



**Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited
(limited by guarantee)**

Registered Charity No: 1118646

Registered Company No: 05989017

**Consolidated Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2024**

Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited

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Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Foreword

The Trustees, who act as directors for the purposes of company law, of Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited (the Charity) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the Charity and its two subsidiary companies. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the Charity and the Group.

The Trustees and officers of the Charity

The names of the members of this body who acted during the year ended 31st March 2024 together with changes subsequent to that date are as follows:

	Finance Committee	Trading Advisory Committee	Investment Committee	Remuneration Committee	Fundraising and Communications Committee
Mr Ian Miles (Chairman)	x		x	x	
Mr Peter Holloran (Treasurer)	x		x	x	
Mr Greg Birdseye					x
Dr William Couldrick	x				
Mr Duncan Crine (joined 06/02/24)	x				
Mrs Elizabeth Drew (joined 06/02/24)		x			
Ms Julie Findley					
Mr Hugh Fraser		x			x
Dr Tim Littlewood (joined 06/02/24)		x			
Mrs Sandra Nash	x	x			x
Mrs Vivienne Spurge	x				
Mr Michael Wells (joined 06/02/24)					x
Mr Paul Lindsell (joined 06/02/24; resigned 01/05/24)					
Mrs Maryrose Hodgson (resigned 30/06/23)					
Mr Graham Varney (resigned 04/07/23)				x	
Ms A Foster (CEO and Company Secretary)	x	x	x	x	x

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The key element of the Charity's medium to long-term strategy is to provide on-going funding to Sir Michael Sobell House (The Hospice). The Hospice is an NHS hospice which has been providing care since 1976 for people in Oxfordshire with life-limiting illnesses. The Charity has provided financial support from the outset. The Hospice building is leased by the Charity to the NHS.

In the year ending 31st March 2024, the Charity provided ongoing funding to the Hospice totalling £2.8 million (last year £2.2 million). This amount includes a contribution to core funding, as well funding for additional services to augment those offered by the Hospice and includes transport, catering, pastoral support and staff training and supervision. For more information on amounts spent, please see the SOFA on page 10.

The Charity measures the success of its strategy in two ways:

Within the Hospice: the grant from the Charity allows the Hospice to provide a broader range of services and higher level of care to a greater number of people in Oxfordshire than would otherwise be possible using only the NHS provision for this type of service.

Within the Charity: fundraising results are measured against the previous year while being compared to external benchmarks and the budgets determined by the Charity staff and agreed with Trustees. The Trustees also closely monitor the performance of the investment portfolio and obtain advice from their broker relating to investment matters.

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Trustees' Annual Report (continued) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Objectives and activities for the public benefit (continued)

Voluntary help

Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited upholds the important principle that the Hospice is a community-owned organisation. There are a range of fundraising activities held in partnership with local people, such as organising events, operating seven Charity Shops, two warehouses and a Lottery through the Local Hospice Lottery. The generous support of our volunteers, with all of these activities and office administration, enables the Charity to continue to support the Hospice at its current level and agree to increase support for innovation in palliative and end of life care.

The Trustees wish to thank the volunteers for all their contributions. The Trustees also acknowledge that, without the time given by volunteers, the Charity would not be able to provide as much funding for the day-to-day running of the Hospice, let alone be able to support the development of other areas to care for those with life limiting illnesses.

Fundraising standards information

Members of the Charity's fundraising department organise events and carry out fundraising activities in order to generate funds for the charity. The Charity does not use professional fundraisers but does work with Local Hospice Lottery as a commercial participator to carry out its Lottery under a formal agreement. There have been no complaints about fundraising activity this year. The charity has signed up to the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice.

All the charity's marketing activities are undertaken directly to ensure that it is not unreasonably persistent or intrusive. Direct marketing materials contain clear details of how to unsubscribe to future communications and care is taken to limit the level of communications being sent out.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and performance

With the Charity's support, the Hospice has extended help to the following number of patients over the last three years:

	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Total home visits	2,766	2,652	2,340	3,045	4,811
Medical outpatients	260	167	108	186	407
Lymphoedema	1,669	2,270	1,782	2,345	2,016
Day service attendances	488	310	32	30	1,278
Telemed and video contacts	5,888	5,366	6,868	7,511	2,939
Total Hospice bed days	6,736	6,150	4,885	5,824	5,781
Hospital specialist team no. of referrals	2,607	2,206	2,344	1,859	1,837
Bereavement appointments and contacts	558	230	164	152	230
Referrals accepted onto Home Hospice	672	565			
Patients in Home Hospice service	539	444			
Hospice Rapid Response Service	131				

While caring for such significant numbers of people, the Hospice maintains the ethos that the individual is of primary importance. The Hospice is not a place dominated by illness, but a place where people overcome pain and fear, and to make the very most of the time they have. The service is completely free to those in our community who may need it, regardless of their beliefs, race, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

As well as contributing £1.6 million (last year £1.3 million) to the funding of the day-to-day running of the hospice's services in the In-Patient Unit (IPU), and across OUH hospitals and in the community, Sobell House Hospice Charity continues to fund projects and activities that ensure we are offering holistic support to our patients and their loved ones and carers.

On 1st April 2022, a new project – Rapid Intervention in Palliative and End of Life Care (RIPEL) – was launched in Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire, co-funded by Sobell House Hospice Charity and Macmillan Cancer Care (through a social impact bond supported by Social Finance). In 2021-22, the Trustees entered into a grant agreement with OUH NHSFT to provide £3.1 million of funding over three years (with a further £0.9 million potentially available at the end of the project) to support this project.

This continues to be a significant investment in changing the landscape for the increasing number of people in Oxfordshire experiencing life-limiting illnesses and helps move our service forward in reaching all in our community who need us. The second year was very successful – more on this below – and the final year of the project, as well as plans for developing the service beyond the scope of the project are of significant interest to the Trustees.

The first phase of RIPEL was a Home Hospice Care Team that supports people in the last two weeks of their life whose choice is to die at home, as well as patients known to the palliative care team whilst in crisis. Patient Support Workers provide domiciliary care and support in the patient's home with specialist oversight and input from OUH Palliative Care teams. It is run as a virtual ward.

In October 2022, the Hospital Rapid Response service was launched. This supports those who are identified as actively dying to go home to die if that is their wish. In July 2023, the Palliative Care Hub was launched, enabling patients already within palliative care and their carers to call the hub directly for advice, expanding telephone access to enable quicker contact with the right professional in a timely manner, with rapid support from the wider Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) as needed. The final element of the project is Hospice Outreach, which was launched in March 2024. This is an extension of the existing OUH Community Palliative Care Team to support unstable or complex dying palliative care patients in their own homes. It is also run as a virtual ward or 'virtual hospice'. Since the beginning of the overall project, 3,104 referrals have been accepted and 11,729 days have been spent at home by patients instead of in hospital in their last year of life (average 9.03 days per patient). The value of this is estimated at £4.3 million.

In the hospice building, we have completely renovated our Living Well kitchen, making it a home-from-home that visiting patients can use, and have repaired the roof of our Prayer and Reflection Room (formerly the Chapel), as well as repainting it and equipping it with new furniture.

Financial review

The income from general donations and events increased by £0.3 million from £1.0 million in 2023 to £1.3 million in 2024. In addition, significant specific restricted fund support was received in the year, totalling £0.1 million. The Trustees are very grateful to all those who support the Hospice with gifts and legacies.

Income from legacies decreased from £1.3 million in 2023 to £0.5 million in 2024. Legacy income streams are by their nature uncertain. However, they allow the charity to consider the funding of additional and developmental projects for the benefit of the Hospice service. In 2023-2024, a hospice legacy strategy was written in order to support the growth of legacy income, though the return on investment in legacy income takes around ten to fifteen years to be realised.

Trading income from the shops increased from £1.8 million in 2023 to £1.9 million in 2024, which constituted the highest ever turnover for our shops. The charity continues to review its trading activity and structure and intends to open a new shop and a new warehouse in two carefully researched locations in 2024-2025. The collaboration with the Local Hospice Lottery, a consortium carrying on a lottery on behalf of hospices throughout the United Kingdom, is continuing.

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Investment policy and powers

The Trustees are empowered by their Constitution to invest all funds not required for immediate application in any lawful manner at their discretion, and for this purpose to delegate the management of the investments to our professional investment managers, Quilter Cheviot Limited.

The investment objective, as agreed by the Trustees, is to achieve sufficient capital and income growth, which over the long term will maintain the real value of the assets. The Trustees continue to review their Investment Policy which holds separate portfolios for the Investment and Reserves Funds. On completion of the building project, the funds were rebalanced to reflect the level of reserves the Trustees felt were necessary to protect the Charity's ongoing commitments. There are no specific restrictions on investments other than that they should be suitable for the Charity. In addition, £0.5 million in cash was drawn down from our investments and put into a CAF/Flagstone cash investment portal to support the Charity's increased need for cash due to the commitment to fund the RIPEL project and to take advantage of rising interest rates.

Reserves policy

The level of free reserves for the Group at the 31 March 2024 was approximately £4.1 million. This includes a £2.8 million gain shown on the revaluation reserve, representing stock market unrealised gains as at 31 March 2024.

Grants totalling £2.8 million were made to the Hospice and related services this year (last year £2.5 million). The cost of generating those funds, together with support costs amounted to £2.5 million this year (last year £2.0 million). Future grants are estimated for the year ending 31st March 2024 at £4.0 million, with the costs of fundraising and support being estimated at £3.4 million.

The Trustees consider that the appropriate level of free reserves is equivalent to 12 months of budgeted running costs, with a designated fund covering a reasonable period of budgeted grant costs. At 31st March 2024 the estimate of running costs for the next year is £3.4 million. The Charity therefore currently holds approximately 14 months of free reserves on this basis. As a result of this strong financial position, the Trustees have approved a deficit budget for the year ending 31st March 2025 to continue to allow for investment in our retail and fundraising operations, and to continue to support the third and final year of the project with OUH NHSFT that is increasing end of life care services across Oxfordshire.

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Plans for future periods

In 2024-25, as well as continuing to run the RIPEL project, the service is trialling an ambulance provision for palliative and end of life care, costing £0.6 million. We will also be funding a fellowship to coordinate OxMINT, which is the Oxford Metastatic INtervention Team. This team brings together palliative medicine consultants, clinical oncologists, radiology, spinal surgery, orthopaedics, neurosurgery, and anaesthetists to provide a new, coordinated response for patients with painful disease related to metastatic cancerous deposits in their bones.

In the IPU, the Charity plans to redevelop our family room to bring it up to date and offer more flexible and comfortable provision for visiting families and loved ones. This will complement the work we have carried out on fully refurbishing our kitchen (to be completed in 2024-25, costing £0.2 million). The work on our kitchen is enabling us to not only meet all the dietary requirements of our patients, but also improve their nutrition, and builds on the development of our Estate, detailed above in Achievements and Performance.

SHHC is also funding the development of an academic department to ensure that evidence-based practice in palliative care is integral to our approach and that interventions are grounded in the latest, best available evidence, in relation to patient care, support for their family and carers, our own workforce and the wider service.

We will be launching new provisions for those experiencing homelessness, thanks to funding from Hospice UK, and will be delivering our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) strategy. We have committed £0.7 million to developing and delivering on our EDI work.

For 2024, the Charity has contracted Wild in Art – the leading company specialising in fundraising sculpture trails – to support us in delivering OxTrail, a sculpture trail of life-sized oxen across Oxford in July and August 2024. This involves significant fundraising activities, including corporate sponsorship, partnerships with the County and City Councils and other large organisations and is giving the Charity the opportunity to raise significant funds, build new partnerships with organisations for the longer term, and raise awareness of the hospice and its services. Over 60% of the sponsors involved in OxTrail are new to a relationship with Sobell House. We have written a major donor strategy and are employing a senior relationships fundraiser to manage the legacy of this project, which has seen us engage with over 80 schools and youth groups across Oxfordshire.

In retail, we plan to refurbish our Little Clarendon Street and Kidlington shops, as well as open a warehouse and a high street shop to build on the continued success of our retail team.

Structure, governance and management

The Charitable Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were adopted on incorporation on 6 November 2006. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. The liability of members in the event of a winding up is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £1 per member. At the balance sheet date there were ten members.

The Board of Trustees, when complete, comprises a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus a Vice Chairman and up to eight other members elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). One-third of the Trustees retire at each AGM, though retiring Trustees are eligible for re-election. The Trustees can fill any casual vacancy in their number, and may co-opt not more than three additional Trustees, any person so appointed being entitled to hold office until the next AGM.

The Board of Trustees meets four times a year and there are also four sub-committees; the Finance Committee, an Advisory Shops Committee, a Fundraising and Communications Committee, and a Remuneration Committee, which also meet four times a year or as often as is required. All policy and strategy decisions are formally tabled for approval at the Trustees' quarterly meetings. Decisions concerning the day-to-day running of the Charity are delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the team of office staff who work under the direction of the Chief Executive.

Trustees are selected, as required, to fill particular skill requirements on the Board of Trustees. Prospective Trustees are invited to make a series of introductory visits to the Hospice and Charity offices prior to being formally elected as Trustees. Prior to the appointment of Honorary officers, meetings are arranged with the Chief Executive and relevant staff.

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Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees, the Chief Executive and the senior leadership team as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Details of Trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 4 to the accounts.

Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and in accordance with the Trust's policy withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises.

The pay of the Chief Executive and senior leadership team is reviewed annually and is normally increased in accordance with average earnings. The remuneration is reviewed to ensure that it is commensurate with similar roles.

Related parties

The Charity has two subsidiary companies.

Sobell Lottery Limited was incorporated on 22nd March 1999 as a wholly owned subsidiary.

Sobell House Hospice Company Limited ceased to be a dormant company on 1st July 2003 and began to trade in bought in goods. The company is limited by guarantee and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity.

Sobell House Hospice Company Limited donates its taxable profits to the Charity each year by Gift Aid. Sobell Lottery Limited remains in use as a party to the agreement with Local Hospice Lottery Limited. LHL donate the lottery proceeds due directly to the Charity.

Risk management

The Trustees continue to review the financial risks facing the Charity with a view to mitigating these.

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the charity are to ensure that continuity of funding is maintained, particularly in the light of the current cost of living crisis caused by rising inflation, and the rise in the energy price cap.

The Trustees are monitoring cash flow and the senior leadership team are in regular contact with our Investment advisors to ensure that a secure cash flow is maintained.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited 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 Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year, which 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 the year. 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements 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 Charity and the group will continue in operation.

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**Trustees' Annual Report (continued)
For the year ended 31st March 2024**

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking any reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared having taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Trustees

**Mr I Miles
Chair of Trustees**

23rd July 2024

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Charity Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2024, and of the group's 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 Companies Act 2006 and 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 group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members and Trustees of Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited
(continued)**

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on pages 6 and 7, 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 group's and parent 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 group or the parent 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

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.

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

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and 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 members and its 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 the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Benjamin Hayes FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
30 St Giles
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23rd July 2024

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Note	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:								
<i>Voluntary income:</i>								
General donations and events	64,771	1,340,875	-	1,405,646	423,244	973,813	-	1,397,057
Legacies	-	512,793	-	512,793	-	1,350,592	-	1,350,592
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>								
Shops - sales of goods	-	1,927,978	-	1,927,978	-	1,756,696	-	1,756,696
Income from lottery	-	240,630	-	240,630	-	228,897	-	228,897
<i>Investment income:</i>								
Bank interest	-	42,593	-	42,593	-	20,811	-	20,811
Quoted investment income	-	196,767	-	196,767	-	141,700	-	141,700
Total income	64,771	4,261,636		4,326,407	423,244	4,472,509	-	4,895,753
Expenditure on:								
Raising funds:								
Fundraising and publicity	-	710,375	-	710,375	-	486,213	-	486,213
Shops - cost of sales	-	1,491,879	-	1,491,879	-	1,314,472	-	1,314,472
Office costs	-	269,726	-	269,726	-	231,443	-	231,443
2	-	2,471,980	-	2,471,980	-	2,032,128	-	2,032,128
Charitable activities:								
Grants to Sobell House	52,298	1,295,927	258,011	1,606,236	90,811	1,117,387	133,456	1,341,654
RIPEL project costs	16,577	-	888,010	904,587	394,832	-	217,479	612,311
Donation to SeeSaw	-	35,000	-	35,000	-	30,000	-	30,000
Hospice depreciation	82,716	-	210,864	293,580	82,717	-	210,368	293,085
Catering service	-	153,824	-	153,824	-	132,910	-	132,910
Transport service	-	41,601	-	41,601	-	38,240	-	38,240
Bereavement Service	-	119,596	-	119,596	-	119,571	-	119,571
Office costs	-	269,726	-	269,726	-	231,443	-	231,443
2	151,591	1,915,674	1,356,885	3,424,150	568,360	1,669,551	561,303	2,799,214
Total expenditure	151,591	4,387,654	1,356,885	5,896,130	568,360	3,701,679	561,303	4,831,342

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

	Note	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total 2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		(86,820)	(126,018)	(1,356,885)	(1,569,723)	(145,116)	770,830	(561,303)	64,411
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets	7	-	27,902	-	27,902	-	(186,157)	-	(186,157)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets	7	-	1,274,063	-	1,274,063	-	(701,541)	-	(701,541)
Net income		(86,820)	1,175,947	(1,356,885)	(267,758)	(145,116)	(116,868)	(561,303)	(823,287)
Transfers between funds	12	-	(376,241)	376,241	-	-	(2,967,638)	2,967,638	-
Net movement in funds		(86,820)	799,706	(980,644)	(267,758)	(145,116)	(3,084,506)	2,406,335	(823,287)
Fund balances brought forward at 1st April 2023		1,357,236	3,502,350	13,200,303	18,059,889	1,502,352	6,586,856	10,793,968	18,883,176
Fund balances carried forward at 31st March 2024		1,270,416	4,302,056	12,219,659	17,792,131	1,357,236	3,502,350	13,200,303	18,059,889

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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**Balance Sheet
As at 31st March 2024**

	Note	Group 2024 £	Charity 2024 £	Group 2023 £	Charity 2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	5,690,912	5,690,912	5,957,907	5,957,907
Investments	7	9,935,899	9,935,901	9,561,445	9,561,447
		<u>15,626,811</u>	<u>15,626,813</u>	<u>15,519,352</u>	<u>15,519,354</u>
Current assets					
Stock		29,036	-	19,689	-
Debtors	8	1,148,826	1,024,066	1,383,695	1,383,148
Short term deposits		1,526,464	1,526,464	1,148,658	1,148,658
Cash at bank and in hand		302,441	294,967	702,015	697,152
		<u>3,006,767</u>	<u>2,845,497</u>	<u>3,254,057</u>	<u>3,228,958</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(841,447)</u>	<u>(912,067)</u>	<u>(713,520)</u>	<u>(712,588)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,165,320</u>	<u>1,933,430</u>	<u>2,540,537</u>	<u>2,516,370</u>
Net assets		<u>17,792,131</u>	<u>17,560,243</u>	<u>18,059,889</u>	<u>18,035,724</u>
Funds:					
Unrestricted funds					
General funds		1,249,116	1,249,116	1,646,068	1,646,068
Revaluation reserve	11	2,821,052	2,821,052	1,832,117	1,832,117
Designated funds	12	12,219,659	12,219,659	13,200,303	13,200,303
		<u>16,289,827</u>	<u>16,290,726</u>	<u>16,678,488</u>	<u>16,678,488</u>
Restricted funds	12	1,270,416	1,270,416	1,357,236	1,357,236
Non-charitable trading funds	14	231,888	-	24,165	-
Total funds		<u>17,792,131</u>	<u>17,560,243</u>	<u>18,059,889</u>	<u>18,035,724</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23rd July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr I Miles
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of the financial statements

Registered Company No: 05989017

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**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	13	<u>(1,038,895)</u>	<u>(296,576)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(104,744)	(14,959)
Payments to acquire investments		(1,368,359)	(2,042,289)
Receipts from sales of investments		2,295,870	2,259,378
Interest received		42,593	20,811
Dividends received		196,767	141,700
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>1,062,127</u>	<u>364,641</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(21,768)	68,065
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st April 2023		<u>1,850,673</u>	<u>1,782,608</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st March 2024		<u><u>1,828,905</u></u>	<u><u>1,850,673</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		302,441	702,015
Short term deposits		1,526,464	1,148,658
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st March 2024		<u><u>1,828,905</u></u>	<u><u>1,850,673</u></u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to the Charity's and the Group's accounts.

(a) General information and basis of preparation

Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited is a charitable company limited by guarantee in the United Kingdom. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are noted in the Trustees Report.

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis and include income and expenditure as they are earned or incurred, rather than as cash is received or paid. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds consist of a general fund which the Trustees may use, for the furtherance of the objects of the Charity, at their discretion.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been allocated for future expenditure for a specific purpose by the Trustees.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions imposed by the donor or by the terms of an appeal, these conditions being legally binding upon the Trustees.

(c) Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure. No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(c) Income recognition (continued)

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are not considered practicable to fair value due to the volume of low value items, therefore they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'shops – sales of goods'.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity where it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and investment funds. It includes dividends and interest. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity as a legal entity and are not connected with generating income or charitable expenditure.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(f) Tangible fixed assets

These assets are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases which reflect the anticipated useful lives of the assets and their residual values:

Leasehold premises		Equal instalments over lease term
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- IT equipment	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % Straight line
	- Other	25% Straight line
Motor vehicles		25% Straight line

Surpluses or deficits arising on the disposal of tangible fixed assets are adjusted in the depreciation charge for the year.

A limit of £1,000 has been set so that items of a fixed asset nature will be capitalised if above this amount.

(g) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains/(losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(h) Stock

Stock consists of purchased goods for resale. Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Items donated for resale are not included in the financial statements until they are sold, as noted in note (c) as it is not considered practicable to fair value the items. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

(i) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(j) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the surplus or deficit unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

(k) Employee benefit

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(l) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

(m) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. They have concluded that the budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves held for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Analysis of total expenditure

Charity and group

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Grants to Sobell House	-	1,606,236	-	1,606,236	1,341,654
RIPEL project costs	-	904,587	-	904,587	612,311
Donation to SeeSaw	-	35,000	-	35,000	30,000
Hospice depreciation	-	-	293,580	293,580	293,085
Catering service	-	153,824	-	153,824	132,910
Transport service	-	41,601	-	41,601	38,240
Bereavement service	-	119,596	-	119,596	119,571
Office costs	169,712	94,264	5,750	269,726	231,443
	169,712	2,955,107	299,331	3,424,150	2,799,214

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

2. Analysis of total expenditure (continued)

Cost of raising funds

	Staff Costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Group					
Fundraising and publicity	389,466	314,011	6,898	710,375	486,213
Shops cost of sales	844,681	600,780	46,418	1,491,879	1,314,472
Office costs	169,712	94,264	5,750	269,726	231,443
	1,403,859	1,009,055	59,066	2,471,980	2,032,128
Charity					
Fundraising and publicity	389,466	314,011	6,898	710,375	486,213
Shops cost of sales	844,681	560,367	46,418	1,451,466	1,283,130
Office costs	169,712	94,267	5,750	269,729	231,443
	1,403,859	968,645	59,066	2,431,570	2,000,786

The Group's support costs are allocated between Cost of raising funds and Charitable activities as shown below, using the following bases of apportionment:

	Charitable activities £	Cost of generating funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £	Basis of apportionment
Salaries, training and recruitment	169,712	169,712	339,424	272,264	Staff time
Office overheads	93,531	93,532	187,063	165,048	Use of resources
Premises	733	732	1,465	13,140	Use of resources
Depreciation	5,750	5,750	11,500	12,434	Use of fixed assets
Total	269,726	269,726	539,452	462,886	

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the following:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit fees	9,175	9,225
	9,175	9,225

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

3. Analysis of staff costs

	2024 Group £	2024 Charity £	2023 Group £	2023 Charity £
Wages and salaries	1,347,781	1,347,781	1,083,029	1,083,029
Social security costs	118,310	118,310	98,517	98,517
Pension costs	95,471	95,471	67,026	67,026
	<u>1,561,562</u>	<u>1,561,562</u>	<u>1,248,572</u>	<u>1,248,572</u>

The average full time equivalent weekly number of employees during the period was 34 (2023: 30). The average monthly number of employees during the period was 55 (2023: 45).

One employee of the Charity received remuneration of £70,000 - £80,000 during the year (2023: one; £60,000 - £70,000).

The number of volunteers was 120 (2023: 136).

The pension scheme is a defined contribution scheme. £13,158 of contributions were outstanding for payment as at 31st March 2024 (2023: £9,647).

4. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year (2023: £Nil).

The total amount of employee remuneration received by key management personnel is £275,676 (2023: £246,454). The Charity considers its key management personnel comprise the Board of Trustees, the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Director of Fundraising, and the Director of Retail.

No (2023: None) trustees are accruing pension arrangements.

No trustees were reimbursed for expenses during the year (2023: £nil).

5. Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration for the group in the year was:-

	2024 £	2023 £
- audit	9,175	9,225
- other	<u>525</u>	<u>690</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold premises (hospice) £	Leasehold premises (shops) £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Vans £	Charity & Group total £
Cost:					
At 1st April 2023	8,787,993	329,014	251,292	24,581	9,392,880
Additions	30,774	22,395	51,575	-	104,744
Disposals	-	(39,244)	(3,363)	-	(42,607)
At 31st March 2024	8,818,767	312,165	299,504	24,581	9,455,017
Accumulated depreciation:					
At 1st April 2023	3,002,493	204,723	203,176	24,581	3,434,973
Charge for the period	293,580	29,590	40,849	-	364,019
Elimination on disposal	-	(32,203)	(2,684)	-	(34,887)
At 31st March 2024	3,296,073	202,110	241,341	24,581	3,764,105
Net book value:					
At 31st March 2024	5,522,694	110,055	58,163	-	5,690,912
At 31st March 2023	5,785,500	124,291	48,116	-	5,957,907

The title to the new hospice leasehold premises is held by Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited under the terms of a 30 year lease running from and including 23rd March 2020. These premises are being depreciated over the 30 year period. To facilitate practical arrangements on site there is an underlease back to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited have a sub-underlease of office premises in the new hospice site.

The title to the existing hospice leasehold premises is now held by Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited under the terms of a 30 year lease with the term running from 7th July 2003. The hospice leasehold premises are being depreciated over the 30 year term. Again for practical reasons on site there is an underlease back to Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)**

7. Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Fixed asset investments</u>		
Quoted investments:		
Market value at 1st April 2023	9,561,445	10,666,232
Less: Disposals at opening book value (proceeds £2,295,870 gain £27,902)	(2,267,968)	(2,445,535)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	1,368,359	2,042,289
Add: Net gains on revaluation	1,274,063	(701,541)
Market value at 31st March 2024 - Group	9,935,899	9,561,445
Investment in subsidiary company:- Sobell Lottery Limited (see note 15)	2	2
Total - Charity	9,935,901	9,561,447

The fair value of quoted investments is determined by reference to the quoted price for the assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

The historical cost of the above investments was £7,114,847 (2023: £7,729,326).

8. Debtors	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Tax recoverable	87,167	87,167	68,182	68,182
Owed by Sobell House Hospice Company Limited	-	-	-	1,139
Other debtors	137,711	84,207	44,663	42,977
Prepayments and accrued income	923,948	852,692	1,270,850	1,270,850
	1,148,826	1,024,066	1,383,695	1,383,148
9. Creditors	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	497,711	497,711	202,562	202,562
Taxes and social security	43,905	43,905	39,000	39,000
Other creditors	45,338	43,888	132,697	130,879
Owed to Sobell House Hospice Company Limited	-	76,651	-	886
Accruals	254,493	249,912	339,261	339,261
	841,447	912,067	713,520	712,588

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

10. Legacies

A legacy of £242,409 was received and recognised in the year ending 31st March 2014, for which the charity has indemnified the donor against a possible but unlikely claim under the terms of intestacy, the expiry of which, in this case, is 8th November 2042. An additional £100,000 was received from the same legacy in the year ended 31st March 2015, and £16,045 in the year ended 31st March 2017 making a total of £358,454 that the charity has indemnified.

11. Analysis of Group net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31st March 2024 were represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	1,218,684	168,218	4,304,010	5,690,912
Fixed asset investments	-	2,020,250	7,915,649	9,935,899
Current assets	51,732	2,955,035	-	3,006,767
Current liabilities	-	(841,447)	-	(841,447)
Total net assets	1,270,416	4,302,056	12,219,659	17,792,131

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31st March 2023 were represented by:-				
Tangible fixed assets	1,283,467	172,407	4,502,033	5,957,907
Fixed asset investments	-	863,175	8,698,270	9,561,445
Current assets	73,769	3,180,288	-	3,254,057
Current liabilities	-	(713,520)	-	(713,520)
Total net assets	1,357,236	3,502,350	13,200,303	18,059,889

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**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)**

11. Analysis of Group net assets between funds (continued)

Revaluation reserve:

Included in unrestricted funds above are the following gains on revaluation:

	2024 £	2023 £
Unrealised gains at 1st April 2023	1,832,117	3,212,440
In respect of disposals in the year	(313,030)	(492,625)
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	1,519,087	2,719,815
Net gains arising on revaluation in the year	1,301,965	(887,698)
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Unrealised gains at 31st March 2024	2,821,052	1,832,117
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The net book value of the leasehold premises (Hospice) of £5,522,694 (2023: £5,785,500) shown in note 6, is allocated between funds as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted Building Fund	1,218,684	1,283,467
Designated Building Fund	4,304,010	4,502,033
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	5,522,694	5,785,500
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12. a) Designated funds

	At 1st April 2023 £	Movement £	Depreciation £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2024 £
Designated building fund	4,502,033	-	(210,864)	12,841	4,304,010
EOLC Project	577,270	(118,776)	-	-	458,494
Shops fund	153,300	-	-	(36,600)	116,700
Fellowship fund	967,700	(139,235)	-	-	828,465
RIPEL project fund	3,400,000	(888,010)	-	-	2,511,990
Hospice grant fund	3,600,000	-	-	400,000	4,000,000
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	13,200,303	(1,146,021)	(210,864)	376,241	12,219,659
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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

12. a) Designated funds (continued)

	At 1st April 2022 £	Movement £	Depreciation £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2023 £
Designated building fund	4,712,401	-	(210,368)	-	4,502,033
Designated new projects fund	3,262,141	-	-	(3,262,141)	-
EOLC Project	658,426	(81,156)	-	-	577,270
Shops fund	161,000	-	-	(7,700)	153,300
Covid 19 emergency fund	1,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	-
Fellowship fund	1,000,000	(32,300)	-	-	967,700
EDI	-	(20,000)	-	20,000	-
RIPEL project fund	-	(217,479)	-	3,617,479	3,400,000
Hospice grant fund	-	-	-	3,600,000	3,600,000
	10,793,968	(350,935)	(210,368)	2,967,638	13,200,303

The Designated Building Funds represent the funds incurred in the building of the original hospice in 2002 and the new hospice wing completed in 2019. It is represented by the book value of the hospice premises as at the year end.

The Designated New Projects fund represented an amount set aside by the Trustees to fund developments in end of life care for the communities of Oxfordshire. The Covid-19 pandemic had previously delayed the consideration and development of these projects. In 2022/23, the charity embarked on funding a significant project for the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust known as the 'RIPEL' project. The total costs of this project will utilise this fund in full over a three year period, and it has been transferred into a specific project fund above for future reference.

The EOLC (End of Life Care) Project Fund relates to a quality improvement project to help the care of the dying in the hospitals of the OUHFT. This encompasses clinical and educational services. The project provides end of life care for patients, support for their families and carers and staff. The project staff enable conversations about care planning, as well as medication review. The project is now being funded by the Oxford University Hospitals Trust with some ongoing funding being provided by the Charity to enable project evaluation.

The Shops Fund relates to compensation received in respect of the early closure of the Charity's Botley shop. This fund has been set aside to enable the development of retail activities.

The COVID-19 Emergency Reserve Fund had been set up in April 2020 to cover any unexpected costs or loss of income arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. During the prior year there were no additional costs attributed to the fund and the Charity did not expect that further costs will be as significant and so decided to reduce this fund to £1M. The remaining balance on the fund had been released to general funds in 2022/23.

In May 2021 the Trustees have agreed to set up a Fellowship Reserve Fund of £1M. This will both support existing clinical staff and also attract individuals who would benefit from a medium term assignment at Sobell, with expenditure commencing in 2022/23.

The Hospice grant fund was established to ensure that designated funds are held to cover 24 months of planned grant expenditure, given the severity of the impact any loss of funding would have on the House.

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12 b) Restricted funds

	At 1st April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 31st March 2024 £
Special purposes fund	73,769	48,194	(52,298)	(17,933)	51,732
RIPEL project fund	-	16,577	(16,577)	-	-
Restricted buildings fund	1,283,467	-	(82,716)	17,933	1,218,684
	<u>1,357,236</u>	<u>64,771</u>	<u>(151,591)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,270,416</u>

	At 1st April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	At 31st March 2023 £
Special purposes fund	136,168	81,412	(90,811)	(53,000)	73,769
RIPEL project fund	-	341,832	(394,832)	53,000	-
Restricted buildings fund	1,366,184	-	(82,717)	-	1,283,467
	<u>1,502,352</u>	<u>423,244</u>	<u>(568,360)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,357,236</u>

The Special purposes fund consists of money donated to the charity for the specific use of the Hospice.

The RIPEL project fund relates to monies raised specifically for us on this project, as detailed in note 12a). £53,000 of the opening Special purposes fund balance related to this project, and thus these monies have been transferred into this fund during 2022/23, and subsequently expended.

The Restricted buildings fund relates to appeals to raise funds for the building of the existing Hospice and the new Hospice wing completed in 2019.

13. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for year	(267,761)	(823,287)
Dividends received	(196,767)	(141,700)
Interest receivable	(42,593)	(20,811)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	364,019	359,964
Losses/(gains) on investments	(1,274,063)	701,541
Losses/(gains) on disposal of fixed asset investments	(27,902)	186,157
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	7,723	-
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(9,347)	(11,582)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	234,869	(845,536)
Increase/ (decrease) in creditors	127,927	298,678
	<u>(1,083,895)</u>	<u>(296,576)</u>

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14. Related parties

(i) For the year ended 31st March 2024 the subsidiary companies showed the following results:

	Sobell Lottery Ltd £	Sobell House Hospice Company Ltd £
Turnover	-	269,151
Cost of sales	-	(40,411)
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Gross profit	-	228,740
Administrative expenses	3	-
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Operating profit	3	228,740
Interest receivable	-	-
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Net profit	3	228,740
Distribution to Charity	-	(21,020)
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Profit for the year retained	<u>3</u>	<u>207,720</u>

The balance sheets of these subsidiaries at 31st March 2024 were:-

	£	£
Current assets:		
Stocks	-	29,036
Debtors	-	201,411
Cash at bank and in hand	1,100	6,373
Current liabilities:		
Other creditors	(1,450)	(4,580)
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Net assets	<u>(350)</u>	<u>232,240</u>
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	-
Reserves	<u>(352)</u>	<u>232,240</u>

Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited holds 100% of the share capital of Sobell Lottery Limited (company number 03737178). Sobell House Hospice Company Limited (company number 02437912) is a company limited by guarantee – control is via common directors.

(ii) The Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care: Sobell House (OxCERPC) (company number 10647198) is a company limited by guarantee and has one director in common with Sobell House Hospice Charity Limited.

During the year, Sobell House Hospice Charity incurred costs of £nil (2023: £nil) from OxCERPC, and invoiced costs of £nil (2023: £12,720) to OxCERPC. At the year end, £nil (2023: £nil) was owed to OxCERPC.

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15. Charity Statement of Financial Activities

The Charity's own results are summarised below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Voluntary income	1,918,439	2,747,649
Activities for generating funds	1,899,455	1,933,231
Profit distributions from subsidiaries	21,020	26,390
Investment income	239,360	162,511
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Total income	4,078,274	4,869,781
Cost of charitable activities	(3,424,150)	(2,799,214)
Cost of raising funds	(2,431,570)	(2,000,786)
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Net income/(expenditure) before (losses)/gains on investments	(1,777,446)	69,781
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	1,301,965	(887,698)
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Net income/(expenditure)	(475,481)	(817,917)
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16. Funds received as agent

During 2021-22 the charity received funds of £216,000 from the OCCG, on behalf of another organisation. The charity is passing on funds as required, at the instruction of the OCCG, with £130,880 (2023: £130,880) still held at the year end date.

The trustees do not consider it appropriate to report this as income/expenditure of the charity, and the amounts still held are shown as a liability within accruals in note 10.

17. Funding commitment

With effect from 1st April 2022 the charity has commenced funding of a new project for the OUH NHS Trust, in conjunction with Macmillan Cancer Support. The charity will provide funding of up to £3.1m over a three year period (subject to satisfactory delivery of the project), with a further £0.9m also potentially to be provided in addition if required and approved.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity has substantial discretion over future expenditure, and thus these costs are not accrued in full at the year end date.

General funds have been designated to cover the approximate maximum potential remaining cost of this project (as shown in note 12a).