

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1094694

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-11-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JEWISH WOMEN AND GIRLS LIVING IN THE UK WHO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH THE SEPHARDICOMMUNITY AND WHO ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) BY:-(A) PROVIDING DOWRIES TO POOR WOMEN, PREFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO ORPHANS.(B) PROVIDING GRANTS TO POOR WOMEN FOLLOWING CHILDBIRTH.2. THE TRUSTEES MAY RELIEVE THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE BY:(A) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO THEM; OR (B) PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES FOR THEM; OR (C) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO OTHER PERSONS OR BODIES WHO PROVIDE GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES TO THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Activities: a)Providing doweries to poor women, preference given to orphansb) Providing grants to women following birthc) Making grants to other persons or bodies who provide goods, services or facilities to those eligible for assistance

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£24,108	£31,478	-	-
2024-10-31	£27,822	£16,732	-	-
2023-10-31	£29,002	£33,012	-	-
2022-10-31	£61,845	£66,770	-	-
2021-10-31	£26,488	£36,539	-	-
2020-10-31	£23,096	£31,366	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SYLVIA GRAHAM	Chair	2019-07-03
Philip Magnus		2019-07-03
Rosy Khalastchy		2025-03-19
SHELIA GEWOLB		2019-07-03
SIMON RICHARD MAURICE DANGOOR		2026-03-25
Susan Joyce Kendal		2025-03-19

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Trustees

S Graham, Chair
R Khalastchy (appointed 19 March 2025)
S Kendal (appointed 19 March 2025)
P Magnus
S Gewolb
A Dwek

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Principal office

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a. Policies and objectives

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The Trustees receive applications from individuals and institutions. These are reviewed by the Trustees throughout the year in relation to the charitable objectives and appropriate grants are approved by the Trustees.

In line with its charitable objectives, the Trust has made 85 grants (2023: 77) during the year.

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The Charity undertakes to give grants in line with its governing document to Jewish Women in need.

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The activity of grant making to those Jewish Women in need furthers the Charity's purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

The Dower Society disbursed 85 grants in 2024 compared to 77 grants in the previous year. Average incoming resources for the last 4 years to 2023 were £49,653 (2023: £26,246). The Dower Society has continued to work closely with communal welfare organisations in order to provide grants for single women and their children when in need of grants to cover additional expenses for religious festivals, summer holidays and general household items.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity 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 accounting policies.

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c. Review of the Year

Total income for the year was £27,822 (2023: £29,002), of which was entirely from the Common Investment Fund. Expenditure for the year totalled £16,732 (2023: £33,012) consisting of £14,585 (2023: £26,323) on grants given and £2,147 (2023: £6,689) on support costs. There was a gain of £77,178 (2023: Loss of £23,121) on revaluation of investments. Funds carried forward at the year end totalled £1,284,594 (2023: £1,196,326). All funds, income, expenditure, gains and losses related to unrestricted funds.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a registered charity, number 1094694, and is constituted under a Scheme.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by selection by the current Trustees of the charity by a simple majority vote. New Trustees are selected to add their expertise or knowledge to the board of Trustees.

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Scheme.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity 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 and signed on their behalf by:



P. Magnus

Trustee

Date: 15/08/2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Ian Saunderson*

Dated: 19/08/2025

Ian Saunderson FCA

BKL Audit LLP
35 Ballards Lane
London
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THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Investments	3	27,822	27,822	29,002
Total income		<u>27,822</u>	<u>27,822</u>	<u>29,002</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		16,732	16,732	33,012
Total expenditure		<u>16,732</u>	<u>16,732</u>	<u>33,012</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before net gains/(losses) on investments		11,090	11,090	(4,010)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		77,178	77,178	(23,121)
Net movement in funds		<u>88,268</u>	<u>88,268</u>	<u>(27,131)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,196,326	1,196,326	1,223,457
Net movement in funds		88,268	88,268	(27,131)
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,284,594</u>	<u>1,284,594</u>	<u>1,196,326</u>

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

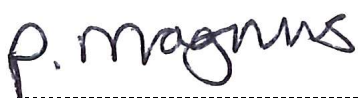
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	1,264,083	1,186,904
		<u>1,264,083</u>	<u>1,186,904</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	15,247	17,167
Cash at bank and in hand		8,204	2,597
		<u>23,451</u>	<u>19,764</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,940)	(10,342)
		<u>20,511</u>	<u>9,422</u>
Net current assets		<u>20,511</u>	<u>9,422</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,284,594</u></u>	<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	1,284,594	1,196,326
Total funds		<u><u>1,284,594</u></u>	<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>

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



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P Magnus
 (Chair of Trustees)
 Date: 15/08/2025

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1. General information

The Spanish And Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a unincorporated trust established by scheme on 7th August 2002 in England & Wales with charity registration number 1094694 and as subsequently amended by resolution on 20th March 2018 and 4th June 2018.

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 Charities Act 2011.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies 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 Going concern

The charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to institutions, which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had significant net assets at the year end, including a healthy cash balance. The Trustees therefore consider that based on the circumstances existing at the date of signature of the accounts, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2.3 Income

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

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

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 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 charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity'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.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 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.

2.6 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.

2.7 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)

2.8 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 Charity 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.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

2.10 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from Common Investment Fund	<u>27,822</u>	<u>27,822</u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Income from Common Investment Fund	<u>29,002</u>	<u>29,002</u>

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4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants, Supporting Jewish Women	14,585	14,585
	<i>Grants to Individuals 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Grants, Supporting Jewish Women	26,323	26,323

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Supporting Jewish Women	14,585	2,147	16,732
	<i>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Supporting Jewish Women	26,323	6,689	33,012

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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Supporting Jewish Women 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Secretarial fees	(970)	(970)
IT software	177	177
Independent Examination fee	2,940	2,940
	<u>2,147</u>	<u>2,147</u>
	<i>Supporting Jewish Women 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Secretarial fees	3,732	3,732
IT software	387	387
Independent Examination fee	2,570	2,570
	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,689</u>

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the preparation and independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>2,940</u>	<u>2,760</u>

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 October 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 November 2023	1,186,905
Revaluations	77,178
At 31 October 2024	1,264,083
Net book value	
At 31 October 2024	1,264,083
At 31 October 2023	1,186,905

9. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Owed by Common Investment Fund	15,247	17,167
	15,247	17,167

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	6,372
Accruals and deferred income	2,940	3,970
	2,940	10,342

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,196,326	27,822	(16,732)	77,178	1,284,594

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2022 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2023 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<i>1,223,457</i>	<i>29,002</i>	<i>(33,012)</i>	<i>(23,121)</i>	<i>1,196,326</i>

12. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

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Summary of funds - prior year

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	1,264,083	1,264,083
Current assets	23,451	23,451
Creditors due within one year	(2,940)	(2,940)
Total	<u><u>1,284,594</u></u>	<u><u>1,284,594</u></u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	1,186,904	1,186,904
Current assets	19,764	19,764
Creditors due within one year	(10,342)	(10,342)
Total	<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>	<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>

14. Related party transactions

At the year end, the charity owed £Nil (2023: £1,210) to Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue relating to administration fees included within trade creditors. There was also a charge during the year of £Nil (2023: £2,522).

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Total income for the year was £29,002 (2022: £26,398), of which was entirely from the Common Investment Fund. Expenditure for the year totalled £33,012 (2022: £48,311) consisting of £26,323 (2022: £43,111) on grants given and £6,689 (2022: £5,200) on support costs. There was a loss of £23,121 (2022: Loss of 124,379) on revaluation of investments. Funds carried forward at the year end totalled £1,196,326 (2022: £1,223,457). All funds, income, expenditure, gains and losses related to unrestricted funds.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a registered charity, number 1094694, and is constituted under a Scheme.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed by selection by the current Trustees of the charity by a simple majority vote. New Trustees are selected to add their expertise or knowledge to the board of Trustees.

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Scheme.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Scheme. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity 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 and signed on their behalf by:



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P Magnus

Trustee

Date: 28/08/2024

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Ian Saunderson*

Dated: 29/08/2024

Ian Saunderson FCA

BKL Audit LLP
35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from:				
Investments	3	29,002	29,002	26,398
Total income		<u>29,002</u>	<u>29,002</u>	<u>26,398</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		33,012	33,012	48,311
Total expenditure		<u>33,012</u>	<u>33,012</u>	<u>48,311</u>
Net expenditure before net losses on investments		(4,010)	(4,010)	(21,913)
Net losses on investments		(23,121)	(23,121)	(124,379)
Net movement in funds		<u>(27,131)</u>	<u>(27,131)</u>	<u>(146,292)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,223,457	1,223,457	1,369,749
Net movement in funds		(27,131)	(27,131)	(146,292)
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>	<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>	<u><u>1,223,457</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	1,186,904	1,210,025
		<u>1,186,904</u>	<u>1,210,025</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	17,167	14,592
Cash at bank and in hand		2,597	2,880
		<u>19,764</u>	<u>17,472</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,342)	(4,040)
		<u>9,422</u>	<u>13,432</u>
Net current assets		<u>9,422</u>	<u>13,432</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>	<u><u>1,223,457</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	11	1,196,326	1,223,457
Total funds		<u><u>1,196,326</u></u>	<u><u>1,223,457</u></u>

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

P. Magnus

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P Magnus
(Trustee)

Date: 28/08/2024

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

1. General information

The Spanish And Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a unincorporated trust established by scheme on 7th August 2002 in England & Wales with charity registration number 1094694 and as subsequently amended by resolution on 20th March 2018 and 4th June 2018.

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 Charities Act 2011.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies 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 Going concern

The charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to institutions, which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had significant net assets at the year end, including a healthy cash balance. The Trustees therefore consider that based on the circumstances existing at the date of signature of the accounts, the operations of the charity are not likely to be affected in a material manner by the current Coronavirus outbreak. The accounts have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

2.3 Income

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

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

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 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 charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity'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.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 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.

2.6 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.

2.7 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.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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 Charity 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.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

2.10 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from Common Investment Fund	29,002	29,002
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Income from Common Investment Fund	26,398	26,398

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants, Supporting Jewish Women	26,323	26,323
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>26,323</u>
	<i>Grants to Individuals 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Grants, Supporting Jewish Women	43,111	43,111
	<u>43,111</u>	<u>43,111</u>

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Supporting Jewish Women	26,323	6,689	33,012
	<u>26,323</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>33,012</u>
	<i>Grant funding of activities 2022 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Supporting Jewish Women	43,111	5,200	48,311
	<u>43,111</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>48,311</u>

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Supporting Jewish Women 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Secretarial fees	3,732	3,732
IT software	387	387
Accountancy fees	2,570	2,570
	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,689</u>

	<i>Supporting Jewish Women 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Secretarial fees	2,200	2,200
IT software	360	360
Accountancy fees	2,640	2,640
	<u>5,200</u>	<u>5,200</u>

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the preparation and independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,760	2,640
	<u>2,760</u>	<u>2,640</u>

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 October 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 November 2022	1,210,025
Revaluations	(23,121)
At 31 October 2023	1,186,904
Net book value	
At 31 October 2023	1,186,904
At 31 October 2022	1,210,025

9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Owed by Common Investment Fund	17,167	14,592
	17,167	14,592

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	6,372	-
Accruals and deferred income	3,970	4,040
	10,342	4,040

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,223,457	29,002	(33,012)	(23,121)	1,196,326

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2022 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	<i>1,369,749</i>	<i>26,398</i>	<i>(48,311)</i>	<i>(124,379)</i>	<i>1,223,457</i>

12. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2023 £
General funds	1,223,457	29,002	(33,012)	(23,121)	1,196,326

Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2022 £</i>
General funds	<i>1,369,749</i>	<i>26,398</i>	<i>(48,311)</i>	<i>(124,379)</i>	<i>1,223,457</i>

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023**

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	1,186,904	1,186,904
Current assets	19,764	19,764
Creditors due within one year	(10,342)	(10,342)
Total	<u>1,196,326</u>	<u>1,196,326</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	1,210,025	1,210,025
Current assets	17,472	17,472
Creditors due within one year	(4,040)	(4,040)
Total	<u>1,223,457</u>	<u>1,223,457</u>

14. Related party transactions

At the year end, the charity owed £1,210 (2022: £Nil) to Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue relating to administration fees included within trade creditors. There was also a charge during the year of £2,522 (2023: £Nil).

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1094694

Accounts

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

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SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Trustees	S Graham, Chair S Gewolb S Kendal, Hon. Secretary (Resigned 8 February 2022) P Magnus S Kandel (Resigned 28 June 2022) A Dwek
Charity registered number	230824
Principal office	Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue 2 Ashworth Road London W9 1JY
Independent examiner	Ian Saunderson FCA 35 Ballards Lane London N3 1XW
Bankers	Natwest Bank London EC2R 8PA

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the 1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Trust funds were established to provide all forms of relief for Sephardi Jews in Britain.

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)'.

b. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The charity has given grants of £60,505 (2021: £62,856) to worthy organisations as decided by the Trustees.

c. Grant-making policies

The Trustees receive applications from individuals and institutions. These are reviewed by the Trustees throughout the year in relation to the charitable objectives and appropriate grants are approved by the Trustees.

In line with its charitable objectives, the Trust has made 208 grants (2021: 222) during the year.

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

The activity of grant making to those Sephardi Jews in need furthers the Charity's purposes for the public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

The Welfare Board disbursed 208 grants in 2022 compared to 222 grants in the previous year. Average incoming resources for the last 5 years to 2022 were £80,710 (2021: £85,261). The Welfare Board has continued to work closely with communal welfare organisations in order to provide grants for children's holidays, clothing, household equipment, utilities, and additional assistance at Pesach and Rosh Hashana.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity 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 accounting policies.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

b. Reserves policy

The charity aims to expend all incoming resources in the form of grants payable to various individual and institutional beneficiaries. This is dependent upon the level of applications received for funding and also the level of investment income in the year. The Trustees will utilise reserves when suitable grant applications are received in future periods. On this basis, and due to the fact that there are very few overhead costs, there is no fixed level set for free reserves. This reserves policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Trust holds investments in the name of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue Common Investment Fund (also known as The London Sephardi Trust Investment Pool) as custodian trustee. Income earned on these investments is the principal source of funding for the Charity.

c. Risks review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

d. Review of the Year

During the financial period, the charity generated a deficit of £215,201 (2021 - surplus of £389,119). xxcxx

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Welfare Board is a registered charity, number 230824, and is constituted under a constitution dated 16 March 1961 as amended 20 February 1966.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are currently recruited both by word of mouth, and also by advertising vacancies among the membership of the Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation. Such advertising is conducted in accordance with the Constitution, with any nominations needing to be appropriately seconded and transmitted to the Secretary. Trustees may be appointed directly by election or co-option to fulfil a casual vacancy. New Trustees are generally furnished with minutes of recent meetings, and invited to observe one or two meetings prior to taking office. They are encouraged to discuss matters with other Trustees and/or the Secretary to familiarise themselves with the workings of the Charity.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

All decisions regarding the Charity are made by the Trustees.

The Charity is connected to the Spanish and Portuguese Jews's Synagogue. In addition, the Charity pays grants on behalf of the Stafford Sassoon Memorial Trust, The Ronnie Gubbay Memorial Fund, The Sir Moses Montefiore Coals and Blanket Trust, The Sir Moses Montefiore Holy Land Trust and the Eugenio Joseph Arbib Trust.

Plans for future periods

The Trust shall continue to make grants in line with its charitable objectives.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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;
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity 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 and signed on their behalf by:

Sybil Graham

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S Graham

(Chair of Trustees)

Date: 15/08/2023

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Welfare Board ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Ian Saunderson*

Dated: 15/08/2023

Ian Saunderson FCA

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35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	14,824	2,391	17,215	50,564
Investments	3	39,499	5,131	44,630	44,624
Total income		54,323	7,522	61,845	95,188
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	58,600	8,170	66,770	68,379
Total expenditure		58,600	8,170	66,770	68,379
Net (expenditure)/income before net (losses)/gains on investments		(4,277)	(648)	(4,925)	26,809
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(186,104)	(24,173)	(210,277)	362,310
Net movement in funds		(190,381)	(24,821)	(215,202)	389,119
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,036,105	276,204	2,312,309	1,923,190
Net movement in funds		(190,381)	(24,821)	(215,202)	389,119
Total funds carried forward		1,845,724	251,383	2,097,107	2,312,309

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	2,045,668	2,256,294
		<u>2,045,668</u>	<u>2,256,294</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	24,670	33,805
Cash at bank and in hand		32,169	30,310
		<u>56,839</u>	<u>64,115</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,400)	(8,100)
		<u>51,439</u>	<u>56,015</u>
Net current assets		<u>51,439</u>	<u>56,015</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,097,107</u>	<u>2,312,309</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,097,107</u>	<u>2,312,309</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	12	251,383	276,204
Unrestricted funds	12	1,845,724	2,036,105
Total funds		<u>2,097,107</u>	<u>2,312,309</u>

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

Sybil Graham

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S Graham
(Chair of Trustees)
Date: 15/08/2023

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE WELFARE BOARD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 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 Charities Act 2011.

Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Welfare Board 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.

1.2 Going concern

The Charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to individuals which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had a healthy cash balance at the year end. The Trustees therefore consider that the Charity 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.

1.3 Income

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

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

1.4 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.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity'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.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

1.8 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 Charity 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

1.10 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 Charity 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 Charity 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.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	14,824	2,391	17,215

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Donations	45,344	5,220	50,564

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from Common Investment Fund	39,499	5,131	44,630

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Income from Common Investment Fund	39,580	5,044	44,624

4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants, Supporting Sephardi Jews	60,505	60,505

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4. Analysis of grants (continued)

	<i>Grants to Individuals 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Grants, Supporting Sephardi Jews	62,856	62,856

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Supporting Sephardi Jews	58,600	8,170	66,770

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2021 £</i>	<i>Total 2021 £</i>
Supporting Sephardi Jews	64,051	4,328	68,379

6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Supporting Sephardi Jews	60,505	6,265	66,770

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	<i>Grant funding of activities 2021 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Supporting Sephardi Jews	62,856	5,523	68,379
	<u>62,856</u>	<u>5,523</u>	<u>68,379</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Supporting Sephardi Jews 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Stafford Sasoon	710	710
Secreterial fees	2,800	2,800
Independent Examination fees	2,720	2,720
Legal fees	35	35
	<u>6,265</u>	<u>6,265</u>

	<i>Supporting Sephardi Jews 2021 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2021 £</i>
Stafford Sasoon	288	288
Secreterial fees	2,800	2,800
Independent Examination fees	2,400	2,400
Legal fees	35	35
	<u>5,523</u>	<u>5,523</u>

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7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the preparation and independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,720	2,400

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 October 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

9. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 November 2021	2,255,943
Revaluations	(210,275)
At 31 October 2022	2,045,668
Net book value	
At 31 October 2022	2,045,668
At 31 October 2021	2,255,943

10. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by Common Investment Fund	24,670	33,805
	24,670	33,805

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11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	-	2,900
Accruals and deferred income	5,400	5,200
	<u>5,400</u>	<u>8,100</u>

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance at 31 October 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	2,036,105	54,323	(58,600)	(186,104)	1,845,724
	<u>2,036,105</u>	<u>54,323</u>	<u>(58,600)</u>	<u>(186,104)</u>	<u>1,845,724</u>
Restricted funds					
Purim	2,000	2,391	(4,370)	-	21
Eugenio Joseph Arbib	274,204	5,131	(3,800)	(24,173)	251,362
	<u>276,204</u>	<u>7,522</u>	<u>(8,170)</u>	<u>(24,173)</u>	<u>251,383</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>2,312,309</u></u>	<u><u>61,845</u></u>	<u><u>(66,770)</u></u>	<u><u>(210,277)</u></u>	<u><u>2,097,107</u></u>

Purim Fund: The money collected to be distributed on Purim to individuals in need.

Eugenio Joseph Arbib: This consists of the funds transferred from the Eugenio Joseph Arbib Trust. The funds are used to relieve poverty and financial hardship amongst Sephardi Jews in the British Isles.

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12. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2020 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2021 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,693,875	84,924	(64,051)	321,357	2,036,105
Restricted funds					
Purim	1,108	5,220	(4,328)	-	2,000
Eugenio Joseph Arbib	228,207	5,044	-	40,953	274,204
	229,315	10,264	(4,328)	40,953	276,204
Total of funds	1,923,190	95,188	(68,379)	362,310	2,312,309

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2021 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2022 £</i>
General funds	2,036,105	54,323	(58,600)	(186,104)	1,845,724
Restricted funds	276,204	7,522	(8,170)	(24,173)	251,383
	2,312,309	61,845	(66,770)	(210,277)	2,097,107

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1094694

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THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Trustees

S Graham, Chair
S Kandel (Resigned 28 June 2022)
S Kendal (Resigned 8 February 2022)
P Magnus
S Gewolb
S Zubaida
A Dwek (Appointed 13 January 2021)

**Charity registered
number**

1094694

Principal office

2 ASHWORTH ROAD
LONDON
W9 1JY

Accountants

BKL Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

Bankers

NatWest Bank
City of London Office
London
EC2R 8PA

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 November 2020 to 31 October 2021.

There was no Independent Examination carried out in respect of the year ended 31 October 2020 since this was not required by Charity Law.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Trust funds were established to provide financial assistance for Jewish Women in Britain who have a connection with the Sephardi Community.

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)'.

b. Grant making policies

The Trustees receive applications from individuals and institutions. These are reviewed by the Trustees throughout the year in relation to the charitable objectives and appropriate grants are approved by the Trustees.

In line with its charitable objectives, the Trust has made 158 grants (2020: 159) during the year.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

The Dower Society disbursed 158 grants in 2021 compared to 159 grants in the previous year. Average incoming resources for the last 5 years to 2021 were £77,583 (2020: £85,844). The Dower Society has continued to work closely with communal welfare organisations in order to provide grants for single women and their children when in need of grants to cover additional expenses for religious festivals, summer holidays and general household items.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity 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 accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The charity aims to expend all incoming resources in the form of grants payable to various individual and institutional beneficiaries. This is dependent upon the level of applications received for funding and also the level of investment income in the year. The Trustees will utilise reserves when suitable grant applications are received in future periods. On this basis, and due to the fact that there are very few overhead costs, there is no fixed level set for free reserves. This reserves policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Trust holds investments in the name of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue Common

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Investment Fund (also known as The London Sephardi Trust Investment Pool) as custodian trustee. Income earned on these investments is the principal source of funding for the Charity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a registered charity, number 1094694, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity 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 Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity 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 and signed on their behalf by:



S Graham

Trustee

Date: 15/08/2022

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2021.

There was no Independent Examination carried out in respect of the year ended 31 October 2020 since this was not required by Charity Law.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Ian Saunderson*

Dated: 16/08/2022

Ian Saunderson FCA

BKL Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
London

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Investments	3	26,488	26,488	23,096
Total income		<u>26,488</u>	<u>26,488</u>	<u>23,096</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		36,539	36,539	31,366
Total expenditure		<u>36,539</u>	<u>36,539</u>	<u>31,366</u>
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		(10,051)	(10,051)	(8,270)
Other recognised gains/(losses):				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		215,060	215,060	(95,470)
Net movement in funds		<u>205,009</u>	<u>205,009</u>	<u>(103,740)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		1,164,740	1,164,740	1,268,480
Net movement in funds		205,009	205,009	(103,740)
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,369,749</u>	<u>1,369,749</u>	<u>1,164,740</u>

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

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	1,334,404	1,098,147
		<u>1,334,404</u>	<u>1,098,147</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	9	20,066	13,199
Cash at bank and in hand		21,079	57,946
		<u>41,145</u>	<u>71,145</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(5,800)	(4,552)
		<u>35,345</u>	<u>66,593</u>
Net current assets		<u>35,345</u>	<u>66,593</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,369,749</u>	<u>1,164,740</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>1,369,749</u>	<u>1,164,740</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>1,369,749</u></u>	<u><u>1,164,740</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	11	-	-
Unrestricted funds	11	1,369,749	1,164,740
Total funds		<u><u>1,369,749</u></u>	<u><u>1,164,740</u></u>

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

Sylvia Graham

S Graham

Trustee

Date: 15/08/2022

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1. General information

The Spanish And Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies is a registered charity, operating in England and Wales.

The registered office is 2 Ashworth Road, Maida Vale, London, W9 1JY.

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 Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Dower Societies 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 Going concern

The charity has minimal fixed costs, with the main source of expenditure being grants made to institutions, which can be made at the discretion of the Trustees. Furthermore, the Charity had significant net assets at the year end, including a healthy cash balance. The Trustees therefore consider that based on the circumstances existing at the date of signature of the accounts, the operations of the charity are not likely to be affected in a material manner by the current Coronavirus outbreak. The accounts have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

2.3 Income

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

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

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 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 charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity'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.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 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.

2.6 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.

2.7 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.

THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE DOWER SOCIETIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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 Charity 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.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

2.10 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 Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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

3. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from local listed investments	26,488	26,488
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Income from local listed investments	23,096	23,096

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4. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Individuals 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants to individuals	34,694	34,694
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	<i>Grants to Individuals 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Grants to individuals	28,814	28,814
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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2021 £	Support costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Charitable activities	34,694	1,845	36,539
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<i>Grant funding of activities 2020 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Charitable activities	28,814	2,552	31,366
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5. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Secretarial fees	201	201
Legal fees	1,400	1,400
IT Software	244	244
	1,845	1,845

	<i>Activities 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Secretarial fees	2,000	2,000
Legal fees	552	552
	2,552	2,552

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	1,600	-

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 October 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

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8. Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 November 2020	1,098,147
Additions	25,000
Disposals	(3,803)
Revaluations	215,060
At 31 October 2021	1,334,404
Net book value	
At 31 October 2021	1,334,404
At 31 October 2020	1,098,147

9. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	20,066	13,199
	20,066	13,199

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,000	2,000
Accruals and deferred income	3,800	2,552
	5,800	4,552

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11. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 November 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 October 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,164,740	26,488	(36,539)	215,060	1,369,749

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 November 2019 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Gains/ (Losses) £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 October 2020 £</i>
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds - all funds	1,268,480	23,096	(31,366)	(95,470)	1,164,740

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	1,334,404	1,334,404
Current assets	41,145	41,145
Creditors due within one year	(5,800)	(5,800)
Total	1,369,749	1,369,749

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2020 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2020 £</i>
Fixed asset investments	1,098,147	1,098,147
Current assets	71,145	71,145
Creditors due within one year	(4,552)	(4,552)
Total	1,164,740	1,164,740

13. Related party transactions

At the year end, the charity owed £2,000 (2020: £2,000) to Spanish and Portuguese Jews' Synagogue relating to administration fees included within trade creditors.