

Registered Charity Number: 1098090

Multiple Sclerosis Peoples Help

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year Ended 30 September 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Registered Charity Number

1098090

Principle Address

13 St Mary's Street
Thornbury
Bristol
BS35 2AB

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr S McCarthy
Mr R Wall
Mrs C Wall
Mrs A Payne
Mrs K Martin

Independent Examiner

Charlotte Halsall FFA
25 Badminton Road
Downend
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the charity are to provide support either financially or practically to people who are elderly, disabled or infirm and to support local organisations who are enhancing the lives of individuals in the community living with chronic neurological conditions.

The main activities of the charity are to support these groups of people by raising funds in the charity shop and the provision of practical assistance.

The Trustees can confirm that they have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year has been another great year for the charity due to the continued enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers who work in the shop or as part of our DIY/Gardening teams. This work includes sales, customer service, maintaining a tidy and welcoming shop, gardening, general repairs, decorating and many other DIY jobs that people can no longer do themselves because they have disabilities caused by MS.

Requests for DIY support from MS sufferers are welcomed and thanks to the dedication of the DIY/Gardening teams it is not long before we are able to help. We also provide funding for professionals such as Electricians and Plumbers if needed.

The shop continues to have a large turnover of donations including clothing, bric-a-brac, jewellery, pictures and toys, disability aids, wheelchairs, mobility scooters and portable electrical items which are checked for serviceability and PAT tested before sale in the shop. The Trustees wish to thank Sue and the volunteers for all their hard work in assisting the filtering and preparation of the many items for sale. Plus, Karina and Natascha for sewing machine servicing and maintaining the shop's tidy appearance.

The shop card machines were upgraded during the year. Also, the Portable Appliance Testing space above the shop was doubled to cater for the increase in number of electrical donations.

Roger and Chris continue to use Roger's vehicle daily to collect larger donations that people give to the MSPH charity and for taking selected items to auction. This service is greatly appreciated by both the customers and Trustees.

The 20th Anniversary Fun Day was held on the 31st of August. The weather was fantastic, and a large crowd attended resulting in a very successful day with over £600 raised. The Trustees wish to thank all who worked on the day, in particular Alan Cole and Anita for helping set up the event and for donating prizes for the fancy dress competition. Also, Ray and Marcus for their Darth Vader and Storm Trooper impressions and Natascha for making the 1st, 2nd and 3rd competition badges. The Punch and Judy was liked by both parents and children, the Line Dancing was a hit, and Tombola was well supported with remaining stock to be transferred to the Christmas raffle. In summary, a good time was had by all.

The Trustees wish to pass on their thanks to all the MSPH volunteers for doing such an amazing job throughout the year across all aspects of work; shop, DIY, Gardening, and especially when interfacing with those in need of help. We could not do it without you. Customer feedback continues to be very complimentary; we therefore intend to keep the shop running for the foreseeable future.

The post-Christmas meal was held in recognition of the volunteers' hard work – this was well supported.

The Trustees would also like to congratulate Roger and Chris for receiving a Community Award from the South Gloucester Council in recognition of their service to the local area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity continues to be in a strong financial position at the year end with £176,205 in the trust's bank account despite the national increase in second hand on-line sales.

The charity's principal source of funds this year were the sales from the charity shop located at 13 St Mary Street, Thornbury.

A charitable contribution of £5,000 was made to the Thornbury Volunteer Centre.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Interface with the Charity Commission (CC) was reviewed in September and Mike Martin OBE was confirmed by the Trustees as MSPH Secretary and CC "Contact".

Trustee meetings are held on a 4 monthly basis as practical.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees are identified through advertising and by word of mouth and are appointed for their expertise.

Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

A routine review of MSPH Policies and Procedures was launched in September and an updated list of those approved by Trustees will be submitted to the CC as part of the Annual Report 2024.

The Trustees welcomed a new volunteer to the shop. Marcus Smith is a fully certified Portable Appliance Tester thereby ensuring a minimum of 2 PAT testers are available to the MSPH charity.

CHARITY TRUSTEES

Mr R Wall – Treasurer

Mrs C Wall – Trustee

Mr S McCarthy – Trustee

Mrs K Martin – Trustee

Mrs A Payne – Trustee

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees


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Mr R Wall
Treasurer


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Mrs C Wall
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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.



Charlotte Halsall FFA

Thornbury TaxSavers Limited
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Dated: 22 February 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above-named charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2024.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

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

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records:
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds			
Activities Generating Funds:			
Shop Sales		114,378	129,510
Other Income			
Interest received		5	-
Government grants		-	-
Total Incoming Resources		114,383	129,510
LESS: Cost of Generating Funds			
Fundraising Trading:			
Shop Sales		107,708	92,828
Total Costs of Generating Funds		107,708	92,828
Net Incoming Resources Available for Charitable Activities		6,675	36,682
Charitable Activities			
DIY and Gardening Help		1,750	4,496
Batteries for Wheel Chairs		6,094	11,072
Charitable Contributions		-	-
Total Charitable Activity Cost		7,844	15,568
Governance Costs	4	2,918	3,202
Total Resources Expended		10,762	18,770
Net Incoming Resources from Operations		-4,087	17,912
Total funds brought forward		182,421	164,509
Total funds carried forward		178,334	182,421

The Charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

All movements are unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

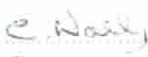
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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	7,630	12,067
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	8,436	6,660
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>176,205</u>	<u>168,472</u>
		184,641	175,132
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year:	9	13,937	4,778
Net current assets		<u>170,704</u>	<u>170,354</u>
Net Assets		<u>178,334</u>	<u>182,421</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds:			
General Funds		178,334	182,421
Total Funds		<u>178,334</u>	<u>182,421</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 2 April 2025
and are signed on their behalf by:


C Wall, Trustee


R Wall, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in October 2011.
- b) Income from donations is included in incoming resources when these are received into the bank account.
- c) Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and have been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.
- d) Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when fund are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery - 15% reducing balance

Fixtures and fittings - 15% reducing balance

Motor Vehicles - 15% reducing balance

Computer equipment - 33.33% straight line

Taxation

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

2 Government Grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Job Retention scheme income	-	-
Coronavirus Grant	-	-
	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

3 Fundraising Trading

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sale of Goods	114,378	129,510
Cost of Activities		
Shop activities	<u>107,708</u>	<u>92,828</u>
Net surplus/deficit	6,670	33,245

4 Governance Costs

The governance of the charity consisted of the following direct and indirect costs:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy and Payroll	1,453	1,737
Independent Examiners Report	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,465</u>
	2,918	3,202

5 Trustees' remuneration and benefits

There was no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2024, nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The trustees were paid a mileage allowance of 45p per mile and a subsistence allowance of £7 per day for attending meetings and for duties directly related to their duties as a trustee.

6 Staff Numbers

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Activities		
Shop	1	1

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Plant & Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost:					
As at 1.10.2023	11,349	17,434	4,119	4,524	37,426
Additions					
Disposals					
As at 30.9.2024	<u>11,349</u>	<u>17,434</u>	<u>4,119</u>	<u>4,524</u>	<u>37,426</u>
Depreciation:					
As at 1.10.2023	9,670	10,135	1,030	4,524	25,359
Charge for the year	253	1,095			1,348
Disposals			3,089		
As at 30.9.2024	<u>9,923</u>	<u>11,230</u>	<u>4,119</u>	<u>4,524</u>	<u>26,707</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 30.9.2024	<u>1,426</u>	<u>6,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,630</u>
As at 1.10.2023	<u>1,679</u>	<u>7,299</u>	<u>3,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,067</u>

8 Debtors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments	7,926	6,150
VAT	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-
Loans	510	510
	<u>8,436</u>	<u>6,660</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	2,855	2,100
Trade Creditors	1,052	400
Wages	6,709	174
Other tax and Social Security	3,321	2,104
	<u>13,937</u>	<u>4,778</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF SHOP FUNDRAISING TRADING

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME		
Shop Sales	114,378	129,510
Cost of Sales		
Purchases	-	4,194
Gross Income	114,378	125,316
OVERHEADS		
Wages and Salaries	27,447	16,957
Pension Costs	381	377
Light, heat and water	3,888	3,859
Cleaning	332	334
Rent and Rates	30,075	35,843
Telephone and Internet	3,650	2,424
Computer Running Costs	2,071	1,157
Printing Postage and Stationery	232	360
Loss on Disposal	3,089	-
Refreshments and Volunteer Staff Expenses	7,742	5,449
Repairs and renewals	1,531	1,979
Insurance	443	358
Travel Expenses	21,484	14,030
Credit Card Terminal and Processing Fees	1,715	1,662
Sundries	2,155	1,218
Subscriptions	126	13
Depreciation	1,347	2,614
Total Overheads	107,708	88,634
Surplus/Deficit	6,670	36,682