or companies or trading subsidiaries. As an organisation Childnet has a number of formal and informal partnerships with other charities, funders, and organisations. All formal partnerships and major contractual relationships are reviewed and approved by Trustees before signature.

As a member of the consortium that makes up the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with both the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) in respect of these part-European Commission (EC) funded projects.

As the lead member of the consortium that makes up the deSHAME project for the EC, Childnet has a formal partnership agreement with Red Barnet (Save the Children Denmark), Kek Vonal (Hungary) and University of Central Lancashire.

Childnet is a member of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) and the Sex Education Forum (SEF).

● **Financial risk management**

The Directors and Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for the management of risk and building on the previous full risk audits that the Trustees completed, they have continued to work with senior staff in identifying and managing risks which Childnet might face as well as the responses to these risks. Elements of this are reviewed annually.

To manage elements of potential risk, Childnet maintained contact with our solicitor for expert legal advice as needed and ensured that we continued to keep abreast of potential risks and to include periodic monitoring and assessment of these risks in reports to Trustees. In addition, the Childnet staff have worked to strengthen a number of policies and processes to do with financial management and risk analysis including:

- (i) Appointed an Honorary Treasurer to review accounts, financial reporting, and business management. A process is in place to recruit a new Honorary Treasurer in 2021.
- (ii) Further updating and maintenance of staff contracts.
- (iii) Ensuring that all new Childnet staff and trustees were checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), with enhanced clearance where appropriate.
- (iv) Updating annually the Childnet Child Protection Policy in light of Childnet's own advice to others about moderation and online child protection.
- (v) Retaining the services of an Independent Financial Advisor in respect of pension and life assurance arrangements.
- (vi) Ensuring that all contracts signed by Childnet with sponsors or partners are reviewed by the Business Manager and Childnet's solicitor where appropriate to ensure that there are proper safeguards in place for Childnet.

In addition, all The Directors and Trustees intend to revisit the risk assessment issues on a regular basis at Board meetings and continue to implement strategies to minimise the risks and ensure best practice.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Plans for future periods

Childnet is committed to the highest quality of operations (internal procedures, governance, staff training and development etc.). During the next 12 months the organization is continuing to keep in place and develop procedures which include:

- (i) Continuing to review the make-up of the Trustee body and recruit additional trustees
- (ii) Continuing to strengthen our internal monitoring and evaluation processes
- (iii) Ensuring that the organisation continues to have strong reference and participation from children and young people
- (iv) Strengthening the fundraising and promotion of the organisation with the appointment or appropriate outsourcing of fundraising personnel
- (v) Continuing to regularly review the strategic direction of the organisation
- (vi) Developing staff through regular training and supervision and ensure that all internal policies are constantly updated
- (vii) Formally review Childnet's international strategy.

Members' liability

The Members of the Company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Auditors

The auditors, Baldwin Scofield Ltd, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 22 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childnet (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (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 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charitable company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.

We understood how Childnet is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the charitable company maintains and communicates its policies and procedures in these areas and corroborated this by reviewing supporting documentation and minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override to be a fraud risk. In addition, we considered the risk of management override by sampling from the entire population of journals, identifying specific transactions which did not meet our expectations based on specific criteria and investigated these to gain an understanding and then agree back to source documentation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved verifying that material transactions were recorded in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILDNET (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Baldwin Scofield Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
3 Newhouse Business Centre
Old Crawley Road
Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 4RU

22 November 2021

Baldwin Scofield Ltd are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	646,901	109,946	756,847	871,235
Charitable activities	4	-	202,541	202,541	216,302
Other trading activities	5	-	2	2	2
Investments	6	-	148	148	375
Total income		646,901	312,637	959,538	1,087,914
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	-	231	231	420
Charitable activities	9	744,261	195,734	939,995	1,091,223
Total expenditure		744,261	195,965	940,226	1,091,643
Net (expenditure)/income		(97,360)	116,672	19,312	(3,729)
Transfers between funds	19	83,020	(83,020)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(14,340)	33,652	19,312	(3,729)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		36,286	86,226	122,512	126,241
Net movement in funds		(14,340)	33,652	19,312	(3,729)
Total funds carried forward		21,946	119,878	141,824	122,512

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	2,530	3,467
Investments	15	1	1
		<u>2,531</u>	<u>3,468</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	353,041	109,525
Cash at bank and in hand		202,662	323,470
		<u>555,703</u>	<u>432,995</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(416,410)	(313,951)
Net current assets		<u>139,293</u>	<u>119,044</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>141,824</u></u>	<u><u>122,512</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	21,946	36,286
Unrestricted funds	19	119,878	86,226
Total funds		<u><u>141,824</u></u>	<u><u>122,512</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Tink Palmer

The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(118,318)	(149,236)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,490)	(2,270)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,490)	(2,270)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(120,808)	(151,506)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	323,470	474,976
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	202,662	323,470

The notes on pages 20 to 35 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. General information

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1080173) and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 28 March 2000.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Childnet meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £150 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 25% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

2.7 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	107,342	67,705	175,047
Grants	443,443	40,000	483,443
Government grants	96,116	2,241	98,357
	<u>646,901</u>	<u>109,946</u>	<u>756,847</u>

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3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Donations	130,728	113,427	244,155
Grants	587,080	40,000	627,080
	<u>717,808</u>	<u>153,427</u>	<u>871,235</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Consultancy income	80,864	80,864
Programme and other income	121,677	121,677
Consultancy expenses recovered	-	-
	<u>202,541</u>	<u>202,541</u>

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Consultancy income	-	92,620	92,620
Programme and other income	-	118,002	118,002
Consultancy expenses recovered	305	5,375	5,680
	<u>305</u>	<u>215,997</u>	<u>216,302</u>

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from non charitable trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Net income - Everyclick	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Net income - Everyclick	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Investment income - bank interest	148	148
	<u>148</u>	<u>148</u>

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Investment income - bank interest	375	375
	<u>375</u>	<u>375</u>

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7. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising expense	231	231

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	420	420

8. Analysis of grants

No grants made in 2021.

	Grants to Institutions 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants made	171,141	171,141

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	688,756	251,239	939,995

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	769,421	321,802	1,091,223

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Direct costs of charitable activities	748,880	191,115	939,995

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2020 £</i>	<i>Grant funding of activities 2020 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Direct costs of charitable activities	759,001	171,141	161,081	1,091,223

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Charitable activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Salaries and wages	650,604	650,604
Staff costs	3,035	3,035
Consultancy	15,841	15,841
Hire of premises	5,513	5,513
Design and print	72,632	72,632
Motor and travel	1,255	1,255
	<u>748,880</u>	<u>748,880</u>
	<i>Charitable activities 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Salaries and wages	651,822	651,822
Staff costs	7,053	7,053
Consultancy	9,329	9,329
Hire of premises	20,965	20,965
Design and print	31,186	31,186
Motor and travel	38,646	38,646
	<u>759,001</u>	<u>759,001</u>

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10. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Support activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rent and rates	21,078	21,078
Heating and lighting	1,435	1,435
Postage, printing and stationery	1,183	1,183
Telephone and communications	2,721	2,721
Publicity and marketing	77,631	77,631
Website design and hosting	37,085	37,085
Repairs and renewals	8,481	8,481
Bank charges and interest	875	875
Professional HR costs	1,746	1,746
Leasing charges	787	787
Computer costs	14,153	14,153
Other	16,563	16,563
Governance costs	7,377	7,377
	<u>191,115</u>	<u>191,115</u>

	<i>Support activities 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Rent and rates	20,372	20,372
Heating and lighting	2,192	2,192
Postage, printing and stationery	5,473	5,473
Telephone and communications	3,727	3,727
Publicity and marketing	42,600	42,600
Website design and hosting	42,092	42,092
Repairs and renewals	14,007	14,007
Bank charges and interest	1,009	1,009
Leasing charges	831	831
Computer costs	5,109	5,109
Other	15,509	15,509
Governance costs	8,159	8,159
	<u>161,080</u>	<u>161,080</u>

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11. Auditors' remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts	5,040	4,800
Fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect of: All non-audit services not included above	-	960
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

12. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	547,253	546,138
Social security costs	49,139	51,147
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	54,211	54,537
	<u>650,603</u>	<u>651,822</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Charity operations and administration	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2020 - £139 to 1 Trustee). The expenses were travel and subsistence costs incurred in attending trustee meetings.

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2020	12,971	30,438	43,409
Additions	-	2,490	2,490
Disposals	-	(42)	(42)
At 31 March 2021	<u>12,971</u>	<u>32,886</u>	<u>45,857</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	12,742	27,200	39,942
Charge for the year	114	3,312	3,426
On disposals	-	(42)	(42)
At 31 March 2021	<u>12,856</u>	<u>30,470</u>	<u>43,326</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	<u>115</u>	<u>2,416</u>	<u>2,531</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>229</u>	<u>3,238</u>	<u>3,467</u>

15. Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2020	1
At 31 March 2021	<u>1</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2021	1
At 31 March 2020	<u>1</u>

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16. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	48,110	69,515
Other debtors	10,152	2,521
Prepayments and accrued income	294,779	37,489
	<u>353,041</u>	<u>109,525</u>

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	33,859	25,136
Other taxation and social security	12,265	15,259
Other creditors	5,170	-
Accruals and deferred income	365,116	273,556
	<u>416,410</u>	<u>313,951</u>

18. Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>202,663</u>	<u>323,471</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprises balances held by the bank.

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	86,226	312,637	(195,965)	(83,020)	119,878
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	36,286	17,080	(43,420)	-	9,946
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	467,852	(538,211)	82,359	12,000
deSHAME 2	-	100,993	(101,534)	541	-
Google Tides	-	18,575	(18,626)	51	-
Nominet DL plus	-	42,401	(42,470)	69	-
	36,286	646,901	(744,261)	83,020	21,946
Total of funds	122,512	959,538	(940,226)	-	141,824

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	89,766	369,801	(263,567)	(109,774)	86,226
Restricted funds					
Facebook Digital Leaders	36,475	53,002	(53,191)	-	36,286
deSHAME 1	-	62,884	(71,861)	8,977	-
UK Safer Internet Centre	-	415,113	(515,910)	100,797	-
deSHAME 2	-	185,327	(185,327)	-	-
Google Tides	-	1,787	(1,787)	-	-
	36,475	718,113	(828,076)	109,774	36,286
Total of funds	126,241	718,113	(1,091,643)	-	122,512

20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</i>
General funds	86,226	312,637	(195,965)	(83,020)	119,878
Restricted funds	36,286	646,901	(744,261)	83,020	21,946
	122,512	959,538	(940,226)	-	141,824

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20. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2020 £</i>
General funds	89,766	369,801	(263,567)	(109,774)	86,226
Restricted funds	36,475	718,113	(828,076)	109,774	36,286
	<u>126,241</u>	<u>1,087,914</u>	<u>(1,091,643)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,512</u>

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,530	2,530
Fixed asset investments	-	1	1
Current assets	21,946	533,757	555,703
Creditors due within one year	-	(416,410)	(416,410)
Total	<u>21,946</u>	<u>119,878</u>	<u>141,824</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	-	3,467	3,467
Fixed asset investments	-	1	1
Current assets	36,286	396,709	432,995
Creditors due within one year	-	(313,951)	(313,951)
Total	<u>36,286</u>	<u>86,226</u>	<u>122,512</u>

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22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	19,312	(3,729)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,426	4,091
Decrease in stocks	-	2,279
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(243,515)	13,217
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	102,459	(165,094)
Net cash used in operating activities	(118,318)	(149,236)

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	202,662	323,470
Total cash and cash equivalents	202,662	323,470

24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	323,470	(120,808)	202,662
	323,470	(120,808)	202,662

25. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £54,211 (2020 - £54,537).

