THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1096199

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04283557
Registered	2003-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: A. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AMONGST THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO CREDIT UNIONS AND THEIR POTENTIAL IN RELIEVING POVERTY AND NEED, AND TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS PERTINENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF CREDIT UNIONS;B. TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND NEED AMONGST COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH ARE IN NEED OF SUCH RELIEF, BY ADVISING NEEDY PERSONS WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES HOW TO ESTABLISH AND MANAGE CREDIT UNIONS;C. TO RELIEVE POVERTY BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS, SUPPORT AND OTHER SERVICES TO CREDIT UNIONS TO ALLOW THEM TO EXTEND THEIR SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY

Activities: Advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions. Provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment of credit unions.Relieve poverty amongst communities in need by advising communities how to establish credit unions.Relieve poverty by providing grants and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£224,677	£172,937	-	-
2024-09-30	£161,879	£169,844	-	-
2023-09-30	£159,618	£154,750	-	-
2022-09-30	£118,529	£149,148	-	-
2021-09-30	£91,100	£83,991	-	-
2020-09-30	£153,293	£1,062,489	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawn Mary Vear		2020-07-15
Emily Harrison		2024-05-29
Emma Louise Norledge		2026-04-30
James Fell		2025-06-28
Matthew Bland		2025-06-02
Simon Desmond Lyons		2026-03-02
Teresa Manning MBE		2024-03-16

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Trustees	R Kelly, Chief Executive (resigned 28 February 2025) C Strand (appointed 1 March 2025, resigned 1 June 2025) M Bland, Chief Executive (appointed 2 June 2025) A Pask (resigned 4 September 2025) E Harrison, Chair as at 4 September 2025 J Fell (appointed 28 June 2025) T Manning D Vear P Norgrove
Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Company secretary	Matt Bland
Chief executive officer	Matt Bland
Accountants	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor St George's House 56 Peter Street Manchester M2 3NQ
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration
The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Robert Kelly (resigned 28 February 2025)
Carol Strand (appointed 1 March 2025, resigned 1 June 2025)
Matt Bland (appointed 2 June 2025)
Alison Pask (resigned 4 September 2025)
Emily Harrison
James Fell (appointed 28 June 2025)
Teresa Manning
Dawn Vear
Paul Norgrove

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector. All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation, are kept up to date with information and training opportunities to help them in their roles. They are also updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Emily Harrison is the Chair.
Paul Norgrove, as ABCUL President continued as ABCUL Trustee during the year.
Teresa Manning was the second ABCUL Trustee.
Dawn Vear continued in her role as an Independent Trustee of the Foundation.
Emily Harrison is an Independent Trustee of the Foundation during the year.
James Fell is an Independent Trustee of the Foundation.
Matt Bland is now Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

The Board currently consists of six Trustees – two ABCUL Directors: Paul Norgrove and Teresa Manning and three Independent Directors (with two vacant positions): Emily Harrison (Chair), Dawn Vear and James Fell
Matt Bland was appointed Company Secretary on 2 June 2025.

Risk review

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees have developed a collective understanding of risk and continue to amend their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:
(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:
(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Foundation regularly reviews its Trustee Board Policy Manual, monitors performance against it and introduces changes where necessary.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The ninth year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2025 and the year 10 programme was launched. The year 9 students graduated at a ceremony held at the ABCUL Annual Conference in Leeds in March 2025. Once the year 10 students graduate in 2026, a total of 101 individuals will have graduated over the 10 years.

The DE Europe programme took place in Dublin in August 2025. The event was attended by 42 delegates from across Great Britain, Ireland, Europe and Africa.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

Peach State Credit Union continued their generous donation towards the CU Futures program for which £18,595 was received during the year. This year, for the first time, The League of Credit Unions and Affiliates also contributed to the CU Futures in the amount of £18,423. ABCUL credit unions once again donated generously to the program during the year raising £36,310.

Reserves policy

The Trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising. Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in note 12. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees, these are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date, there were unrestricted funds of £43,462 plus designated funds of £40,969.

Future developments

CU Futures programme will continue for an eleventh intake funded directly through donations from Peach State, The League of Credit Unions and Affiliates and ABCUL member credit unions. Graduates from year ten, will celebrate at a ceremony in September 2026. A newly appointed Foundation Project Manager will be leading on Leadership and Development through an apprenticeship levy and also Fund-Raising opportunities for both CDCU (Community Development Credit Unions) and other potential opportunities. The Credit Union Foundation continue to support the DE Europe Programme with an event expected to take place in the Autumn of 2026. .

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant financial information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Following last year's AGM, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as independent examiner to the charity.

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



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Matt Bland

Date: 19 February 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Credit Union Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Company'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 Company'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 Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Vicky Szulist Dated: 10th March 2026

Vicky Szulist for and on behalf of
Crowe UK LLP
Manchester

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**18,300**	**-**	**18,300**	*10,436*
Charitable activities	4	**30,586**	**174,445**	**205,031**	*150,048*
Investments	5	**1,346**	**-**	**1,346**	*1,395*
Total income		**50,232**	**174,445**	**224,677**	*161,879*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	**276**	**-**	**276**	*335*
Charitable activities	7	**37,350**	**135,311**	**172,661**	*169,509*
Total expenditure		**37,626**	**135,311**	**172,937**	*169,844*
Net movement in funds		**12,606**	**39,134**	**51,740**	*(7,965)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**71,825**	**75,546**	**147,371**	*155,336*
Net movement in funds		**12,606**	**39,134**	**51,740**	*(7,965)*
Total funds carried forward		**84,431**	**114,680**	**199,111**	*147,371*

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

The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Note		2025 £		*2024 £*
Intangible assets	10		**1,842**		*3,142*
			1,842		*3,142*
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**26,084**		*17,150*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**179,838**		*135,125*	
		205,922		*152,275*	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(8,653)**		*(8,046)*	
Net current assets			**197,269**		*144,229*
Total assets less current liabilities			**199,111**		*147,371*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**199,111**		*147,371*
Total net assets			**199,111**		*147,371*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**114,680**		*75,546*
Unrestricted funds	13		**84,431**		*71,825*
Total funds			**199,111**		*147,371*

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

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

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 and signed on their behalf by:

Date: 19 February 2026
The notes on pages 9 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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Matt Bland

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. General information

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

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.

The Credit Union Foundation 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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 Intangible assets and amortisation

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

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	-	33 %

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.

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 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.

2.9 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.

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	18,300	**18,300**

3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Donations	*10,436*	*10,436*

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Restricted funds 2025 £**	**Total funds 2025 £**
Project income	-	174,445	**174,445**
Donated administation and finance support	30,586	-	**30,586**
	30,586	174,445	**205,031**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Project income	-	*117,420*	*117,420*
Donated administration and finance support	*32,628*	-	*32,628*
	32,628	*117,420*	*150,048*

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Total funds 2025 £**
Interest Received	1,346	**1,346**

5. Investment income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Interest Received	*1,395*	*1,395*

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	**Total funds 2025 £**
Fundraising costs	276	**276**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2024 £*
Fundraising costs	*335*	*335*

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Project expenditure	-	135,311	**135,311**
Donated administration and finance support	30,586	-	**30,586**
Insurance and website	2,092	-	**2,092**
Bank charges	83	-	**83**
Governance costs	3,243	-	**3,243**
Staff expenses	46	-	**46**
Depreciation	1,300	-	**1,300**
	37,350	135,311	**172,661**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024 £*	*Total 2024 £*
Project expenditure	-	*129,191*	*129,191*
Donated administration and finance support	*32,628*	-	*32,628*
Insurance and website	*2,736*	-	*2,736*
Bank charges	*113*	-	*113*
Governance costs	*3,924*	-	*3,924*
Staff expenses	*159*	-	*159*
Depreciation	*758*	-	*758*
	40,318	*129,191*	*169,509*

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Project expenditure	135,311	-	**135,311**
Donated administration and finance support	-	30,586	**30,586**
Insurance	-	2,092	**2,092**
Bank charges	-	83	**83**
Governance costs	-	3,243	**3,243**
Staff expenses	46	-	**46**
Depreciation	-	1,300	**1,300**
	135,357	37,304	**172,661**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	*Support costs 2024 £*	*Total funds 2024 £*
Project expenditure	*129,191*	-	*129,191*
Donated administration and finance support	-	*32,628*	*32,628*
Insurance	-	*2,736*	*2,736*
Bank charges	-	*113*	*113*
Governance costs	-	*3,924*	*3,924*
Staff expenses	*159*	-	*159*
Depreciation	-	*758*	*758*
	129,350	*40,159*	*169,509*

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 30 September 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2024 - £NIL)*.

10. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 October 2024	**3,900**
At 30 September 2025	**3,900**
Amortisation	
At 1 October 2024	**758**
Charge for the year	**1,300**
At 30 September 2025	**2,058**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2025	**1,842**
At 30 September 2024	*3,142*

11. Debtors

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**20,177**	*10,139*
Prepayments and accrued income	**5,907**	*7,011*
	26,084	*17,150*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	*2024 £*
Trade creditors	**3,100**	*3,668*
Other creditors	**655**	*2,049*
Accruals and deferred income	**4,898**	*2,329*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	2025	*2024*
	£	£
	8,653	*8,046*

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Designated Funds - all funds	**22,687**	**18,282**	**-**	**40,969**
General funds				
General Funds - all funds	**49,138**	**31,950**	**(37,626)**	**43,462**
Total Unrestricted funds	**71,825**	**50,232**	**(37,626)**	**84,431**
Restricted funds				
History project	**338**	**-**	**-**	**338**
CU Futures Program	**34,085**	**73,334**	**(44,549)**	**62,870**
DEEU programme	**41,123**	**101,111**	**(90,762)**	**51,472**
	75,546	**174,445**	**(135,311)**	**114,680**
Total of funds	**147,371**	**224,677**	**(172,937)**	**199,111**

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Designated Funds - all funds	*22,687*	*761*	-	*23,448*
Unallocated amounts	-	*(761)*	-	*(761)*
	22,687	-	-	*22,687*
General funds				
General Funds - all funds	*45,332*	*11,831*	*(8,025)*	*49,138*
Unallocated amounts	-	*32,628*	*(32,628)*	-
	45,332	*44,459*	*(40,653)*	*49,138*
Total Unrestricted funds	*68,019*	*44,459*	*(40,653)*	*71,825*

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Restricted funds				
History project	*338*	-	-	*338*
CU Futures Program	*41,853*	*38,134*	*(45,902)*	*34,085*
Market research project	*15,000*	-	*(15,000)*	-
Gambia Project	*1,346*	-	*(1,346)*	-
DEEU programme	*28,780*	*79,286*	*(66,943)*	*41,123*
	87,317	*117,420*	*(129,191)*	*75,546*

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Total of funds	*155,336*	*161,879*	*(169,844)*	*147,371*

14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
Designated funds	**22,687**	**18,282**	**-**	**40,969**
General funds	**49,138**	**31,950**	**(37,626)**	**43,462**
Restricted funds	**75,546**	**174,445**	**(135,311)**	**114,680**
	147,371	**224,677**	**(172,937)**	**199,111**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Balance at 30 September 2024 £*
Designated funds	*22,687*	*-*	*-*	*22,687*
General funds	*45,332*	*44,459*	*(40,653)*	*49,138*
Restricted funds	*87,317*	*117,420*	*(129,191)*	*75,546*
	155,336	*161,879*	*(169,844)*	*147,371*

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Intangible fixed assets	1,842	-	**1,842**
Current assets	91,242	114,680	**205,922**
Creditors due within one year	(8,653)	-	**(8,653)**
Total	84,431	114,680	**199,111**

15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Endowment funds 2024 £	*Restricted funds 2024* £	*Unrestricted funds 2024* £	*Total funds 2024* £
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	*3,142*	*3,142*
Current assets	-	*75,546*	*76,729*	*152,275*
Creditors due within one year	-	-	*(8,046)*	*(8,046)*
Total	-	*75,546*	*71,825*	*147,371*

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1096199

Accounts

Registered number: 04283557
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THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
(A company limited by guarantee)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Company secretary	Robert Kelly
Chief executive officer	Robert Kelly
Accountants	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor St George's House 56 Peter Street Manchester M2 3NQ
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration
The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark (end of term 29/05/24)
Robert Kelly (Secretary)
Paul Norgrove
Richard Munro (end of term 16/03/24)
Alison Pask
Dawn Vear
Emily Harrison (appointed 29/05/24)
Teresa Manning (appointed 16/03/24)

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector. All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation, are kept up to date with information and training opportunities to help them in their roles. They are also updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Alison Pask is now the Chair following the departure of Lord Kennedy (end of term).
Paul Norgrove, as ABCUL President continued as ABCUL Trustee during the year.
Teresa Manning was appointed to replace Richard Munro as the second ABCUL Trustee.
Dawn Vear continued in her role as an Independent Trustee of the Foundation.
Emily Harrison joined as an Independent Trustee of the Foundation during the year.
Robert Kelly continues as Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

The ABCUL Board is in the process of recruiting two new independent trustees who should join the Trustee Board during 2025.

The Board currently consists of six Trustees – two ABCUL Directors: Paul Norgrove and Teresa Manning and three Independent Directors (with two vacant positions): Alison Pask (Chair), Dawn Vear and Emily Harrison Robert Kelly continues to serve as Company Secretary.

Risk review

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees have developed a collective understanding of risk and continue to amend their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:
(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:
(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Foundation regularly reviews its Trustee Board Policy Manual, monitors performance against it and introduces changes where necessary.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Foundation activities were able to resume in-person, but some activity remained on-line

The eighth year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2024 and the year 9 programme was launched. The participants have been meeting in person for most of their activities. The graduation ceremony for year eight was held at the ABCUL Annual Conference in March 2024. The programme has now graduated 80 individuals across 8 years and has 8 more preparing to graduate at the Annual Conference in March 2025.

The DEEU programme took place in September 2024 in Edinburgh. The event was attended by 36 delegates and the programme location, date and details have already been confirmed for the 2025 programme.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

Peach State Credit Union continued their generous donation towards the CU Futures programme for which £18,284 was received during the year along with other donations from credit unions amounting to £19,850. The DEEU event held in September 2024 generated a surplus of £7,852 after all costs were covered and a contribution made towards overheads of £3,456.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising, Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in notes 12. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, they are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date there were unrestricted funds of £ 48,376

Future developments

Plans are in place for the DE Europe programme which is now expected to be hosted in Dublin funded by fees paid directly by credit unions and individuals, with some funds already raised for a scholarship programme. The CU Futures programme will continue for a tenth intake, funded through donations from credit unions and individuals. Graduates from the ninth programme will celebrate at a ceremony in March 2025. Trustees are also exploring the development of a Leadership and Management School and funding and partnership opportunities are being examined.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant financial information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Following a tender process conducted during the year, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as independent examiner to the charity.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 27 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Robert Kelly.

Robert J Kelly

27/02/2025.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Credit Union Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Company'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 Company'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 Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Vicky Szulist Dated: 19th March 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	**10,436**	**10,436**	*22,972*
Charitable activities	4	**117,420**	**32,628**	**150,048**	*136,440*
Investments	5	-	**1,395**	**1,395**	*206*
Total income		**117,420**	**44,459**	**161,879**	*159,618*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	-	**335**	**335**	*286*
Charitable activities	7	**129,191**	**40,318**	**169,509**	*154,464*
Total expenditure		**129,191**	**40,653**	**169,844**	*154,750*
Net (expenditure)/income		**(11,771)**	**3,806**	**(7,965)**	*4,868*
Transfers between funds	13	-	-	-	*(15,000)*
Net movement in funds		**(11,771)**	**3,806**	**(7,965)**	*(10,132)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**87,317**	**68,019**	**155,336**	*165,468*
Net movement in funds		**(11,771)**	**3,806**	**(7,965)**	*(10,132)*
Total funds carried forward		**75,546**	**71,825**	**147,371**	*155,336*

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

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Note		2024 £		2023 £
Intangible assets	10		**3,142**		-
			3,142		-
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**17,150**		*13,021*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**135,125**		*149,323*	
		152,275		*162,344*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(8,046)**		*(7,008)*	
Net current assets			**144,229**		*155,336*
Total assets less current liabilities			**147,371**		*155,336*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**147,371**		*155,336*
Total net assets			**147,371**		*155,336*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	13		**75,546**		*87,317*
Unrestricted funds	13		**71,825**		*68,019*
Total funds			**147,371**		*155,336*

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

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

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 27 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

14/3/25

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. General information

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

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.

The Credit Union Foundation 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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 Intangible assets and amortisation

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

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Computer software	-	%

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.

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 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.

2.9 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.

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

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	10,436	**10,436**

3. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Donations	*22,972*	*22,972*

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	**Unrestricted funds 2024 £**	**Total funds 2024 £**
Project income	117,420	-	**117,420**
Donated administation and finance support	-	32,628	**32,628**
	117,420	32,628	**150,048**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total funds 2023 £*
Project income	*105,358*	-	*105,358*
Donated administration and finance support	-	*31,082*	*31,082*
	105,358	*31,082*	*136,440*

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024 £**
Interest Received	1,395	**1,395**

5. Investment income (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Interest Received	*206*	*206*

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	**Total funds 2024 £**
Fundraising costs	335	**335**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2023 £*
Fundraising costs	*286*	*286*

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Project expenditure	129,191	-	**129,191**
Donated administration and finance support	-	32,628	**32,628**
Insurance and website	-	2,736	**2,736**
Bank charges	-	113	**113**
Governance costs	-	3,924	**3,924**
Staff expenses	-	159	**159**
Depreciation	-	758	**758**
	129,191	40,318	**169,509**

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023 £*	*Total 2023 £*
Project expenditure	*116,903*	-	*116,903*
Donated administration and finance support	-	*31,082*	*31,082*
Insurance and website	-	*2,959*	*2,959*
Bank charges	-	*776*	*776*
Governance costs	-	*2,674*	*2,674*
Staff expenses	-	*70*	*70*
	116,903	*37,561*	*154,464*

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Project expenditure	129,191	-	**129,191**
Donated administration and finance support	-	32,628	**32,628**
Insurance	-	2,736	**2,736**
Bank charges	-	113	**113**
Governance costs	-	3,924	**3,924**
Staff expenses	159	-	**159**
Direct costs - Activity 8	-	758	**758**
	129,350	40,159	**169,509**

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Project expenditure	*116,903*	-	*116,903*
Donated administration and finance support	-	*31,082*	*31,082*
Insurance	-	*2,959*	*2,959*
Bank charges	-	*776*	*776*
Governance costs	-	*2,674*	*2,674*
Direct costs - Activity 6	*70*	-	*70*
	116,973	*37,491*	*154,464*

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 30 September 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2023 - £NIL)*.

10. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
Additions	**3,900**
At 30 September 2024	**3,900**
Amortisation	
Charge for the year	**758**
At 30 September 2024	**758**
Net book value	
At 30 September 2024	**3,142**
At 30 September 2023	*-*

11. Debtors

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**10,139**	*8,078*
Prepayments and accrued income	**7,011**	*4,943*
	17,150	*13,021*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	*2023 £*
Trade creditors	**3,668**	*1,600*
Other creditors	**2,049**	*699*
Accruals and deferred income	**2,329**	*4,709*
	8,046	*7,008*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

	2024	*2023*
	£	£

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Designated Funds - all funds	22,687	761	-	23,448
Unallocated amounts	-	(761)	-	(761)
	22,687	-	-	22,687
General funds				
General Funds - all funds	45,332	11,831	(8,025)	49,138
Unallocated amounts	-	32,628	(32,628)	-
	45,332	44,459	(40,653)	49,138
Total Unrestricted funds	68,019	44,459	(40,653)	71,825
Restricted funds				
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CU Futures Program	41,853	38,134	(45,902)	34,085
Market research project	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Gambia Project	1,346	-	(1,346)	-
DEEU programme	28,780	79,286	(66,943)	41,123
	87,317	117,420	(129,191)	75,546
Total of funds	155,336	161,879	(169,844)	147,371

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 30 September 2023* £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Fund	*4,404*	*3,283*	-	-	*7,687*
Business Development	-	-	-	*8,000*	*8,000*
Communications Plan	-	-	-	*7,000*	*7,000*
	4,404	*3,283*	-	*15,000*	*22,687*
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	*47,202*	*50,977*	*(37,847)*	*(15,000)*	*45,332*
Total Unrestricted funds	*51,606*	*54,260*	*(37,847)*	-	*68,019*

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	*Income* £	*Expenditure* £	*Transfers in/out* £	*Balance at 30 September 2023* £
Restricted funds					
History project	*7,510*	-	*(7,172)*	-	*338*
NFCDCU trips	*13,531*	-	*(13,531)*	-	-
CU Futures Program	*41,818*	*45,653*	*(45,618)*	-	*41,853*
Market research project	*15,000*	-	-	-	*15,000*
Gambia Project	*1,346*	-	-	-	*1,346*
DEEU programme	*19,657*	*59,705*	*(50,582)*	-	*28,780*
	98,862	*105,358*	*(116,903)*	-	*87,317*
Total of funds	*150,468*	*159,618*	*(154,750)*	-	*155,336*

14. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 September 2024 £
Designated funds	**22,687**	**-**	**-**	**22,687**
General funds	**45,332**	**44,459**	**(40,653)**	**49,138**
Restricted funds	**87,317**	**117,420**	**(129,191)**	**75,546**
	155,336	**161,879**	**(169,844)**	**147,371**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2023 £*
Designated funds	*4,404*	*3,283*	*-*	*15,000*	*22,687*
General funds	*47,202*	*50,977*	*(37,847)*	*(15,000)*	*45,332*
Restricted funds	*98,862*	*105,358*	*(116,903)*	*-*	*87,317*
	150,468	*159,618*	*(154,750)*	*-*	*155,336*

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Intangible fixed assets	-	3,142	**3,142**
Current assets	75,546	76,729	**152,275**
Creditors due within one year	-	(8,046)	**(8,046)**
Total	75,546	71,825	**147,371**

15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted funds 2023* £	*Total funds 2023* £
Current assets	*87,317*	*75,027*	*162,344*
Creditors due within one year	-	*(7,008)*	*(7,008)*
Total	*87,317*	*68,019*	*155,336*

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1096199

Accounts

Registered number: 04283557
Charity number: 1096199

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Company secretary	Robert Kelly
Chief executive officer	Robert Kelly
Accountants	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor The Lexicon Mount Street Manchester M2 5NT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration
The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark
Robert Kelly (Secretary)
Paul Norgrove
David Martin
Richard Munro
Alison Pask
Dawn Vear

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector. All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation, are kept up to date with information and training opportunities to help them in their roles. They are also updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Lord Kennedy continues to chair the Credit Union Foundation Board.

Paul Norgrove, as ABCUL President, and Richard Munro continued as ABCUL Trustees during the year.

Alison Pask and Dawn Vear continued in their role as Independent Trustees of the Foundation. Robert Kelly continues as Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

David Martin stepped down as an Independent Trustee after serving two three-year terms. The ABCUL Board is in the process of recruiting two new independent trustees who should join the Trustee Board during 2024.

The Board currently consists of seven Trustees – two ABCUL Directors: Paul Norgrove and Richard Munro and three Independent Directors (with two vacant positions): Alison Pask, Dawn Vear and Lord Roy Kennedy (Chair of Trustees). Robert Kelly continues to serve as Company Secretary.

Risk review

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees have developed a collective understanding of risk and continue to amend their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:
(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:
(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Foundation regularly reviews its Trustee Board Policy Manual, monitors performance against it and introduces changes where necessary.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Foundation activities were able to resume in-person, but some activity remained on-line

The seventh year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2023 and the eighth programme was launched. The participants have been meeting in person for most of their activities. The graduation ceremony for year seven was held at the ABCUL Annual Conference in March 2023. The programme has now graduated 72 individuals across 7 years and has 9 more preparing to graduate at the Annual Conference in March 2024.

The DEEU programme took place in September 2023 in Edinburgh. The event was attended by 31 people and the programme location, date and details have already been confirmed for the 2024 programme, to which we are already receiving interest in from the sector.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

Peach State Credit Union continued their generous donation towards the CU Futures programme for which £18,975 was received during the year along with other donations from credit unions amounting to £17,650. The DEEU event held in September 2023 generated a surplus of £9,747 after all costs were covered and a contribution made towards overheads of £3,016.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising, Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in notes 12. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, they are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date there were unrestricted funds of £ 45,332.

In addition to the basic categories of restricted and unrestricted funds, the trustees can designate unrestricted funds to be used for a specific purpose. Such designated funds remain unrestricted as the trustees retain the right to release back to general unrestricted funds as needed. During the year, we designated 20% of the net income to general funds increasing the fund to £7,687 to act as a buffer against financial or economic difficulties, as detailed in the Trustee Board Policy Manual (4.4.13). 2 further designated funds were created at the year-end for a Communication Plan (£7,000) and Business Development (£8,000). These funds are expected to be utilised in the current financial year.

Future developments

Plans are in place for the DEEU programme will be rebranded DE Europe for the 2024 programme to be hosted in Edinburgh, funded by fees paid directly by credit unions and individuals, with some funds already raised for a scholarship programme. The CU Futures programme will continue for an nineth intake, funded through donations from credit unions and individuals. Graduates from the eighth programme will celebrate at a ceremony in March 2024. Trustees are also exploring the development of a Leadership and Management School and funding and partnership opportunities are being examined.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant financial information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Following a tender process conducted during the year, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as independent examiner to the charity.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 21 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Norgrove, Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Credit Union Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

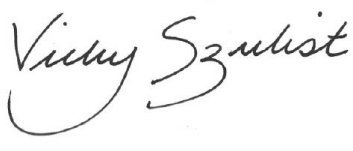
Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 Company'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 Company'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 Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:  Dated: 20 May 2024

For and on behalf of Crowe UK LLP

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	**-**	**22,972**	**22,972**	*8,236*
Charitable activities	4	**105,358**	**31,082**	**136,440**	*110,290*
Investments	5	**-**	**206**	**206**	*3*
Total income		**105,358**	**54,260**	**159,618**	*118,529*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	**-**	**286**	**286**	*266*
Charitable activities	7	**116,903**	**37,561**	**154,464**	*148,882*
Total expenditure		**116,903**	**37,847**	**154,750**	*149,148*
Net movement in funds		**(11,545)**	**16,413**	**4,868**	*(30,619)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**98,862**	**51,606**	**150,468**	*181,087*
Net movement in funds		**(11,545)**	**16,413**	**4,868**	*(30,619)*
Total funds carried forward		**87,317**	**68,019**	**155,336**	*150,468*

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

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Note		2023 £		*2022 £*
Current assets					
Debtors	10	**13,021**		*17,251*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**149,323**		*142,644*	
		162,344		*159,895*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	**(7,008)**		*(9,427)*	
Net current assets			**155,336**		*150,468*
Total assets less current liabilities			**155,336**		*150,468*
Net assets excluding pension asset			**155,336**		*150,468*
Total net assets			**155,336**		*150,468*
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	12		**87,317**		*98,862*
Unrestricted funds	12		**68,019**		*51,606*
Total funds			**155,336**		*150,468*

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

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

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 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Norgrove, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. General information

The Company is a company limited by guarentee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarentee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

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.

The Credit Union Foundation 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

2. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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 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.

2.6 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.

2.7 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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.

2.9 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	**Total funds 2023 £**
Donations	22,972	**22,972**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Donations	*8,236*	*8,236*

4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Project income	105,358	-	**105,358**
Donated administation and finance support	-	31,082	**31,082**
	105,358	31,082	**136,440**

	Restricted funds 2022 £	*Unrestricted funds 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Project income	*67,170*	*182*	*67,352*
Donated administration and finance support	-	*42,938*	*42,938*
	67,170	*43,120*	*110,290*

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest Received	206	**206**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Interest Received	*3*	*3*

6. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	286	**286**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2022 £*
Fundraising costs	*266*	*266*

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Project expenditure	116,903	-	**116,903**
Donated administration and finance support	-	31,082	**31,082**
Insurance	-	2,959	**2,959**
Bank charges	-	776	**776**
Governance costs	-	2,674	**2,674**
Staff expenses	-	70	**70**
	116,903	37,561	**154,464**

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2022 £	*Unrestricted funds 2022 £*	*Total 2022 £*
Project expenditure	*100,785*	*-*	*100,785*
Donated administration and finance support	*-*	*42,938*	*42,938*
Insurance	*-*	*2,743*	*2,743*
Bank charges	*-*	*36*	*36*
Governance costs	*-*	*2,380*	*2,380*
	100,785	*48,097*	*148,882*

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	**Support costs 2023 £**	**Total funds 2023 £**
Project expenditure	116,903	-	**116,903**
Donated administration and finance support	-	31,082	**31,082**
Insurance	-	2,959	**2,959**
Bank charges	-	776	**776**
Governance costs	-	2,674	**2,674**
Staff expenses	70	-	**70**
	116,973	37,491	**154,464**

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	*Support costs 2022 £*	*Total funds 2022 £*
Project expenditure	*100,785*	*-*	*100,785*
Donated administration and finance support	*-*	*42,938*	*42,938*
Insurance	*-*	*2,743*	*2,743*
Bank charges	*-*	*36*	*36*
Governance costs	*-*	*2,380*	*2,380*
	100,785	*48,097*	*148,882*

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 30 September 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred *(2022 - £NIL)*.

10. Debtors

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	**8,078**	*6,704*
Prepayments and accrued income	**4,943**	*10,547*
	13,021	*17,251*

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	*2022 £*
Trade creditors	**1,600**	*7,623*
Other creditors	**699**	*-*
Accruals and deferred income	**4,709**	*1,804*
	7,008	*9,427*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Fund	**4,404**	**3,283**	**-**	**-**	**7,687**
Business Development	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8,000**	**8,000**
Communications Plan	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7,000**	**7,000**
	4,404	**3,283**	**-**	**15,000**	**22,687**
General funds					
General Funds - all funds	**47,202**	**50,977**	**(37,847)**	**(15,000)**	**45,332**
Total Unrestricted funds	**51,606**	**54,260**	**(37,847)**	**-**	**68,019**
Restricted funds					
History project	**7,510**	**-**	**(7,172)**	**-**	**338**
NFCDCU trips	**13,531**	**-**	**(13,531)**	**-**	**-**
CU Futures Program	**41,818**	**45,653**	**(45,618)**	**-**	**41,853**
Market research project	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**15,000**
Gambia Project	**1,346**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,346**
DEEU programme	**19,657**	**59,705**	**(50,582)**	**-**	**28,780**
	98,862	**105,358**	**(116,903)**	**-**	**87,317**
Total of funds	**150,468**	**159,618**	**(154,750)**	**-**	**155,336**

12. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2022 £*
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated Fund	*3,234*	*-*	*-*	*1,170*	*4,404*
General funds					
General Funds	*42,522*	*51,359*	*(48,363)*	*1,684*	*47,202*
Total Unrestricted funds	*45,756*	*51,359*	*(48,363)*	*2,854*	*51,606*

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2022 £*
Restricted funds					
History project	*18,320*	*-*	*(9,756)*	*(1,054)*	*7,510*
NFCDCU trips	*30,470*	*-*	*(16,939)*	*-*	*13,531*
CU Futures Program	*46,595*	*33,574*	*(36,551)*	*(1,800)*	*41,818*
Field research project	*10,000*	*-*	*(10,000)*	*-*	*-*
Market research project	*15,000*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*15,000*
Gambia Project	*1,346*	*-*	*-*	*-*	*1,346*
DEEU programme	*13,600*	*33,596*	*(27,539)*	*-*	*19,657*
	135,331	*67,170*	*(100,785)*	*(2,854)*	*98,862*
Total of funds	*181,087*	*118,529*	*(149,148)*	*-*	*150,468*

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2023 £
Designated funds	**4,404**	**3,283**	**-**	**15,000**	**22,687**
General funds	**47,202**	**50,977**	**(37,847)**	**(15,000)**	**45,332**
Restricted funds	**98,862**	**105,358**	**(116,903)**	**-**	**87,317**
	150,468	**159,618**	**(154,750)**	**-**	**155,336**

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2022 £*
Designated funds	*3,234*	*-*	*-*	*1,170*	*4,404*
General funds	*42,522*	*51,359*	*(48,363)*	*1,684*	*47,202*
Restricted funds	*135,331*	*67,170*	*(100,785)*	*(2,854)*	*98,862*
	181,087	*118,529*	*(149,148)*	*-*	*150,468*

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	87,317	75,027	**162,344**
Creditors due within one year	-	(7,008)	**(7,008)**
Total	87,317	68,019	**155,336**

14. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	*Unrestricted funds 2022* £	*Total funds 2022* £
Current assets	*98,862*	*61,033*	*159,895*
Creditors due within one year	*-*	*(9,427)*	*(9,427)*
Total	*98,862*	*51,606*	*150,468*

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1096199

Accounts

Registered number: 04283557
Charity number: 1096199

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Trustees	Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark, President D Vear A Pask P Norgrove (appointed 31 March 2022) R Munro D Martin
Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Company secretary	Robert Kelly
Chief executive officer	Robert Kelly
Accountants	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor The Lexicon Mount Street Manchester M2 5NT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration

The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark
Karen Bennett (until 31 March 2022)
Paul Norgrove (from 31 March 2022)
David Martin
Richard Munro
Alison Pask
Dawn Vear

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector, All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation and are supplied with a copy of the NCVO Good Trustee Guide as well as updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Lord Kennedy continues to chair the Credit Union Foundation Board and Paul Norgrove replaced Karen Bennett as the Trustee in place by virtue of being President of ABCUL.

The ABCUL Board has conducted a recruitment process for a new independent trustee. A candidate has been selected and the new person should assume their position in early 2023.

The ABCUL Board regularly reviews which of its Directors serve as Trustees of the Foundation. During the year Richard Munro was retained as a Trustee for a second three-year term. Paul Norgrove joined the Trustee Board as he replaced Karen Bennett as President of ABCUL.

David Martin, Alison Pask and Dawn Vear continued in their role as Independent Trustees of the Foundation. Robert Kelly continues as Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

The Board currently consists of 7 Trustees – 2 ABCUL Directors: Paul Norgrove and Richard Munro and 4 Independent Directors (with one vacant position): David Martin, Alison Pask, Dawn Vear and Lord Roy Kennedy (Chair of Trustees)

Risk review

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees have developed a collective understanding of risk and continue to amend their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for

the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:
(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:
(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Foundation has also reviewed its Policy Board Manual and introduced a number of changes including a renewed commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

With restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic easing, many Foundation activities were able to resume in-person, but some activity remained online.

The sixth year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2022 and a seventh programme was launched. The participants have started being able to meet together for some of their activity. Graduation ceremonies for both year five and year six graduates were held at a postponed ABCUL Annual Conference in May 2022. The programme has now graduated 64 individuals across 7 years and has 8 more participants preparing to graduate in 2023.

The Save and Sound Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to collect oral histories of people involved in credit unions in the North of England before 2000, continued with its online model, but an in-person event was held in April 2022. This brought volunteers together for the first time to develop some short dramas they shared with event attendees. Volunteers also presented in-person at the ABCUL Annual Conference and online presentations were made to the UKCU and ACE Annual Conferences.

The first DEEU programme since its transfer to the Credit Union Foundation took place in September 2022 in Edinburgh. The event was attended by 17 people and plans are being made for a further event in 2023.

Money donated by Citi Bank to allow credit unions to attend Inclusiv Annual Conferences in 2020 and 2021 had been carried over to 2022. Attendees travelled to Puerto Rico for the event. Funding from Citi also enabled a field trip for credit unions to explore the work of community development credit unions in the US – this took place in August 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

Peach State Credit Union continued their generous donation towards the CU Futures programme for which £11,513 was received during the year along with other donations from credit unions amounting to £15,500. The DEEU event held in September 2022 generated income of £29,596 and a further £1,000 for an on-line event in April. £3,000 was donated for scholarships for future DEEU events. £3,643 of general fundraising income was also generated in the period.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to conduct its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising, Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in notes 13. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, they are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date there were unrestricted funds of £47,201.

In addition to the basic categories of restricted and unrestricted funds, the trustees can designate unrestricted funds to be used for a specific purpose. Such designated funds remain unrestricted as the trustees retain the right to release back to general unrestricted funds as needed. During the year, we designated 20% of the net income to general funds increasing the reserve to £4,404 to function as a buffer against financial or economic difficulties, as detailed in the Trustee Board Policy Manual (4.4.13).

Future developments

Plans are in place for the DEEU programme to return before September 2023, funded by fees paid directly by credit unions and individuals, with some funds already raised for a scholarship programme. The CU Futures programme will continue for an eighth intake from May 2023, funded through donations from credit unions and individuals. Graduates from the seventh programme will celebrate at a ceremony in March 2023. Trustees are also exploring the development of a Leadership and Management School and funding and partnership opportunities are being examined.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant financial information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Following a tender process conducted during the year, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as independent examiner to the charity.

Approved by the trustees on 18th May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Robert J Kelly

Robert Kelly
Company Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Credit Union Foundation (the 'Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

This report is made solely to the Company'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 Company'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 Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Signed: Vicky Szulist Dated: 6th June 2023

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
CROWE UK LLP

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**8,236**	**-**	**8,236**	*3,116*
Charitable activities	3	**43,120**	**67,170**	**110,290**	*87,984*
Investments		**3**	**-**	**3**	*-*
Total income		**51,359**	**67,170**	**118,529**	*91,100*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		**266**	**-**	**266**	*266*
Charitable activities	4,7	**48,097**	**100,785**	**148,882**	*83,725*
Total expenditure	8	**48,363**	**100,785**	**149,148**	*83,991*
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		**2,996**	**(33,615)**	**(30,619)**	*7,109*
Transfers between Funds	12	**2,854**	**(2,854)**	**-**	*-*
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		**5,850**	**(36,469)**	**(30,619)**	*7,109*
Net movement in funds		**5,850**	**(36,469)**	**(30,619)**	*7,109*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**45,756**	**135,331**	**181,087**	*173,978*
Total funds carried forward		**51,606**	**98,862**	**150,468**	*181,087*

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Current assets					
Debtors	10	**17,251**		*1,808*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**142,644**		*181,770*	
		159,895		*183,578*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	**(9,427)**		*(2,491)*	
Net current assets			**150,468**		*181,087*
Net assets			**150,468**		*181,087*
Charity Funds					
Restricted funds	12		**98,862**		*135,331*
Unrestricted funds	12		**51,606**		*45,756*
Total funds			**150,468**		*181,087*

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

The Trustees consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 18/5/23 and signed on their behalf, by:

Robert J Kelly

Robert Kelly

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Credit Union Foundation 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 Company status

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

1.3 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

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. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.5 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 Bank.

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. Accounting Policies (continued)

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 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 within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 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.

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 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.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Donations	**8,236**	**-**	**8,236**	*3,116*
Total 2021	*3,116*	*-*	*3,116*	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Project income	**182**	**67,170**	**67,352**	*53,287*
Donated administration and finance support	**42,938**	**-**	**42,938**	*34,697*
	43,120	**67,170**	**110,290**	*87,984*
Total 2021	*34,697*	*53,287*	*87,984*	

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Direct and support costs	**45,717**	**100,785**	**146,502**	*81,584*
Total 2021	*37,459*	*44,125*	*81,584*	

5. Direct costs

	Activities £	Total 2022 £	*Total 2021 £*
CU Futures project	**100,785**	**100,785**	*44,125*
Total 2021	*44,125*	*44,125*	

6. Support costs

	Activities £	Total 2022 £	*Total 2021 £*
Donated administration and finance support	**42,938**	**42,938**	*34,697*
Insurance	**2,743**	**2,743**	*2,726*
Bank charges	**36**	**36**	*36*
	45,717	**45,717**	*37,459*
Total 2021	*37,459*	*37,459*	

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	*Total funds 2021 £*
Internal audit costs	**45**	**-**	**45**	*648*
Fees for independent examination	**1,584**	**-**	**1,584**	*1,440*
Auditors' non audit costs	**690**	**-**	**690**	*-*
Legal fees	**61**	**-**	**61**	*53*
	2,380	**-**	**2,380**	*2,141*

8. Analysis of Expenditure by expenditure type

	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £	*Total 2021 £*
Fundraising costs	**266**	**266**	*266*
Costs of raising funds	**266**	**266**	*266*
Direct and support costs	**146,502**	**146,502**	*81,584*
Expenditure on governance	**2,380**	**2,380**	*2,141*
	149,148	**149,148**	*83,991*
Total 2021	*83,991*	*83,991*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

9. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration - audit	**1,584**	*1,440*
Auditor's remuneration - other services	**690**	-

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind (2020 - £Nil).
During the year, 3 Trustees received reimbursement of travel expenses which totalled £380 (2020 - 4 Trustees - £596).

10. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	**6,704**	-
Prepayments and accrued income	**10,547**	*1,808*
	17,251	*1,808*

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	**7,623**	*1,198*
Accruals and deferred income	**1,804**	*1,293*
	9,427	*2,491*

12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2022 £
Designated Fund	**3,234**	**-**	**-**	**1,170**	**4,404**
General Funds	**42,522**	**51,359**	**(48,363)**	**1,684**	**47,202**
Total Unrestricted funds	**45,756**	**51,359**	**(48,363)**	**2,854**	**51,606**
Restricted funds					
History project	**18,320**	**-**	**(9,756)**	**(1,054)**	**7,510**
NFCDCU trips	**30,470**	**-**	**(16,943)**	**-**	**13,527**
CU Futures Program	**46,595**	**33,574**	**(36,547)**	**(1,800)**	**41,822**
Field research project	**10,000**	**-**	**(10,000)**	**-**	**-**
Market research project	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**15,000**
Gambia Project	**1,346**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,346**
DEEU programme	**13,600**	**33,596**	**(27,539)**	**-**	**19,657**
	135,331	**67,170**	**(100,785)**	**(2,854)**	**98,862**
Total of funds	**181,087**	**118,529**	**(149,148)**	**-**	**150,468**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2021 £*
Designated Fund	*2,490*	*-*	*-*	*744*	*3,234*
General Funds	*39,547*	*38,730*	*(39,866)*	*4,111*	*42,522*

12. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

History project	*24,687*	*24,198*	*(27,510)*	*(3,055)*	*18,320*
NFCDCU trips	*32,270*	-	*(1,800)*	-	*30,470*
CU Futures Program	*49,138*	*14,072*	*(14,815)*	*(1,800)*	*46,595*
Field research project	*10,000*	-	-	-	*10,000*
Market research project	*15,000*	-	-	-	*15,000*
Gambia Project	*846*	*500*	-	-	*1,346*
DEEU programme	-	*13,600*	-	-	*13,600*
	131,941	*52,370*	*(44,125)*	*(4,855)*	*135,331*

Desgnated Fund - The designated fund receives a minimum contribution of 20% of any surplus on unrestricted activities each year until the fund is equivalent to 6 months operating costs.

History Project - Save and Sound is an oral history and heritage project that has been set up by the Credit Union Foundation to make sure that the early days of credit unions in Britain are not forgotten.

The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It started in July 2020 and is now expected to run until December 2022.

- Oral history interviews have been carried out with credit union pioneers from across the north of England.
- Credit union heritage has been promoted to a wider audience through a new website, events, a new course and podcasts.
- A toolkit will be developed so that the work can easily be replicated in other parts of the country.

NFCDCU (Inclusiv) educational visits - The Foundation had funds brought forward of £30,470. These funds were intended to be spent in previous years but due to COVID-related travel restrictions, the trip was cancelled. A delegation of credit unions did attend the Inclusiv conference in Puerto Rico during the year. The remaining funds are expected to be fully utilised in 2023 as a further delegation will be attending the Inclusiv conference in Memphis.

CU Futures Programme - The sixth year of the programme concluded in the period and the seventh year commenced after the graduation of the Year 5 and 6 students at the annual conference. Additional donations to support future years of the programme were received during the year, and all funds will be carried forward to support future years of the programme.

Market Research - £15,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support the development of robust research into the individuals using credit unions across Britain. This work was due to commence in the year but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic and permission has been received from Citi to carry this forward to 2023.

Field Research - £10,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support field research into the CDFI model. The work was due to commence in the prior year but due to the coronavirus pandemic this did not happen. The project was completed during the current year.

Gambia Project - The project is funded from donations received from individuals and credit unions in support of the fundraising activities to support colleagues in the Gambian Credit Union Movement. Due to restrictions around COVID-19 these activities have been deferred until travel restrictions are lifted and is now expected to take place during 2023.

12. Statement of funds (continued)

DEEU Programme - DEEU is a part of a global network of Credit Union Development Education programmes to assist leaders at all levels in the credit union movement, as well as to provide valuable networking opportunities. Funding has been provided to allow the running of a programme of training courses and events to provide credit union employees and volunteers with a greater understanding of the international credit union system. The first post-COVID event took place in September 2022. All remaining funds will be carried forward for future year events.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	**61,033**	**98,862**	**159,895**
Creditors due within one year	**(9,427)**	**-**	**(9,427)**
	51,606	**98,862**	**150,468**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	*Restricted funds 2021 £*	*Total funds 2021 £*
Current assets	*48,247*	*135,331*	*183,578*
Creditors due within one year	*(2,491)*	*-*	*(2,491)*
	45,756	*135,331*	*181,087*

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

	2022 £	*2021 £*
Net (expenditure)/income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(30,619)**	*7,109*
Adjustment for:		
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	**(15,443)**	*5,670*
Increase in creditors	**6,936**	*2,022*
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	**(39,126)**	*14,801*

15. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash in hand	**142,644**	*181,770*
Total	**142,644**	*181,770*

16. Related party transactions

At 30 September 2022, the charity was owed £5,103 (2021: £nil) by the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL), a company under common control, and this amount is included within trade debtors.

During the year, the charity had incoming resources from ABCUL amounting to £10,338 (2021: £3,511) which is shown in charitable income as other project income. ABCUL recharged costs to the charity amounting to £9,842 (2021: £610) in relation to meetings, travel expenses and other costs paid by ABCUL on behalf of the charity.

Each year, the Foundation Board and the ABCUL Board agree a maximum budgeted amount of staffing resource that the ABCUL Board agrees it will donate to the Charity. The amount of this resource is monitored at least quarterly through the Foundation accounts.

During the year, £42,938 of CUF staff time was absorbed by ABCUL (2021: £34,697). ABCUL is happy to absorb this staff time due to the benefits it receives as a result of the products, services and programmes the Foundation has and continues to develop for not only ABCUL members but the broader credit union movement. Examples of this include but are not limited to ABCUL Academy, ABCUL Insight, CU Futures, and increased attendance at ABCUL AGM.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1096199

Accounts

Registered number: 04283557
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THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Trustees	Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark, President K Bennett R Munro D Martin A Pask D Vear
Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Company secretary	Robert Kelly
Chief executive officer	Robert Kelly
Accountants	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor The Lexicon Mount Street Manchester M2 5NT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration

The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark
Karen Bennett
Daniel Denning (until 30 June 2021)
David Martin
Richard Munro
Alison Pask
Dawn Vear

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector, All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation and are supplied with a copy of the NCVO Good Trustee Guide as well as updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

Lord Kennedy continues to chair the Credit Union Foundation Board and Karen Bennett continues as a Trustee by virtue of being President of ABCUL.

During the year, Daniel Denning's term came to an end, and he left the Association on the 30th June 2021. As a result there is one vacancy for an independent trustee, for which the ABCUL Board is in the process of recruiting.

The ABCUL Board regularly review which of its Directors serve as Trustees of the Foundation. During the year 2020-21, this was Richard Munro along with Karen Bennett as President of ABCUL.

David Martin, Alison Pask and Dawn Vear continued in their role as Independent Trustees of the Foundation. Robert Kelly continues as Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

The Board currently consists of 7 Trustees – 2 ABCUL Directors: Karen Bennett and Richard Munro and 4 Independent Directors (with one vacant position): David Martin, Alison Pask, Dawn Vear and Lord Roy Kennedy (Chair of Trustees)

Risk review

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees have developed a collective understanding of risk and continue to amend their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:
(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:
(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Foundation has also reviewed its Policy Board Manual and introduced a number of changes including a renewed commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Covid-19 Pandemic meant that many of the plans for the Foundation had to be changed during the year, but much of what was scheduled was able to be adapted to operate in the online world.

The Save and Sound Project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to collect oral histories of people involved in credit unions in the North of England before 2000, moved to an online model. Volunteers would have come together to train, and then travel to meet and interview narrators. Covid-19 meant that they were trained online and carried out interviews online, using a podcasting platform to record high quality audio.

The fifth year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2021 and the sixth year was launched in April. While restrictions meant that it was not possible to meet in person the activities and learning was carried out online. Ceremonies for graduates were postponed as the ABCUL Annual Conference moved online, but all participants will have a chance to graduate at a ceremony in 2022. The programme has now graduated 57 individuals across 5 years and has 7 more preparing to graduate in 2020.

Within this financial year the Foundation assumed responsibility for the DEEU programme. Due to the restrictions an in person event was not possible so in April 2021 a virtual workshop was held where 45 individuals were in attendance from the UK.

The lack of in-person events meant that fundraising was limited during the year, but funders have given permission for activities to be carried over into 2022. For example, money donated by Citi Bank to allow credit unions to attend Inclusiv Annual Conferences in 2020 and 2021, has been carried forward to 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

As was expected, the Lloyds Banking Group Credit Union Development Fund, a major funding source for the Foundation since 2014, came to an end in 2020. This has meant a major reduction in the income of the Foundation, but the Trustees have initiated other projects in line with the objects of the Foundation.

Funding previously secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Save and Sound Oral History and Heritage Project brought in a further £23,640 in the year. Peach State Credit Union continued their generous donation towards the CU Futures programme for which £6,842 was received during the year along with other donations from credit unions amounting to £10,530. The transfer of funds for DEEU along with a one day workshop during the year brough in total funds of £10,600 with a further £3,000 donation for attendance at a future event. £616 of fundraising income was generated in the period.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising, Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in notes 13. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, they are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date there were unrestricted funds of £ 42,521.

In addition to the basic categories of restricted and unrestricted funds, the trustees can designate unrestricted funds to be used for a specific purpose. Such designated funds remain unrestricted as the trustees retain the right to release back to general unrestricted funds as needed. During the year, we designated 20% of the net income to general funds increasing the reserve to £3,234 to act as a buffer against financial or economic difficulties, as detailed in the Trustee Board Policy Manual (4.4.13).

Future developments

The launch of the DEEU programme under the CU Foundation has had to be delayed due to Covid-19, but plans are in place for the programme to return in September 2022 and short, online events have taken place. Another virtual workshop was scheduled to take place in January 2022 which had to be postponed and now scheduled to take place in April 2022. The CU Futures programme will continue and the Trustees look forward to the delayed graduation of those participants who have been through the programme during the pandemic. The former will be funded by fees paid directly by participants and the latter through donations from credit unions and individuals. It is also hoped that other delayed activities previously funded, such as research into credit union demographics and the potential for a US CDFI model in the UK, and participation in Inclusiv conferences will be able to be completed in 2022.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant financial information (information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Following a tender process conducted during the year, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as independent examiner to the charity.

Approved by the trustees on 17/3/22 and signed on their behalf by:

Robert Kelly
Company Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Credit Union Foundation (the 'Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2021.

This report is made solely to the Company'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 Company'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 Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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 can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Signed: Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**3,116**	**-**	**3,116**	*14,200*
Charitable activities	3	**35,614**	**52,370**	**87,984**	*138,849*
Investments		**-**	**-**	**-**	*244*
Total income		**38,730**	**52,370**	**91,100**	*153,293*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		**266**	**-**	**266**	*266*
Charitable activities	7,4	**39,600**	**44,125**	**83,725**	*1,062,223*
Total expenditure	8	**39,866**	**44,125**	**83,991**	*1,062,489*
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		**(1,136)**	**8,245**	**7,109**	*(909,196)*
Transfers between Funds	13	**4,855**	**(4,855)**	**-**	*-*
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		**3,719**	**3,390**	**7,109**	*(909,196)*
Net movement in funds		**3,719**	**3,390**	**7,109**	*(909,196)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**42,037**	**131,941**	**173,978**	*1,083,174*
Total funds carried forward		**45,756**	**135,331**	**181,087**	*173,978*

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**1,808**		*7,478*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**181,770**		*173,353*	
		183,578		*180,831*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(2,491)**		*(6,853)*	
Net current assets			**181,087**		*173,978*
Net assets			**181,087**		*173,978*
Charity Funds					
Restricted funds	13		**135,331**		*131,941*
Unrestricted funds	13		**45,756**		*42,037*
Total funds			**181,087**		*173,978*

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

The Trustees consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17/3/22. and signed on their behalf, by:

Robert Kelly

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Credit Union Foundation 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 Company status

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

1.3 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

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. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Company apportioned to charitable activities.

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.

1.5 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 Bank.

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. Accounting Policies (continued)

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 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 within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 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.

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 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.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Donations	3,116	-	3,116	*14,200*
Total 2020	*14,200*	-	*14,200*	

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Project Income	**917**	**52,370**	**53,287**	*108,965*
Donated administration and finance support	**34,697**	**-**	**34,697**	*29,884*
	35,614	**52,370**	**87,984**	*138,849*
Total 2020	*36,384*	*102,465*	*138,849*	

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Direct and support costs	**37,459**	**44,125**	**81,584**	*54,214*
Lloyds project - grants made	**-**	**-**	**-**	*999,239*
	37,459	**44,125**	**81,584**	*1,053,453*
Total 2020	*32,532*	*1,020,921*	*1,053,453*	

5. Direct costs

	Activities £	Total 2021 £	*Total 2020 £*
CU Futures project	**44,125**	**44,125**	*21,686*
NFCDCU conference costs	**-**	**-**	*(4)*
Staff expenses	**-**	**-**	*10*
	44,125	**44,125**	*21,692*
Total 2020	*21,692*	*21,692*	

6. Support costs

	Activities £	Total 2021 £	*Total 2020 £*
Donated administration and finance support	34,697	34,697	*29,884*
Insurance	2,726	2,726	*2,602*
Bank charges	36	36	*36*
	37,459	37,459	*32,522*
Total 2020	*32,522*	*32,522*	

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	*Total funds 2020 £*
Internal audit costs	648	-	648	*1,994*
Fees for independent examination	1,440	-	1,440	*6,420*
Legal fees	53	-	53	*356*
	2,141	-	2,141	*8,770*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

8. Analysis of Expenditure by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2021 £	Other costs 2021 £	Total 2021 £	*Total 2020 £*
Fundraising costs	-	266	266	*266*
Costs of raising funds	-	266	266	*266*
Direct and support costs	-	81,584	81,584	*54,214*
Lloyds project - grants made	-	-	-	*999,239*
Charitable activities	-	81,584	81,584	*1,053,453*
Expenditure on governance	-	2,141	2,141	*8,770*
	-	83,991	83,991	*1,062,489*
Total 2020	*10*	*1,062,479*	*1,062,489*	

9. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	*2020 £*
Auditor's remuneration - audit	1,440	*5,520*
Auditor's remuneration - other services	-	*900*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind (2020 - £Nil).
During the year, 3 Trustees received reimbursement of travel expenses which totalled £380 (2020 - 4 Trustees - £596).

10. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff expenses	-	10

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

	2021	2020
	-	-

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

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued Income	1,808	7,478

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,198	302
Accruals and deferred income	1,293	6,551
	2,491	6,853

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
Designated Fund	2,490	-	-	744	3,234
General Funds	39,547	38,730	(39,866)	4,111	42,522
Total Unrestricted funds	42,037	38,730	(39,866)	4,855	45,756
Restricted funds					
History project	24,687	24,198	(27,510)	(3,055)	18,320
NFCDCU trips	32,270	-	(1,800)	-	30,470
CU Futures Program	49,138	14,072	(14,815)	(1,800)	46,595
Field research project	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Market research project	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Gambia Project	846	500	-	-	1,346
DEEU programme	-	13,600	-	-	13,600
	131,941	52,370	(44,125)	(4,855)	135,331
Total of funds	173,978	91,100	(83,991)	-	181,087

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2020 £*
Designated Fund	-	-	-	*2,490*	*2,490*
General Funds	*29,584*	*50,828*	*(38,375)*	*(2,490)*	*39,547*

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

History project	-	*29,550*	*(4,863)*	-	*24,687*
Lloyds project	*1,000,000*	-	*(1,000,000)*	-	-
NFCDCU trips	*4,220*	*30,000*	*(1,950)*	-	*32,270*
CU Futures Program	*49,370*	*17,069*	*(17,301)*	-	*49,138*
Field research project	-	*10,000*	-	-	*10,000*
Market research project	-	*15,000*	-	-	*15,000*
Gambia Project	-	*846*	-	-	*846*
	1,053,590	*102,465*	*(1,024,114)*	-	*131,941*

Desgnated Fund - The designated fund receives a minimum contribution of 20% of any surplus on unrestricted activities each year until the fund is equivalent to 6 months operating costs.

History Project - Save and Sound is an oral history and heritage project that has been set up by the Credit Union Foundation to make sure that the early days of credit unions in Britain are not forgotten.

The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It started in July 2020 and is intended to run until October 2021.

- Forty oral history interviews will be carried out with credit union pioneers from across the north of England.
- Credit union heritage will be promoted to a wider audience through a new website, events, a new course and podcasts.
- A toolkit will be developed so that the work can easily be replicated in other parts of the country.

NFCDCU (Inclusiv) educational visits - The Foundation received funding of £15,000 for participation for British CU delegates in the Inclusiv Annual Conference and for US delegate participation in the ABCUL Annual Conference. The coronavirus pandemic impacted this activity significantly. Inclusiv delegates did travel to the UK in March 2020 and so some of this was utilised in the year. Additional funds were spent to purchase flights for British delegates to Puerto Rico for the Inclusiv Annual Conference planned for May 2020. This event did not go ahead and so delegates have received or are in the process of receiving refunds for these flights, but these were not received in the year and so this will be reflected in next year's accounts.

During the year the Foundation received an additional £15,000 to fund participation in conference events in 2021. These events will not take place due to COVID-19 restrictions. As a result of the circumstances Citi has permitted the Foundation to carry all of these funds forward for spend in 2022.

CU Futures Programme - The fifth year of the programme concluded in the period and the sixth year commenced. Significant savings were achieved as key events during the second part of 2020 took place online rather than face to face. Additional donations to support future years of the programme were received during the year (£9,421). All funds will be carried forward to support future years of the programme.

Market Research - £15,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support the development of robust research into the individuals using credit unions across Britain. This work was due to commence in the year but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic and permission has been received from Citi to carry this forward to 2021.

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Field Research - £10,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support field research into the CDFI model. The work was due to commence in the year but due to the coronavirus pandemic this did not happen and permission has been received from Citi to carry this forward to 2021.

Gambia Project - The project is funded from donations received from individuals and credit unions in support of the fundraising activities to support colleagues in the Gambian Credit Union Movement. Due to restrictions around COVID-19 these activities have been deferred until travel restrictions are lifted and is now expected to take place during 2022.

DEEU Programme - DEEU is a part of a global network of Credit Union Development Education programmes to assist leaders at all levels in the credit union movement, as well as to provide valuable networking opportunities. Funding has been provided to allow the running of a programme of training courses and events to provide credit union employees and volunteers with a greater understanding of the international credit union system.

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	48,247	135,331	183,578
Creditors due within one year	(2,491)	-	(2,491)
	45,756	135,331	181,087

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	*Restricted funds 2020 £*	*Total funds 2020 £*
Current assets	*48,890*	*131,941*	*180,831*
Creditors due within one year	*(6,853)*	-	*(6,853)*
	42,037	*131,941*	*173,978*

15. 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)	**7,109**	*(909,196)*
Adjustment for:		
Decrease in debtors	**5,670**	*995,239*
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**2,022**	*(10,057)*
Net cash provided by operating activities	**14,801**	*75,986*

16. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	*2020* *£*
Cash in hand	**169,290**	*173,353*
Total	**169,290**	*173,353*

17. Related party transactions

At 30 September 2021, the charity was owed £nil (2020: £nil) by the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL), a company under common control, and this amount is included within trade debtors.

During the year, the charity had incoming resources from ABCUL amounting to £3,511 (2020: £8,292) which is shown in charitable income as other project income. It recharged costs to ABCUL amounting to £nil (2020: £nil) which has been netted off against the associated expenditure. It was recharged costs from ABCUL amounting to £610 (2020: £9,421) in relation to meetings, travel expenses and other costs paid by ABCUL on behalf of the charity.

Each year, the Foundation Board and the ABCUL Board agree a maximum budgeted amount of staffing resource that the ABCUL Board agrees it will donate to the Charity. The amount of this resource is monitored at least quarterly through the Foundation accounts.

During the year, £34,697 of CUF staff time was absorbed by ABCUL (2020: £29,884). ABCUL is happy to absorb this staff time due to the benefits it receives as a result of the products, services and programmes the Foundation has and continues to develop for not only ABCUL members but the broader credit union movement. Examples of this include but are not limited to ABCUL Academy, ABCUL Insight, CU Futures, and increased attendance at ABCUL AGM.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1096199

Accounts

Registered number: 04283557
Charity number: 1096199

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Trustees	Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark, President K Bennett D Denning R Munro D Martin D Vear (appointed 15 July 2020) A Pask (appointed 15 July 2020) R Kelly, Secretary
Company registered number	04283557
Charity registered number	1096199
Registered office	Holyoake House Hanover Street Manchester M60 0AS
Independent auditor	Crowe U.K. LLP 3rd floor The Lexicon Mount Street Manchester M2 5NT
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The trustees of the charity present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and Administration

The company is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Membership of the Foundation is open to directors of the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL) and persons appointed by the directors of ABCUL. Upon admission to membership, members are automatically appointed as trustees. Trustees continue to serve until they resign, are removed from membership by the directors of ABCUL or cease to be legally eligible to serve as charity trustees or company directors.

Administrative services are provided by ABCUL.

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and directors for the purpose of company law, The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark
Karen Bennett
Daniel Denning
David Martin
Richard Munro
Grenville Bingham (resigned 19 November 2019)
Annette Thomas (resigned 6 December 2019)
Alison Pask (appointed 15 July 2020)
Dawn Vear (appointed 15 July 2020)

Appointment, induction and training of trustees

Trustees appointed to the Credit Union Foundation Board have all come to the role with a wealth of experience in either the credit union sector or financial services sector, All trustees are made aware of the role and remit of the Credit Union Foundation and are supplied with a copy of the NCVO Good Trustee Guide as well as updated with any changes to relevant legislation and guidance from the Charity Commission regarding their legal responsibilities. This is an excellent self learning tool to remind trustees of their roles and responsibilities as charity directors.

Organisational structure

Lord Kennedy continues to chair the Credit Union Foundation Board and Karen Bennett continues as a Trustee by virtue of being President of ABCUL.

During the year, Gren Bingham (ABCUL Board Member) resigned from his post on 19th November 2019, and as a result left the Foundation Board, and Annette Thomas, independent Trustee, resigned 6th December 2019.

The ABCUL Board regularly review which of its Directors serve as Trustees of the Foundation. During the year 2019-20, this was Richard Munro and Gren Bingham along with Karen Bennett as President of ABCUL. Dan Denning and David Martin continue in their role as Independent Trustees of the Foundation. The current structure of the Trustee Board was reviewed by both the Foundation Trustee Board and the ABCUL Board. As a result, during the year, Alison Pask and Dawn Vear joined as new Independent Trustees.

Robert Kelly continues as Company Secretary by virtue of being Chief Executive of ABCUL.

The Board currently consists of 7 Trustees – 2 ABCUL Directors: Karen Bennett and Richard Munro and 5 Independent Directors: Dan Denning, David Martin, Alison Pask, Dawn Vear and Lord Roy Kennedy (Chair of Trustees).

Risk review

The trustees have and continue to assess the major risks that the charity could potentially be exposed to, particularly in relation to operations and the financial management of the charity. Trustees reviewed their collective understanding of risk and have amended their risk register to reflect current and potential risks for the Foundation. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the associated risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects for which it is established are:

(a) To advance education amongst the public in matters pertaining to credit unions and their potential in relieving poverty and need, and to provide education and training in the knowledge and skills pertinent to the establishment and management of credit unions;
(b) To relieve poverty and need amongst communities in the United Kingdom and throughout the World which are in need of such relief, by advising needy persons within those communities how to establish and manage credit unions.
(c) To relieve poverty by providing grants, items, support and other services to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

In furtherance of the above objectives, the foundation shall have the following powers:

(a) To publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films and instructional matter;
(b) To commission and undertake and publish the useful results of research, and to run lectures, seminars, conferences and courses;
(c) To provide financial, technical and educational assistance in connection with projects and purposes which will further the objects of the Foundation;
(d) To receive donations, endowments, sponsorship fees, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the Foundation's objects or any of them and to hold funds in trust for same;

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general information on public benefit when reviewing the Foundation's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2020 saw the establishment of the seventh and final year of the Lloyds Credit Union Development Fund. Applications were received during 2020 and compiled for consideration by the Grants Committee.

The fourth year of the CU Futures programme concluded in March 2020 and the fifth year was launched in April. The programme has now graduated 49 individuals across 4 years and has 8 more preparing to graduate in 2021. The Foundation was successful at fundraising for this programme during the year with over £17,000 being received in individual donations from credit unions and people working/volunteering in credit unions.

Citi Bank provided sponsorship for US credit union delegates to attend the ABCUL Annual Conference and AGM in March 2020 and for a delegation of British credit unions to attend the Inclusiv Annual Conference in Puerto Rico in 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the face to face conference for 2020 was cancelled and replaced with a virtual meeting. Funding was also received for the 2021 Inclusiv conference, which has also been replaced with a virtual meeting, so with the permission of Citi Bank, these have been carried forward to 2022.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Main funding sources and expenditure

Lloyds Banking Group had previously approved funding of £1,000,000 for the year ending 30 September 2020, to be allocated to credit unions as part of the grant making programme of the Credit Union Foundation, although this income had been recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019, in line with the requirements of the Charities SORP. The administration of the project is funded through ABCUL. This supports our key objective to relieve poverty through the provision of grants to credit unions to allow them to extend their services to individuals in need. This money was all paid out directly to credit unions in the form of grants during the year. We expect no future funding from Lloyds Banking Group in respect of the Development Fund.

Reserves policy

The trustees recognise the need for the charity to establish and maintain reserves to enable it to carry out its charitable objectives in the event of unforeseeable matters arising, Where funds are generated for specific purposes, they are held as restricted funds, as detailed in notes 13 and 14. Where funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees, they are held in unrestricted funds. At the balance sheet date there were unrestricted funds of £42,037.

In addition to the basic categories of restricted and unrestricted funds, the trustees can designate unrestricted funds to be used for a specific purpose. Such designated funds remain unrestricted as the trustees retain the right to release back to general unrestricted funds as needed. During the year, we designated 20% of the net increase in general funds during the year (£2,490) to act as a buffer against financial or economic difficulties, as detailed in the Policy Governance (4.4.13).

A number of changes were implemented to the restricted funds, including the creation of several new funds. These are described in detail in Note 13.

Gambia Project

Alex Dodson (Metro Moneywise Credit Union) attended her DE Course in 2019 and met Florence Mendy from NACCU (National Association of Cooperative Credit Unions of the Gambia) who was on her team. They immediately struck up a friendship and Florence would tell Alex stories about how the rural Credit Unions in the Gambia changed lives and offered help on a daily basis.

"One story in particular stuck with me which was when a rural Credit Union had to close so the members had to walk 8 miles to the nearest Credit Union just to access their money. It made me think how lucky I am, and wondered how I would feel having to do this. So my DE project was to inspire a walk from Credit Union to Credit Union. Starting at one point and raising money between us to help fund local projects for our members, and also to raise money for the rural Credit Union offices in the Gambia so that they could possibly invest more in technology or look at the other options or funding opportunities. This would also help us to promote our Credit Unions to payroll partners and in the community with our ethos of "People helping People". With the impact of COVID, the walk together hasn't been made possible as yet however we are planning this for 2022 and have already built up a pot of funds."

Future developments

The Management team of the Foundation has considered the impact of COVID-19 on the business. Although the pandemic has impacted some of the day to day activities, it is not considered to be material at this time. The situation will continue to be reviewed and monitored closely by the Trustees and Management Team.

The Foundation Trustees have adopted a strategy that is focused on education and to that end is currently exploring opportunities for funding and in-kind support for the development of a leadership and management programme for credit union personnel. Additionally it will assume responsibility for an existing educational initiative with in the sector (DEEU) and continue the operate the CU Futures programme. The former will be funded by fees paid directly by participants and the latter through donations from credit unions and individuals.

In addition to these educational programmes, the Foundation secured funding in the year to undertake two key pieces of research within the sector – one focusing on identifying more accurately the individuals being served by the updates to credit unions in Britain and the other looking at the CDFI model in the US and whether something similar might be implemented in the UK. The Foundation has existing funds to participate in educational visits to the Inclusiv Annual Conference which have not been able to be utilised in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and these will be carried forward to 2022.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of The Credit Union Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Insofar as each of the trustees of the charity at the date of approval of this report is aware there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the audit report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware. Each trustee has taken all of the steps that he/she should have taken as a trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

AUDITOR

Following a tender process conducted during the year, Crowe U.K. LLP were appointed as auditors to the charity.

Approved by the trustees on 18th February 2021 and their behalf by:



Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark
Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Credit Union Foundation (the 'Charitable Company') for the year ended 30 September 2020 set out on pages 10 to 23. 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 30 September 2020 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 Auditor's 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Auditor's 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 Auditor's 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.

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 Auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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 Auditor's 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 trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

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Date: 19th February 2021

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	**14,200**	**-**	**14,200**	*1,001,985*
Charitable activities	3	**36,384**	**102,465**	**138,849**	*86,358*
Investments		**244**	**-**	**244**	*1*
Total income		**50,828**	**102,465**	**153,293**	*1,088,344*
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		**266**	**-**	**266**	*1,260*
Charitable activities	7,4	**38,109**	**1,024,114**	**1,062,223**	*1,139,958*
Total expenditure	8	**38,375**	**1,024,114**	**1,062,489**	*1,141,218*
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		**12,453**	**(921,649)**	**(909,196)**	*(52,874)*
Net movement in funds		**12,453**	**(921,649)**	**(909,196)**	*(52,874)*
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		**29,584**	**1,053,590**	**1,083,174**	*1,136,048*
Total funds carried forward		**42,037**	**131,941**	**173,978**	*1,083,174*

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

THE CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04283557

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	£	2020 £	£	*2019* *£*
Current assets					
Debtors	11	**7,478**		*1,002,717*	
Cash at bank and in hand		**173,353**		*97,367*	
		180,831		*1,100,084*	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	**(6,853)**		*(16,910)*	
Net current assets			**173,978**		*1,083,174*
Net assets			**173,978**		*1,083,174*
Charity Funds					
Restricted funds	13		**131,941**		*1,053,590*
Unrestricted funds	13		**42,037**		*29,584*
Total funds			**173,978**		*1,083,174*

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

The Trustees consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. 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 the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 18th February 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:



Lord Roy Kennedy of Southwark

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	*2019 £*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	15	**75,986**	*(1,039,512)*
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**75,986**	*(1,039,512)*
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		**97,367**	*1,136,879*
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	16	**173,353**	*97,367*

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Credit Union Foundation 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 Company status

The Company is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England with registered number 04283557. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

1.3 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.

Donated services or facilities are recognised when the Company has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use of the Company of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the general volunteer time of the Friends is not recognised and refer to the Trustees' report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Company which is the amount the Company would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

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. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Company and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the Company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Company apportioned to charitable activities.

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.

1.5 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 Bank.

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. Accounting Policies (continued)

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 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 within interest payable and similar charges.

1.9 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.

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 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.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	**Restricted funds 2020 £**	**Total funds 2020 £**	*Total funds 2019 £*
Donations	**14,200**	**-**	**14,200**	*702*
Lloyds project grant	**-**	**-**	**-**	*1,001,283*
Total donations and legacies	**14,200**	**-**	**14,200**	*1,001,985*
Total 2019	*702*	*1,001,283*	*1,001,985*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Project income	**6,500**	**102,465**	**108,965**	*59,755*
Donated administration and finance support	**29,884**	**-**	**29,884**	*26,603*
	36,384	**102,465**	**138,849**	*86,358*
Total 2019	*32,903*	*53,455*	*86,358*	

4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Direct and support costs	**32,532**	**21,682**	**54,214**	*75,732*
Lloyds project - grants made	**-**	**999,239**	**999,239**	*1,054,369*
	32,532	**1,020,921**	**1,053,453**	*1,130,101*
Total 2019	*27,634*	*1,102,467*	*1,130,101*	

5. Direct costs

	Activities £	Total 2020 £	*Total 2019 £*
CU Futures project	**21,686**	**21,686**	*23,115*
NFCDCU conference costs	**(4)**	**(4)**	*24,983*
Staff expenses	**10**	**10**	*377*
	21,692	**21,692**	*48,475*
Total 2019	*48,475*	*48,475*	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

6. Support costs

	Activities £	Total 2020 £	*Total 2019 £*
Donated administration and finance support	**29,884**	**29,884**	*26,603*
Insurance	**2,602**	**2,602**	*618*
Bank charges	**36**	**36**	*36*
	32,522	**32,522**	*27,257*
Total 2019	*27,257*	*27,257*	

7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	*Total funds 2019 £*
Governance Internal audit costs	**1,994**	**-**	**1,994**	*3,501*
Auditors' remuneration	**3,227**	**3,193**	**6,420**	*6,300*
Legal fees	**356**	**-**	**356**	*56*
	5,577	**3,193**	**8,770**	*9,857*

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8. Analysis of Expenditure by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2020 £	Other costs 2020 £	Total 2020 £	*Total 2019 £*
Fundraising costs	**-**	**266**	**266**	*1,260*
Costs of raising funds	**-**	**266**	**266**	*1,260*
Direct and support costs	**10**	**54,204**	**54,214**	*75,732*
Lloyds project - grants made (Note 18)	**-**	**999,239**	**999,239**	*1,054,369*
Charitable activities	**10**	**1,053,443**	**1,053,453**	*1,130,101*
Expenditure on governance	**-**	**8,770**	**8,770**	*9,857*
	10	**1,062,479**	**1,062,489**	*1,141,218*
Total 2019	*377*	*1,140,841*	*1,141,218*	

9. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Auditor's remuneration - audit	**5,520**	*5,400*
Auditor's remuneration - other services	**900**	*900*

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind (2019 - £Nil).
During the year, 4 Trustees received reimbursement of travel expenses which totalled £596 (2019 - 6 Trustees - £1,695).

10. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff expenses	**10**	*377*

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

	2020	2019
	-	*-*

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

11. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	**-**	*600*
Amounts owed by ABCUL	**-**	*1,520*
Prepayments and accrued income	**7,478**	*1,000,597*
	7,478	*1,002,717*

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	**302**	*707*
Accruals and deferred income	**6,551**	*16,203*
	6,853	*16,910*

13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2020 £
Designated Fund	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,490**	**2,490**
General Funds	**29,584**	**50,828**	**(38,375)**	**(2,490)**	**39,547**
Total Unrestricted funds	**29,584**	**50,828**	**(38,375)**	**-**	**42,037**
Restricted funds					
History project	**-**	**29,550**	**(4,863)**	**-**	**24,687**
Lloyds project	**1,000,000**	**-**	**(1,000,000)**	**-**	**-**
NFCDCU trips	**4,220**	**30,000**	**(1,950)**	**-**	**32,270**
CU Futures Program	**49,370**	**17,069**	**(17,301)**	**-**	**49,138**
Field research project	**-**	**10,000**	**-**	**-**	**10,000**
Market research project	**-**	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**15,000**
Gambia Project	**-**	**846**	**-**	**-**	**846**
	1,053,590	**102,465**	**(1,024,114)**	**-**	**131,941**
Total of funds	**1,083,174**	**153,293**	**(1,062,489)**	**-**	**173,978**

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 October 2018 £	*Income £*	*Expenditure £*	*Transfers in/out £*	*Balance at 30 September 2019 £*
General Funds	*32,911*	*33,606*	*(38,751)*	*1,818*	*29,584*
Restricted funds					
Lloyds project	*1,053,086*	*1,001,283*	*(1,054,369)*	*-*	*1,000,000*
NFCDCU trips	*12,602*	*16,600*	*(24,982)*	*-*	*4,220*
CU Futures Program	*37,449*	*36,855*	*(23,116)*	*(1,818)*	*49,370*
	1,103,137	*1,054,738*	*(1,102,467)*	*(1,818)*	*1,053,590*

13. Statement of funds (continued)

Lloyds project - The final year of grants from the Lloyds Banking Group Credit Union Development Fund were awarded for use in 2020 and all funds have now been used in accordance with the grant conditions with no future income to be received. There was a small residual balance (£761) after all grants were made and we received permission from LBG to transfer this to unrestricted funds.

History Project - Save and Sound is an oral history and heritage project that has been set up by the Credit Union Foundation to make sure that the early days of credit unions in Britain are not forgotten.

The project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It started in July 2020 and will run until October 2021.

- Forty oral history interviews will be carried out with credit union pioneers from across the north of England.
- Credit union heritage will be promoted to a wider audience through a new website, events, a new course and podcasts.
- A toolkit will be developed so that the work can easily be replicated in other parts of the country.

NFCDCU (Inclusiv) educational visits - The Foundation received funding of £15,000 for participation for British CU delegates in the Inclusiv Annual Conference and for US delegate participation in the ABCUL Annual Conference. The coronavirus pandemic impacted this activity significantly. Inclusiv delegates did travel to the UK in March 2020 and so some of this was utilised in the year. Additional funds were spent to purchase flights for British delegates to Puerto Rico for the Inclusiv Annual Conference planned for May 2020. This event did not go ahead and so delegates have received or are in the process of receiving refunds for these flights, but these were not received in the year and so this will be reflected in next year's accounts.

During the year the Foundation received an additional £15,000 to fund participation in conference events in 2021. These events will not take place due to COVID-19 restrictions. As a result of the circumstances Citi has permitted the Foundation to carry all of these funds forward for spend in 2022.

CU Futures Programme - The fifth year of the programme concluded in the period and the sixth year commenced. Significant savings were achieved as key events during the second part of 2020 took place online rather than face to face. Additional donations to support future years of the programme were received during the year (£9,421). All funds will be carried forward to support future years of the programme.

Market Research - £15,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support the development of robust research into the individuals using credit unions across Britain. This work was due to commence in the year but was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic and permission has been received from Citi to carry this forward to 2021.

Field Research - £10,000 was received from Citi in 2020 to support field research into the CDFI model. The work was due to commence in the year but due to the coronavirus pandemic this did not happen and permission has been received from Citi to carry this forward to 2021.

Gambia Project - The project is funded from donations received from individuals and credit unions in support of the fundraising activities to support colleagues in the Gambian Credit Union Movement. Due to restrictions around COVID-19 these activities have been deferred until travel restrictions are lifted and is now expected to take place during 2022.

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	**48,890**	**131,941**	**180,831**
Creditors due within one year	**(6,853)**	**-**	**(6,853)**
	42,037	**131,941**	**173,978**

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	*Restricted funds 2019 £*	*Total funds 2019 £*
Current assets	*36,625*	*1,063,459*	*1,100,084*
Creditors due within one year	*(7,041)*	*(9,869)*	*(16,910)*
	29,584	*1,053,590*	*1,083,174*

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

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	**(909,196)**	*(52,874)*
Adjustment for:		
Decrease in stocks	**-**	*1,044*
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**995,239**	*(996,735)*
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(10,057)**	*9,053*
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	**75,986**	*(1,039,512)*

16. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	*2019 £*
Cash in hand	**173,353**	*97,367*
Total	**173,353**	*97,367*

17. Related party transactions

At 30 September 2020, the charity was owed £0 (2019: £1,520) by the Association of British Credit Unions Limited (ABCUL), a company under common control, and this amount is included within trade debtors.

During the year, the charity had incoming resources from ABCUL amounting to £8,292 (2019: £6,300) which is shown in charitable income as other project income. It recharged costs to ABCUL amounting to £nil (2019: £256) which has been netted off against the associated expenditure. It was recharged costs from ABCUL amounting to £9,421 (2019: 5,581) in relation to meetings, travel expenses and other costs paid by ABCUL on behalf of the charity.

Each year, the Foundation Board and the ABCUL Board agree a maximum budgeted amount of staffing resource that the ABCUL Board agrees it will donate to the Charity. The amount of this resource is monitored at least quarterly through the Foundation accounts.

During the year, £29,884 of CUF staff time was absorbed by ABCUL (2019: £26,603). ABCUL is hapy to absorb this staff time due to the benefits it receives as a result of the products, services and programmes the Foundation has and continues to develop for not only ABCUL members but the broader credit union movement. Examples of this include but are not limited to ABCUL Academy, ABCUL Insight, CU Futures, and increased attendance at ABCUL AGM.

18. Lloyds Project - Grants made

	2020 £
Clockwise	**20,000**
First Class	**100,000**
Gateway	**60,000**
Stockport	**50,000**
Renfrewshire Wide	**100,000**
Metro Moneywise	**20,000**
Slive Gullon	**15,359**
Waterside	**90,000**
Commsave	**20,000**
Ballinascreen	**20,000**
Hi-Scot	**50,000**
Salford	**54,000**
Lewisham Plus	**100,000**
Tail o' the bank	**90,000**
Greater Govan	**90,000**
Ballymena	**19,880**
Cookstown	**100,000**
Total	**999,239**