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CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1121320

The MSE Charity
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees, who are also the Directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The MSE Charity
Charity registration number	1121320
Company registration number	6078667
Principal office and registered office	c/o Tesciuba Limited 72 Cavendish Road Salford M7 4WA

The Trustees

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Company secretary	A J Tesciuba
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Structure, governance and management

Description of the Charity's trusts

The Charity is constituted by its memorandum and articles of association and is a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 1 February 2007 and registered in England & Wales with company number 6078667. It was registered as a charity on 19 October 2007 with charity number 1121320.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees is in line with the articles and with the consent of the Trustees. Suitable candidates are those who are sensitive to the needs and demands of the organisation and have relevant skills and experience.

New Trustees are briefed by the Trustees on the objects and operations of the Charity and are referred to the guidance for new trustees published by the Charity Commission.

Additional governance issues

The Charity is funded by donations from the website moneysavingexpert.com and others.

Grant applications are received and processed by the operations manager and reviewed by the grant advisory panel (GAP). The GAP reports to the Trustees and includes independent members with substantial experience of the voluntary sector. Donees are required to report on their application of grants made to them.

The Charity had one employee during the year.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to its operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage their exposure.

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Objectives and activities

Registered objects

The objects of the Charity are the advancement of education of the general public in the United Kingdom by providing information and improving education about debt, money and consumer issues.

Main activities

The Charity gives grants to UK not for profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting grant making policy for the year.

Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the Charity.

Summary of the main achievements during the year

We held three themed grant rounds, committing £186,101 to supporting 31 projects.

Our activities continued to be modified during the year in response to the challenging economic and socially restrictive climate the COVID-19 pandemic has generated. Grant Recipients continued to adapt, develop and use flexible modes of delivery; online, digital and face to face with varying degrees of success. The February 2021 round focused solely on supporting young people under 25 to learn financial life skills. The September 2021 round focused on supporting financial capability projects under our Life Changing Transitions theme. The February 2022 round focused on supporting groups who live with Long Term Challenges. A summary is included, further information of projects supported is available at msecharity.com.

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February 2021 – Raising the Next Generation

Group name	Grant	Category
Act on It	£3,210	NEET Young People
Active Youth Outreach Services	£6,924	Schools Work
CAP Larne	£2,052	Children & Young People
CRIBS Charitable Trust	£5,280	Schools Work
Hull Kingston Rovers Community Trust	£7,500	Young People
Insight Society	£7,000	Blind Young People
Leaders in Community	£6,310	Young People
The Family Trust	£4,971	Schools Work
The Money Charity	£7,200	Young People
Transitions UK	£4,500	Young Care Leavers
Total	£54,947	

September 2021 – Life Changing Transitions

Group name	Grant	Category
CHAS Bristol (Churches Housing Aid Society)	£7,299	Homelessness
Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT)	£7,417	Homelessness
Happy Days Ministries UK	£3,000	Homelessness
Imago Dei Prison Ministry	£7,296	Offenders
Kith & Kin Financial Wellbeing CIC	£6,600	Retirement
Manchester Congolese Organisation	£3,377	Redundancy
Mustard Seed Edinburgh	£7,500	Homelessness
Nomad Opening Doors	£5,887	Resettlement
Pennine Mencap	£7,000	Bereavement
Renova Trust	£6,560	Homelessness
St Albans District Citizens Advice Bureau	£7,465	Redundancy
Treasures Foundation	£3,379	Offenders
Total	£72,780	

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February 2022 – Living with Long Term Challenges

Group name	Grant	Category
Feeding Coventry	£7,400	Disabilities
BASIC (Brain and Spinal Injury Centre)	£5,266	Brain Injury
Roar Pursuits CIC	£6,380	Learning Difficulties
Citizens Advice York	£6,000	Mental Illness
Empowering Deaf Society	£6,500	Disabilities
Deaf-initley Women	£7,500	Disabilities
Deepness Ltd	£7,500	Dementia
Citizens Advice Wokingham	£5,828	Learning Difficulties
Disability Sheffield Centre for Independent Living Ltd	£6,000	Learning Difficulties
Total	£58,374	

Our systems continue to be developed and improved. We have implemented procedures by design into the online application system and grant feedback processes to limit the Charity's exposure to grant fraud. Formal feedback from Grant Recipients is requested so the Charity can monitor and evidence social impact and public benefit, and seek to improve grant administration systems and processes.

As part of our commitment to transparency, we have worked in partnership this year with 360 Giving to make data about our grant-making freely accessible, so that funders and charities across the UK can use the data to improve grant-making practice. To find out more about our grant giving including all grants from 2016 onwards, see <https://insights.threesixtygiving.org/data?&funders=GB-CHC-1121320>.

The GAP met formally three times in the year. Additionally, GAP members have undertaken several site visits to projects we have funded. This has further developed their knowledge and given valuable feedback and insight to other members of the Panel and the Trustees.

The Charity's website is the main communication tool to connect the Charity with potential applicants and interested members of the public. The 'Support Us' web page has been designed, so the public can review the various ways they can support us financially or by volunteering.

We use various communication channels to promote the grant rounds, the website, the MoneySavingExpert Tips email, Twitter, and third sector funding sites such as My Funding Central and Funds Online.

Current Grant Making Criteria and Process

The Trustees intend to continue with the present criteria for grant-making in order to fulfil the Charity's mission statement 'Dedicated to supporting UK voluntary groups deliver financial life skills which make a lasting impact on the way people think, behave and manage their money'

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In April 2022 the Trustees agreed to bring forward the usual September round to June, amending the focus to 'Developing Resilience – providing urgent money guidance and emergency debt help to those in need of support through the cost of living crisis' to enable funding to be released sooner to groups to provide more timely support before energy prices increase in October 2022.

We accept applications from organisations that have an annual income up to £750,000 (effective from June 2022, previous income limit was £500,000) and with less than 6 months' unrestricted reserves. Applicants can check their eligibility by completing a short eligibility quiz on the website before they apply.

Grants are made to constituted groups (not individuals) in the UK only to a limit of £7,500.

There are generally four grant themes that rotate through a two-year cycle;

1) Raising the Next Generation – January 2023 / January 2025

Children, youth, families; schools-based work, migrants, lone parents, victims and survivors of domestic abuse, family outreach services.

2) Life Changing Transitions – September 2023/ September 2025

Bereavement, redundancy, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, offenders, resettlement.

3) Living with Long Term Challenges – February 2022 / January 2024

Dementia, autism, learning difficulties, disabilities, carers, mental illness, brain injury, stroke.

4) Building and Developing Resilience - September 2024

Mental health, wellbeing, cook well for less, training others, independent living skills, peer mentoring.

Applicants can only apply online through the website twice a year. They are required to complete an application form and include a project budget. The Operations Manager initially screens and assesses the applications against the Charity's eligibility criteria. The number of accepted applications is capped at 40 per round, a manageable number for the GAP to assess against a grant assessment scorecard. The GAP subsequently meets to discuss and make recommendations for the Trustees to ratify. Once grants have been agreed, potential Grant Recipients are asked to sign a funding agreement which outlines what the project will deliver and the Charity's standard grant terms and conditions.

90% of the grant is paid after the funding agreement is signed and returned. The final 10% is payable after the Grant Recipient has submitted the end of grant project feedback report.

For more details see msecharity.com.

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Achievements and performance

Financial performance

The Charity received donations during the year amounting to £121,212. The Charity paid out £172,852 by way of grants for projects and is committed to payments of up to £17,767, provided that Grantees reach certain project milestones. These grants and other charitable expenditure were made in line with the stated objects of the Charity. The Charity also incurred £24,389 of support and governance costs during the year.

The Charity has governance costs that comprise professional fees. This is in addition to the support costs of the Charity as disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

There were no material fundraising costs during the year.

The Charity incurred insurance premiums in the year amounting to £848. The policy includes trustees' liability insurance.

There was an overall net expenditure and net movement in funds for the year amounting to £75,882.

The Trustees are grateful to MoneySavingExpert.com for its support and separately to Mr Martin Lewis who has kindly given to the Charity sufficient support from his charitable resources to meet the costs of the operational management and accountancy, company secretarial and administrative services.

Financial review

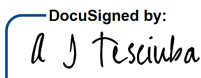
Reserves policy

The Charity requires reserves to protect the organisation and its charitable program by providing time to adjust to changing financial circumstances, such as an unexpected reduction in income or increase in costs. The Charity aims to balance its obligations to spend the maximum amount of its income as soon as possible after receipt and to ensure that grant applications fall within its objects, while maintaining a minimum level of reserves to ensure its operations are not interrupted.

The Trustees' investment policy is to minimise investment risk by holding reserves in interest earning bank accounts, diversifying to reduce institutional risk.

The free reserves, being the net current assets of the Charity stand at £21,130 all of which are unrestricted.

The Trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 21 July 2022 and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

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A J Tesciuba
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The MSE Charity

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The MSE Charity ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

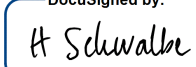
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

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Mr Howard Schwalbe ACA
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2022

		2022		2021
		Unrestricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds	£	£
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	121,212	121,212	121,600
Investment income	6	237	237	631
Total income		121,449	121,449	122,231
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	197,331	197,331	84,584
Total expenditure		197,331	197,331	84,584
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		(75,882)	(75,882)	37,647
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		97,012	97,012	59,365
Total funds carried forward		21,130	21,130	97,012

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	15		—	90
Current assets				
Debtors	16	916		523
Cash at bank and in hand		75,184		98,482
		<u>76,100</u>		<u>99,005</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>54,970</u>		<u>2,083</u>
Net current assets			<u>21,130</u>	<u>96,922</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>21,130</u>	<u>97,012</u>
Net assets			<u>21,130</u>	<u>97,012</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds			<u>21,130</u>	<u>97,012</u>
Total Charity funds	19		<u>21,130</u>	<u>97,012</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

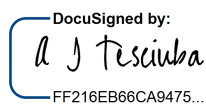
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 July 2022, and are signed on behalf of the Board by:

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K M Dew
Trustee

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A J Tesciuba
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. General information

The Charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered Charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is c/o Tesciuba Limited, 72 Cavendish Road, Salford, M7 4WA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements did not require management to make judgements, estimates or assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the Charity are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the Charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Charity and the amount can be reliably measured. Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, includes VAT, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a Charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Charity apportioned to charitable activities.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 33% straight line

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

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4. Limited by guarantee

The MSE Charity is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of the Charity being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations				
Donations	121,212	121,212	121,600	121,600

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	237	237	631	631

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Projects	172,942	172,942	61,390	61,390
Support costs	24,389	24,389	23,194	23,194
	<u>197,331</u>	<u>197,331</u>	<u>84,584</u>	<u>84,584</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Projects	90	172,852	19,769	192,711	79,964
Governance costs	—	—	4,620	4,620	4,620
	<u>90</u>	<u>172,852</u>	<u>24,389</u>	<u>197,331</u>	<u>84,584</u>

9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	17,832	17,832	17,431
General office	1,937	1,937	1,143
Governance costs	4,620	4,620	4,620
	<u>24,389</u>	<u>24,389</u>	<u>23,194</u>

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10. Analysis of grants constituted groups

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants to constituted groups		
Projects	172,852	61,297
Total grants	172,852	61,297

11. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	90	93

12. Independent examination fees

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	1,620	1,620

13. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 1 (2021: 1). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Administrative staff	1	1

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the Charity or a related entity were received by the Trustees other than those disclosed in the related party note.

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	462	462
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	372	372
Charge for the year	90	90
At 31 March 2022	462	462
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2022	—	—
At 31 March 2021	90	90

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16. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	866	473
Other debtors	50	50
	<u>916</u>	<u>523</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	54,471	1,620
Social security and other taxes	429	395
Other creditors	70	68
	<u>54,970</u>	<u>2,083</u>

18. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £834 (2021: £815).

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 01 Apr 2021	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 Mar 2022 £
General funds	<u>97,012</u>	<u>121,449</u>	<u>(197,331)</u>	<u>21,130</u>

	At 01 Apr 2020	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 Mar 2021 £
General funds	<u>59,365</u>	<u>122,231</u>	<u>(84,584)</u>	<u>97,012</u>

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	—	—
Current assets	76,100	76,100
Creditors less than 1 year	(54,970)	(54,970)
Net assets	<u>21,130</u>	<u>21,130</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	90	90
Current assets	99,005	99,005
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,083)	(2,083)
Net assets	<u>97,012</u>	<u>97,012</u>

21. Contingencies

The Charity retains 10% of all grants made, pending the submission of the feedback form by the donee. The contingent liability for these retentions, as at 31 March 2022, was £17,767.

22. Related parties

During the year Tesciuba Limited, a company of which A J Tesciuba is a director and shareholder, provided professional accountancy, company secretarial and administrative services amounting to £3,000 including VAT.

During the year K A Davies, trustee of The MSE Charity, received £17,832 in remuneration for administrative work. She was not paid for her role as Trustee.

23. Taxation

The MSE Charity is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.