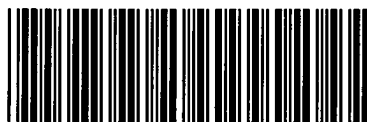


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South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Report Of The Trustees And Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Report and accounts
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**South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Company Information**

Trustees	Mr Paul Mcconnell Mr David Vickers Mr Charles Penry Evans Mr George Hughes
Independent Examiner	Helen J. Guest Accounting 482 Liverpool Road Ainsdale Southport Merseyside PR8 3BB
Registered office	Evermoor Hub 1 Birleywood Skelmersdale WN8 9HR
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South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Registered number: 1110649 Company 04617964
Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of accounting and reporting for charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102 effective 1 January 2019).

History, Objectives and Activities of The Trust

The principle activity of the charity in the year under review was that of providing advice and assistance on employment law, health, safety and welfare rights as well as IT facilities and training.

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Achievements and Performance

We are now at the end of the 3-year, Community Fund supported AIMS Project; the project has been extremely successful excelling all expected outcomes. Which given the dramatic start we had, the Friday we moved to our new Town Centre offices was also the start of 'Lockdown'. What happened next were two and a half years of the most challenging circumstances we have ever operated in as a charity.

The staff and volunteers agreed to work from home throughout Covid supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community and many others from across the North West and beyond. They all deserve the highest of praise for their commitment to their work and the people of West Lancashire.

Client Numbers each month:

January = 374

February = 433

March = 499

This year we were looking forward to a quieter one, just focussing on service delivery and ensuring we continued to provide the best one possible. In the first quarter of the year, we started our outreach in Burscough trying to engage with those living in the Northern Parishes who have little or nothing in the way of support services such as ours. Over the last 5 years we have made some very good partnerships with a number of small organisations providing a range of support to families across the parishes. In the second quarter, we were able to secure extra funding from Northern Rail to deliver more outreach in Ormskirk based in Brookside, Supported Living complex. This too has proved to be very popular especially to older people but also a range of clients from different backgrounds who live in the wider area. All needing the specialist help and support with PIP, Attendance Allowance and Carers Allowance we provide.

April = 545

May = 499

June = 337

This year with funding from Garfield Weston and John Moores Foundation, we started our Money Advice service and in no time at all we were getting referrals from across the Borough as well as walk-ins. All of this would not have been possible without the amazing support we received from the National Lottery.

Achievements and Performance

The second quarter brought us a young local family who lost their father to Covid-19 in 2020 (one of the first in Lancashire to die of Covid), and then in November 2021 they lost their mother to health complications brought on by Covid. The brothers Sean and Andrew were then left in total shock as the local Council ordered them to vacate the property by Boxing Day as although they were both born at the property neither of them was 'named' on the rent book so they had to leave! They were told that they had No continuity rights! as it had already passed from Father to Mother.

When we were contacted for help by the brother's they had already endured months of stress and anxiety with the threat of eviction hanging over them. Andrew the younger brother was autistic and also had Asperger's Syndrome. We knew that all Councils had 'discretion' to overrule the continuation rule guidance and could not understand why the Council had taken such a hard stance in not letting them stay in what was their family home since birth. At the same time we joined the family's campaign we reached out to DPAC (Disabled People Against Cuts) to seek their expertise in housing matters for disabled people and they were able to spread the Brogan's plight, nationwide. A petition was then started on Change.org and pretty soon their case was in the national press. SWLICAN started representing them at meetings with housing officers raising numerous concerns around Andrew's disabilities asking that his health and wellbeing be a main factor in their decision making, at one point they were offered a 2nd floor flat in a building that didn't allow dogs! Meaning that there was a possibility that Andrew's dog may have had to be put down.

Thankfully though, and after many meetings and much soul searching the Council finally relented and made a 'discretionary' decision, which was one of the first things we pointed out to them they could do, to allow Sean and Andrew take over the rent book and keep their family home. We were so proud to have been a part of the Brogan family's campaign, especially given such a positive outcome.

Moving through the summer months still saw the client numbers increasing on previous years and found the local CAB office still closed meaning more and more agencies referring to us. In effect the CAB has been closed since lockdown and our staff and volunteers have been amazing, always looking at different or better ways for us to work and support clients. Never complaining and always making sure service users get the best service possible. We were also able to re-start our home-visit service to clients who were severely disabled or were otherwise

House-bound, we have been pleased to help support the local Age UK who supports older people leaving hospital care.

Achievements and Performance

July = 347

August = 385

September = 332

Then on the 25th August 22 the SWLICAN family were rocked by some devastating news, Karen Dempsey one of our lead advisers was killed whilst having a drink with family and friends. She was only 55 years old and had given so much to her local community as well as the West Lancashire community. We were so shocked and saddened by this news we paused for a few days to take it all in as Karen was such a bubbly vibrant character and everyone loved her. She will be so missed by us all.

RIP Karen x

We struggled through to the end of the year, the loss of Karen weighed heavy on everyone involved with SWLICAN, client numbers started high in January and stayed that way to the end of the year. Our accomplishments over this and the other two years have been amazing. Both Sarah's and the rest of the local Lottery Team have been so supportive during this time.

Due to all our good work throughout the pandemic, we have been made the main referrer in our area for the Smallwood Trust. They are a charity that only supports women in overcoming financial insecurity and improving their social and emotional well-being.

We have also been chosen by SELNET as a main referrer for their 'Under one roof' project which supports families and individuals in real need of 'white goods' or household furniture.

As you will see above the client numbers are very concerning as we move in to 2023 with everything that has happened so far in the energy and financial sectors. SWLICAN will be there as we have been for the last 20 years plus. Supporting our community, being there for anyone that needs us and fighting on their behalf to make sure they get the best quality of life and well-being possible.

October = 367

November = 386

December = 297

Total No of Clients across AIMS Project 2022 = 4801

Total Amount of monies recovered for Clients across the AIMS Project = £1.6 Million

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network

Registered number: 1110649

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Charity law requires the board to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year. It must also document whether operations are at a surplus or deficit for the year. In preparing the accounts the board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonably prudent
- prepare the accounts on an ongoing concern basis unless it becomes inappropriate to assume the charity will continue to operate
- state whether applicable accounting standards and best practice have been followed

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy performance and the current financial position at any given time. The trustees also are responsible for ensuring that the accounts comply with current charities legislation, regulations and the trust of deed.

The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the board on:
on behalf of the trustees.

Name: *Pm^c Connell*
Pm^c Connell
Position: *Chair 16/9/2023*

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network

I report on the accounts of South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network for the year ending 31 December 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Helen J Guest ACMA, CGMA

Address: 482 Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, Southport, PR8 3BB

Date: 15 September 2023

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ending 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
Income and Endowments From					
Donations and Legacies		300	-	300	798
Charitable Activities					
Advice	2	19,890	96,883	116,773	111,986
		<u>20,190</u>	<u>96,883</u>	<u>117,073</u>	<u>112,784</u>
Expenditure On					
Charitable Activities					
Advice	3	29,927	81,664	111,591	108,102
Net Income/(Expenditure)		<u>(9,737)</u>	<u>15,219</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>4,682</u>
Transfers Between Funds		(13,059)	13,059	-	-
Net Movement In Funds		<u>(22,796)</u>	<u>28,278</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>4,682</u>
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds Brought Forward				46,821	42,139
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u><u>(22,796)</u></u>	<u><u>28,278</u></u>	<u><u>52,303</u></u>	<u><u>46,821</u></u>

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Registered number: 110649 Co 04617964
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2022 Total Fund	2021 Total Fund
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets		2,400		2,400	3,467
Current Assets					
Debtors					3,191
Cash at The Bank and In hand		53,754		53,754	42,544
		<u>53,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,754</u>	<u>45,735</u>
Creditors					
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		(3,851)		(3,851)	(2,381)
		<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Net Current Assets		<u>49,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,903</u>	<u>43,354</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities					
		52,303	-	52,303	46,821
		<u>52,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,303</u>	<u>46,821</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted Funds				52,303	46,821
Restricted Funds					
Total Funds				<u>52,303</u>	<u>46,821</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 in accordance with S476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus and deficit for each financial year in accordance with requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

Mr Paul McConnell
Director
14 September 2023



South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102. They have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) "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 (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention.

Turnover

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the funds. It is probable that it will be received and measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure and accounted for by the accruals basis.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met as at the year end are noted as a commitment and not accrued.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment

Fixtures & Fittings	20% reducing balance
Equipment	33% straight line

Taxation

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

Fund Accounting

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

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Support Costs

Since all of the activities/costs relate to the charities single charitable activity heading, all support costs have been allocated here and as such a separate analysis/description or allocation basis is not required.

2 Income From Charitable Activities		2022	2021
	Activity	£	£
Grants	Advice	116,773	111,986
Grants received include			
	Big Lottery	83,583	82,152
	Garfield Weston	10,000	-
	Northern Trains	5,890	-
	Peter Latham Charity	1,000	-
	CVS Covid Grant	-	10,000
	Covid 19Grant	-	871
	CVS - Debt Manager Funding	3,300	9,000
	John Moores Funding Debt Advisor	9,600	9,963
	Lancs CC	400	-
	West Lancs Council	3,000	-

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Notes to the Accounts

		<u>116,773</u>	<u>111,986</u>
3 Charitable Activities Costs			
	£ Direct Costs	£ Support Costs	£ Total
Advice	110391	1,200	111,591
4 Support Costs			Governance Costs
Advice			£1,200
5 Net Income/(Expenditure)		2022	2021
		£	£
Net income/expenditure is stated after charging:			
Depreciation - owned assets		1,066	1,562
6 Trustees Remuneration and Benefits			
There were no trustees remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st December 2022 or for the year ended 31 December 2021.			
7 Comparatives For The Statement of Financial Activities			
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
	£	£	£
Income and Endowments From			
Donations and Legacies	798	-	798
Charitable Activities			
Advice	<u>19,834</u>	<u>92,152</u>	<u>111,986</u>
	<u>20,632</u>	<u>92,152</u>	<u>112,784</u>
 Expenditure on Charitable Activities			
Advice	7,131	100,971	108,102
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<u>13,501</u>	<u>(8,819)</u>	<u>4,682</u>
Total Funds Brought Forward	35,454	6,685	42,139
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>48,955</u>	<u>(2,134)</u>	<u>46,821</u>
 8 Tangible fixed assets			
	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	16,306	12,430	28,736
Additions	-	-	-
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>16,306</u>	<u>12,430</u>	<u>28,736</u>
Depreciation			

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Notes to the Accounts

At 1 January 2022	15,709	9,560	25,269
Charge For The Period	119	948	1,067
Surplus on revaluation	-	-	-
On disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	<u>15,828</u>	<u>10,508</u>	<u>26,336</u>

Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>478</u>	<u>1,922</u>	<u>2,400</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>597</u>	<u>2,870</u>	<u>3,467</u>

9 Debtors	2,022	2,021
	£	£
Other debtors	-	3,191
	-	<u>3,191</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,022	2,021
	£	£
Taxation and social security costs	1,996	-
Other creditors	<u>1,855</u>	<u>2,381</u>
	<u>3,851</u>	<u>2,381</u>

11 Movement In Funds				
	01.01.22	Net Movement	Transfers	At 31.12.22
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	46,821	(9,737)	(13,059)	24,025
Restricted Funds				
Restricted	-	15,219	13,059	28,278
	<u>46,821</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,303</u>

Net movement in funds is as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement In Funds
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	20,190	29,927	(9,737)
Restricted Funds			
Restricted	<u>96,883</u>	<u>81,664</u>	<u>15,219</u>
	<u>117,073</u>	<u>111,591</u>	<u>5,482</u>

Comparatives For Movement In Funds

	01.01.21	Net Movement	Transfers	At 31.12.21
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	35,454	13,501	(2,134)	46,821
Restricted Funds				
Restricted	<u>6,685</u>	<u>(8,819)</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>42,139</u>	<u>4,682</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,821</u>

Net movement in funds is as follows:

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network
Notes to the Accounts

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement In Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	20,632	(7,131)	13,501
Restricted Funds			
Restricted	92,152	(100,971)	(8,819)
	<u>112,784</u>	<u>(108,102)</u>	<u>4,682</u>

12 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022

South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	300	798
Charitable Activities		
Grants	116,773	111,986
Total Incoming Activities	117,073	112,784
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Wages	76,347	68,694
Rent	10,960	8,500
Insurance	1,397	633
Telephone	1,911	1,160
Sundries	872	2,695
Volunteer Expenses	2,970	1,670
Office Expenses	1,736	4,025
Repairs and Renewals	-	80
Recruitment	948	-
Training	1,053	-
Subscriptions	2,136	-
Travel Costs	1,493	1,335
Consultancy and Advice	1,486	5,248
Fixtures & Fittings	-	1,440
Computer Equipment	-	122
Grants to Individuals	100	11,850
Cost of Living Grants	4,705	-
Advertising & Marketing	2,277	-
	110,391	107,452
 Support Costs		
Governance Costs		
Accountancy Fees	1,200	650
 Total Resources Expended	111,591	108,102
 Net Income	5,482	4,682